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Our headquarters are based at McGill University on Tiohtià:ke, also known as Montréal. This land that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabeg nations. Our members span the vast land that is now known as Canada, and are located in institutions in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick.

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As part of its commitment to equity in genomics, the Pan-Canadian Genome Library (PCGL) is developing national standards for collecting, depositing, and sharing individual-level sociodemographic data to support data harmonization and reproducible research on social determinants of health in Canada. This survey represents an integral part of these efforts, introducing a Pan-Canadian standard for harmonized sociodemographic data collection and reporting in alignment with Canadian and international guidelines (as outlined in the sections below). Importantly, this work reflects the 2021 resolution adopted by the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA74.16), which encourages Member States to integrate social determinants of health into public policies and programmes¹.

I. REFERENCE SURVEY METHOD DEVELOPMENT

The PCGL developed this survey to provide guidance for studies in the collection of nine sociodemographic variables defined by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) as “key health equity stratifiers”: age, Indigeneity, race, ethnicity, gender, sex assigned at birth, education, income, and geographic location^{2–4}. We propose reference questions and permissible response options to collect information on these sociodemographic variables, **harmonized to the PCGL Data Dictionary (version XX) as of [Month, Day, Year]**. These variables are designated as “core variables” within the PCGL as they correspond to CIHI’s key health equity stratifiers and represent the minimum sociodemographic data needed to support research on health equity and social determinants of health in Canada. In the **PCGL Data Dictionary version XX** data submitters are required to submit data for these core variables; but, when necessary, projects may use the provided missing-variable options if data is unavailable for deposition. Beyond these core variables, we also provide recommended questions and response options for supplementary “optional” sociodemographic variables that projects may choose to include at their discretion.

The questions and response options were developed with reference to existing Canadian standards (including CIHI and Statistics Canada) and informed by international frameworks outlined within the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine *Rethinking Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research* foundational report⁵, the *All of Us*



Research Program⁶, and the UK Biobank⁷. An overview of the specific sociodemographic constructs, metrics, and validation of the questions within the PCGL Reference Survey is outlined in the accompanying *Concepts and Methods Guide Overview for the Pan-Canadian Genome Library Reference Survey* (version 2.0).

II. INTENDED USE

In addition to enabling health equity research, participant sociodemographic data is essential to account for confounding factors captured by social determinants of health – conditions that influence a person’s overall health status, access to care, and health outcomes throughout their life. This survey is provided as a reference tool for prospective projects and we strongly encourage projects planning to deposit data into the PCGL to adopt the standardized questions and response options outlined here to ensure data consistency, comparability, and harmonization across the PCGL.

Each questions’ response options are consistent with reporting categories in the **PCGL Data Dictionary version XX**. The PCGL may change some of these questions and response options in the future; however, **they are valid as of [Month, Day, Year]**. If changes are to occur, the PCGL will share mapping to version 2.0 (this version) of the reference survey and the equivalent PCGL Data Dictionary. Similarly, projects that alter the PCGL provided reference questions and response options are responsible for ensuring harmonization to PCGL standards and should provide mapping to the appropriate PCGL-developed standards.

We encourage projects to employ multiple mediums when conducting this survey to minimize barriers related to survey collections and ensure universal accessibility. These mediums include sign-language interpretation, voice-to-text, audio versions of the survey, and large text versions.

Any questions can be directed to Amirah-Iman Hicks (amirah-iman.hicks@mcgill.ca), PCGL Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion advisor.



III. TEMPLATE PREAMBLE

This preamble is intended to inform study participants why their sociodemographic information is collected. Where necessary, this text may be adapted by prospective studies. Nevertheless, the key element of the following text is to explain why the data is being collected and that there are no right or wrong answers.

This survey gathers information on key sociodemographic variables following standards defined by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Statistics Canada. These sociodemographic variables, which are commonly referred to as “social determinants of health”, influence a person’s overall health, access to care, and health outcomes throughout their life.

To ensure that genetics research in Canada reflects (and benefits) all Canadians, this survey asks about you: your background, your lived experiences, and your current situation. Your responses will help us understand the sociodemographic makeup of participants in Canadian genetics research. Collecting this information alongside your genetic data will help researchers understand why some groups may be at greater risk for certain diseases or respond differently to certain treatments. This will contribute to more precise and informed applications of genetics research in healthcare.

This survey will take about 10-20 minutes to complete. While there are no right or wrong answers to these questions, we ask that you respond honestly to as many questions as possible. We are interested in your personal experiences and perspectives. If you are unsure how to answer a question, please choose the option that most accurately reflects your life and lived experiences.

Please note: For any of these questions you have the option to respond with “Prefer not to answer”, if you so choose.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN!**

These questions are meant to be answered by you. A parent or legal guardian should complete this survey for you if you are under the age of majority (at the time of survey completion).

The first 15 questions ask about your background information.

Q1. [CORE] What is today's date (YYYY/MM/DD)?

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Q2. [CORE] What is your year and month of birth (YYYY/MM)?

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Q3. [CORE] Do you identify as First Nations, Inuk/Inuit, Métis or another Indigenous identity? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Prefer not to answer
☐ Yes, First Nations

Branching Logic: when “Yes, First Nations” selected, then:

Q3.a) [OPTIONAL] In which Canadian province or territory did your parents live at the time of your birth? Select all the apply:

☐ YK ☐ NT ☐ NU ☐ BC ☐ AB ☐ SK ☐ MB ☐ ON ☐ QC ☐ NB ☐ NS ☐ NL ☐ PE

Or:

☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Do not know

- ☐ Yes, Inuk/Inuit

Branching Logic: when “Yes, Inuk/Inuit” selected, then:

Q3.b) [OPTIONAL] In which region of Inuit Nunangat, Canadian province, or territory did your parents live at the time of your birth? Select all that apply:

☐ Inuvialuit (Northwest Territories)
☐ Nunatsiavut (Labrador)
☐ Nunavik (James Bay and Québec)
☐ Nunavut

Or:

☐ YK ☐ NT ☐ NU ☐ BC ☐ AB ☐ SK ☐ MB ☐ ON ☐ QC ☐ NB ☐ NS ☐ NL ☐ PE

Or:

☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Do not know

- ☐ Yes, Métis

Branching Logic: when “Yes, Métis” selected, then:

Q3.c) [OPTIONAL] In which Canadian province or territory did your parents live at the time of your birth? Select all the apply:

☐ YK ☐ NT ☐ NU ☐ BC ☐ AB ☐ SK ☐ MB ☐ ON ☐ QC ☐ NB ☐ NS ☐ NL ☐ PE

Or:

☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Do not know

- ☐ Yes, another Indigenous identity

Branching Logic: when “Yes, another Indigenous identity” selected, then:

Q3.d) [OPTIONAL] Please specify the name of your Indigenous group:
(display optional free text)

Or:

☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Do not know

- ☐ No
☐ Do not know



Q4. [CORE] In our society, people are often described based on their race or racial background, sometimes referred to as their “racialized group” or “racial identity”. While there are no scientifically supported means to classify people into separate racial categories, race is sometimes used to group people based on socially perceived differences in physical appearance. These social categories can influence the way we are treated by individuals and institutions and may, in turn, affect our health.

With this in mind, which of the following best describes you? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Black
- ☐ East Asian
- ☐ Indigenous (First Nations, Inuk/Inuit, Métis)
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ West Asian or North African
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ Southeast Asian
- ☐ White
- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ None of these fully describe me (I would like to specify another race/racial category)

Branching Logic: when “None of these fully describe me” selected, then:

Please specify:

(display optional free text)

Q5. [CORE] A person’s ethnic or cultural origin(s) refers to their sense of community belonging based on shared cultural group membership. This may be defined by a sense of shared religion, language, country of origin, nationality, cultural traditions, and migration history of a person’s ancestors. For examples of ethnic or cultural origins, visit Statistics Canada’s [Examples of ethnic or cultural origins web page](#).

What were the ethnic or cultural origins of your ancestors? Ancestors refer to the people from whom one is descended (grandparents, great grandparents, etc.). Specify as many origins as applicable using capital letters:

[display free text]

Or,

- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Q6. [OPTIONAL] Were you born in Canada?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Branching logic: when “No” selected, then:

Q6.a) If no, what is your country of birth?

Specify country: *Dropdown list of every country*

Or:

- ☐ Do not know ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q6.b) When did you arrive in Canada?

- ☐ Less than 5 years
☐ 5 – 9 years
☐ 10 or more years
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

- ☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Q7. [OPTIONAL] Where were your parents born?

- ☐ All parents born in Canada
☐ All parents born outside Canada

Branching logic: when “All parents born outside in Canada” selected, then:

Q7.a) Specify the country of birth of each parent:

Specify country: *Dropdown list of every country*

Or:

- ☐ Do not know ☐ Prefer not to answer

Specify country: *Dropdown list of every country*

Or:

- ☐ Do not know ☐ Prefer not to answer

- ☐ One parent born in Canada AND one parent born outside Canada

Branching logic: when “One parent born in Canada AND one parent born outside Canada” selected, then:

Q7.b) Specify the country of birth outside Canada:

Specify country: *Dropdown list of every country*

Or:

- ☐ Do not know ☐ Prefer not to answer

- ☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer



Q8.a) [OPTIONAL] What is the language that you first learned at home and still understand? If applicable, you may specify more than one language:

[display free text]

Or,

- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q8.b) [OPTIONAL] What language are you most comfortable speaking?

- ☐ English
- ☐ French
- ☐ Another language

Branching Logic: when “Another language” selected, then:

Please specify:

(display optional free text)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q8.c) [OPTIONAL] If you are most comfortable speaking in a language other than English or French, in which of Canada’s official languages are you most comfortable?

- ☐ English
- ☐ French

Q9. [OPTIONAL] A person’s religion refers to their connection or affiliation with any religiously defined community, denomination, or system of belief. Religion is not limited to formal membership in a religious organization or group. For examples of denominations and religions, visit [Statistic Canada’s Examples of religions and religious groups / denominations web page](#).

What is your religion, if any? You may include a religion you feel reflects your identity or background even if you are not currently a practising member of that group.

[display free text]

Or,

- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer



Q10. [CORE] Gender refers to how a person may see and express themselves along socially constructed roles, behaviours, expressions, and identities associated with being a girl, woman, boy, man, or gender-diverse person. A person's gender may be the same as or different from their assigned sex at birth and may change over time.

Which category best expresses how you currently describe your gender identity?

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Another Gender

Branching Logic: when "Another Gender" selected, then:

Please specify: (for example, Non-binary, Two-spirit, Trans, etc.)
(display optional free text)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Not applicable

*Response option provided when the question of gender is not appropriate to ask (e.g., newborn studies). This response option should **NOT** be provided to adult participants.*

Q11. [OPTIONAL] Do you self-identify as a person of minority sexual orientation?

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

*Response option provided when the question of sexual orientation is not appropriate to ask (e.g., newborn studies). This response option should **NOT** be provided to adult participants.*

Q12. [CORE] What was your biological sex assigned at birth?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ None of these fully describe me

Branching Logic: when "None of these fully describe me" selected, then:

Please specify:
(display optional free text; can include clinician comments – for example, description of secondary sex characteristics – if relevant)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer



Q13. [OPTIONAL – RECOMMENDED] Are you someone with trans experience (meaning that your gender identity does not align with your sex assigned at birth)? Some people may use other terms to describe their gender identity, such as non-binary or gender diverse.

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

*Response option provided when the question of transgender is not appropriate to ask (e.g., newborn studies). This response option should **NOT** be provided to adult participants.*

Q14. [OPTIONAL] Do you self-identify as a person with a disability (significant or persistent physical, mental, sensory, psychiatric, or learning impairment)?

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

Q15. [CORE] What do you consider to be the highest level of schooling you *completed*? Include qualifications you have obtained in Canada or outside Canada. Select all the apply:

- ☐ No formal education
- ☐ Elementary/grade school or equivalent
- ☐ High school (secondary school) diploma or equivalency certificate (for example, General Education Development, or Adult Basic Education)
- ☐ Certificate of Apprenticeship, Certificate of Qualification (Journey person's designation), or other trades certificate or diploma (for example, hairstyling, cooking, electrician, carpentry)
- ☐ College, CEGEP, or other non-university certificate or diploma (for example, accounting technology, industrial engineering technology, legal assistant)
- ☐ Undergraduate degree (for example, university certificate, B.A., B.A.(Hons.), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)
- ☐ Postgraduate degree or other professional designation (e.g., Master's, PhD, MD, DDS, DMD, DVM, OD)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Not applicable

**End of Section 1.**

The next 8 questions are about your income, employment status, and place of residence.

Q16. [CORE] What was your total family income *before* taxes last year? Include any *regular and recurring* sources of income. This may include employment income from wages, salaries, and tips, income from investment sources, income from pension sources, income from government sources, such as child benefits, and social assistance, as well as any other regular cash income, such as child support payments received and scholarships. You may refer to the total income you included in your tax filings last year as a guide.

If you do not know the exact amount, an estimate is fine.

- ☐ Income from \$ 0 to \$ 4,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 5,000 to \$ 9,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 10,000 to \$ 14,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 20,000 to \$ 24,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 25,000 to \$ 34,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 35,000 to \$ 49,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 50,000 to \$ 74,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 75,000 to \$ 99,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 100,000 to \$ 149,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 150,000 to \$ 199,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 200,000 to \$ 249,999
- ☐ Income from \$ 250,000 and over
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q17. [CORE] Counting yourself, how many people does this income support?

- ☐ ____ person(s)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer



Q18. [OPTIONAL] What is your current employment status? Please select 1 or more of these categories.

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Employed casual, on-call, temporary, or seasonal
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Parental leave of absence
- ☐ Out of work or unemployed for 1 year or more
- ☐ Out of work or unemployed for less than 1 year
- ☐ Looking after home and/or family
- ☐ A student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unable to work (for example, because of sickness or disability)
- ☐ None of these fully describe me

Branching Logic: when "None of these fully describe me" selected, then:

Please specify:

(display free text)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Not applicable

Q19. [CORE] What is your current address of residence?

While your postal code is the main information we use, we also ask for your city, and province/territory to help clarify your address in certain instances where postal codes may be less specific – for example, institutional residences, First Nations lands, and Inuit land claim agreements.

Address Line 1 <i>(optional)</i>	
Address Line 2 <i>(optional)</i>	
City	
Province/Territory	
Postal Code	
Country <i>(optional)</i>	

**Q20. [OPTIONAL] Do you own or rent the place where you live?**

- ☐ Owned by you or a member of your household (even if it is still being paid for)
 - ☐ Rented (even if no cash rent is paid)
 - ☐ None of these describe my housing arrangement
- Branching Logic: when “None of these describe my housing arrangement” selected, then:*

Please specify: (for example, dwelling provided by the local government or First Nation band, sheltered accommodation, care home, temporary structure, etc.)
(display optional free text)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q21. [OPTIONAL BUT REQUIRED IF USING Q19] Please describe your current housing accommodations.

- ☐ Single-detached house
- ☐ Single-attached house, semi-detached house or row house/townhouse
- ☐ Apartment
- ☐ Student housing, such as a college/university campus dormitory
- ☐ Mobile home and other movable dwellings, including houseboats or railroad cars
- ☐ Hospital, rehabilitation centre, drug treatment centre, or other related facilities
- ☐ Correctional and custodial facilities
- ☐ Emergency shelters, shelter for the unhoused, or other transitional housing
- ☐ Hotel, motel, rooming houses, or other service collective dwellings
- ☐ Religious establishments, such as a convent, seminary, or monastery
- ☐ Work camps, such as accommodations provided to employees of an industry such as mining, logging, or hydro construction, generally located in a remote area
- ☐ Military bases
- ☐ Anywhere outside (for example, street, vehicle, abandoned building)
- ☐ None of these describe my housing accommodation

Branching Logic: when “None of these describe my housing accommodation” selected, then:

Please specify:
(display optional free text)

- ☐ Prefer not to answer



Q22. [OPTIONAL] How many years have you lived at your current location?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 – 5 years
- ☐ 6 – 10 years
- ☐ 11 – 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q23. [OPTIONAL] Counting yourself, how many people do you live with?

- ☐ ____ person(s)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

End of Survey.



APPENDIX A: 2021 STATISTICS CANADA ETHNIC OR CULTURAL ORIGINS⁸

Examples of ethnic or cultural origins include (but are not limited to) the following:

Indigenous Origins		
• Abenaki • Ahousaht • Algonquin • Anishinaabe • Apache • Assiniboine • Atikamekw • Beaver (Dunne-za) • Blackfoot • Blood (Kainai) • Carrier (Dakelh) • Cayuga • Chemainus (Stz'uminus) • Cherokee • Cheyenne • Chilcotin (Tsilhqot'in) • Chipewyan (Denesuline) • Choctaw • Coast Salish • Cowichan • Cree • Crow • Dakota • Delaware (Lenape) • Dene • Dene Tha' (Slavey) • Ditidaht • Dzawada'enuxw • Ehattesaht • First Nations • Gitxsan • Gwa'sala • Gwich'in • Haida • Haisla • Halalt • Hän (Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in) • Heiltsuk • Hesquiaht • Homalco • Huron (Wendat) • Huu-ay-aht	• Innu • Interior Salish • Inuit • Inuvialuit • Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) • Kaska • K'omoks • Ktunaxa (Kutenai) • Kwakiutl • Kwakwaka'wakw • Kyuquot/Cheklesah • Laich-kwil-tach • Lakota • Lekwungen • Malahat • Maliseet • Mamalilikulla • Métis • Mi'kmaq • Mohawk • Montagnais • Moose Cree • Mowachaht/Muchalaht • Musqueam • Nakwaxda'xw • 'Namgis • Naskapi • Navajo • Nez Perce • Nisga'a • Nlaka'pamux (Thompson) • Nuchatlaht • Nuuchah-nulth • Nuxalk • Odawa • Ojibway • Oji-Cree • Okanagan (Syilx) • Oneida • Onondaga • Passamaquoddy	• Penelakut • Piikani • Plains Cree • Potawatomi • Qalipu Mi'kmaq • Quatsino • Sahtú (North Slavey) • Salish • Saulteaux • Secwepemc (Shuswap) • Seneca • Shawnee • Shishalh (Sechelt) • Siksika • Sioux • Snuneymuxw • Squamish • St'at'imc (Lillooet) • Stó:lō • Stoney (Nakoda) • Swampy Cree • Tagish • Tahltan • Tla'amin (Sliammon) • Tla-o-qui-aht • Tlatlasikwala • Tlicho (Dogrib) • Tlingit • Tlowitsis • Tsek'ene (Sekani) • Tseshaht • Tsimshian • T'Sou-ke • Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee) • Tuscarora • Tutchone • Ucluelet • Wet'suwet'en • Woodland Cree • WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) • Wuikinuxv



Origins Referring to Countries		
• Afghan • Albanian • Algerian • American • Angolan • Anguillan • Antiguan • Argentinian • Armenian • Aruban • Australian • Austrian • Azerbaijani • Azorean • Bahamian • Bahraini • Bangladeshi • Barbadian • Belgian • Belizean • Beninese • Bermudian • Bhutanese • Bolivian • Bosnian • Brazilian • Bruneian • Bulgarian • Burkinabe • Burmese • Burundian • Byelorussian • Cambodian • Cameroonian • Canadian • Cape Verdean • Caymanian • Central African • Chadian • Chilean • Chinese • Colombian • Comorian • Congolese • Costa Rican • Croatian	• Cuban • Cypriot • Czech • Danish • Djiboutian • Dominica Islander • Dominican • Dutch • Ecuadorian • Egyptian • English • Eritrean • Estonian • Ethiopian • Faroese • Fijian • Filipino • Finnish • French • Gabonese • Gambian • Georgian • German • Ghanaian • Gibraltarian • Greek • Greenlandic • Grenadian • Guadeloupean • Guatemalan • Guinean • Guyanese • Haitian • Honduran • Hong Konger • Hungarian • Icelandic • Indian (India) • Indonesian • Iranian • Iraqi • Irish • Israeli • Italian • Ivorian • Jamaican	• Japanese • Jordanian • Kazakh • Kenyan • Kittitian/Nevisian • Korean • Kosovar • Kuwaiti • Kyrgyz • Laotian • Latvian • Lebanese • Liberian • Libyan • Liechtensteiner • Lithuanian • Luxembourger • Macedonian • Malagasy • Malawian • Malaysian • Malian • Maltese • Manx • Martinican • Mauritanian • Mauritian • Mexican • Moldovan • Mongolian • Montenegrin • Montserratian • Moroccan • Mozambican • Namibian • Nepali • New Zealander • Nicaraguan • Nigerian • Nigerien • Northern Irish • Norwegian • Omani • Pakistani • Palestinian • Panamanian



Origins Referring to Countries (continued)		
• Papua New Guinean • Paraguayan • Peruvian • Polish • Portuguese • Puerto Rican • Réunionnais • Romanian • Russian • Rwandan • Saint Helenian • Salvadorean • Samoan • Saudi Arabian • Scottish • Senegalese • Serbian • Seychellois • Sierra Leonean	• Singaporean • Slovak • Slovenian • Somali • South African • South Sudanese • Spanish • Sri Lankan • St. Lucian • Sudanese • Surinamese • Swazi • Swedish • Swiss • Syrian • Tahitian • Taiwanese • Tajik • Tanzanian	• Thai • Togolese • Tongan • Trinidadian/Tobagonian • Tunisian • Turkish • Turkmen • Ugandan • Ukrainian • Uruguayan • Uzbek • Venezuelan • Vietnamese • Vincentian • Welsh • Yemeni • Zambian • Zimbabwean
Other Ethnic or Cultural Origins		
• Acadian • Afar • African • African American • African Canadian • African Caribbean • African Nova Scotian • Afrikaner • Akan • Albertan • Alsatian • Amhara • Amish • Anglo-Indian • Arab • Arawak • Ashanti • Asian • Assyrian • Baloch • Bambara • Bamileke • Bantu • Baoulé	• Bashkir • Basque • Batswana • Bavarian • Bengali • Berber • Black • Bohemian • Bosniak • Breton • British • British Columbian • Buddhist • Cape Bretoner • Carib • Caribbean • Catalan • Caucasian (White) • Celtic • Central African • Central American • Central American Indian (Indigenous) • Central Asian	• Chaldean • Channel Islander • Chechen • Chin • Christian • Circassian • Coptic • Cornish • Corsican • Creole • Czechoslovakian • Dinka • Doukhobor • East African • East Asian • Eastern European • Edo • Esan • Eurasian • European • Ewe • Fante • Flemish • Franco Ontarian



Other Ethnic or Cultural Origins (continued)		
• French Canadian • Frisian • Fulani • Ga-Adangbe • Galician • Gaspesian • Goan • Greek Cypriot • Gujarati • Harari • Hausa • Hawaiian • Hazara • Hindu • Hispanic • Hmong • Huguenot • Hutterite • Hutu • Igbo • Igorot • Ilocano • Indo-Caribbean • Indo-Fijian • Indo-Guyanese • Jatt • Javanese • Jewish • Kabyle • Karen • Kashmiri • Kashubian • Khmer • Kikuyu • Kurdish • Latin American • Luba • Luo • Maghrebi • Maharashtrian • Malay • Malayali • Malinké • Manitoban • Maori	• Mapuche • Maroon • Mayan • Mennonite • Middle Eastern • Moravian • Mossi • Muslim • Ndebele • New Brunswicker • Newfoundlander • Norman • North African • North American • Northern European • Nova Scotian • Nubian • Oceanian • Ontarian • Orcadian • Oromo • Pacific Islander • Pashtun • Pennsylvania Dutch • Persian • Pipil • Polynesian • Prince Edward Islander • Punjabi • Québécois • Quechua • Rohingya • Roma • Ruthenian • Sami • Saskatchewanian • Scandinavian • Serer • Shona • Sicilian • Sikh • Sindhi • Sinhalese • Slavic • Soninke	• South American • South American Indian (Indigenous) • South Asian • Southeast Asian • Southeast European • Southern European • Swahili • Tamil • Tatar • Telugu • Tibetan • Tigran • Transylvanian • Tswana • Turkish Cypriot • Tutsi • Ulster Scot • United Empire Loyalist • Uyghur • Walloon • West African • West Asian • West Indian • Western European • Wolof • Xhosa • Yazidi • Yoruba • Yugoslavian • Zoroastrian • Zulu



APPENDIX B: 2021 STATISTICS CANADA RELIGIONS & RELIGIOUS GROUPS⁹

Examples of religions and religious groups/denominations include (but are not limited to) the following:

Buddhism		
• Buddhist • Mahayana Buddhist	• Theravada Buddhist • Tibetan Buddhist	• Vajrayana Buddhist • Zen Buddhist
Christianity		
• Christian • Anabaptist ○ Amish ▪ Old Order Amish ○ Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean) ○ Be in Christ Church of Canada ○ Hutterite ○ Mennonite ▪ Evangelical Mennonite Conference ▪ Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference ▪ Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches ▪ Holdeman Mennonite ▪ Mennonite Brethren ▪ Mennonite Church Canada ▪ Nationwide Fellowship Churches (Mennonite) ▪ Northwest Mennonite Conference ▪ Old Colony Mennonite ▪ Old Order Mennonite • Anglican ○ Anglican Catholic Church ○ Anglican Church of Canada ○ Anglican Network in Canada • Baptist ○ Association of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Quebec	○ Association of Regular Baptist Churches ○ Baptist General Conference of Canada ○ Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada ○ Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec ○ Canadian Baptists of Western Canada ○ Canadian National Baptist Convention ○ Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches (The Fellowship) ○ Independent Baptist ○ North American Baptist Conference ○ Sovereign Grace Fellowship ○ Union of French Baptist Churches of Canada • Catholic ○ Eastern Catholic ▪ Armenian Catholic ▪ Chaldean Catholic ▪ Coptic Catholic ▪ Maronite Catholic ▪ Melkite Greek Catholic ▪ Ukrainian Greek Catholic ▪ Syriac Catholic ○ Roman Catholic	○ Other Catholic denominations ▪ Community Catholic Church of Canada ▪ Old Catholic ▪ Polish National Catholic Church • Christian Orthodox ○ Eastern Orthodox ▪ Albanian Orthodox ▪ Antiochian Orthodox ▪ Bulgarian Orthodox ▪ Greek Orthodox ▪ Macedonian Orthodox ▪ Orthodox Church in America ▪ Romanian Orthodox ▪ Russian Orthodox ▪ Serbian Orthodox ▪ Ukrainian Orthodox ○ Oriental Orthodox ▪ Armenian Orthodox ▪ Coptic Orthodox ▪ Eritrean Orthodox ▪ Ethiopian Orthodox ▪ Syriac Orthodox • Jehovah's Witness • Latter Day Saints ○ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) ○ Community of Christ (RLDS)



Christianity (continued)		
• Lutheran ○ Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations ○ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada ○ Lutheran Church-Canada ○ North American Lutheran Church • Methodist and Wesleyan (Holiness) ○ Methodist ○ Canadian Church of God Ministries ○ Church of the Nazarene ○ Evangelical Missionary Church ○ Free Methodist Church ○ Salvation Army ○ United Methodist Church ○ Wesleyan Church • Pentecostal and other Charismatic ○ Pentecostal ▪ Apostolic Church in Canada ▪ Apostolic Church of Pentecost ▪ Apostolic Faith Church ▪ Canadian Assemblies of God ▪ Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) ▪ Church of God in Christ ▪ Church of God of Prophecy ▪ Church of Pentecost – Canada ▪ Elim Fellowship Canada ▪ Fellowship of Christian Assemblies	▪ Fellowship of Churches and Ministers ▪ Foursquare Gospel Church ▪ Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada ▪ Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador ▪ United Pentecostal Church International ○ Other Charismatic ▪ Charismatic ▪ Catch the Fire/Partners in Harvest ▪ Open Bible Faith Fellowship ▪ Victory Churches ▪ Vineyard • Presbyterian ○ Presbyterian Church in America ○ Presbyterian Church in Canada • Reformed ○ Canadian Reformed Church ○ Christian Reformed Church ○ Free Reformed Church ○ Netherlands Reformed ○ Reformed Church in America ○ United Reformed Church • United Church • Other Christian and Christian-related traditions ○ Associated Gospel Churches ○ Association chrétienne pour la francophonie (ACF)	○ Brethren ○ Calvinist ○ Christadelphian ○ Christian and Missionary Alliance ○ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ○ Christian or Plymouth Brethren ○ Christian Science ○ Church of God ○ Church of God (Armstrong) ○ Church of God (Seventh Day) ○ Churches of Christ ○ Congregational ○ Congregational Christian Churches in Canada ○ Doukhorbor ○ Evangelical ○ Evangelical Covenant Church ○ Evangelical Free Church ○ Grace Communion International ○ Iglesia ni Cristo ○ Interdenominational Christian ○ Marthomite (Mar Thoma Church) ○ Messianic Jewish ○ Mission de l'Esprit Saint ○ Moravian Church ○ New Apostolic Church ○ Non-denominational Christian ○ Protestant ○ Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) ○ Seventh-day Adventist ○ Swedenborgian (New Church) ○ Village Missions



Hinduism		
Hindu		
Judaism		
- Jewish - Conservative Jewish	- Orthodox Jewish - Haredi Jewish - Hasidic Jewish - Modern Orthodox Jewish	- Reform Jewish - Secular Jewish - Traditional Sephardic Jewish
Islam		
- Muslim - Ahmadi Muslim - Ibadi Muslim	- Shi'a Muslim - Twelver/Itha' Ash'ari Muslim - Ismaili Muslim	Sunni Muslim
Sikhism		
Sikh	Ravidassia	
Traditional (North American Indigenous) Spirituality		
Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality	- Indian Shaker Church - Longhouse	- Midewiwin - Native American Church
Other Religions and Spiritual Traditions		
- Animist - Baha'i - Caodaist - Chinese religions and spiritual traditions - Ancestor veneration - Confucian - Taoist - Druze - ECKist - Gnostic - Jain	- Japanese religions and spiritual traditions - Shinto - Multi-faith - New Age - New Thought-Unity-Religious Science - Pagan beliefs and spiritual traditions - Pagan - Druidic - Neopagan - Wiccan	- Pantheist - Personal faith or spiritual beliefs - Raelian - Rastafarian - Satanist - Scientologist - Shamanist - Spiritualist - Theist - Unitarian/Unitarian Universalist - Zoroastrian
No Religion and Secular Perspectives		
No religion	- Secular perspectives - Agnostic - Atheist - Humanist	



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