

# LABOUR FORCE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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## HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

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The following information is collected at the start of the LFS interview each month. Dwellings selected are in the survey for six months. A birth interview corresponds to the first interview for a new household, and is usually conducted in person. Subsequent interviews are conducted in the following months, and are usually done by telephone.

- EN\_Q03 **Hello, I'm ... from Statistics Canada. I'm calling regarding the Labour Force Survey.**
- EN\_Q04 **Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or in French?**  
*If birth interview, go to HH\_B07*  
*If subsequent interview, go to HH\_Q09*
- HH\_B07 Confirm the listing address.
- HH\_B08 **What is your correct mailing address?**
- HH\_N18 Select the dwelling type.  
*Go to HH\_Q23*
- HH\_Q09 **Are you still living in the same dwelling as you were at the last interview?**  
*If yes, go to HH\_Q23*  
*If no, end interview and make a personal visit to the dwelling and conduct birth interview with new household.*
- HH\_Q23 **Is this dwelling owned by a member of this household?**  
*If birth interview, go to PE\_Q01A*  
*If subsequent interview, go to PE\_Q01B*
- PE\_Q01A **What are the names of all persons who usually live here?**
- RS\_Q02 **Is anyone staying here temporarily?**  
Add a person only if he/she has no other usual residence elsewhere.  
*If yes, What are the names of all persons who are staying here temporarily?*
- RS\_Q04A **Are there any other persons who usually live here but are now away at school, in hospital, or somewhere else?**  
Add a person only if he/she has no other usual residence elsewhere.  
*If yes, What are the names of the other people who live or stay here?*  
*Go to INDIVIDUAL DEMOGRAPHICS*
- PE\_Q01B **Do the following people still live or stay in this dwelling?**  
Select a member to change membership status.  
**Does ... still live or stay in this dwelling?**  
*If no, Is ... no longer a member of the household or deceased?*
- RS\_Q04B **Does anyone else now live or stay here?**  
Add a person only if he/she has no other usual residence elsewhere.  
*If yes, What are the names of the other people who live or stay here?*

## INDIVIDUAL DEMOGRAPHICS

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The following demographic information is collected for each household member.

- DM\_Q02B **What is ...'s date of birth?**
- DM\_Q03A **So ...'s age on [date of last day of reference week] was [calculated age]?**  
**Is that correct?**  
*If yes, go to DM\_N05*  
*If no, go to DM\_Q04*
- DM\_Q04 **What is ...'s age?**
- DM\_N05 Enter ...'s sex.
- DM\_Q07 **What is ...'s marital status?**  
Read categories to respondent
- DM\_N09 Enter ...'s family identifier: A to Z.  
Assign the same letter to all persons related by blood, marriage or adoption.
- DM\_N10 Determine a reference person for the family and select ...'s relationship to that reference person.  
The reference person should be an adult involved in the care or support of the family.
- DM\_Q12 **What is the highest grade of elementary or high school ... ever completed?**  
*If "Grade 11 - 13", go to DM\_Q13*  
*Otherwise go to DM\_Q14*
- DM\_Q13 **Did ... graduate from high school (secondary school)?**
- DM\_Q14 **Has ... received any other education that could be counted towards a degree, certificate or diploma from an educational institution?**  
*If yes, go to DM\_Q15*  
*If no, go to DM\_Q16*
- DM\_Q15 **What is the highest degree, certificate or diploma ... has obtained?**
- DM\_Q16 **Is ... a full-time member of the Regular Armed Forces?**

**FOR EACH PERSON AGED 15 OR OVER WHO IS NOT A FULL-TIME MEMBER OF THE REGULAR ARMED FORCES COMPLETE THE LABOUR FORCE INFORMATION COMPONENT.**

## LABOUR FORCE INFORMATION

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In this component, a path is assigned according to the answers provided. This path is used to control the flow through the component. For paths 1, 2, 6, and 7 the path determines the labour force status, but for paths 3, 4 and 5 other conditions (i.e., availability for work) must be considered to distinguish between those who are unemployed and those who are not in the labour force.

### PATHS

- 1 Employed, at work
- 2 Employed, absent from work
- 3 Temporary layoff

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- 4 Job seeker
- 5 Future start
- 6 Not in labour force, able to work
- 7 Not in labour force, permanently unable to work

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### JOB ATTACHMENT

- 100 **Many of the following questions concern ...’s activities last week. By last week, I mean the week beginning on Sunday, [date of first day of reference week], and ending last Saturday [date of last day of reference week]. Last week, did ... work at a job or business? (regardless of the number of hours)**  
*If yes, then PATH = 1 and go to 102*  
*If no, go to 101*  
*If “Permanently unable to work”, then PATH = 7 and go to 104*
- 101 **Last week, did ... have a job or business from which he/she was absent?**  
*If no, go to 104*
- 102 **Did he/she have more than one job or business last week?**  
*If no, go to 110*
- 103 **Was this a result of changing employers?**  
*Go to 110*

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### PAST JOB ATTACHMENT

- 104 **Has he/she ever worked at a job or business?**  
*If no, go to 170*
- 105 **When did he/she last work?**  
*If subsequent interview and no change in 105 and last month’s PATH = 3, go to 131*  
*Else if subsequent interview and no change in 105 and last month’s PATH = 4 to 7, go to 170*  
*Else if not within past year, go to 170*  
*Else if not last month, and PATH = 7, go to 131*  
*Else if not last month and PATH not 7, go to 110*  
*Else if last month, go to 106*
- 106 **Was that before or after Sunday, [date of first day of last month’s reference week]?**  
*If PATH = 7, go to 131*  
*Otherwise go to 110*

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### JOB DESCRIPTION

- 110 **If 103 = yes, I am now going to ask some questions about ...’s new job or business. Was he/she an employee or self-employed?**  
*If 103 = no, I am now going to ask some questions about the job or business at which he/she usually works the most hours. Was he/she an employee or self-employed? Otherwise, Was he/she an employee or self-employed?*  
*If not “Self-employed”, go to 114*
- 111 **Did he/she have an incorporated business?**
- 112 **Did he/she have any employees?**
- 113 **What was the name of his/her business?**  
*Go to 115*

- 114 **For whom did he/she work?**
- 115 **What kind of business, industry or service was this?**
- 116 **What kind of work was he/she doing?**
- 117 **What were his/her most important activities or duties?**
- 118 **When did he/she start working for [name of employer]?**  
*If not last month, go to 130*
- 119 **Was that before or after Sunday [date of first day after last month’s reference week]?**  
*Go to 130*

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### ABSENCE – SEPARATION

- 130 *If PATH = 1, go to 150*  
*If 101 = no, go to 131*  
**What was the main reason ... was absent from work last week?**  
*If “Temporary layoff due to business conditions”, go to 134*  
*If “Seasonal layoff”, go to 136*  
*If “Casual job, no work available”, go to 137*  
*Otherwise PATH = 2 and go to 150*
- 131 **What was the main reason ... stopped working at that [job/business]?**  
*If not “Lost job, laid off or job ended”, go to 137*
- 132 **Can you be more specific about the main reason for his/her job loss?**  
*If PATH = 7, go to 137*  
*Else if “Business conditions”, go to 133*  
*Otherwise go to 137*
- 133 **Does he/she expect to return to that job?**  
*If no or “Not sure”, go to 137*
- 134 **Has ...’s employer given him/her a date to return?**  
*If yes, go to 136*
- 135 **Has he/she been given any indication that he/she will be recalled within the next 6 months?**
- 136 **As of last week, how many weeks had ... been on layoff?**  
*If 130 = “Seasonal layoff”, go to 137*  
*Else if 134 = no and 135 = no, go to 137*  
*Else if on layoff more than 52 weeks, go to 137*  
*Otherwise PATH = 3 and go to 137*
- 137 **Did he/she usually work more or less than 30 hours per week?**  
*If PATH = 3, go to 190*  
*Otherwise go to 170*

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### WORK HOURS (MAIN JOB)

- 150 **The following questions refer to ...’s work hours at his/her [new] [job/business] [at name of employer].**  
*If 110 = “Employee”, Excluding overtime, does the number of paid hours ... works vary from week to week? Otherwise, Does the number of hours ... works vary from week to week?*  
*If yes, go to 152*
- 151 *If 110 = “Employee”, Excluding overtime, how many paid hours does ... work per week?*  
*Otherwise How many hours does ... work per week?*  
*If PATH = 2, go to 158*  
*If 110 = “Employee”, go to 153*  
*Otherwise, go to 157*

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- 152 If 110 = "Employee", Excluding overtime, on average, how many **paid** hours does ... **usually** work per week?  
Otherwise **On average, how many hours does ... usually work per week?**  
If PATH = 2, go to 158  
If 110 = "Employee", go to 153  
Otherwise, go to 157
- 153 **Last week, how many hours was he/she away from this job because of vacation, illness, or any other reason?**  
If 0 hours, go to 155
- 154 **What was the main reason for that absence?**
- 155 **Last week, how many hours of paid overtime did he/she work at this job?**
- 156 **Last week, how many extra hours without pay did he/she work at this job?**  
If 150 = no, then actual hours = 151 - 153 + 155 + 156 and go to 158
- 157 **Last week, how many hours did he/she actually work at his/her [new] [job/business] [at name of employer]?**
- 158 If 151 ≥ 29.5 or 152 ≥ 29.5, and PATH = 2, go to 162  
If 151 ≥ 29.5 or 152 ≥ 29.5, and PATH = 1, go to 200  
**Does he/she want to work 30 or more hours per week [at a single job]?**  
If yes, go to 160
- 159 **What is the main reason ... does not want to work 30 or more hours per week [at a single job]?**  
If PATH = 2, go to 162  
Otherwise go to 200
- 160 **What is the main reason ... usually works less than 30 hours per week [at his/her main job]?**  
If not ("Business conditions" or "Could not find work with 30 or more hours per week") and PATH = 2, go to 162  
If not ("Business conditions" or "Could not find work with 30 or more hours per week") and PATH = 1, go to 200
- 161 **At any time in the 4 weeks ending last Saturday, [date of last day of reference week], did he/she look for full-time work?**  
If PATH = 2, go to 162  
Otherwise go to 200

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### ABSENCE

- 162 **As of last week, how many weeks had ... been continuously absent from work?**  
If (110 is "Employee") or (110 is "Self-employed" and 111 is yes), go to 163  
Otherwise go to 200
- 163 **Is he/she getting any wages or salary from his/her [employer/business] for any time off last week?**  
Go to 200

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### JOB SEARCH - FUTURE START

- 170 If PATH = 7, go to 500  
**In the 4 weeks ending last Saturday, [date of last day of reference week], did ... do anything to find work?**  
If no and age ≥ 65, then PATH = 6 and go to 420  
If no and age ≤ 64, go to 174  
If yes, then PATH = 4 and go to 171
- 171 **What did he/she do to find work in those 4 weeks? Did he/she do anything else to find work?**
- 172 **As of last week, how many weeks had he/she been looking for work? (since the date last worked)**
- 173 **What was his/her main activity before he/she started looking for work?**  
Go to 177
- 174 **Last week, did ... have a job to start at a definite date in the future?**  
If no, then PATH = 6 and go to 176
- 175 **Will he/she start that job before or after Sunday, [date of the first day after four weeks from the last day of reference week]?**  
If "Before the date above", then PATH = 5 and go to 190  
If "On or after the date above", then PATH = 6 and go to 420
- 176 **Did he/she want a job last week?**  
If no, go to 420
- 177 **Did he/she want a job with more or less than 30 hours per week?**  
If PATH = 4, go to 190
- 178 **What was the main reason he/she did not look for work last week?**  
If "Believes no work available", go to 190  
Otherwise go to 420

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### AVAILABILITY

- 190 **Could he/she have worked last week [if he/she had been recalled/if a suitable job had been offered]?**  
If yes, go to 400
- 191 **What was the main reason ... was not available to work last week?**  
Go to 400

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### EARNINGS - UNION – PERMANENCE

- 200 If 110 is not "Employee", go to 300  
If subsequent interview and no change in 110, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, go to 300  
**Now I'd like to ask a few short questions about ...'s earnings from his/her [new] job [at name of employer]. Is he/she paid by the hour?**
- 201 **Does he/she usually receive tips or commissions?**  
If 200 = no, go to 204

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202 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her hourly rate of pay?

*Go to 220*

204 What is the easiest way for you to tell us his/her wage or salary, [including tips and commissions,] before taxes and other deductions?

Would it be yearly, monthly, weekly, or on some other basis?

*If "Yearly", go to 209*

*If "Monthly", go to 208*

*If "Semi-monthly", go to 207*

*If "Bi-weekly", go to 206*

*If "Weekly" or "Other", go to 205*

205 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her weekly wage or salary, before taxes and other deductions?

*Go to 220*

206 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her bi-weekly wage or salary, before taxes and other deductions?

*Go to 220*

207 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her semi-monthly wage or salary, before taxes and other deductions?

*Go to 220*

208 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her monthly wage or salary, before taxes and other deductions?

*Go to 220*

209 [Including tips and commissions,] what is his/her yearly wage or salary, before taxes and other deductions?

*Go to 220*

220 Is he/she a union member at [name of employer]?

*If yes, go to 240*

221 Is he/she covered by a union contract or collective agreement?

240 Is ...'s [new] job [at name of employer] permanent, or is there some way that it is not permanent? (e.g., seasonal, temporary, term, casual, etc.)

*If "Permanent", go to 260*

241 In what way is his/her job not permanent?

*Go to 260*

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### FIRM SIZE

260 About how many persons are employed at the location where ... works for [name of employer]?

Would it be less than 20, 20 to 99, 100 to 500, or over 500?

261 Does [name of employer] operate at more than one location?

*If no, or 260 = "Over 500", go to 300*

262 In total, about how many persons are employed at all locations?

Would it be less than 20, 20 to 99, 100 to 500, or over 500?

*Go to 300*

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### CLASS OF WORKER - HOURS AT OTHER JOB

300 *If 102 = no, go to 400*

Now I have a couple of questions about ...'s [other/old] job or business. Was he/she an employee or self-employed?

*If not "Self-employed", go to 320*

301 Did he/she have an incorporated business?

302 Did he/she have any employees?

320 *If 300 = "Employee", Excluding overtime, how many paid hours [does/did] ... usually work per week at this job?*

*Otherwise, How many hours [does/did] ... usually work per week at this [business/family business]?*

*If PATH = 2, go to 400*

321 Last week, how many hours did ... actually work at this [job/business/family business]?

*Go to 400*

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### TEMPORARY LAYOFF JOB SEARCH

400 *If PATH not 3, go to 420*

In the 4 weeks ending last Saturday, [date of last day of reference week], did ... look for a job with a different employer?

*Go to 420*

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### PREVIOUS SEPARATION

420 *If not (118 = current survey month or 119 = "On or after the date above"), go to 500*

*If 103 = yes, go to 423*

Before ... started working at his/her [job/business] [at name of employer], had he/she ever worked at a job or business, [not counting the other [job/business/family business] he/she also works at now]?

*If no, go to 500*

421 When did he/she last work at that job or business?

*If current survey month, go to 423*

*If last month, go to 422*

*Otherwise go to 500*

422 Was that before or after Sunday, [date of first day of reference week of previous month]?

*If "Before the date above", go to 500*

423 What was the main reason ... stopped working at that [job/business/job or business]?

*If not "Lost job, laid off or job ended", go to 425*

424 Can you be more specific about the main reason for his/her job loss?

*If 103 = yes, go to 500*

At that job or business, did he/she usually work more or less than 30 hours per week?

*Go to 500*

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### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- 500 *If age ≥ 65, go to END*  
**Last week, was ... attending a school, college or university?**  
*If no, go to 520*
- 501 **Was he/she enrolled as a full-time or part-time student?**
- 502 **What kind of school was this?**  
*Go to 520*

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### RETURNING STUDENTS

- 520 *If survey month not May through August, go to END*  
*Else if age not 15 to 24, go to END*  
*Else if subsequent interview and 520 in previous month was "no", go to END*  
*Else if subsequent interview and 520 in previous month was "yes", go to 521*  
**Was ... a full-time student in March of this year?**  
*If no, go to END*
- 521 **Does ... expect to be a full-time student this fall?**

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### END

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#### Codes for HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

##### HH\_Q17

- 1 Single detached
- 2 Double
- 3 Row or terrace
- 4 Duplex
- 5 Low rise apartment (fewer than 5 stories) or flat
- 6 High rise apartment (5 stories or more)
- 7 Institution
- 8 Hotel; rooming/lodging house; camp
- 9 Mobile home
- 0 Other-Specify

#### Codes for INDIVIDUAL DEMOGRAPHICS

##### DM\_Q07

- 1 Married
- 2 Living common-law
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Separated
- 5 Divorced
- 6 Single, never married

##### DM\_N10

- 1 Reference person
- 2 Spouse
- 3 Son or daughter (natural, adopted or step)
- 4 Grandchild
- 5 Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
- 6 Foster child (less than 18 years of age)
- 7 Parent
- 8 Parent-in-law
- 9 Brother or sister
- 0 Other relative - Specify

##### DM\_Q12

- 0 Grade 8 or lower (Quebec: Secondary II or lower)
- 1 Grade 9 - 10 (Quebec: Secondary III or IV) (Newfoundland: 1st year of secondary)
- 2 Grade 11 - 13 (Quebec: Secondary V) (Newfoundland: 2nd to 4th year of secondary)

##### DM\_Q15

- 1 No postsecondary degree, certificate or diploma
- 2 Trade certificate or diploma from a vocational school or apprenticeship training
- 3 Non-university certificate or diploma from a community college, CEGEP, school of nursing, etc.
- 4 University certificate below bachelor's level
- 5 Bachelor's degree
- 6 University degree or certificate above bachelor's degree

#### Codes for LABOUR FORCE INFORMATION

##### 100

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Permanently unable to work

##### 106 / 119 / 175 / 422

- 1 Before the date above
- 2 On or after the date above

##### 110 / 300

- 1 Employee
- 2 Self-employed
- 3 Working in a family business without pay

##### 130

- 01 Own illness or disability
- 02 Caring for own children
- 03 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 04 Maternity leave (Females only)
- 05 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 06 Vacation
- 07 Labour dispute (strike or lockout) (Employees only)
- 08 Temporary layoff due to business conditions (Employees only)
- 09 Seasonal layoff (Employees only)
- 10 Casual job, no work available (Employees only)
- 11 Work schedule (e.g., shift work, etc.) (Employees only)
- 12 Self-employed, no work available (Self-employed only)
- 13 Seasonal business (excluding employees)
- 00 Other - Specify

##### 131 / 423

- 01 Own illness or disability
- 02 Caring for own children
- 03 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 04 Pregnancy (Females only)
- 05 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 06 Going to school
- 07 Lost job, laid off or job ended (Employees only)
- 08 Business sold or closed down (excluding employees)
- 09 Changed residence
- 10 Dissatisfied with job
- 11 Retired
- 00 Other - Specify

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### 132 / 424

- 1 End of seasonal job
- 2 End of temporary, term or contract job (non-seasonal)
- 3 Casual job
- 4 Company moved
- 5 Company went out of business
- 6 Business conditions (e.g. not enough work, drop in orders, retooling, etc.)
- 7 Dismissal by employer (i.e. fired)
- 0 Other - Specify

### 133 / 521

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not sure

### 154

- 01 Own illness or disability
- 02 Caring for own children
- 03 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 04 Maternity leave (Females only)
- 05 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 06 Vacation
- 07 Labour dispute (strike or lockout)
- 08 Temporary layoff due to business conditions
- 09 Holiday (legal or religious)
- 10 Weather
- 11 Job started or ended during week
- 12 Working short-time (due to material shortages, plant maintenance or repair, etc.)
- 00 Other - Specify

### 137 / 177 / 425

- 1 30 or more hours per week
- 2 Less than 30 hours per week

### 159

- 1 Own illness or disability
- 2 Caring for own children
- 3 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 4 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 5 Going to school
- 6 Personal preference
- 0 Other - Specify

### 160

- 1 Own illness or disability
- 2 Caring for own children
- 3 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 4 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 5 Going to school
- 6 Business conditions
- 7 Could not find work with 30 or more hours per week
- 0 Other - Specify

### 171

- 1 Public employment agency
- 2 Private employment agency
- 3 Union
- 4 Employers directly
- 5 Friends or relatives

- 6 Placed or answered ads

- 7 Looked at job ads

- 0 Other - Specify

### 173

- 1 Working
- 2 Managing a home
- 3 Going to school
- 0 Other - Specify

### 178

- 1 Own illness or disability
- 2 Caring for own children
- 3 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 4 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 5 Going to school
- 6 Waiting for recall (to former employer)
- 7 Waiting for replies from employers
- 8 Believes no work available (in area, or suited to skills)
- 9 No reason given
- 0 Other - Specify

### 191

- 1 Own illness or disability
- 2 Caring for own children
- 3 Caring for elder relative (60 years of age or older)
- 4 Other personal or family responsibilities
- 5 Going to school
- 6 Vacation
- 7 Already has a job
- 0 Other - Specify

### 204

- 1 Yearly
- 2 Monthly
- 3 Semi-monthly
- 4 Bi-weekly
- 5 Weekly
- 0 Other - Specify

### 241

- 1 Seasonal job
- 2 Temporary, term or contract job (non-seasonal)
- 3 Casual job
- 4 Work done through a temporary help agency
- 0 Other - Specify

### 260 / 262

- 1 Less than 20
- 2 20 to 99
- 3 100 to 500
- 4 Over 500

### 501

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time

### 502

- 1 Primary or secondary school
- 2 Community college, junior college, or CEGEP
- 3 University
- 0 Other - Specify