



LFS SUPPLEMENT/CANADIAN HOUSEHOLD PANEL SURVEY (CHPS)

BACKGROUND

In September 2008, Statistics Canada will launch a new pilot survey to collect information about how jobs, education, health and families affect people's lives. The first panel will be made up of respondents who are rotating out of LFS in September 2007.

To create the initial sample we will be asking a few questions to determine a contact person. This person could be contacted if for whatever reason, we are unable to contact the selected household. This survey is an LFS dependent supplement.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this LFS supplement is to gather a sample for a new longitudinal pilot survey that will be launched about how jobs, education, health and families affect people's lives.

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE SURVEY

The CHPS is a **voluntary** survey.

PROJECT CODE

The project code for CHPS is **0640-0** (CATI)

COLLECTION REGISTRATION NUMBER

The CHPS authorization number is **STC/ISD-038-75429**.

SAMPLE/ELIGIBILITY

The CHPS supplement will be conducted in September, 2007. The CHPS sample is LFS households in selected clusters from 4 provinces: Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and New-Brunswick. The respondents rotating out of LFS in September 2007 are used. The sample is selected automatically after the LFS demographics are completed.

IMPORTANT

Average length of the interview: **2 minutes**.

The CHPS can only be accessed from within the LFS; therefore, the CHPS **must be** completed at the same time as the LFS. In other words, if you have finalized the LFS, you will no longer have access to the CHPS. This is different from the other LFS supplements.

CHPS QUESTIONS

INT_N01

INTERVIEWER: In September 2008, a new pilot survey will be launched about how jobs, education, health, and families affect people's lives. The first panel will be made up of respondents who are rotating out of LFS in September 2007.

Each respondent is very important, therefore we need to collect the name and telephone number of contact person in case the respondent moves before September 2008. This information will only be used to find the respondent.

Press <Enter> to continue.

INT_Q01

You have been randomly selected to participate in the Living in Canada Pilot Survey which will be conducted in September 2008. This survey collects information about how jobs, education, health, and families affect people's lives.

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

CON1_R01

In case you move or change telephone numbers, it would be helpful if you could provide the name, and the telephone number of a relative or a friend who could help us to contact you. While this information is voluntary, your cooperation is important.

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

CON1_Q01

I want to emphasize that Statistics Canada will contact this person only if there are difficulties in reaching you.

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

GCN_Q01

INTERVIEWER: Enter the first name.

Enter the first name of a friend or a relative.

If the respondent chooses to give you the first name, another question concerning the last name will appear. If not, this question will be asked:

GCN_Q02

INTERVIEWER: Do you wish to skip the remaining contact fields?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

GCN_Q03

INTERVIEWER: Enter the last name.

NATP_N01

What is the telephone number for ^ContName, including the area code?

INTERVIEWER: Enter the area code.

If necessary, ask: (What is the area code?)

Enter “0” if no telephone.

Enter the area code of the friend or relative (3 characters).

INTERVIEWER: Enter the telephone number.

If necessary, ask: (What is the telephone number?)

Enter the telephone number of the friend or relative (e.g.: 2843735

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Thank you for your time.

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

If the respondent refuses to answer the question **GCN_Q01**, and the interviewer presses **F5**, the following question appears on screen:

INTERVIEWER: Do you wish to skip the remaining contact fields?

If the respondent says “Yes”, the application will automatically assign the final status code “80 - refusal”. The same scenario applies for an “I don’t know” answer, when the interviewer presses **F6**. In this case, the application will automatically assign the final status code “90 - unusual/special circumstances”.

Code 71

A code 71 will be automatically coded if there is at least one contact name given.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are you doing this survey?/who uses this survey?

This new survey will collect information about how jobs, education, health, and families affect peoples’ lives.

The information collected will serve as the basis for a better understanding of Canadian society in the 21st century. A few of the questions that will be answered by this survey include:

How do people prepare for job loss or retirement?

What happens to children when their families break up?

Who takes care of children or elderly parents? How stressful is this?

Is health or wealth more important in people’s lives?

How do different groups like immigrants or lone parents get along in society?

The results of this survey will be used by different levels of government in order to help them make better policies and programs. Moreover, surveys such as this one have already proven to be invaluable in other countries. This survey will allow us to see how Canada measures up against other countries.

Are you also going to call me for 6 months in a row for this survey?

No, we will be calling on you once a year for the next few years. The number of years has not been determined at the moment.

We wish to call on you for several years because we want to understand how things that happen to people today affect them in the future.

Do I have to participate in the survey?

Although your participation in this survey is voluntary, your contribution is important to the success of the survey and to the accuracy of the estimates produced.

How was my household chosen for this survey?

Statistics Canada used a scientific sampling method to randomly select your dwelling. Your household represents many other households of the same composition. You cannot be left out or replaced if the survey is to be representative.

The government has too much information already! This is an invasion of my privacy!

The information collected will serve as the basis for a better understanding of Canadian society in the 21st century. It is important to monitor these changes and it is with your participation to this survey that you can help the government to react accordingly.