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When survey results are published, your responses will be combined with the responses of others so that you cannot be identified.

## Household Address

**First, we need to confirm that we are collecting information from people who resided in B.C. as of June 1, 2023.** This is so that BC Stats can make the connections needed to help researchers identify systemic racism where it occurs.

**Please provide the full address of your home:**

Street Address or PO Box

Suite, Unit, Building

City

Postal Code (A9A 9A9)

- ☐ The address is correct
- ☐ No fixed address
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Household Size

Including yourself, how many persons from each of the following age groups usually live at this address as of June 1, 2023?

Include: all persons who have their main residence at this address, even if they are temporarily away.

0 to 12

13 to 17

18 and over

☐ Prefer not to answer

## Household Roster

Starting with **yourself**, list all persons who usually live here as of **June 1, 2023** who may wish to fill out a survey. You may fill out the survey for another person in your household.

Begin the list with an **adult**, followed, if applicable, by that person's **spouse** or **common-law partner** and by their **children**. Continue with **all other persons** who usually live at this address.

It is important to include complete first and last names (that is, not initials or nicknames) in order to connect survey responses to administrative data.

**Person** **First name**

**Last name**

1

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**Person** **First name**

**Last name**

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**Person** **First name**

**Last name**

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☐ Prefer not to answer



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B.C. residents aged 13 and older may complete a survey on their own behalf. Parents/guardians may complete a survey on behalf of children younger than 13 years of age.

To support B.C. government anti-racism initiatives, all residents are strongly encouraged to participate. However, should you choose not to answer one or more of the questions that follow, please select 'Prefer not to answer' and then click 'Next'.

### Are you responding for...

- ☐ Yourself
- ☐ A dependent child who lives at this residence
- ☐ An adult you have guardianship over
- ☐ Another adult who lives in this residence (that you do not have guardianship over)
- ☐ Another person whom you are assisting with the survey

## Authority to Provide Information

If you are completing the survey for someone else, please complete the questions in this section. If you do not have authority or permission to complete the survey on behalf of another individual and/or you do not wish to affirm your identity, please end the survey.

Please affirm that you have authority or permission to fill out this survey on behalf of **this person**.

- ☐ Yes, I have authority or permission to fill it out on behalf of this person.
- ☐ No, I do not have authority or permission to fill it out on behalf of this person.

Please affirm **your** identity.

Your first name

Your last name

Your relationship to this person (for example, parent, guardian)

## Identity Collection

Before you start the survey, we need to collect some information about your identity.

### Why this is important:

We need to confirm that we are collecting information from people who live in B.C. so that BC Stats can make the connections needed to help researchers identify [systemic racism](#) where it occurs. By collecting this important and critical statistical information, we can make sure that government services are delivered equitably and meet the needs of all people in British Columbia. The Anti-Racism Data Act encourages the collection of this information, which will be connected to information related to government programs and services to identify where systemic racism exists. BC Stats uses an internationally recognized privacy and security model called the Five Safes to allow research while also protecting the confidentiality of information.

### More information:

Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/\)](https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/)

About the Anti-Racism Data Act and Keeping Your Data Safe (<https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/data-act/>)

### What is your date of birth and age?

If exact date of birth is not known, enter best estimate. For children less than 1 year old, enter 0 for age.

Year  YYYY

Month  MM

Day  DD

Age

### What is your relationship to Person 1?

- ☐ Spouse, including husband or wife
- ☐ Common-law partner
- ☐ Child, including daughter or son
- ☐ Grandchild, including granddaughter or grandson
- ☐ Child-in-law, including daughter-in-law or son-in-law
- ☐ Parent, including father or mother
- ☐ Parent-in-law, including father-in-law or mother-in-law
- ☐ Sibling, including brother or sister
- ☐ Foster child
- ☐ Roommate, lodger, or boarder
- ☐ Aunt/Uncle
- ☐ Grandparent, including grandfather or grandmother
- ☐ Niece/Nephew

Another relationship, please specify:

☐

☐ Prefer not to answer

## Part 1: Ethnicity

This first part of the survey contains questions about ethnicity, including ancestry, racial identity, and culture.

When we talk about anti-racism, it is important to recognize that racism can affect people for different reasons. Who experiences racism and why can also change over time.

People can experience racism related to any of the following:

- Culture
- Nationality
- Skin colour or other features
- Language
- Religion

All of the elements listed above combine to create a person's ethnicity. In B.C., there is a lot of diversity in ethnicity. This diversity creates lots of opportunities, but some people experience barriers because of their ethnicity. These barriers are not always the same for different ethnicities.

## Section 1: Indigenous Identity

**Do you identify as First Nations (status or non-status), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit)? *Select all that apply.***

This question collects self-identification information to understand how self-identified Indigenous peoples may be subjected to racism in many forms. Indigenous identity in Canada refers to people who are:

- First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit), and/or
- Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the Indian Act of Canada), and/or
- Those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

If you identify as Indigenous but not Indigenous to Canada (for example, Ainu, Sámi, or Māori), you will have the opportunity to self-identify at a later point in the survey.

If you have Indigenous ancestry, but do not self-identify as Indigenous, you will have the opportunity to clarify this ancestry at a later point in the survey.

- ☐ Yes, First Nations (status or non-status)
- ☐ Yes, Métis
- ☐ Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Are you registered under the Indian Act of Canada (that is, a Status Indian)?**

We ask this question of all respondents to capture the answers of those who may not identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuk, but may have such relationships or identities through marriage, adoption, or other avenues, or may otherwise identify.

- ☐ Yes, Status Indian (Registered or Treaty)
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Are you a member of a First Nation or Indian band?**

We ask this question of all respondents to capture the answers of those who may not identify as First Nations but may have such relationships or identities through marriage, adoption, or other avenues, or may otherwise identify.

- ☐ Yes, member of a First Nation or Indian band
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If you identified as a member of a First Nation or Indian Band, please respond to this question.

**Do you want to provide your Nation/band?**

  
  
  
  

- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If you identified as Métis, please respond to this question.

**Are you a citizen of a Métis Nation?**

- ☐ Yes, Métis Nation British Columbia
- ☐ Yes, Métis Nation of Alberta
- ☐ Yes, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan
- ☐ Yes, Manitoba Métis Federation
- ☐ Yes, Métis Nation of Ontario

Yes, another Nation not listed. Please specify

☐

- ☐ No, not a citizen of a Métis Nation
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If you identified as First Nations, Métis, Inuk, Status Indian (Registered or Treaty), or as a member of a First Nation or Indian Band, please respond to this question.

**Do you identify as [Two-Spirit](#)?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer to use a term from my Indigenous community or language

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- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 2: Ancestry

Ancestry refers to where in the world people come from. Our ancestry affects things like our skin colour and our features through our [genealogy](#).

**Which of the following continents do your [ancestors](#) come from? *Select all that apply.***

Human movement and immigration means that ancestry and culture can combine in complicated ways. For example, a person may say they are **culturally** Canadian, but have **ancestry** from any geographical region in the world: Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, and so on.

Ancestry should not be confused with citizenship, nationality, language, place of birth, or race. For example, a person who was born in the United States, has Canadian citizenship, and speaks Hindi, may report having South American ancestry.

Some people may know where their ancestry is from in specific detail. Other people may have a general sense (for example, continent) because more specific information was lost over time, including those who may be members of a diaspora community (for example, African-American, Indo-Caribbean) or who may have more complex migration histories.

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Americas (that is, ancestry that is Indigenous to this location)
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Oceania (that is, ancestry that is Indigenous to this location)
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer



If you specified that your [ancestors](#) came from Africa. Would you like to be more specific?

☐ North Africa

Algeria, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Western Sahara

☐ West Africa

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde (Cape Verde), Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Ascension, Tristan da Cunha, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

☐ Middle Africa

Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea; Gabon; São Tomé and Príncipe

☐ East Africa

British Indian Ocean Territory, Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Southern Territories, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

☐ Southern Africa

Botswana, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho, Namibia, Republic of South Africa

☐ Do you want to be more specific?

☐ I'm not able to be more specific

☐ Prefer not to answer

If you specified that your [ancestors](#) came from the Americas (that is, ancestry that is Indigenous to this location). Would you like to be more specific?

☐ North America

Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, United States of America

☐ Caribbean

Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Aruba; Bahamas; Barbados; Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Cuba; Curaçao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Haiti; Jamaica; Martinique; Montserrat; Puerto Rico; Saint Barthélemy; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Martin (French part); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Sint Maarten; Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos Islands; U.S. Virgin Islands

☐ Central America

Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

☐ South America

Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Bouvet Island, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), French Guiana, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Suriname, Uruguay

☐ Do you want to be more specific?

☐ I'm not able to be more specific

☐ Prefer not to answer

If you specified that your [ancestors](#) came from Asia. Would you like to be more specific?

- ☐ Central Asia  
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- ☐ East Asia  
China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Japan, Macao Special Administrative Region, Mongolia, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Taiwan
- ☐ Southeast Asia  
Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Viet Nam
- ☐ South Asia  
Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- ☐ West Asia  
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Türkiye (Turkey), United Arab Emirates, West Bank and Gaza Strip (Palestine), Yemen
- Do you want to be more specific?
- ☐
- ☐ I'm not able to be more specific
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If you specified that your [ancestors](#) came from Europe. Would you like to be more specific?

- ☐ Eastern Europe  
Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia (Czech Republic), Hungary, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Ukraine
- ☐ Northern Europe  
Åland Islands, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Guernsey, Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands, Sark, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain (including England, Scotland, and Wales) and Northern Ireland
- ☐ Southern Europe  
Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Gibraltar, Greece, Holy See (Vatican City State), Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Kosovo, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain
- ☐ Western Europe  
Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Switzerland
- Do you want to be more specific?
- ☐
- ☐ I'm not able to be more specific
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

If you specified that your [ancestors](#) came from Oceania (that is, ancestry that is Indigenous to this location). Would you like to be more specific?

- ☐ Australia and New Zealand  
also including Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, Norfolk Islands
- ☐ Melanesia  
Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
- ☐ Micronesia  
Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, United States Minor Outlying Islands
- ☐ Polynesia  
American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Niue, Pitcairn, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna Islands
- Do you want to be more specific?
- ☐
- ☐ I'm not able to be more specific
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

### Section 3: Place of Birth

#### Where were you born?

British Columbia  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Another location/region in Canada  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

A country/region outside of Canada  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

### Section 4: Mobility

Please respond to this question for individuals who are at least five years of age.

#### Where did you live five years ago (that is, on June 1, 2018)?

☐ Lived at the **same** address as now

☐ Lived at a **different** address in the **same** city, town, village, township, municipality or Indian reserve

Lived in a **different** city, town, village, township, municipality or Indian reserve in British Columbia  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Lived in another province/territory of Canada  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Lived in a country/region outside of Canada  
Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

### Section 5: Citizenship and Immigration Status

#### Are you a Canadian citizen?

The link between race and citizenship and immigration is complex because the concepts of race and citizenship might seem to be at odds with each other. The interchange between race and citizenship is particularly apparent in societies, such as Canada, that originated as settler colonies and continue to rely on immigration for their expansion and development. For example, citizenship and immigration may affect a person's socioeconomic status, as foreign credentials obtained outside of Canada may not be recognized in British Columbia.

Citizenship can be by birth or [naturalization](#).

☐ Yes, a Canadian citizen by birth

☐ Yes, a Canadian citizen by naturalization

☐ No, not a Canadian citizen

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "Yes, a Canadian citizen by naturalization" or "No, not a Canadian citizen".

#### Are you, or have you ever been, a [landed immigrant](#) in Canada?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "Yes" to having ever been a landed immigrant in Canada.

**In what year did you first become a [landed immigrant](#)?**

- ☐ Year:
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "Yes, a Canadian citizen by naturalization" or "No, not a Canadian citizen".

**In what year did you first arrive to live in Canada?**

- ☐ Year:
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 6: Language

**What is the language you first learned at home in childhood and still understand? That is, what is your mother tongue?**

If you no longer understand the first language learned, indicate the second language learned.

- ☐ Cantonese
- ☐ English
- ☐ Farsi
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Indigenous languages in B.C.
- ☐ Including Algonquian, Athapaskan languages, Chinook Jargon, Cree, Haida, Kootenai, Michif, Salishan languages, Tlingit, Tsimshianic languages, and Wakashan languages
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Punjabi
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Tagalog
- ☐ Another language not listed, please specify
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Can you speak English or French well enough to conduct a conversation?**

- ☐ English
- ☐ French
- ☐ Both English and French
- ☐ Neither English nor French
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 7: Religion and Spirituality

**What best describes your religion or spirituality?** You may be as general or specific as you like. *Select all that apply.*

There are a wide variety of religious or spiritual practices that people can believe in. For this question, we want you think about the faith(s) you practice or the beliefs you have.

For some people, they will be part of an organized religious or spiritual group with specific beliefs. For other people, their beliefs or practices may be individual or part of a different type of group.

Buddhist - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Christian - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Hindu - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Jewish - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Muslim - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Sikh - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

Another religion or spiritual tradition not listed - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

☐ Religious / spiritual - Prefer not to be more specific

No religion or spirituality - Do you want to be more specific? (optional)

☐

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

**Do you regularly show visible markers (that is, symbols, what you wear) of your religion and/or spirituality?**

☐ Yes, most of the time

☐ Yes, sometimes

☐ Yes, only for prayers, holidays or special events

☐ No

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 8: Racial Identity

The next question refers to your racial identity.

Racial categories are not based in science. There is no agreement on how race is categorized. A person's racial identity may influence the way they are treated by individuals and institutions. The categories used here are based on feedback from people living in British Columbia.

**How would you best categorize your racial identity. Are you... *Select all that apply; please indicate which categories apply to you and not how you may be perceived.***

African or Caribbean

- ☐ For example, Black, Caribbean, African, Afro-American, Afro-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-European, Jamaican, Nigerian

Arab

- ☐ For example, Emirati, Lebanese, North African, Palestinian, Syrian

Central Asian

- ☐ For example, Kazakhstani, Kyrgyzstani, Tajikistani, Uzbekistani

East Asian

- ☐ Chinese

- ☐ Japanese

- ☐ Korean

Another East Asian identity

- ☐ For example, Hong Konger, Mongolian, Taiwanese

European

- ☐ For example, White, Anglo-Saxon, Balkan, French, German, Italian, Slavic Western/Eastern European

- ☐ First Nations

- ☐ Inuk (Inuit)

Latin American

- ☐ For example, Chilean, Colombian, Cuban, Latine, Mexican, Venezuelan

- ☐ Métis

South Asian

- ☐ For example, Bangladeshi, Indian, Indo-Caribbean, Indo-Fijian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan

Southeast Asian

- ☐ Filipino

Another Southeast Asian identity

- ☐ For example, Cambodian, Indonesian, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese

West Asian

- ☐ For example, Iranian, Israeli, Persian, Turkish

Prefer to self-describe:

- ☐

- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure

- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 9: Culture

Culture refers to the ways of life for a group of people. Culture sometimes overlaps with a person's nationality, but cultures can also be shared across nations. Culture is passed across generations and influences many things. Given this information about culture, **please tell us what culture(s) or ethnic group(s) you describe yourself as belonging to?**

***Please specify one culture per box.***

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- How people act and dress
- What food people eat
- Values and customs
- Art and institutions
- What languages people speak
- What spiritual beliefs people follow

Some people identify as belonging to more than one culture (for example, if their parents come from different cultures, or if they are members of a community with varied cultures).

☐ No

☐ I need more space to describe my culture

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

## Part 2: Social and Demographic Characteristics

This second part of the survey contains questions about various [demographic](#) characteristics, including gender, education, and income. These characteristics are important for fully understanding the multiple dimensions of identity and will allow the Province to identify systemic racism with an intersectional lens.

### Section 10: Gender and Sex

Which category best describes your gender: [Man/Boy](#), [Non-Binary person](#), or [Woman/Girl](#), or do you prefer not to answer?

Gender and sex at birth refer to two different concepts but are interrelated. Gender involves a personal, deeply held, internal sense of self. Broadly speaking, gender includes self-identification as well as socially and culturally constructed roles, behaviours, and expressions.

A person's current gender may or may not align with the sex they were assigned at birth.

☐ Man/Boy

☐ Non-Binary person

☐ Woman/Girl

Prefer to self-describe

☐

☐ Prefer not to answer/Unknown

What is your [sex at birth](#): [Female](#), [Intersex/Indeterminate](#), or [Male](#), or do you prefer not to answer?

Sex refers to biological attributes and legal categories used to classify people as male, female, intersex, or other categories, primarily associated with physical and physiological features including chromosomes, genetic expression, hormone levels and function, and reproductive/sexual anatomy. The purpose of this question is to confirm your identity by comparing with administrative records so that the B.C. government can make the connections needed to help researchers identify systemic racism where it occurs.

☐ Female

☐ Intersex/Indeterminate

☐ Male

☐ Prefer not to answer/Unknown

How would you describe your gender identity?

For many people, their gender identity matches the cultural expectations of the sex they were assigned at birth. This means they are [cisgender](#). Others may self-identify as being [intergender or ipso gender](#), [transgender](#), or may prefer to self-describe as agender, genderfluid, or another term.

☐ Cisgender

☐ Intergender or ipso gender

☐ Transgender

Prefer to self-describe

☐

☐ I don't know / I am unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer



## Section 11: Sexual Orientation

Please respond to this question if you are aged 16 or over.

**Which of these options best describes your sexual orientation?**

Sexual orientation is a person's emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to another person, and sexual behaviour. There are many ways a person can describe their sexual orientation and many terms a person can use. Terms include but are not limited to [asexual](#), [bisexual or pansexual](#), [gay or lesbian](#), or [heterosexual](#). Others may prefer to self-describe using another term.

- ☐ Asexual
- ☐ Bisexual or pansexual
- ☐ Gay or lesbian
- ☐ Heterosexual
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe
- ☐
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 12: Marital Status

Please respond to this question if you are aged 16 or over.

**What is your marital status?**

Marital status and common-law status are two distinct legal statuses in Canada. It is possible to have any marital status while having a common-law partner (or not).

- ☐ Never legally married
- ☐ Legally married (and not separated)
- ☐ Separated, but still legally married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you are aged 16 or over.

**Do you have a [common-law](#) partner?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 13: Education

Please respond to this question if you are aged 15 or over.

**Please indicate the highest level of education that you have completed.**

Note: include qualifications obtained in Canada or outside Canada.

- ☐ Less than high school diploma or [high school equivalency certificate](#)
- ☐ High school diploma or [high school equivalency certificate](#)
- ☐ Registered apprenticeship or other trades certificate or diploma
- ☐ College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma
- ☐ University certificate or diploma **below** bachelor level
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (for example, B.A., B.A. (Hons.), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)
- ☐ University certificate or diploma **above** bachelor level
- ☐ Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or optometry (M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.V.M., O.D.)
- ☐ Master's degree (for example, M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed., M.B.A.)
- ☐ Earned doctorate (for example, Ph.D.)
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 14: Personal Income

Please respond to this question if you are aged 15 or over.

**For the year ending December 31, 2022, can you estimate in which of the following groups your total personal income, before taxes and deductions, from all sources fell?**

Income can come from various sources such as from work, investments, pensions, or government. Examples include Employment Insurance, social assistance, child benefits and other income such as child support, spousal support (alimony), and rental income.

Capital gains **should not** be included in personal income.

**Total personal income** refers to your income as a *single individual*.

**Was it?**

- ☐ Less than \$40,000, including income loss
- ☐ \$40,000 and more
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "Less than \$40,000, including income loss" for personal income.

**For the year ending in December 31, 2022, please indicate the [total personal income](#) range.**

**Was it?**

- ☐ Less than \$5,000 (including loss)
- ☐ \$5,000 to less than \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,000 to less than \$15,000
- ☐ \$15,000 to less than \$20,000
- ☐ \$20,000 to less than \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 to less than \$30,000
- ☐ \$30,000 to less than \$35,000
- ☐ \$35,000 to less than \$40,000
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "\$40,000 and more" for personal income.

For the year ending in December 31, 2022, please indicate the [total personal income](#) range.

Was it?

- ☐ \$40,000 to less than \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 to less than \$60,000
- ☐ \$60,000 to less than \$70,000
- ☐ \$70,000 to less than \$80,000
- ☐ \$80,000 to less than \$90,000
- ☐ \$90,000 to less than \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000 to less than \$125,000
- ☐ \$125,000 to less than \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,000 and over
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 15: Family Income

Please respond to this question if you are aged 18 or over.

For the year ending in December 31, 2022, can you estimate in which of the following groups your total economic family income, before taxes and deductions, from all sources fell?

Income can come from various sources such as from work, investments, pensions, or government. Examples include Employment Insurance, social assistance, child benefits and other income such as child support, spousal support (alimony), and rental income.

Capital gains **should not** be included in economic family income.

**Total economic family income** refers to income as an **economic family**. **Economic family** refers to a group of two or more persons who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law union, adoption, or a foster relationship.

Was it?

- ☐ Less than \$75,000, including income loss
- ☐ \$75,000 and more
- ☐ Same as total personal income
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "Less than \$75,000, including income loss" for economic family income.

For the year ending in December 31, 2022, please indicate the [total economic family income](#) range.

Was it?

- ☐ Less than \$5,000 (including loss)
- ☐ \$5,000 to less than \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,000 to less than \$15,000
- ☐ \$15,000 to less than \$20,000
- ☐ \$20,000 to less than \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 to less than \$30,000
- ☐ \$30,000 to less than \$35,000
- ☐ \$35,000 to less than \$40,000
- ☐ \$40,000 to less than \$45,000
- ☐ \$45,000 to less than \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 to less than \$55,000
- ☐ \$55,000 to less than \$60,000
- ☐ \$60,000 to less than \$65,000
- ☐ \$65,000 to less than \$70,000
- ☐ \$70,000 to less than \$75,000
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you selected "\$75,000 and more" for economic family income.

**For the year ending in December 31, 2022, please indicate the [total economic family income](#) range.**

**Was it?**

- ☐ \$75,000 to less than \$80,000
- ☐ \$80,000 to less than \$85,000
- ☐ \$85,000 to less than \$90,000
- ☐ \$90,000 to less than \$95,000
- ☐ \$95,000 to less than \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000 to less than \$125,000
- ☐ \$125,000 to less than \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,000 to less than \$175,000
- ☐ \$175,000 to less than \$200,000
- ☐ \$200,000 to less than \$250,000
- ☐ \$250,000 to less than \$300,000
- ☐ \$300,000 and over
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 16: Disability

**Do you have a condition that is a disability (including disorders, syndromes, injuries, etc.)?**

[Disabilities](#) are defined both provincially and federally in Canada, and in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Generally, disabilities refer to impairments that interact with [barriers](#) in ways that keep people from fully and effectively participating in society on an equal basis with others.

Disabilities can:

- Be physical, mental, sensory, cognitive, communicative, etc.
- Be permanent, temporary, or episodic.
- Be visible or invisible.
- Include difficulties hearing or seeing even with aids (that is, hearing aids, cochlear implants, corrective lenses).

Barriers may include:

- Attitudes, architecture, communications, sensory information, systems, or technology.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Do you have any difficulty with [day-to-day activities](#), either because of a [disability](#) or because of disability-related [barriers](#)?**

- ☐ I cannot do day-to-day activities at all
- ☐ A lot of difficulty
- ☐ Some difficulty
- ☐ No difficulty
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you indicated that you have a disability ("Always", "Often", or "Sometimes") or difficulty with day-to-day activities ("I cannot do day-to-day activities at all", "A lot of difficulty", or "Some difficulty").

**How often are your day-to-day activities limited?**

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please respond to this question if you indicated that you have a disability ("Always", "Often", or "Sometimes") or difficulty with day-to-day activities ("I cannot do day-to-day activities at all", "A lot of difficulty", or "Some difficulty").

The provincial government passed the [Accessible British Columbia Act](https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/2nd-session/bills/first-reading/gov06-1) (<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/2nd-session/bills/first-reading/gov06-1>) in 2021. This Act outlines rules that government and organizations must follow to remove barriers in different areas.

**Do you experience barriers in any of these areas? *Select all that apply.***

- ☐ The built environment  
For example, buildings, sidewalks, places, and spaces
- ☐ Delivery of services  
For example, getting goods, services, or programs
- ☐ Education  
For example, early childhood education, kindergarten to grade 12, post-secondary education
- ☐ Employment  
For example, hiring, workplace standards
- ☐ Health  
For example, hospitals, clinics, services
- ☐ Housing  
For example, BC Housing or other provincial housing initiatives
- ☐ Information and communication  
For example, in-person interactions, websites, documents
- ☐ Transportation  
For example, buses, ferries, trains
- ☐ I experience barriers in a different area. Please specify
- ☐ I don't experience any barriers in my day-to-day life
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 17: Indigenous Data Sovereignty

Please respond to this question if you identified as First Nations, Métis, Inuk, Status Indian (Registered or Treaty), or as a member of a First Nation or Indian Band.

**Do you consent to disclose your responses to this survey, including information that identifies you, to the following organizations:**

Please note that at this time, we can only share information with organizations in British Columbia.

With respect to information, the Province recognizes the rights of individuals to privacy and to the ownership of one's own information. The Province will maintain stewardship of the information collected through this survey and will protect the privacy of individuals participating in this survey. However, the Province further recognizes the collective rights of Indigenous peoples' right to self-government and self-determination, which includes data sovereignty. Survey responses will be shared with Indigenous governments, Nations, and organizations in ways that do not disclose your identity.

The Province will work with First Nations and Métis organizations in B.C. to develop a decision-making model and will not use data or publish statistics about Nations without the direction of those Nations. Read more about the Province's commitments to Indigenous data sovereignty for First Nations (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/9A66B4514AA546CD97DAF705E550226D>) and Métis (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/779C91C55E794A61852D4AB0A1709F96>) people.

Nation/Band membership you indicated earlier:

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BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

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Métis Nation BC

One or more other organizations, please specify:

☐☐

No, I do not wish to share my responses

This survey, and its results, represents the first phase of an iterative process to align to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through more directly co-created Indigenous content and more reasonable timelines. We appreciate your patience as the B.C. government tries to figure out a more appropriate and meaningful collaborative approach toward this important work.

## Identity Collection

**Please provide your Personal Health Number (PHN) to confirm your identity and B.C. residency.**

### Why this is important:

We need to confirm that we are collecting information from people who live in B.C. so that BC Stats can make the connections needed to help researchers identify [systemic racism](#) where it occurs. By collecting this important and critical statistical information, we can make sure that government services are delivered equitably and meet the needs of all people in British Columbia. The Anti-Racism Data Act encourages the collection of this information, which will be connected to information related to government programs and services to identify where systemic racism exists. BC Stats uses an internationally recognized privacy and security model called the Five Safes to allow research while also protecting the confidentiality of information.

### More information:

Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/\)](https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/)

[About the Anti-Racism Data Act and Keeping Your Data Safe \(https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/data-act/\)](https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/data-act/)

Personal Health Number (optional):

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## Part 3: Future Information Collection

Please skip Part 3 if completing the survey on behalf of someone else, including a dependent child, an adult you have guardianship over, or another adult.

This third part of the survey contains questions about possible approaches for future demographic information collection.

## Section 18: Preferred Approach for Future Demographic Collection

**What is your preferred frequency for the collection of demographic information? *Select one.***

The collection of information about residents of B.C. is important for identifying and eliminating persistent patterns of inequity associated with [discrimination](#) in relation to government programs and services. These questions will help the Province plan for future collection of [demographic](#) information.

This survey supports

Anti-Racism Data Act (<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov24-3>)

legislation, which followed recommendations released by the B.C. Human Rights Commissioner in 2020 on the collection, storage, use, and disclosure of disaggregated demographic information in a culturally safe manner.

- ☐ Allow people to provide or update their personal information as often as desired
- ☐ Every time a person uses a government service
- ☐ Every year (that is, annually)
- ☐ Every 1 to 2 years
- ☐ Every 3 to 4 years
- ☐ Every 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**What is the best way for the provincial government to collect this information from you?**

- ☐ In person
  -
- ☐ By mail
- ☐ Online
  -
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 indicates "Great distrust" and 5 indicates "Great trust", please indicate your level of trust in BC Stats' collection and use of data and information?**

- ☐ 5 - Great trust
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 1 - Great distrust
- ☐ I don't know / I am unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Section 19: Future Anti-Racism Research

**Are you interested in participating in future anti-racism research conducted by BC Stats?** Future research initiatives may include focus groups, telephone and/or online surveys, and others.

If you consent to participate in future research (by providing your contact information), you may unsubscribe from the list at any time by contacting [BC.Stats@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BC.Stats@gov.bc.ca). BC Stats does not release any information that could identify individuals or businesses without their consent. BC Stats produces reliable and valid data that supports important policy and program decisions. Your participation in any future research is voluntary.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Thank you for your interest. Please complete the following contact information. This information is optional, and you may choose what information to share with BC Stats.

Mobile/Cellular Telephone Number:

Email:

## Thank you for completing the British Columbia Demographic Survey!

By sharing your information and making your voice heard, you are helping government to take the first step to identify and understand systemic racism and deliver better programs and services for everyone in British Columbia.

If you are experiencing distress or any negative feelings upon completing the survey, support is available (<https://www.resiliencebc.ca>).

The information in this survey is collected under Section 2 of the Anti-Racism Data Act (<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov24-3>) and Section 26 (a), (c), and (e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ([https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_03](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_03)) (FOIPPA). It is collected and kept confidential in accordance with the Statistics Act ([https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96439\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96439_01)) and only used for statistical and research purposes. When survey results are published, your responses will be combined with the responses of others so that you cannot be identified.

### Questions?

Visit Common Questions about the BC Demographic Survey [Frequently Asked Questions \(https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/\)](https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/) if you have any questions.

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