



ISRS

*International Survey
of Reading Skills*

Background Questionnaire

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INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Calculate the 12 month period before this interview and enter the information below:

From: _____ <month> 2003 To: _____ <month> 2004

Note: "from <month> 2003 to <month> 2004" corresponds to the 12 months prior to the interview. For example: if the interview takes place in October, 2004, then the fills would be from <October> 2003 to <September> 2004.

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General Information

GI_R01

First I would like to ask a couple of general questions.

GI_Q01

On what date were you born? (Please tell me the day, month and year you were born).

Day
 Month
 Year

Note:

98 = Refused day

98 = Refused month

9998 = Refused year

GI_N02

Is the respondent male or female?

- 1 Male
 2 female?

GI_Q02

What is your marital status? Is it ...

- 1 common-law?
 2 married?
 3 widowed?
 4 divorced?
 5 separated?
 6 single (never married)?
 8 refused

Section A - Education

ED_R01

Now I would like to ask you some questions about your education beginning with your level of education and continuing on to your experiences in school.

ED_Q01

What is the highest level of schooling that you have ever completed?

- 01 No formal schooling → go to ED_Q05A
- 02 Less than a high school diploma → go to ED_Q03
- 03 High school diploma or equivalent → go to ED_Q04
- 04 Some trade/vocational, college, CEGEP or university (no certificate/diploma or degree)
- 05 Trade/vocational certificate (in Québec includes an attestation of vocational training, secondary school vocational diploma or attestation of vocational specialization)
- 06 Apprenticeship certificate
- 07 CEGEP diploma or certificate
- 08 Non-university certificate or diploma from a college, school of nursing, technical institute
- 09 University transfer program
- 10 University certificate or diploma below bachelor's degree
- 11 Bachelor's degree
- 12 University certificate above the bachelor's
- 13 First professional degree (medical, veterinary medicine, dental, optometry, law, divinity)
- 14 Master's
- 15 PhD
- 16 Other -- ED_Q01SP Specify: _____ → go to ED_Q04
- 97 Don't know → go to ED_Q05A
- 98 Refused → go to ED_Q05A

ED_Q02

What was the main subject or field of study of your program, or if you were learning a trade, which trade were you learning? (e.g., engineering, psychology, fashion, electronics, plumbing)

ED_Q02DR

- 7 Don't know
8 Refused

→ go to ED_Q05A

ED_Q03

What is the highest grade of elementary, junior high, or high school that you have ever completed?

- 1 Grade 6 or Less
2 Grade 7 - 8 (Secondary 1 or 2 in Québec)
3 Grade 9 (Secondary 3 in Québec or Senior 1 in Manitoba)
4 Grade 10 - 13 (Secondary 4 or 5 in Québec, Senior 2, 3 or 4 in Manitoba, Level I, II or III in Newfoundland, CAC in Ontario)
7 Don't know
8 Refused

→ go to ED_Q05A

ED_Q04

Have you ever taken but not completed any schooling towards a trade/vocational, college, CEGEP or university certificate, diploma or degree?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

ED_Q05A

Do you feel that your level of education limits your employment possibilities?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

ED_Q05B

Do you feel that your level of education limits you in your day-to-day activities in general?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

ED_C06A

INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Does the respondent have no formal education, Question ED_Q01=1?

- 1 Yes → **go to ED_R17**
2 No → **go to ED_C06B**

ED_C06B

INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Does the respondent have a high school education or less, Question ED_Q01=2 or 3?

- 1 Yes → **go to ED_Q06**
2 No → **go to ED_R07**

ED_Q06

What were the main reasons you stopped your schooling when you did?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 Financial problems
- 02 Did not do well in school
- 03 Did not like school or was bored in school
- 04 Did not feel safe in school
- 05 Did not get along with my teachers
- 06 Expelled from school or asked to leave
- 07 Went to work
- 08 Went into the military
- 09 Vision problem
- 10 Hearing problem
- 11 Other personal illness or disability
- 12 Pregnancy
- 13 Family reasons such as the illness or death of a parent or guardian
- 14 School not available or accessible
- 15 Moved around
- 16 Taking care of children
- 17 Nobody cared
- 18 Other **ED_Q06SP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

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ED_R07

The next few questions are about your elementary schooling.

ED_Q07

Excluding language courses, what language or languages were used for teaching your courses in elementary school?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashto
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **ED_Q07SP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

ED_Q08

Did you ever have trouble with reading in that (those) language(s) when you were in elementary school?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → go to ED_Q09
 7 Don't know → go to ED_Q09
 8 Refused → go to ED_Q09

ED_Q08A

Looking back, what would have made reading easier for you in elementary school?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 01 Having better teachers
 02 Reading easier books
 03 Reading books that I liked
 04 Reading at my own pace
 05 Being taught in my first language
 06 Having parents who could read
 07 Getting more help from my parents or caregivers
 08 Not changing schools so often
 09 Being able to see better
 10 Being able to hear better
 11 Other **ED_Q08A-CR** Specify: _____
 97 Don't know
 98 Refusal

ED_Q09

Did you ever receive special help or special classes to help you with reading in elementary school?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → go to ED_Q11
 7 Don't know → go to ED_Q11
 8 Refused → go to ED_Q11

ED_Q10

What grade were you in when you first received this help or special classes?

- 01 Junior or Senior Kindergarten (pre-elementary)
02 Grade 1
03 Grade 2
04 Grade 3
05 Grade 4
06 Grade 5
07 Grade 6
08 Grade 7
09 Grade 8
10 Other **ED_Q10SP** Specify: _____
97 Don't know
98 Refused

ED_Q11

Did you ever have trouble with spelling?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

ED_Q12

Did you ever have trouble with arithmetic, that is, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

ED_Q13

Did you ever repeat a grade in elementary school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to ED_C15
- 7 Don't know → go to ED_C15
- 8 Refused → go to ED_C15

ED_Q14

Which grade(s)?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 01 Junior or Senior Kindergarten (pre-elementary)
- 02 Grade 1
- 03 Grade 2
- 04 Grade 3
- 05 Grade 4
- 06 Grade 5
- 07 Grade 6
- 08 Grade 7
- 09 Grade 8
- 10 Other **ED_Q14CP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

ED_C15

INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Does the respondent have Grade 6 or less, Question ED_Q03=1?

- 1 Yes → go to ED_R17
- 2 No → go to ED_R15

ED_R15

The next questions are about high school or junior high.

INTERVIEWER: Includes traditional and alternative schools and adult high schools.

ED_Q15

Excluding language courses, what language or languages were used for teaching your courses in high school or junior high?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply. Note that answer <24> "Did not attend high school or junior high" cannot be used jointly with other categories.

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashto
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **ED_Q15SP** Specify: _____
- 24 Did not attend high school or junior high → go to ED_R17
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

ED_Q16

Did you ever receive special help or special classes in basic reading and writing skills in high school or junior high?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

ED_R17

The next few questions are about classes or instruction in English, taken outside of elementary school, junior high or high school.

ED_Q17

Are you taking or have you ever taken any classes or had tutoring to improve your basic reading and writing skills in English - outside of elementary, junior high or high school?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → **ED_Q19**
 7 Don't know → **ED_Q19**
 8 Refused → **ED_Q19**

ED_Q18

When was the last time you took these classes or had this tutoring?

INTERVIEWER: Read categories if necessary.

- 1 Still enrolled
 2 Within the past year
 3 Between one and five years ago
 4 More than five years ago
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

ED_Q19

Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No Opinion	Refused
a) I have the reading skills I need in English for my daily activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
b) I have the writing skills I need in English for my daily activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	6 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>

(END OF MODULE A)

Section B – Participation in Education and Learning

PEL_Q01

The next questions are about your participation in education and learning activities during the last 12 months, that is, from <month> 2003 to <month> 2004.

During this time, did you take any education or training?

INTERVIEWER: read only if examples/detail needed

This education or training would include programs, courses, private lessons, correspondence courses, workshops, on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, arts, crafts, recreation courses, or any other training or education.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to PEL_Q11
- 7 Don't know → go to PEL_Q11
- 8 Refused → go to PEL_Q11

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PEL_Q02

During the last 12 months, that is, from <month> 2003 to <month> 2004 did you take any courses as part of a program of studies toward a certificate, diploma or degree? Examples would include a high school diploma; a trade/vocational diploma or registered apprenticeship certificate; a college or CEGEP diploma; a diploma granted from a program of studies at a private school; a university certificate, diploma or degree?

A program of studies is a collection of courses that leads to a specific certificate, diploma or degree.

- 1 Yes
 2 No → Go to PEL_Q08A
 7 Don't know → Go to PEL_Q08A
 8 Refused → Go to PEL_Q08A

PEL_Q03

Was this program of studies given by a school, college or university (include private schools)?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → Go to PEL_Q06
 7 Don't know → Go to PEL_Q06
 8 Refusal → Go to PEL_Q06

PEL_Q04

What type of certificate, degree or diploma were you taking this education or training towards? If there was more than one, tell me about the most recent program.

- 01 High school diploma/certificate
- 02 Apprenticeship certificate
- 03 Trade/vocational certificate (in Québec includes an attestation of vocational training, secondary school vocational diploma or attestation of vocational specialization)
- 04 CEGEP diploma or certificate
- 05 Non-university certificate or diploma from a college, school of nursing, technical institute
- 06 University certificate or diploma below bachelor's degree
- 07 Bachelor's degree
- 08 University certificate above the bachelor's
- 09 First professional degree (medical, veterinary medicine, dental, optometry, law, divinity)
- 10 Master's
- 11 PhD
- 12 Other **PEL_Q04SP** Specify _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

PEL_Q05

Were you mostly a full-time or part-time student?

- 1 Mostly full-time
- 2 Mostly part-time
- 3 Both full and part-time equally
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

PEL_Q06

What was the main reason you took this program of studies? Was it for...

INTERVIEWER: Mark one only.

- 1 **Job or career-related reasons**
 2 **Personal interest such as hobby/leisure, volunteer activities**
 3 **To improve some general skills (reading, writing) or for general education**
 7 **Don't know**
 8 **Refused**

PEL_Q07

Who contributed towards the direct expenses of this program of studies, that is, expenses for tuition, course materials, travel, accommodation and so forth?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 1 You personally or your family
 2 An employer
 3 A government agency
 4 A union or professional association
 5 Anyone else
 6 No direct expenses
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

PEL_Q08A

During the last 12 months, did you participate in any courses that were not part of a program of studies?

- 1 Yes **PEL_Q08B** How many? → if more than one, go to PEL_R09
 → if only one, go to PEL_Q09
 2 No → go to PEL_Q11
 7 Don't know → go to PEL_Q11
 8 Refused → go to PEL_Q11

PEL_R09

The next couple of questions are about the course at which you spent the most time during the last 12 months (if the time is the same for all courses, pick the most recent one).

PEL_Q09

What was the main reason you took this course? Was it for...

INTERVIEWER: Mark one only.

- 1 Job or career-related reasons
- 2 Personal interest such as hobby/leisure, volunteer activities
- 3 To improve some general skills (reading, writing) or for general education
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

PEL_Q10

Who contributed towards the direct expenses of this course, that is, expenses for tuition, course materials, travel, accommodation and so forth?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 1 You personally or your family
- 2 An employer
- 3 A government agency
- 4 A union or professional association
- 5 Anyone else
- 6 No direct expenses
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

PEL_Q11

During the last 12 months, was there any training or education that you wanted to take for career or job-related reasons but did not?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

PEL_Q12

During the last 12 months, was there any other training or education that you wanted to take but did not, such as hobby, recreational, or personal interest courses?

- 1 Yes
2 No
7 Don't know
8 Refused

PEL_C13

INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Was there any training or education the respondent wanted to take but didn't, Question PEL_Q11 = 1 (yes) or PEL_Q12 = 1 (yes)?

- 1 Yes → go to PEL_Q13
2 No → go to end of module B

PEL_Q13

The following is a list of reasons why some people do NOT take the education or training they want to take.

Which of these reasons, if any, apply to you?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a) Time constraints (too busy, no time to study).	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
b) Courses available did not match your needs or interests.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
c) Lack of confidence or preparedness (e.g., felt unprepared, not confident of my learning ability).	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
d) Taking courses was not a high personal priority at the time.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
e) Couldn't afford the costs/courses too expensive.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
f) Personal or family responsibilities (childcare, elder care).	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
g) Personal health	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
h) Not accepted into program	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
i) Long waiting list	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
j) No transportation available	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
k) Course too far away	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
l) Training conflicted with your work schedule	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>
m) Any other reason,	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	7 <input type="radio"/>	8 <input type="radio"/>

PEL_Q13SP

Specify _____

(END OF MODULE B)

Section C - Language

LA_R01

The next questions are about language.

LA_Q01

What language or languages did you learn to speak before you started school?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other – **LA_Q01SP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q02A

What language did you first learn to read?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply only if more than one language was learned at precisely the same time.

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **LA_Q02ASP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q02B

What language did you first learn to write?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply only if more than one language was learned at precisely the same time.

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **LA_Q02BSP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_C03A*INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM*

Did the respondent learn to speak English before starting school, Question LA_Q01=1?

- ¹ Yes → go to LA_Q04A
² No → go to LA_C03B

LA_C03B*INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM*

Was English one of the languages the respondent first learned to read or write, Question LA_Q02A=1 (yes) or LA_Q02B=1 (yes)?

- ¹ Yes → go to LA_Q04A
² No → go to LA_Q03

LA_Q03

How old were you when you first started to learn English?

INTERVIEWER: Please enter the age in years in the space below. The value entered should be between 0 and 95.

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97 = Don't know
 98 = Refused

LA_Q04A

Tell me what language or languages you use regularly in each of the following situations.

... At home?

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other: **LA_Q04ASP** Specify: _____
- 24 Not applicable
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q04B

Tell me what language or languages you use regularly in each of the following situations.

... **At work?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **LA_Q02BSP** Specify: _____
- 24 Not applicable/not employed
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q04C

Tell me what language or languages you use regularly in each of the following situations.

... **While shopping?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other – **LA_Q04CSP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q04D

Tell me what language or languages you use regularly in each of the following situations

... **With relatives?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **LA_Q04DSP** Specify: _____
- 24 Not applicable
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LA_Q04E

Tell me what language or languages you use regularly in each of the following situations

. . . **With friends?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 English
- 02 French
- 03 Italian
- 04 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
- 05 German
- 06 Portuguese
- 07 Polish
- 08 Ukrainian
- 09 Spanish
- 10 Dutch
- 11 Punjabi
- 12 Greek
- 13 Farsi/Persian
- 14 Tagalog
- 15 Hindi
- 16 Tamil
- 17 Gujarati
- 18 Pashtu
- 19 Arabic
- 20 Russian
- 21 Vietnamese
- 22 Aboriginal languages
- 23 Other **LA_Q04ESP** Specify: _____
- 24 Not applicable
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

(END OF MODULE C)

Section D – Labour Force and Other Activities

LF_R01

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your employment status.

LF_Q01

What is your current work situation? Are you . . .

INTERVIEWER: Include in "employed or self-employed", time off for vacation, illness, maternity/paternity leave, strikes and lockouts.

- 01 **employed or self-employed** → go to LF_Q03
- 02 **unemployed/looking for work**
- 03 **retired**
- 04 **a student**
- 05 **homemaker or**
- 06 **doing volunteer work?**
- 07 Other – **LF_Q01SP** Specify: _____
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LF_Q02

Did you work at a job or business for pay or profit at any time in the last 12 months, that is, from <month> 2003 to <month> 2004, regardless of the number of hours per week?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to LF_R04
- 7 Don't know → go to LF_R04
- 8 Refused → go to LF_R04

Note: "from <month> 2003 to <month> 2004 corresponds to the 12 months prior to the interview. For example: if the interview takes place in October 2004, then the fills would be from <October> 2003 to <September> 2004.

LF_Q03

During the last 12 months, approximately how many weeks did you work? Include as work, time off for vacation, illness, maternity/paternity leave, strikes and lockouts.

INTERVIEWER: Please enter the number of weeks in the space below. The value entered should be between 0 and 52.

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97 = Don't know

98 = Refused

LF_R04

We would like to know how you usually get information about current events, public affairs, and the government.

LF_Q04A

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information about current events, public affairs, and the government do you get from:

INTERVIEWER: Show the respondent the response card (1)

... newspapers?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_Q04B

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information do you get from:

... magazines?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_Q04C

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information do you get from:

... radio?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_Q04D

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information do you get from:

... television?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_Q04E

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information do you get from:

. . . internet?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_Q04F

Using the categories: A lot, Some, Very little or None, how much information do you get from:

. . . family members, friends or co-workers?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

LF_R05

People sometimes need help with various matters.

LF_Q05A

From whom could you easily:

. . . get help with household activities such as child care, household maintenance, household chores, personal care?

Would that be from:

INTERVIEWER: Show the respondent the response card (2). Mark all that apply

- 01 **Relatives**
- 02 **Friends or acquaintances**
- 03 **Social service workers, home care workers or other professional support persons**
- 04 **Church or religious group**
- 05 **Someone else** **LF_Q05ASP** Specify: _____
- 06 No one
- 07 Don't need help
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LF_Q05B

From whom could you easily:

. . . get help or advice in matters such as finances, legal matters, computers?

Would that be from:

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 **Relatives**
- 02 **Friends or acquaintances**
- 03 **Social service workers, home care workers or other professional support persons**
- 04 **Church or religious group**
- 05 **Someone else** **LF_Q05BSP** Specify: _____
- 06 No one
- 07 Don't need help
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LF_Q05C

From whom could you easily:

... get emotional support such as someone you could confide in, someone who could provide encouragement or reassurance?
Would that be from:

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 Relatives
- 02 Friends or acquaintances
- 03 Social service workers, home care workers or other professional support persons
- 04 Church or religious group
- 05 Someone else **LF_Q05CSP** Specify: _____
- 06 No one
- 07 Don't need help
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LF_Q05D

From whom could you easily:

... get help with reading and writing?
Would that be from:

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 Relatives
- 02 Friends or acquaintances
- 03 Social service workers, home care workers or other professional support persons
- 04 Church or religious group
- 05 Someone else— **LF_Q05DSP** Specify: _____
- 06 No one
- 07 Don't need help
- 97 Don't know
- 98 Refused

LF_Q06

From whom could you easily:

. . . get help or advice in matters related to health?

Would that be from:

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 01 **Relatives**
- 02 **Friends or acquaintances**
- 03 **Doctor**
- 04 **Pharmacist**
- 05 **Other health professionals such as a nurse, dietician or chiropractor**
- 06 **Telephone call service (Telehealth)**
- 07 **Home care worker**
- 08 **Someone else** **LF_Q06SP** Specify: _____
- 09 **No one**
- 10 **Don't need help**
- 97 **Don't know**
- 98 **Refused**

(END OF MODULE D)

Section E – Health and Disability

HD_R01

The next questions are about your health.

HD_Q01

In general, would you say your health is . . .

- 1 **excellent**
- 2 **very good**
- 3 **good**
- 4 **fair**
- 5 **poor**
- 7 **Don't know**
- 8 **Refused**

HD_Q02

On the whole, how do you feel about your life over the past 12 months? Would you say that you are . . .

- 1 extremely satisfied
- 2 satisfied
- 3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 unsatisfied
- 5 extremely unsatisfied
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

HD_Q03A

Did you ever have

. . . eye/visual trouble of the kind that is not corrected by glasses?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to HD_Q04A
- 7 Don't know → go to HD_Q04A
- 8 Refused → go to HD_Q04A

HD_Q03B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

. . . eye/visual trouble of the kind that is not corrected by glasses?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

HD_Q03C

Do you have this problem now?

... eye/visual trouble of the kind that is not corrected by glasses?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q04A

Did you ever have

... hearing problems?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → go to HD_Q05A
 7 Don't know → go to HD_Q05A
 8 Refused → go to HD_Q05A

HD_Q04B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

... hearing problems?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q04C

Do you have this problem now?

... hearing problems?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q05A

Did you ever have

... a speech disability?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to HD_Q06A
- 7 Don't know → go to HD_Q06A
- 8 Refused → go to HD_Q06A

HD_Q05B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

... a speech disability?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

HD_Q05C

Do you have this problem now?

... a speech disability?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

HD_Q06A

Did you ever have

... a condition that makes it difficult in general for you to learn such as attention problems, hyperactivity, dyslexia or others?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → go to HD_Q07A
- 7 Don't know → go to HD_Q07A
- 8 Refused → go to HD_Q07A

HD_Q06B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

... a condition that makes it difficult in general for you to learn such as attention problems, hyperactivity, dyslexia or others?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q06C

Do you have this problem now?

... a condition that makes it difficult in general for you to learn such as attention problems, hyperactivity, dyslexia or others?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q07A

Did you ever have

... any mental health problem lasting six months or more?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → go to HD_Q08A
 7 Don't know → go to HD_Q08A
 8 Refused → go to HD_Q08A

HD_Q07B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

... any mental health problem lasting six months or more?

- ¹ Yes
- ² No
- ⁷ Don't know
- ⁸ Refused

HD_Q07C

Do you have this problem now?

... any mental health problem lasting six months or more?

- ¹ Yes
- ² No
- ⁷ Don't know
- ⁸ Refused

HD_Q08A

Did you ever have

... any physical health problem lasting six months or more?

- ¹ Yes
- ² No → go to HD_C09
- ⁷ Don't know → go to HD_C09
- ⁸ Refused → go to HD_C09

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HD_Q08B

Did you have this problem while you were in elementary or secondary school?

... any physical health problem lasting six months or more?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_Q08C

Do you have this problem now?

... any physical health problem lasting six months or more?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 7 Don't know
 8 Refused

HD_C09

INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Did the respondent have a condition that made it difficult in general to learn, Question HD_Q06A = 1 (yes)?

- 1 Yes → **Go to HD_Q09**
 2 No → **Go to HD_Q11**

HD_Q09

Has a teacher, doctor or other health professional ever said that you have or had a learning disability?

- 1 Yes
 2 No → **go to HD_Q11**
 7 Don't know → **go to HD_Q11**
 8 Refused → **go to HD_Q11**

HD_Q10

How old were you when you were first told you have or had a learning disability?

INTERVIEWER: Please enter the age in years in the space below. The value should be between 0 and 95.

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97 = Don't know

98 = Refused

HD_Q11

Have you ever been hospitalized for a head injury or stroke?

- 1 Yes – **HD_Q11SP** Please describe: _____
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Refused

(END MODULE E)

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