

MESA Longitudinal Survey of Low Income Students (LSLIS)

Module C - Views of Postsecondary Education

Measuring the Effectiveness of Student Aid (MESA) Project

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1 Listing of Variables by Group

List of Variable Groups

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2 Module C: Views of Postsecondary Education

2.1 Variable Groups

Table 1: Opinions of PSE (Prefix: **proi**)

Variable	Obs	Unique	Missing	Mean	Min	Max	Label
proi1_y1	10511	7	19 (0%)	4.3	1.0	5.0	Going Deep Into Debt To Get PSE Is Still Worth It.

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Table 1: Opinions of PSE (Prefix: proi) – continued

Variable	Obs	Unique	Missing	mean	Min	Max	Label
proi2_y1	10511	6	26 (0%)	4.5	1.0	5.0	The Time And Money Put Into A PSE Is A Good Investment In To-day's Job Market.
proi3_y1	10511	6	40 (0%)	4.0	1.0	5.0	People Who Have A PSE Get Jobs That Are Much More Satisfying.
proi4_y1	10511	6	34 (0%)	4.0	1.0	5.0	The Best Way To Get A Prestigious Job Is Through A PSE.
proi5_y1	10511	7	57 (1%)	2.3	1.0	5.0	I'm Not Sure That A PSE Would Pay Off Even In The Long-Run.
proi6_y1	10511	6	60 (1%)	1.9	1.0	5.0	Investments Like Real Estate And The Stock Market Are Better Than PSE.
proi7_y1	10511	6	45 (0%)	3.0	1.0	5.0	You Can Learn Enough About The Real World Without A PSE.
proi8_y1	10511	6	35 (0%)	3.4	1.0	5.0	Good Jobs Can Be Found Without A PSE.

Table 2: Influences on PSE Decision (Prefix: inf)

Variable	Obs	Unique	Missing	Mean	Min	Max	Label
inf1_y1	10511	7	30 (0%)	4.3	1.0	5.0	Most Of My Friends Think It's Important To Get PSE.
inf2_y1	10511	7	21 (0%)	3.9	1.0	5.0	My Parents Would Be Very Disappointed In Me If I Didn't Get PSE.
inf3_y1	10511	6	42 (0%)	4.0	1.0	5.0	I Have Role Models At Home Or At School.
inf1_y2	7374	7	19 (0%)	4.3	1.0	5.0	Most of my friends think it's important to get PSE

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Table 2: Influences on PSE Decision (Prefix: inf) – continued

Variable	Obs	Unique	Missing	mean	Min	Max	Label
inf2_y2	7374	7	30 (0%)	3.7	1.0	5.0	My parents would be very disappointed in me if I didn't get PSE
inf3_y2	7374	7	23 (0%)	4.0	1.0	5.0	I have role models at home or at school

Table 3: Decision to enter PSE (Prefix: mot)

Variable	Obs	Unique	Missing	Mean	Min	Max	Label
mot3_y1	10511	9	74 (1%)	4.6	1.0	7.0	When Was it that You Decided That You Wanted to Attend PSE?

2.2 Detailed Variable Listing

Table 4: Going Deep Into Debt To Get PSE Is Still Worth It. (proi1_y1)

proi1_y1		Going Deep Into Debt To Get PSE Is Still Worth It.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	7	Missing:	19 (0%)
Mean:	4.3	Std. Dev.:	0.8
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
121	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
379	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
683	3	(3) Neutral	
3980	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
5329	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
18	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
1	.r	(.r) Refused	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 5: The Time And Money Put Into A PSE Is A Good Investment In Today's Job Market. (proi2_y1)

proi2_y1		The Time And Money Put Into A PSE Is A Good Investment In Today's Job Market.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	26 (0%)
Mean:	4.5	Std. Dev.:	0.7
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
39	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
165	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
481	3	(3) Neutral	
3138	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
6662	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
26	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 6: People Who Have A PSE Get Jobs That Are Much More Satisfying. (proi3_y1)

proi3_y1		People Who Have A PSE Get Jobs That Are Much More Satisfying.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	40 (0%)
Mean:	4.0	Std. Dev.:	1.0
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
222	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
794	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
1515	3	(3) Neutral	
4090	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
3850	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
40	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 7: The Best Way To Get A Prestigious Job Is Through A PSE. (proi4_y1)

proi4_y1		The Best Way To Get A Prestigious Job Is Through A PSE.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	34 (0%)
Mean:	4.0	Std. Dev.:	1.0
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
216	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
841	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
1189	3	(3) Neutral	
4258	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
3973	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
34	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 8: I'm Not Sure That A PSE Would Pay Off Even In The Long-Run. (proi5_y1)

proi5_y1		I'm Not Sure That A PSE Would Pay Off Even In The Long-Run.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	7	Missing:	57 (1%)
Mean:	2.3	Std. Dev.:	1.2
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
3132	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
3710	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
1224	3	(3) Neutral	
1869	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
519	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
56	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
1	.r	(.r) Refused	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 9: Investments Like Real Estate And The Stock Market Are Better Than PSE. (proi6_y1)

proi6_y1		Investments Like Real Estate And The Stock Market Are Better Than PSE.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	60 (1%)
Mean:	1.9	Std. Dev.:	1.0
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
4647	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
3567	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
1294	3	(3) Neutral	
749	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
194	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
60	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 10: You Can Learn Enough About The Real World Without A PSE. (proi7_y1)

proi7_y1		You Can Learn Enough About The Real World Without A PSE.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	45 (0%)
Mean:	3.0	Std. Dev.:	1.2
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
1437	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
2476	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
2076	3	(3) Neutral	
3312	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
1165	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
45	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 11: Good Jobs Can Be Found Without A PSE. (proi8_y1)

proi8_y1		Good Jobs Can Be Found Without A PSE.																						
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g																					
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511																					
Unique:	6	Missing:	35 (0%)																					
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Table 12: Most Of My Friends Think It's Important To Get PSE. (inf1_y1)

inf1_y1		Most Of My Friends Think It's Important To Get PSE.																									
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g																								
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511																								
Unique:	7	Missing:	30 (0%)																								
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Table 13: My Parents Would Be Very Disappointed In Me If I Didn't Get PSE. (inf2_y1)

inf2_y1		My Parents Would Be Very Disappointed In Me If I Didn't Get PSE.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	7	Missing:	21 (0%)
Mean:	3.9	Std. Dev.:	1.4
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
1006	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
1279	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
852	3	(3) Neutral	
2368	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
4985	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
20	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
1	.r	(.r) Refused	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 14: I Have Role Models At Home Or At School. (inf3_y1)

inf3_y1		I Have Role Models At Home Or At School.	
Type:	byte	Format:	%21.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	6	Missing:	42 (0%)
Mean:	4.0	Std. Dev.:	1.2
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
559	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
956	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
1106	3	(3) Neutral	
3381	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
4467	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
42	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 15: Most of my friends think it's important to get PSE (inf1_y2)

inf1_y2		Most of my friends think it's important to get PSE	
Type:	byte	Format:	%13.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	7374
Unique:	7	Missing:	19 (0%)
Mean:	4.3	Std. Dev.:	0.9
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
106	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
333	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
722	3	(3) Neutral	
2210	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
3984	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
2	.	.	
17	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
3137	.s	(.s) Valid Skip	
		GROUP	TOP

Table 16: My parents would be very disappointed in me if I didn't get PSE (inf2_y2)

inf2_y2		My parents would be very disappointed in me if I didn't get PSE	
Type:	byte	Format:	%13.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	7374
Unique:	7	Missing:	30 (0%)
Mean:	3.7	Std. Dev.:	1.4
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
801	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
959	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
871	3	(3) Neutral	
1790	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
2923	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
2	.	.	
28	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
3137	.s	(.s) Valid Skip	
		GROUP	TOP

Table 17: I have role models at home or at school (inf3_y2)

inf3_y2		I have role models at home or at school	
Type:	byte	Format:	%13.0g
Label:	LABM	Obs.:	7374
Unique:	7	Missing:	23 (0%)
Mean:	4.0	Std. Dev.:	1.1
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	5.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
274	1	(1) Strongly Disagree	
556	2	(2) Somewhat Disagree	
942	3	(3) Neutral	
2484	4	(4) Somewhat Agree	
3095	5	(5) Strongly Agree	
2	.	.	
21	.n	(.n) Not Applicable	
3137	.s	(.s) Valid Skip	
GROUP		TOP	

Table 18: When Was it that You Decided That You Wanted to Attend PSE? (mot3_y1)

mot3_y1		When Was it that You Decided That You Wanted to Attend PSE?	
Type:	byte	Format:	%42.0g
Label:	mot3_y1	Obs.:	10511
Unique:	9	Missing:	74 (1%)
Mean:	4.6	Std. Dev.:	2.1
Min.:	1.0	Max.:	7.0
<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Label</i>	
1078	1	(1) After High School	
1008	2	(2) During Grade 12	
936	3	(3) During Grade 11	
2436	4	(4) Grades 9-10	
783	5	(5) Grades 7-8	
445	6	(6) Grades 5-6	
3751	7	(7) I Have Always Known I Was Going To PSE	
73	.d	(.d) Don't Know	
1	.r	(.r) Refused	

GROUP

TOP