Form RS 1

Special Surveys Co-ordination Division

SURVEY OF RETIREMENT

RETIRED FORM

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Dear Respondent,
The purpose of this survey is to provide data which will increase the understanding of retirement as it is experienced by approximately 2 million retired Canadians. Such an understanding is essential for all levels of government in their efforts to improve the quality of retired life.
Your candid and thoughtful answers are of considerable importance to us, as they will give us an insight into the situation of many other Canadians like yourself. The confidentiality of your answers is ensured under the Statistics Act. Your replies will be used only for statistical purposes in combination with the answers of others.
When this survey is completed, there will be a short report available on request from the Department of Health and Welfare for all those who participated in the survey. The card accompanying this booklet gives more details on how to request your copies.
Thank you for your cooperation.
Tylina Ostuy
(Mrs.) Sylvia Ostry, Chief Statistician of Canada.

Name(surname)	(Given na	imes)	This questionna	nire will be picked up by your	interviewer on
1-5	6-8	9-12	13-14	15	16-17
PSU Se	gment Listi	ng	Line	M	^ <u> </u>

This survey is conducted by Statistics Canada on behalf of Health and Welfare Canada under the Authority of the Statistics Act, Chapter 15, Statutes of Canada 1970-71-72.

INSTRUCTIONS: Most of the questions here can be answered with a check mark in a box \boxtimes beside the answer which suits you best. Occasionally you will be asked to write an answer or some numbers in a box. You will probably not have to answer all the questions, but will be asked to skip some. Please follow these directions as you come to them. Feel free to add comments wherever you wish.

 At what age did you permanently stop full-time work for pay or profit (that is: working 35 or more hours per week for an employer or for yourself)?

Age 4	5 or later					
	-	What	age?	20	years.—— Go to	question 2.
Before	age 45		to question 27.			
Never	worked3		•			

	Before age 45	on 27.
	Never worked	
	THIS FIRST GROUP OF QUESTIONS ASKS ABOUT	RETIRING.
2.	When you stopped working and retired, how did you make the change?	
	Worked full-time until the last day?	1
	Worked part-time the last while?	2
3.	In what season did you retire?	
	Winter (January, February, March)	22 l
	Spring (April, May, June)	2
	Summer (July, August, September)	3
	Autumn (October, November, December)	54
4.	When you retired, was it because (Check as many as apply)	
	You had reached the compulsory retirement age?	23
	You were laid off and could not find another appropriate job?	1
	You were in too poor health to continue working?	25 1
	Your spouse had already retired?	?6 1
	You wanted more time to pursue your hobbies and interests?	27
	You wanted to spend more time with your family?	1
	You just wanted to relax and take it easy?	29 1
	You felt it would be better for your health?	30
	You had had enough of work?	31
	You had enough money to retire?	32 1
	You sold your business or professional practice?	33
	Other (please specify)	34 1

Yes	What were the contents of the program? (Check as ma	ony as apply)
L.		eny as apply)
	Discussion of employment pension benefits	36
	Discussion of government retirement benefits	37
	Discussion of the health or medical aspects of retirement	38
	Discussion of various types of living arrangements	
	Discussion of the use of leisure time.	40]1
	Other (please specify)	<u> </u>
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How soon after you re	etired did you go on a vacation of one month or more?	42
Never		
Within 1	month	2
Within 3	months	
Within 6	months	
Within 1	year	5
After I v	ear	Π6
RETIRED. (IF YOU F THE MOS	T FEW QUESTIONS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR WORK L. THE FIRST QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT THE JOB YOU HEL HELD TWO OR MORE JOBS FOR THE SAME LENGTH OF T RECENT OF THOSE JOBS.)	LD THE LONGEST.
	oyer, was the work you did mostly	
*	ur own business, farm or professional practice:	43
Owr	n business or professional practice	
Owr	ı farm	2
OR (b) for or	thers for wages, salary or commission:	
In p	private business or industry	
	he public sector (include governments, armed forces, crown orations, teachers, etc.)	
	oyer, what kind of work were you doing? (Use two words or more	e to describe your work, for example: selling
motor venicle repairin	g, secretarial work, managing a factory, teaching high school.)	
•	important activities or duties? (Use two words or more to descri and typing, budgeting and forecasting, teaching English.)	be your duties, for example: fitting shoes, as
	le? (Use two words or more, for example: manager of shoc depar r, general manager, secondary school teacher.)	rtment, auto body repairman,

		for office
What was	s the period of time you spent with your longest employer?	
	Less than 5 years	50
	5 to 9 years	
	10 to 14 years	
	15 to 19 years	
	20 to 24 years	5
	25 or more years	
At what	age did you leave full-time work with this employer?	51 - 52 years.
Since lea	iving this employer, how many full-time jobs with different employer:	s did you have before retiring?
	None	51
	One job	
	Two jobs	
	Three jobs	
	Four or more jobs	
When yo	ou retired, what happened to your old position, business, or practice	?
	Don't know	54 1
	It was filled by someone else	2
	It was left unfilled	
	It was eliminated.	
	Other (please specify)	
Was the	re a compulsory retirement age for you in the job you retired from?	
	No	
	Yes	as it? years.
	ime you retired, were you a member of a group that bargained collection or professional association)	ctively for your pay and working conditions? (for e
	58 No□1	

18.	What was your total income from all sources THE LAST YEAR BEFORE YOU RETIRED from FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT?
	Please include all the following sources:

- work and self-employment (before deductions);
- government payments such as social assistance, family allowances, unemployment insurance;
- interest, dividends, rents, other investment income;
- income from other family members;
- regular income from all other sources.

Less than \$1000
\$1000 - 1999
\$2000 - 2999
\$3000 - 4999
\$5000 - 7499
\$7500 - 9999
\$10,000 - 14,999
\$15,000 - 19,9997
\$20,000 - 24,999
\$25,000 and over

19. Have you moved because of retirement?

No1 -	Go to question 21.	
Yes2	Why did you move? (Cheek all that apply)	
	Upkeep was becoming too expensive	61
	Taxes and/or mortgage was becoming too expensive	62 □1
	Rent was becoming too high	63 □ I
	Upkeep was becoming too difficult	64 □1
	Health reasons	65
	Expropriation or eviction	66 1
	Wanted a change	67 □1
	Wanted to live nearer to friends or relatives	□l
	Preferred to live with friends or relatives	69 □1
	Preferred to live in a different climate	70 []1
	Other (please specify)	71 _ 🗀 I

20.	Where did you live before you moved? (Check only ONE)	
	In your own house	72
	In an apartment	_
	In the home of children or other relatives	
	In a rooming house or boarding house (where the landlord was not	
	a relative)	
	In a senior citizens' highrise apartment	s
	In other senior citizens' housing	6
	In a senior citizens' lodge or home for the aged	
	Other (please specify)	-
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	THE NEXT EIGHT QUESTIONS ASK FOR SOME OF YOUR PREFERENCES A.	ND OPINIONS AROUT RETIRING
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21.	Would you have preferred to retire at a different age (earlier or later) than when you did	1? (Check only ONE)
	73 No	
	No	
	Yes	► What age? years.
	W. I. been seed and a seed been suited as all	
	Would have preferred not to have retired at all3	and the second s
22.	If you could have retired five years earlier than you did, with the same standard of living (Check only ONE)	g as you now have, what would you have done:
	Retired earlier and looked for a part-time job	76 □1
	Retired earlier on a permanent basis	
	Kept working	_
	Not sure	
23.	There are many possible ways to change working patterns. If you had the following optic have been your first choice? (Check only ONE)	ons when you were working, which one would
÷		77
	Retire early with the same pension	
	Work fewer weeks per year for same pay	_
	Work fewer days per week for same pay	
	Work fewer hours per day for same pay	
	Wouldn't change my work pattern	
24.	For people such as you, do you think that a compulsory retirement age is a good idea?	
	Yes, I agree strongly with compulsory retirement	 □1
	Yes, I agree moderately	2
	I am indifferent	3
	No. I disagree moderately with compulsory retirement	
	No, I disagree strongly	

25.	What do you think is the best age for COMPULSORY retirement from position the idea of compulsory retirement?	ods such as the one you retired from whether of not you ag
	55 years	l·
	60 years	
	65 years	_
	70 years	4
		80 - 81
	Other	5 → What age? years.
26.	What do you think is the best way for people to retire from jobs such as the same pension.)	the one you had when you retired? (Both choices would resu
	Work full-time until the last day	
	Work part-time the last while	2
	THE REST OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE ASKS ABOUT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS SEEK FACTUAL INFORM OPINIONS.	
27.	What is your marital status?	
	Single (never married)	83
٠	Married	— □2
	Widowed	
	Separated	4
	Divorced	patron
	Other	
28.	Who else lives in this household with you? (Check as many as apply)	
	No one else	
	Your spouse or partner□1 — Is he/she worki	ng either full-time or part-time?
		No
		Yes2
	Your children (and 87 their families)	ple?
	Other relatives	ple?
	Others who are not 93 relatives	94 - 95 ple?
29.	Who provides the MAIN financial support in this household now? (Check	k the major ones that apply)
	Yourself	96
	Toursell	97
	Your spouse or partner	
	Your children or their spouses	98
	,	99
	Other relatives	<u> </u>
	Others who are not relatives	;00 :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

30.	Where are you living now?		
	In your own house	101	
	In an apartment	2	
	In the home of children or other relatives	3	
	In a rooming house or boarding house (where the landlord is not a relative).		
	In a senior citizens' high-rise apartment	_	
	In other senior citizens' housing		
	In a senior citizens' lodge or home for the aged	7	
	Other (please specify)	∐8	
31.	How long have you lived at this address?		
		102	
	Less than I year		
	I to 2 years		
	3 to 5 years	<u></u> 3	
	6 to 9 years		
	10 to 14 years		
	15 years or more	6	
32.	Do you rent your accommodation or own your own home?		
	Rent (including free accommodation)	103	
	Own with a mortgage	2	
	Own without a mortgage		
33.	Would you prefer a different living arrangement than you now have?		
	\04 No□1		
	Yes2		
	Where would you prefer to live? (Check only ONE).		
		105	
	In your own house		
	In an apartment	,	
	In the home of children or other relatives	3	
	In a rooming house or boarding house (where the landlord is not a relative).		
	In a senior citizens' high-rise apartment	5	
	In other senior citizens' housing	6	
	In a senior citizens' lodge or home for the aged	7	
	Other (please specify)	🗆 8	
34.	Are you now working for pay or profit?		
	No	106	
	Yes, more than 15 hours per week.		1
	Yes, 15 or less hours per week		Go to question 36.
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35.	Are you looking for work?					
	No				□1 → Go t	o question 37.
	Yes, for full-time work				2	
	Yes, for part-time work				🗀 3	
36.	If you are working or looking for work, what is y	our main rea	ason? (Check o	aly ONE)	108	
	To earn money					
	To keep in touch with people				2	
	To avoid losing my skills					
	To keep physically healthy					
	To have good mental health Other (please specify)					
37.	This question asks about how you spend your tin				_ 🗀 0	
37.	This question uses about non-jour spena jour til	at least once a day	3-4 times per week	once or twice per week	occasionally	not at all
	have a chat with others on the phone?	[109 	<u>2</u>	□3	 4	_5
	see friends or relatives?	110 1	<u></u>	3	<u></u> 4	<u></u> 5
	go shopping?		<u></u>	3	 4	<u></u> 5
	watch TV or listen to radio?	112	<u></u>	3	_ 4	□s
	read papers, magazines, or books?	-	<u></u>	\square_3	<u></u> 4	<u></u>
	spend time on a special interest or hobby?	114	□ 2	3	<u></u> 4	<u></u> 5
	visit a community centre or drop-in centre?		<u></u>	\square_3	<u></u> 4	<u></u> 5
	go out for a drive?	 116	<u></u>	□ 3	4	<u></u> 5
	go out for entertainment? (a show, sports event, museum)	117 🗀	<u></u>	□3	□4	□5
	play bingo or cards?	118 1	<u></u>	□3	□4	<u></u> 5
	see someone for medical care?		<u></u>	3	<u></u> 4	□ 5
	attend a religious service?		2	<u></u> 3	<u></u> 4	<u></u>
	work for pay or profit?		<u></u>	3	<u></u> 4	□ 5
	do volunteer work?		□2	□ 3	4	<u></u> 5
	go for a walk, go dancing?		\square_2	3	<u></u> 4	<u></u>
	bowl, jog, swim, etc.?		2	3	_4	<u></u> 5
	travel overnight?		2	<u>3</u>	<u></u> 4	<u></u> 5
	other (please specify)	126 [1	<u></u>	<u>3</u>	<u></u> 4	<u></u> 5

Overall how satisfied are you with your life now? (Check only ONE)

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	Very satisfied.						127			
	Moderately satisfied							2		
	No feelings or mixed f	eelings						3		
	Somewhat dissatisfied							4		
	Very dissatisfied							5		
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		no income	less than \$1000	\$1000 -1999	\$2000 -2999	\$3000 -4999	\$5000 -7499	\$7500 -9999	\$10,000 or over	
39.	income from pensions and annuities (employment pensions, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supple- ment, Canada/Quebec Pension Plan, Veteran's Allowance)	128	2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5	□ 6	7	□8	
40.	income from investments (interest, dividends, net rents)	129 	□ 2	3	□ 4	<u></u>	□ 6	□ 7	□8	
41.	income from work (self- employment, salaries, wages, commissions, tips)	130 	<u></u>	3	<u></u> 4	<u></u>	□ 6	□ 7	[]8	
42.	income from other govern- ment payments (unemployment insurance, family allowances, social assistance)	131 	<u></u>	_3	<u></u> 4	□ 5	□ 6		□8	
43.	regular income from all other sources (including persons living separately from you and value of free rent)	132	<u></u>	□ 3	<u></u>	□ 5	□6	□ 7	_8	
44.	your own total income from ALL THE ABOVE sources	133	<u></u>	3	<u></u> 4	<u></u>	□ 6	7	<u></u> 8	
45.	What was the total income of your 1974.	spouse or p	artner fro	m all sou	rces for th	e year 19	74? Do no	ot include	any of your	own income for
	No spouse or partner							1		
	No income									
	Less than \$1000									
	\$1000 - 1999									
	\$2000 - 2999 \$3000 - 4999						_			
	\$5000 - 7499									
	\$7500 - 7499									
	\$10,000 or over						_			
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46.	This question asks about some of your pensions. Do you receive		
	NO		YES
	A pension from your job?135		<u>2</u>
	Canada/Quebec Pension?		2
	Old Age Security?		<u></u>
	A private pension (e.g. Registered Retirement 138 Savings Plan)?		<u></u>
	For any pensions that you receive, answer Question 47. Otherwise go to question 48.		
47.	Is that pension adjusted automatically according to the cost of living?		
	NO	YES	NOT SURE
	Your pension from your job	<u></u>	<u></u> 3
	Canada/Quebec Pension	<u></u>	<u>3</u>
	Old Age Security	<u></u>	3
	Your private pension	<u>2</u>	3
48.	How well acquainted are you with some of the programs which the government supports?	Do you k	now about
	No, don't know about it		Yes, know about it
	Canada/Quebec Pension Plan? 143		<u></u>
	Guaranteed Income Supplement?		<u></u>
	Local Initiatives Project (L.I.P.)?		<u>2</u>
	New Horizons Project?		<u></u>
	Old Age Security Pension?		<u>2</u>
	Opportunities for Youth (O.F.Y.)?		_2
	Unemployment Insurance?		<u></u>
	For any programs which you know about, answer Question 49. Otherwise go to Question 50.		

49.	Do you	narticinate	in or	benefit from	any of	these programs	,

	No	Yes
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan	150 1	<u></u>
Guaranteed Income Supplement	□1	<u></u>
Local Iniatives Project (L.I.P.)	152 	\square_2
New Horizons Project	153 1	\square_2
Old Age Security Pension	154 1	<u>2</u>
Opportunities for Youth (O.F.Y.)	155 □1	<u>2</u>
Unemployment Insurance	156 □1	<u></u>

THESE FINAL QUESTIONS ASK YOU TO GIVE SOME GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF YOUR PRESENT SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE ASKED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND YOU THOUGHT IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOU WOULD CIRCLE "1". OR YOU MIGHT CIRCLE "5" IF HEALTH WAS NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT OR "3" IF HEALTH WAS MODERATELY IMPORTANT TO YOU.

e.g. health	extremely	moderately	moderately		
	important	important	important		
	1	2 3	4	5	

50. This question asks you to rate the importance of a number of factors in your life. Please tell us how IMPORTANT each is to you for SATISFYING LIFE NOW.

	extremely important		moderately important		not at all important	For omce use only
a) the neighbourhood in which you live	1	2	3	4	5	157
b) keeping in touch with family	. 1	2	3	4	5	158
c) keeping in touch with friends	1	2	3	4	5	159
d) keeping in touch with former workmates	1	2	3	4	5	160
e) having a special interest or hobby.	1	2	3	4	5	161
f) making new friends	1	2	3	4	5	162
g) other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	163

51. When you think about your life now, you may feel that some conditions are quite sufficient for you while others are quite inadequate. How adequate is each of the following for you?

		completely adequate		somewhat adequate		not at all adequate	For office use only
a) yo	ur income	1	2	3	4	5	164
b) yo	ur diet	1	2	3	4	5	165
c) yo	ur clothing	1	2	3	4	5	166
d) yo	ur housing	1	2	3	4	5	167
e) yo	ur physical health	1	2	3	4	5	168
f) yo	ır emotional health	1	2	3	4	5	169
	ur knowledge of where to get help when u need it	1	2	3	4	5	170
h) ot	her (please specify)	- _ i	2	3	4	5	171

52. There may be some opportunities in your life now which you may feel are quite good while others are rather poor, from a personal point of view. How good is each of the following for you?

	very	good		fair		very poor	For office use only
a) opportunities to see friends		1	2	3	4	5	172
b) opportunities to see relatives		I	2	3	4	5	173
c) opportunities to see former workmates	.,	1	2	3	4	5	174
d) opportunities to develop special interests		1	2	. 3	4	5	175
e) opportunities to live in the neighbourhood you choose		1	2	3	4	5	176
f) opportunities to develop new friendships		1	2	3	4	5	177
g) other opportunities (please specify)							178
	_	1	2	3	4	5	

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is there anything much worse than expected before you retired?		
		For office
		use only 181 - 182
Overall, how do you compare yourself to other retired Canadians whom you	know?	
Better off than they are	183 1	
About the same as they are	2	
Worse off than they are	3	

Comments: