

# Canadian Income Survey(CIS)

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Questionnaire  
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## Introduction (STH)

STH\_R01

Your household has been selected to participate in the "Canadian Income Survey".

The information collected will be used to complement the Labour Force Survey in order to monitor the economic well-being of individuals and families. These questions will cover the time frame between January and December of 2012.

While participation is voluntary, your cooperation is essential to ensure the information collected in this survey is as accurate and as comprehensive as possible. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes.

STH\_END

## Informed replacement (IR)

IR\_R05

In order to reduce the length of the interview and enhance the information provided in this survey, Statistics Canada plans to combine your household's survey information with tax data. The combined data will be used for statistical purposes only, and will be kept confidential.

IR\_END

## ACT Sub-block: Labour and schooling activity (ACTB)

ACTB\_BEG

DV\_HHNUM16: number of household members aged 16 or older  
DV\_D31AGE: age of respondent as of the end of reference year

ACTB\_R05

**The next questions are about your activities between January and December 2012, as well as the activities of other members of your household.**

ACTB\_B10

Call block ACT1 (Activity (Labour Force - module #1)) for each member aged 16 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

ACTB\_B15

Call block ACT2 (Activity (Labour Force - module #2)) for each member aged 16 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

ACTB\_B20

Call block ACT3 (Activity (School)) for each member aged 16 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

ACTB\_END

**Activity (Labour force) (ACT1)**

ACT1\_C01

If DV\_D31 AGE > 69, go to ACT1\_Q01.  
Otherwise, go to ACT1\_Q05.

ACT1\_Q01

**Did you work at a job or business in 2012?**

- 1 Yes (Go to ACT1\_Q05)
- 2 No (Go to ACT1\_END)
- DK, RF (Go to ACT1\_END)

ACT1\_Q05

**During 2012, how many weeks did you work at a job or business? Include vacation, maternity or parental leave, illness, strikes and lock-outs.**

(MIN: 00) (MAX: 52)

DK, RF (Go to ACT1\_END)

ACT1\_C10

If ACT1\_Q05 = 0, go to ACT1\_END.  
Otherwise, go to ACT1\_Q10.

ACT1\_Q10

**During those weeks, how many hours did you usually work per week at all jobs?**

INTERVIEWER: If the number of work hours varied from week to week, ask the respondent to provide an average.

(MIN: 1.0) (MAX: 168.0)

DK, RF

ACT1\_Q15

**Considering all the jobs you have held in 2012, did you work...**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.  
Mark all that apply.

- 1 **as an employee?**
- 2 **as self-employed?**
- 3 **in a family business without pay?**
- DK, RF

ACT1\_END

**Activity (Labour force) (ACT2)**

ACT2\_C01

If (ACT1\_Q01 = 2, DK or RF) or (ACT1\_Q05 = 52, DK or RF), go to ACT2\_END.  
Otherwise, go to ACT2\_Q05.

ACT2\_Q05

**During 2012, how many weeks were you without work AND looking for work? Include temporary lay-offs.**

INTERVIEWER: Do not consider a person as "without work and looking for work" during the weeks he/she was a full-time student.

(MIN: 00) (MAX: 52)

DK, RF

ACT2\_Q10

**What was your main activity during the weeks when you were neither working nor looking for work?**

- 1 Ill, or disabled and unable to work
  - 2 Took care of home or family
  - 3 Went to school
  - 4 Retired
  - 5 Other
- DK, RF

ACT2\_END

**Activity (School) (ACT3)**

ACT3\_C05

If DV\_D31 AGE > 69, go to ACT3\_END.  
Otherwise, go to ACT3\_Q05.

ACT3\_Q05

**Did you attend a school, college, CEGEP or university at any time between January and December 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Ask respondent to include attendance only for courses that can be used as credit towards a certificate, diploma or degree.

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
- DK, RF

ACT3\_C10

If ACT3\_Q05 = 2, DK, RF, go to ACT3\_END.  
Otherwise, go to ACT3\_Q10.

ACT3\_Q10

**Were you enrolled as...?**

- 1 **A full-time student**
  - 2 **A part-time student**
  - 3 **Both full-time and part-time student**
- DK, RF

ACT3\_C15

If DV\_D31 AGE > 16, go to ACT3\_Q15.  
Otherwise, go to ACT3\_END.

ACT3\_Q15

**Did you receive any money from a scholarship, bursary or fellowship in 2012?**

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
- DK, RF

ACT3\_C20

If ACT3\_Q15 = 1, go to ACT3\_Q20.  
Otherwise, go to ACT3\_END.

ACT3\_Q20

**What was the total amount you received in 2012?**

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 999995)

DK, RF

ACT3\_END

**ALM Sub-block call: Activity limitation (ALMB)**

ALMB\_R05

**The next section is about activity limitation. These questions refer to conditions or health problems that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more.**

ALMB\_B25

Call block ALM1 (Activity Limitation) for each member aged 16 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

ALMB\_END

**Activity limitation (ALM1)**

ALM1\_Q05

**Do you have any difficulty learning, hearing, seeing, communicating, walking, climbing stairs, bending or doing any similar activities?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **Yes, sometimes**
  - 2 **Yes, often**
  - 3 **No**
- DK, RF

ALM1\_Q10

**Does a physical condition or mental condition or health problem reduce the amount or the kind of activity you can do:**

**at home?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **Yes, sometimes**
  - 2 **Yes, often**
  - 3 **No**
- DK, RF

ALM1\_C15

If DV\_D31 AGE > 69, go to ALM1\_Q20.  
Otherwise, go to ALM1\_Q15.

ALM1\_Q15

**(Does a physical condition or mental condition or health problem reduce the amount or the kind of activity you can do:)**

**at work or at school?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **Yes, sometimes**
  - 2 **Yes, often**
  - 3 **No**
- DK, RF

ALM1\_Q20

**(Does a physical condition or mental condition or health problem reduce the amount or the kind of activity you can do:)**

**in other activities, for example, transportation or leisure?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **Yes, sometimes**
  - 2 **Yes, often**
  - 3 **No**
- DK, RF

ALM1\_END

**SCC Sub-block call: Support payments and childcare expenses (SCCB)**

SCCB\_BEG

DV\_HHNUM18: number of family members 18 or older in household  
RR\_N01: relationship to reference person (from LFS)

SCCB\_C01

If DV\_HHNUM18 > 0, go to SCCB\_R05.  
Otherwise, go to SCCB\_END.

SCCB\_R05

**The next questions are about support payments and child care expenses.**

SCCB\_B10

Call block SCC1 (Support payments - module #1) for each member aged 18 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM18 times.

SCCB\_B15

Call block SCC2 (Support payments - module #2) for each member aged 18 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM18 times.

SCCB\_B20

Call block SCC3 (Childcare Expenses) for each member aged 18 or older in the household roster.

SCCB\_END

**Support payments (SCC1)**

SCC1\_C05 If DV\_D31 AGE < 25 and ACT3\_Q05 = 1 and (RR\_N01 = '03' (son or daughter) or '06' (foster child)), go to SCC1\_END.  
Otherwise, go to SCC1\_Q05.

SCC1\_Q05 **Between January and December 2012, did you receive support payments from a former spouse or partner? By support payments I mean a formal agreement for spousal support, alimony, separation allowance, or child support.**

INTERVIEWER: Exclude gifts or additional transfers of money. Include only support payments actually received.

- 1 Yes (Go to SCC1\_Q10)
- 2 No (Go to SCC1\_END)
- DK, RF (Go to SCC1\_END)

SCC1\_Q10 **What is your best estimate of the amount of support payments you received in 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Exclude gifts or additional transfers of money. Include only support payments actually received.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

SCC1\_END

**Support payments (SCC2)**

SCC2\_C05 If DV\_D31 AGE < 25 and ACT3\_Q05 = 1 and (RR\_N01 = '03' (son or daughter) or '06' (foster child)), go to SCC2\_END.  
Otherwise, go to SCC2\_Q05.

SCC2\_Q05 **Between January and December 2012, did you make support payments to a former spouse or partner? (By support payments I mean a formal agreement for spousal support, alimony, separation allowance, or child support.)**

INTERVIEWER: Exclude gifts or additional transfers of money. Include only support payments actually paid.

- 1 Yes (Go to SCC2\_Q10)
- 2 No (Go to SCC2\_END)
- DK, RF (Go to SCC2\_END)

SCC2\_Q10 **What is your best estimate of the total amount you paid in support payments in 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Exclude gifts or additional transfers of money. Include only support payments actually paid.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

SCC2\_END

**Childcare expenses (SCC3)**

SCC3\_C01 f DV\_D31AGE > 69, go to SCC3\_END.  
Otherwise, go to SCC3\_C02.

SCC3\_C02 If ACT1\_Q05 is not equal 0, go to SCC3\_C05.  
Otherwise, go to SCC3\_END.

SCC3\_C05 If DV\_D31AGE < 25 and ACT3\_Q05 = 1 and (RR\_N01 = '03' (son or daughter) or  
'06' (foster child)), go to SCC3\_END.  
Otherwise, go to SCC3\_Q05.

SCC3\_Q05 **Between January and December 2012, did you pay for child care, so that you  
could work at your paid job(s)?**

INTERVIEWER: Include child care paid during school holidays.

1 Yes (Go to SCC3\_Q10)  
2 No (Go to SCC3\_END)  
DK, RF (Go to SCC3\_END)

SCC3\_Q10 **What is your best estimate of the total amount you paid for child care between  
January and December 2012? (Please exclude any amount previously reported.)**

INTERVIEWER: Do not double-count any expenses that were already reported.  
Please enter "0" if the entire amount was previously entered.

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

SCC3\_END

**IHT Sub-block call: Inter-household transfers (IHTB)**

IHTB\_R05 **The next questions are about money transfers between people not living in the  
same dwelling. This could be either in the form of cash or bill payments, to help  
with annual living expenses.**

IHTB\_B10 Call block IHT1 (Inter-household transfers - module #1) for each member aged 16  
or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

IHTB\_B15 Call block IHT2 (Inter-household transfers - module #2) for each member aged 16  
or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

IHTB\_END

**Inter-household transfers (IHT1)**

IHT1\_C05 If SCC1\_Q05 = 1, go to IHT1\_Q05.  
Otherwise, go to IHT1\_Q10.

IHT1\_Q05 **Excluding spousal and child support payments from a formal agreement, did anyone not living with you help to pay for your annual living expenses by giving you money or paying bills, between January and December 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Formal agreement can be a court order or a mediation agreement.

- 1 Yes (Go to IHT1\_Q15)
- 2 No (Go to IHT1\_END)
- DK, RF (Go to IHT1\_END)

IHT1\_Q10 **Between January and December 2012, did anyone not living with you help to pay for your annual living expenses by giving you money or paying bills?**

- 1 Yes (Go to IHT1\_END)
- 2 No (Go to IHT1\_END)
- DK, RF (Go to IHT1\_END)

IHT1\_Q15 **In total, how much did you receive from anyone not living with you between January and December 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Do not double-count any amounts received by the household that were already reported. Please enter "0" if the entire amount was previously entered.

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 9999995)

DK, RF

IHT1\_END

**Inter-household transfers (IHT2)**

IHT2\_C01 If DV\_D31 AGE < 18, go to IHT2\_END.  
Otherwise, go to IHT2\_C02.

IHT2\_C02 If DV\_D31 AGE < 25 and ACT3\_Q05 = 1 and (RR\_N01 = '03' (son or daughter) or '06' (foster child)), go to IHT2\_END.  
Otherwise, go to IHT2\_C05.

IHT2\_C05 If SCC2\_Q05 = 1, go to IHT2\_Q05.  
Otherwise, go to IHT2\_Q10.

IHT2\_Q05

**Excluding spousal and child support payments from a formal agreement, did you help anyone not living with you pay for their annual living expenses by giving them money or paying their bills, between January and December 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Formal agreement can be a court order or a mediation agreement.

1 Yes (Go to IHT2\_Q15)  
 2 No (Go to IHT2\_END)  
 DK, RF (Go to IHT2\_END)

IHT2\_Q10

**Between January and December 2012, did you help anyone not living with you pay for their annual living expenses by giving them money or paying their bills?**

1 Yes (Go to IHT2\_END)  
 2 No (Go to IHT2\_END)  
 DK, RF (Go to IHT2\_END)

IHT2\_Q15

**In total, how much did you give to anyone not living with you between January and December 2012?**

INTERVIEWER: Do not double-count any amounts paid by the household that were already reported. Please enter "0" if the entire amount was previously entered.

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

IHT2\_END

### **INC Sub-block call: Total personal income (INCB)**

INCB\_R01

**Now a question about total personal income.**

INCB\_B05

Call block INC1 (Total personal income) for each member aged 16 or older in the household roster.

Call block up to DV\_HHNUM16 times.

INCB\_END

### **Total personal income (INC1)**

INC1\_Q05

**What is your best estimate of your total personal income, before taxes and deductions, from all sources during the year ending December 31, 2012?**

**Income can come from various sources such as from work, investments, pensions or government. Examples include Employment Insurance, Social Assistance, Child Tax Benefit and other income such as child support, spousal support (alimony) and rental income.**

INTERVIEWER: Capital gains should not be included in the personal income.

(MIN: -9000000) (MAX: 90000000)

DK, RF

- INC1\_C10 If INC1\_Q05 = DK or RF, go to INC1\_Q10.  
Otherwise, go to INC1\_C21.
- INC1\_Q10 **Can you estimate in which of the following groups your personal income falls?  
Was your total personal income during the year ending December 31, 2012... ?**
- INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.
- 1 **Less than \$30,000, including  
income loss** (Go to INC1\_Q15)  
2 **\$30,000 and more** (Go to INC1\_Q20)  
DK, RF
- Go to INC1\_END
- INC1\_Q15 **Please stop me when I have read the category which applies to you.**
- Was it... ?**
- INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.
- 1 **Less than \$5,000**  
2 **\$5,000 to less than \$10,000**  
3 **\$10,000 to less than \$15,000**  
4 **\$15,000 to less than \$20,000**  
5 **\$20,000 to less than \$25,000**  
6 **\$25,000 to less than \$30,000**  
DK, RF (Go to INC1\_END)
- Go to INC1\_C21
- INC1\_Q20 **Please stop me when I have read the category which applies to you.**
- Was it... ?**
- INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.
- 01 **\$30,000 to less than \$40,000**  
02 **\$40,000 to less than \$50,000**  
03 **\$50,000 to less than \$60,000**  
04 **\$60,000 to less than \$70,000**  
05 **\$70,000 to less than \$80,000**  
06 **\$80,000 to less than \$90,000**  
07 **\$90,000 to less than \$100,000**  
08 **\$100,000 and over**  
DK, RF (Go to INC1\_END)
- INC1\_C21 If DV\_D31AGE < 18, go to INC1\_END.  
Otherwise, go to INC1\_C22.
- INC1\_C22 If DV\_D31AGE < 25 and ACT3\_Q05 = 1 and (RR\_N01 = '03' (son or daughter) or  
'06' (foster child)), go to INC1\_END.  
Otherwise, go to INC1\_C25.
- INC1\_C25 If DV\_D31AGE < 65 and ((INC1\_Q05 > 0 and < \$50,000) or INC1\_Q10 = 1 or  
INC1\_Q20 = 01, 02), go to INC1\_Q25.  
Otherwise, go to INC1\_END.

INC1\_Q25

**Does this amount include any Social Assistance payments?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK, RF

INC1\_END

**Owners and renters (DWL)**

DWL\_BEG

DW\_Q01 = dwelling type  
DWELTYPE = dwelling type from the LFS sample file

- Dwelling type:
- 01 = single detached
  - 02 = semi-detached (double)
  - 03 = row or terrace
  - 04 = duplex
  - 05 = low-rise apartment of fewer than 5 stories or a flat
  - 06 = high-rise apartment of 5 stories or more
  - 07 = institution
  - 08 = hotel; rooming/lodging house; camp
  - 09 = mobile home
  - 10 = other

DWL\_R05

**The next series of questions will be about your dwelling.**

DWL\_C05A

If DW\_Q01 = empty, go to DWL\_C05C.  
Otherwise, go to DWL\_C05B.

DWL\_C05B

If DW\_Q01 = 07, 08 or 09, go to DWL\_Q10.  
Otherwise, go to DWL\_Q05.

DWL\_C05C

If DWELTYPE = 07, 08 or 09, go to DWL\_Q10.  
Otherwise, go to DWL\_Q05.

DWL\_Q05

**Is this dwelling part of a condominium development?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK, RF

DWL\_Q10

**Is this dwelling in need of any repairs? Do not include remodelling or additions.**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **No, only regular maintenance is needed (painting, furnace cleaning, etc.)**
- 2 **Yes, minor repairs are needed (missing or loose floor tiles, bricks or shingles, defective steps, railing or siding, etc.)**
- 3 **Yes, major repairs are needed (defective plumbing or electrical wiring, structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings, etc.)**

DK, RF

DWL\_END

**Owners (OWN)**

OWN\_BEG

TN\_Q01: owner or renter

OWN\_C05A

If TN\_Q01 = 1 (owner), go to OWN\_C05B.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_END.

OWN\_C05B

If DW\_Q01 = empty, go to OWN\_C05D.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_C05C.

OWN\_C05C

If DW\_Q01 = 01, 02, 03, 04, 09, 10, DK or RF, go to OWN\_Q05.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q10.

OWN\_C05D

If DWELTYPE = 01, 02, 03, 04, 09, 10, DK or RF, go to OWN\_Q05.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q10.

OWN\_Q05

**Does anyone in your household operate a farm on this property?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK, RF

OWN\_Q10

**Does anyone in your household operate a business from this dwelling or property?**

INTERVIEWER: Property is interpreted as the land and buildings associated with the dwelling.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK, RF

OWN\_Q15

**How many bedrooms are there in this dwelling?**

INTERVIEWER: Include all rooms designed as bedrooms even if they are now used for something else, for example, as guest rooms or television rooms.

Do not count rooms used solely for business purposes.

Include all rooms used as bedrooms now, even if they were not originally built as bedrooms, such as bedrooms in a finished basement.

For a one-room dwelling or bachelor apartment, enter zero.

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 95)

DK, RF

OWN\_Q20

**Is there a mortgage on this dwelling?**

1 Yes

2 No

DK, RF

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

OWN\_Q25

**Are property taxes included in your mortgage payments?**

1 Yes

2 No

DK, RF

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

OWN\_Q30

**Do you have more than one mortgage on your dwelling?**

1 Yes

2 No

DK, RF

(Go to OWN\_C55)

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

OWN\_Q35

**How often do you make regular mortgage payments?**

01 Weekly

02 Every two weeks

03 Twice a month

04 Biweekly

05 Monthly

06 Quarterly

07 Annually

08 Twice a year

09 Other - Specify

DK, RF

(Go to OWN\_Q40)

(Go to OWN\_S35)

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

Go to OWN\_C45

OWN\_S35

**(How often do you make regular mortgage payments?)**

INTERVIEWER: Specify.

(80 spaces)

(DK, RF not allowed)

Go to OWN\_C45

OWN\_Q40

**Is that...?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

1 **Every two weeks**

2 **Twice a month**

DK, RF

(Go to OWN\_Q65)

OWN\_C45

If OWN\_Q25 = 1, go to OWN\_Q45.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q50.

OWN\_Q45

**How much do you pay for each of these regular mortgage payments, including your property taxes? Exclude irregular and lump sum payments.**

INTERVIEWER: Round to nearest dollar.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

Go to OWN\_Q65

OWN\_Q50

**How much do you pay for each of these regular mortgage payments? Exclude irregular and lump sum payments.**

INTERVIEWER: Round to nearest dollar.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

Go to OWN\_Q65

OWN\_C55

If OWN\_Q25 = 1, go to OWN\_Q55.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q60.

OWN\_Q55

**How much do you pay monthly for all these mortgages, including your property taxes? Exclude irregular and lump sum payments.**

INTERVIEWER: Round to nearest dollar.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

Go to OWN\_Q65

OWN\_Q60 **How much do you pay monthly for all these mortgages? Exclude irregular and lump sum payments.**

INTERVIEWER: Round to nearest dollar.

(MIN: 1) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

OWN\_Q65 **What is the total annual property tax bill for this dwelling? Include school taxes, special service charges and local improvements.**

INTERVIEWER: Round to nearest dollar.

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF

OWN\_C70A If DWL\_Q05 = 1, go to OWN\_Q75.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_C70B.

OWN\_C70B If OWN\_Q65 = 0, DK or RF, go to OWN\_END.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q70.

OWN\_Q70 **Is water included in the payments just mentioned?**

INTERVIEWER: Payments just mentioned could include mortgage payments and property taxes.

1 Yes  
2 No  
DK, RF

Go to OWN\_END

OWN\_Q75 **What is the regular monthly condominium fee for this dwelling?**

(MIN: 0) (MAX: 99999995)

DK, RF (Go to OWN\_END)

OWN\_C80 If (OWN\_Q65 = 0, DK or RF) AND (OWN\_Q75 = 0, DK or RF), go to OWN\_END.  
Otherwise, go to OWN\_Q80.

OWN\_Q80 **Are any of the following items included in the payments just mentioned?**

INTERVIEWER: Payments just mentioned could include mortgage payments, property taxes and condo fees.  
Mark all that apply. Read categories to respondent.

1 **Electricity**  
2 **Heating fuel**  
3 **Water**  
4 None of the above  
DK, RF

OWN\_END