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Prescribed content for the 2026 Census of Population

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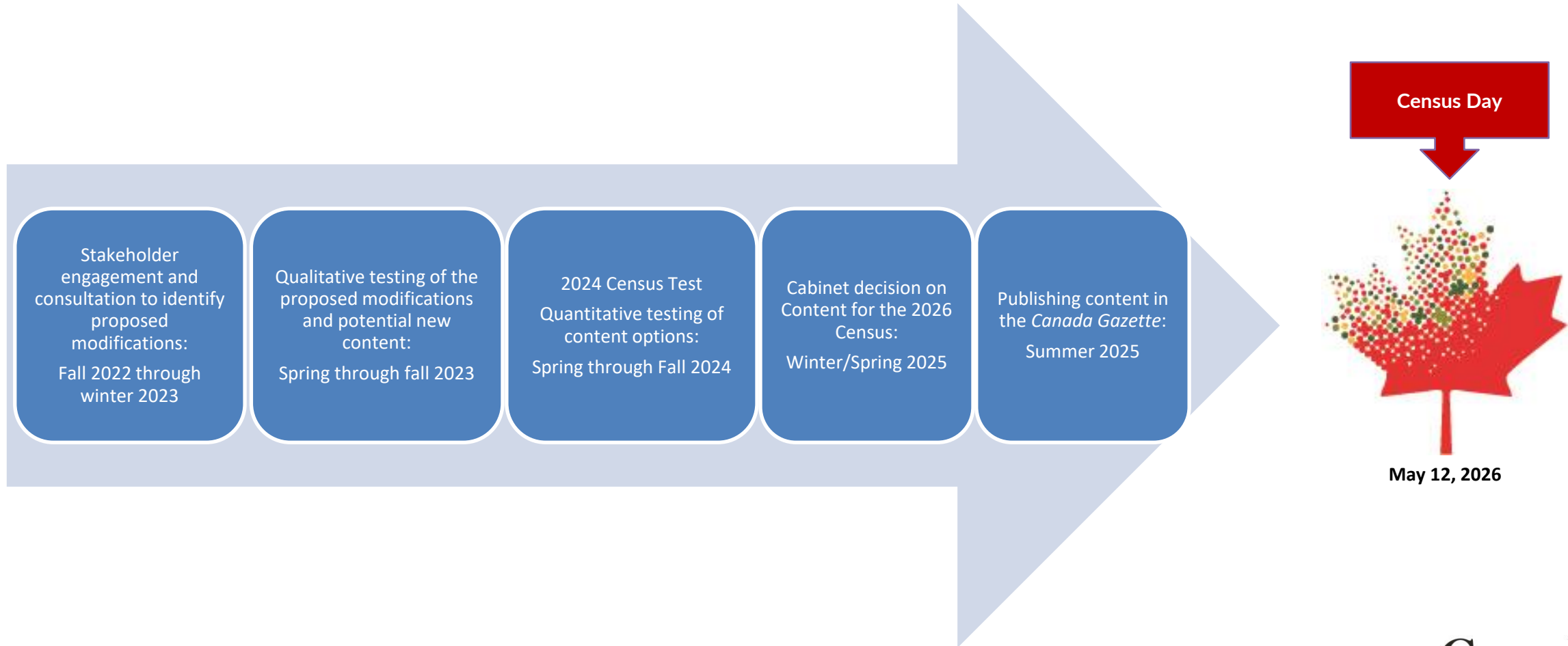
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Timeline for determining the content of the 2026 Census





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Overview of 2026 Census content

New:

- General health
- Homelessness
- Sexual orientation, for Canadians aged 15 and over

Returning in 2026:

- Religion

Modified:

- Date of birth, sex at birth and gender
- Relationship to Person 1 and marital status
- Language of instruction
- Activities of daily living
- Non-official languages
- Ethnic or cultural origins
- Indigenous peoples
- Population group
- Canadian Military experience
- Education
- Labour market activities
- Commuting
- Child care
- Housing



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New content: General health

GENERAL HEALTH

The following question is about the general health status of members of this household.

18 In general, how is this person's health?

Health means not only the **absence of disease or injury** but also **physical, mental** and **social well-being**.

Mark "X" one circle only.

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

General health

- A simple, valid, reliable measure and an important indicator for overall health status and well-being that can be used for program evaluation and planning at all levels.
- Statistics Canada's harmonized content – used in many health surveys.
- Among top data gaps reported in consultation.



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New content: Homelessness

HOMELESSNESS	
34 Considering homelessness experiences , over the past 12 months, has this person stayed in a shelter, on the street or in parks, in a makeshift shelter, in a vehicle, or in an abandoned building?	☐ Yes ☐ No
35 Considering other types of housing challenges, over the past 12 months, has this person lived temporarily with friends, family or others because they had nowhere else to live ? Include temporary living arrangements where the person did not have the resources to secure their own permanent housing (person facing financial difficulties, fleeing abuse, recently evicted, etc.). Exclude stays for vacation, family visits, or other voluntary short-term stays.	☐ Yes  Is this person currently living in this household temporarily because they have nowhere else to live? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No

Homelessness

New questions to capture:

- One-year retrospective experiences with absolute homelessness
- One-year retrospective experiences with hidden homelessness
- Current experience with hidden homelessness.

Among top reported data gaps, information could be used at all levels to evaluate requirements in the *National Housing Strategy Act* and for program evaluation and resource allocation.



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New content: Sexual orientation

Questions 36 to 59 are asked only for persons aged 15 years and older (born before May 12, 2011).

This question collects information on sexual orientation to inform programs that promote equal opportunity for everyone living in Canada to share in its social, cultural, and economic life.

36 What is this person's **sexual orientation**?

Sexual orientation refers to how a person describes their sexuality.

- ☐ Heterosexual (i.e., straight)
- ☐ Lesbian or gay
- ☐ Bisexual or pansexual

Or please specify this person's sexual orientation:

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Sexual Orientation

- Among the most frequently reported data gaps in census content.
- The addition of a question on sexual orientation on the 2026 Census would enable Statistics Canada to produce census data on the 2SLGBTQ+ population and provide opportunity for Canadians to respond to a questionnaire that reflects the diversity of the population.
- As of 1996, the *Canadian Human Rights Act* specifically includes Sexual orientation as one of the prohibited grounds for discrimination. It is the only one of the groups identified in the *Act* for which census data are not currently available.



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Returning content: Religion

Indicate a specific denomination or religion even if this person is not currently a practising member of that group.

30 What is this person's religion?

For example, Roman Catholic, Muslim, United Church, Anglican, Hindu, Sikh, Baptist, Pentecostal, Buddhist, Jewish, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Greek Orthodox, etc.

For additional examples of denominations and religions, visit www12.statcan.gc.ca/religion-e

Specify one denomination or religion only.

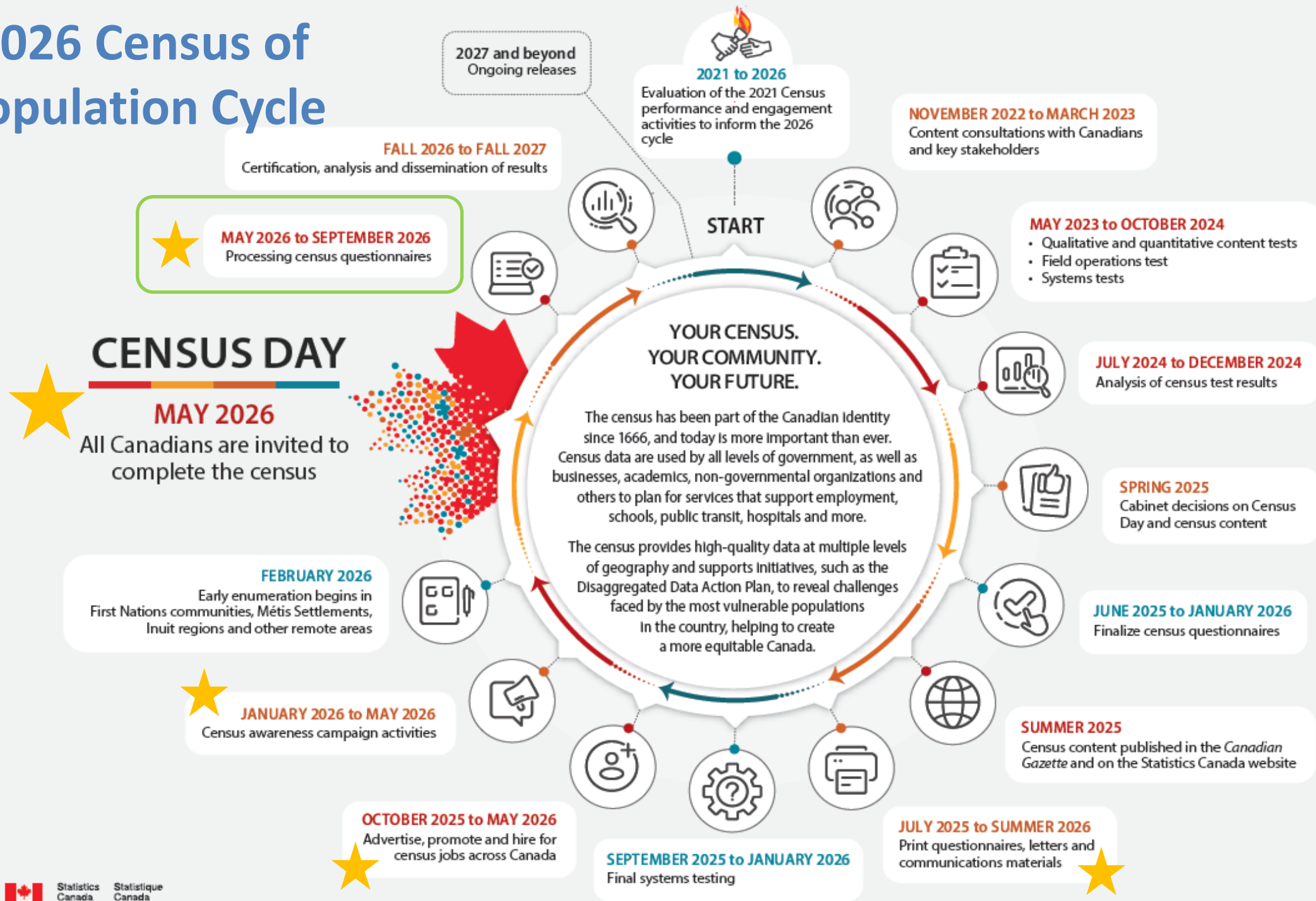
OR

☐ No religion

Religion

- No changes to the question, but the list of examples of denominations or religions is updated for 2026.
- The question on religion is included for the first time in a census conducted in a census year ending with '6'.

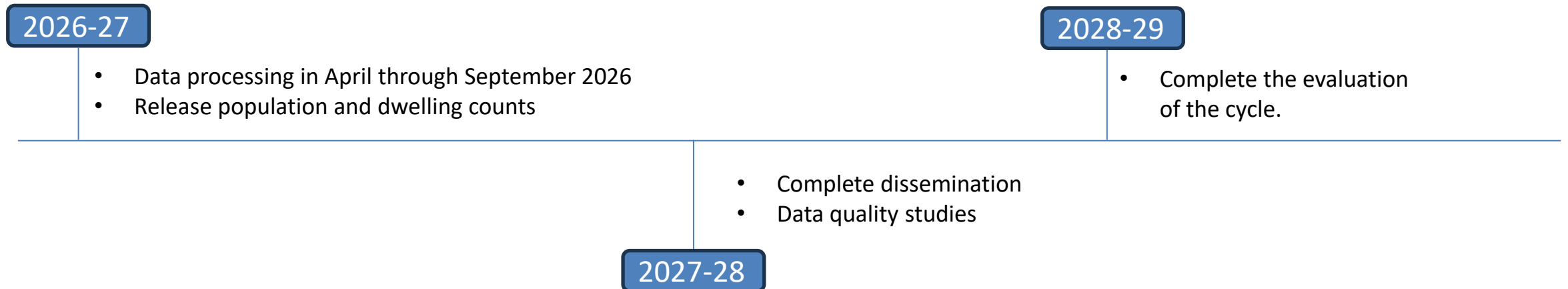
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Current and future steps



Published products

- [The Daily](#) (July 4, 2025)
- [Road to 2026](#) (July 4, 2025)
- [Canada Gazette](#) (July 5, 2025)
- [Census Content Consultation Report](#) (April 17, 2024)
- [Regional Discussion Report: Review of First Nations, Métis and Inuit questions for the 2026 Census of Population](#) (May 29, 2024)
- [Census Dissemination Consultation Report](#) (Fall 2024)



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Modifications to existing content (1)

Content	Modifications for 2026
Date of birth, sex at birth and gender	New sequence and updated definitions.
Relationship to Person 1 and marital status	New sequence and updated help text.
Language of instruction	A skip has been added to the electronic questionnaire, for children under the age of 3, for whom these questions do not apply.
Activities of daily living	Replaced outdated and sensitive terminology.
Knowledge of non-official languages	Wording changes in English to improve data quality, comparability to French, and capture sign languages.
Ethnic or cultural origins	Updated help text and revised list of examples of Indigenous origins, country-based origins, and other origins.



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Modifications to existing content (2)

Content	Modifications for 2026
Indigenous identity	Removed terms “North American Indian” and “Indian” from questions where possible, explaining use of term with help text where it cannot be removed (i.e., “Registered or Treaty Indian” per the <i>Indian Act</i>).
Population group	Removed existing skip so that those who self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit can also report identifying with another population group and added an additional answer category for “First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)”.
Métis government, organization or settlement	Updated names of Métis organizations to be more current.
Canadian military experience	Moved the question from the short to the long form, improved question wording and added additional response categories.



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Modifications to existing content (3)

Content	Modifications for 2026
Education	Improved college program duration question to adhere to international standards and improve usefulness. Updated the school attendance question with a defined reference period to improve comparability with the T2202 tax form.
Labour market activities	Reordered questions to allow for new flows for certain populations and reduce response burden. Added answer category that allows respondents to self-identify “retired” status to skip labour force questions that do not apply to them.
Commuting	Changes focussed on measuring new hybrid work arrangements and include an adjustment to the <i>Place of Work</i> question to permit hybrid work arrangements.
Child care	Expanded question to identify both paid and unpaid child care for each child and changed question to include children aged 13 and under.
Housing	Replaced the question about « dwelling on a farm operation » with data collected from the Census of Agriculture.

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What was this person's sex at birth?

Sex refers to sex assigned at birth.

☐ Male

☐ Female

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What is this person's gender?

Refers to current gender which may be different from sex assigned at birth and may be different from what is indicated on legal documents.

☐ Male

☐ Female

Or please specify this person's gender:

4

What are this person's 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.

Day

Month

Year

Age

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2

What are this person's 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.

Day

Month

Year

Age

3

What is this person's gender?

Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man (or a boy), a woman (or a girl), or a person who is not exclusively a man (or a boy) or a woman (or a girl), for example, non-binary, agender, gender fluid, queer or Two-Spirit.

☐ Man (or boy)

☐ Woman (or girl)

Or please specify this person's gender:

4

What was this person's sex at birth?

Sex at birth refers to the sex recorded on a person's first birth certificate. It is typically observed based on a person's reproductive system and other physical characteristics.

☐ Male

☐ Female

Date of birth Gender Sex at birth

A new sequence to allow for dynamic use of “woman”, “girl”, “man”, “boy” according to new Statistics Canada collection standards for these topics.

Updated definitions of “sex at birth” and “gender” to improve respondent understanding.



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7 What is the **relationship** of this person to **Person 1**?

If none of the responses in the list describes this person's relationship to Person 1, then specify a response under "Other relationship".

- ☐ Husband or wife of Person 1
- ☐ Common-law partner of Person 1
- ☐ Son or daughter of Person 1 only
- ☐ Grandchild of Person 1
- ☐ Son-in-law or daughter-in-law of Person 1
- ☐ Father or mother of Person 1
- ☐ Father-in-law or mother-in-law of Person 1
- ☐ Brother or sister of Person 1
- ☐ Foster child
- ☐ Roommate, lodger or boarder

Other relationship — specify:

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5 What is the **relationship** of this person to **Person 1**?

Common-law refers to two people who live together as a couple and who are not married, **regardless of the duration** of the relationship.

- ☐ Married spouse of Person 1
- ☐ Common-law partner of Person 1
- ☐ Child of Person 1 **and** another person living at this address
- ☐ Child of Person 1 **only** (mark if no other legal parent of this person lives at this address)
- ☐ Stepchild of Person 1
- ☐ Parent of Person 1
- ☐ Grandchild of Person 1
- ☐ Spouse or partner of child of Person 1
- ☐ Parent of spouse or partner of Person 1
- ☐ Sibling of Person 1
- ☐ Foster child of Person 1
- ☐ Roommate, lodger or boarder of Person 1

Other relationship — specify:

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Relationship to person 1 (R2P1)

R2P1 now appears before the Marital status module.

Text changes to response categories to use inclusive and gender-neutral language which better reflects changes in Canada's social context.

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5 What is this person's marital status? Mark "X" one circle only.	☐ Never legally married ☐ Legally married (and not separated) ☐ Separated, but still legally married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed
6 Is this person living with a common-law partner? Common-law refers to two people who live together as a couple but who are not married, regardless of the duration of the relationship.	☐ Yes ☐ No

Marital status

Updated help text for Common-law partnerships to improve respondent understanding.

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Questions 6 and 7 are asked only for persons aged 15 years and older (born before May 12, 2011).	
6 What is this person's marital status? Mark "X" one circle only.	☐ Never legally married ☐ Legally married (and not separated) ☐ Separated, but still legally married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed
7 Is this person living with a common-law partner? Common-law refers to two people who live together as a couple and who are not married, regardless of the duration of the relationship.	☐ Yes ☐ No

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Language of instruction

Added a skip, on the electronic questionnaire, for children under the age of 3 for whom these questions do not apply.

Changes to the questions to improve data quality.

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18 Does this person have any: a) difficulty seeing (even when wearing glasses or contact lenses)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
b) difficulty hearing (even when using a hearing aid)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
c) difficulty walking, using stairs, using their hands or fingers or doing other physical activities?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
d) difficulty learning, remembering or concentrating?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
e) emotional, psychological or mental health conditions (e.g., anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, substance abuse, anorexia, etc.)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
f) other health problem or long-term condition that has lasted or is expected to last for six months or more? Exclude: any health problems previously reported in questions 18 a) to 18 e) above.	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always



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17 Does this person have any: a) difficulty seeing (even when wearing glasses or contact lenses)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
b) difficulty hearing (even when using a hearing aid)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
c) difficulty walking, using stairs, using their hands or fingers or doing other physical activities?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
d) difficulty learning, remembering or concentrating?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
e) emotional, psychological or mental health conditions (e.g., anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, substance use disorder, anorexia, etc.)?	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always
f) other health problem or long-term condition that has lasted or is expected to last for six months or more? Exclude: any health problems previously reported in questions 17 a) to 17 e) above.	☐ No ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Always

Activities of daily living

Replaced outdated and sensitive terminology (change from “substance abuse” to “substance use disorder”) in part ‘e’.

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Knowledge of non-official languages

Wording changes in English to improve data quality, comparability to French, and capture sign languages.

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What language(s), other than English or French, can this person speak well enough to conduct a conversation?

☐ None

OR

Other language(s) — specify:

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What language(s), other than English or French, does this person know well enough to conduct a conversation?

☐ None

OR

Other language(s) — specify:

If applicable, include sign languages.

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What were the ethnic or cultural origins of this person's **ancestors**?

Ancestors may have Indigenous origins, or origins that refer to different countries, or other origins that may not refer to different countries.

For examples of ethnic or cultural origins, visit www12.statcan.gc.ca/ancestry

Specify as many origins as applicable using capital letters.

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What were the ethnic or cultural origins of this person's **ancestors**?

Ancestors refer to the people from whom one is descended (grandparents, great grandparents, etc.)

For examples of ethnic or cultural origins, visit www12.statcan.gc.ca/ancestry

Specify as many origins as applicable using capital letters.

Ethnic or cultural origins

The on-screen instructional text about “ancestors” has been revised to help respondents understand how far back in their family tree to go.

The linked list of 500+ examples has been revised to be strictly alphabetic vs. divided into three columns (Indigenous origins, country-based origins, and other origins).

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24 Is this person First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)?

Note: First Nations (North American Indian) includes Status and Non-Status Indians.

If "Yes", mark "X" the circle(s) that best describe(s) this person now.

☐ No, not First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)

Continue with the next question

OR

☐ Yes, First Nations (North American Indian)

☐ Yes, Métis

☐ Yes, Inuk (Inuit)

Go to question 26

26 Is this person a Status Indian (Registered or Treaty Indian as defined by the *Indian Act* of Canada)?

☐ No

☐ Yes, Status Indian (Registered or Treaty)

27 Is this person a member of a First Nation or Indian band?

If "Yes", which First Nation or Indian band?

For example, Soowahlie Indian Band, Sturgeon Lake First Nation, Atikamekw of Manawan.

☐ No

☐ Yes, member of a First Nation or Indian band

Specify name of First Nation or Indian band:

24 Is this person First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)?

Note: First Nations includes Status and non-Status individuals.

If "Yes", mark "X" the circle(s) that best describe(s) this person now.

☐ No, not First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)

OR

☐ Yes, First Nations

☐ Yes, Métis

☐ Yes, Inuk (Inuit)

26 Is this person a Status Indian (Registered or Treaty Indian as defined by the *Indian Act* of Canada)?

The term "Indian" is used in this question as a legal term within current legislation.

☐ No

☐ Yes, Status Indian (Registered or Treaty)

27 Is this person a member of a First Nation?

Include self-governing First Nations.

If "Yes", which First Nation?

For example, Westbank First Nation, Atikamekw of Manawan, Red Rock Indian Band.

☐ No

☐ Yes, member of a First Nation

Specify name of First Nation:

Indigenous identity

Removed terms "North American Indian" and "Indian" from questions where possible, explaining use of term with help text where it cannot be removed (i.e., "Registered or Treaty Indian" per the *Indian Act*).



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This question collects information in accordance with the *Employment Equity Act* and its Regulations and Guidelines to support programs that promote equal opportunity for everyone to share in the social, cultural and economic life of Canada.

25 Is this person:

Mark "X" more than one circle or specify, if applicable.

- ☐ White
- ☐ South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
- ☐ West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Japanese

Other group — specify:

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The following question collects information to support programs that promote equal opportunity for everyone to share in the social, cultural and economic life of Canada.

25 Which population group or groups best describe this person?

Mark "X" **all groups** that apply, or specify another group, if applicable.

- ☐ White
- ☐ South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
- ☐ First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
- ☐ West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Japanese

Or please specify another group:

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Population group

Removed existing skip so that those who self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit can also report identifying with another population.

Added an additional answer category for "First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)."

Updated question in response to feedback from data users and stakeholders on the question wording and answer options.



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28 Is this person a registered member of a Métis organization or Settlement?

If "Yes", which Métis organization or Settlement?

Note: Mark "X" one of the listed signatories of the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* or specify a Métis organization or Metis Settlement (for example, Kikino Metis Settlement).

☐ No

☐ Yes, registered member of a Métis organization or Settlement

Name of Métis organization or Settlement

☐ Métis Nation of Ontario

☐ Manitoba Metis Federation

☐ Métis Nation — Saskatchewan

☐ Métis Nation of Alberta

☐ Métis Nation British Columbia

Or specify organization or Settlement:

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28 Is this person a registered member or citizen of a Métis government, organization or Settlement?

If "Yes", which Métis government, organization or Settlement?

Mark "X" one circle only or specify.

☐ No

☐ Yes, registered member or citizen of a Métis government, organization or Settlement

Name of Métis government, organization or Settlement

☐ Métis Nation of Ontario

☐ Manitoba Métis Federation

☐ Métis Nation — Saskatchewan

☐ Métis Nation of Alberta (Otipemisiwak Métis Government)

☐ Métis Nation British Columbia

Or specify Métis organization or Alberta Metis Settlement:

Métis government, organization or Settlement

Updated questions to improve data quality for membership of a Métis organization.

Updated names of Métis organizations to be more current.

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11 Has this person ever served in the Canadian military?

Canadian military service includes service with the Regular Force or Primary Reserve Force as an Officer or Non-Commissioned Member. It does not include service with the Cadets (COATS), the Supplementary Reserve or the Canadian Rangers.

Mark "X" one circle only.

- ☐ Yes, currently serving in the Regular Force or the Primary Reserve Force
- ☐ Yes, but no longer serving in the Regular Force or the Primary Reserve Force
- ☐ No

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CANADIAN MILITARY EXPERIENCE

31 Has this person ever served in the Canadian military?

Do not include service as a Cadet (youth program).

☐ Yes, **currently serving** in the Canadian military

↳ What type of service is this? Mark all that apply.

- ☐ Regular Force
- ☐ Reserve Force

Specify other type of service:

☐ Yes, but **no longer serving** in the Canadian military

↳ What type of service was this? Mark all that apply.

- ☐ Regular Force
- ☐ Reserve Force

Specify other type of service:

☐ No Canadian military service

Canadian military experience

Moved the question from the short to the long form.

Improved question wording with additional categories.



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34 b) Has this person completed a college, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma?

Include qualifications obtained in Canada or outside Canada.

Exclude any certificates or diplomas reported in question 34 a) above.

Mark all that apply.

For example, accounting technology, industrial engineering technology, legal assistant.

College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma

- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of less than 3 months
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of 3 months to less than 1 year
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of 1 year to 2 years
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of more than 2 years
- ☐ No

37 a) At any time since September 2020, was this person attending school, such as high school, college, CEGEP or university?

Report only attendance for courses that can be used as credits towards a certificate, diploma or degree. Distance learning for credit is included.

Attendance at any time since September 2020

- ☐ Yes
Continue with the next question
- ☐ No, was not attending school at any time since September 2020
Go to question 38

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38 b) Has this person completed a college, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma?

Include qualifications obtained in Canada or outside Canada.

Exclude any certificates or diplomas reported in question 38 a) above.

Mark "X" all that apply.

For example, accounting technology, industrial engineering technology, legal assistant.

College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma

- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of less than 3 months
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of 3 months to less than 1 year
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of 1 year to less than 2 years
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a 2-year program
- ☐ Yes, certificate or diploma from a program of more than 2 years
- ☐ No

41 a) At any time between September 2025 and May 2026, was this person attending school, such as high school, college, CEGEP or university?

Report only attendance for courses that can be used as credits towards a certificate, diploma or degree. Distance learning for credit is included.

Attendance at any time between September 2025 and May 2026

- ☐ Yes
Continue with the next question
- ☐ No, was not attending school at any time between September 2025 and May 2026
Go to question 42

Education

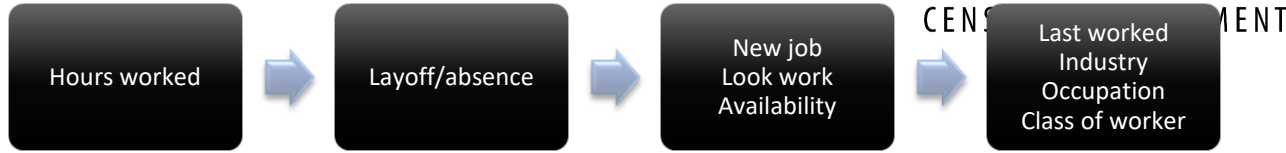
Improved college program duration question to adhere to international standards and improve usefulness.

Updated the school attendance question to a more defined reference period to improve comparability with the T2202 tax form.

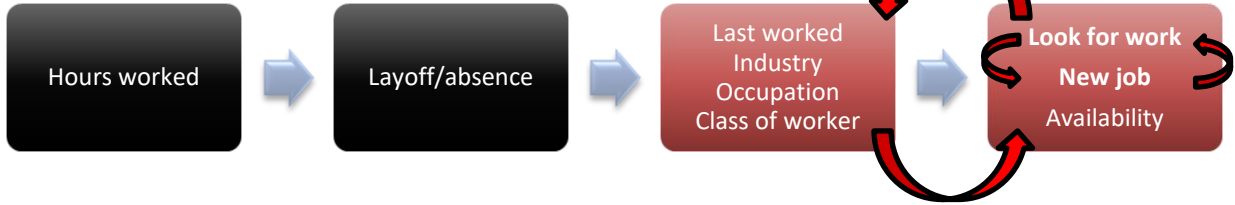


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39 During the week of **May 2 to May 8, 2021**, was this person on temporary lay-off or absent from their job or business?

Mark "X" one circle only.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, on temporary lay-off from a job to which this person expects to return
- ☐ Yes, on vacation, ill, on strike or locked out, or absent for other reasons

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43 During the week of **May 3 to May 9, 2026**, was this person on **temporary** lay-off or absent from their job or business?

Mark "X" one circle only.

- ☐ No
- ☐ No, retired
- ☐ Yes, on temporary lay-off from a job with indication of being recalled within the next 6 months
- ☐ Yes, on vacation, ill, on strike or locked out, or absent for other reasons

Labour market activities

Changes focussed on reducing respondent burden, improving quality of Labour Force Status estimates and aligning better with international and Statistics Canada concepts:

- Removed 2 questions and 1 sub-question;
 1. What was the **main** reason this person **did not work for the whole year in 2023**, meaning from 49 to 52 weeks?
 2. What was the **main** reason this person worked mostly part time instead of full time in 2023?
 3. Section, plant, department write-in line under "For whom did this person work?"
- Reordered questions to allow for new flows for certain populations and reduce response burden.
- Added answer category that allows respondents to self-identify "retired" status to skip labour force questions that do not apply to them.

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53 a) What time did this person's trip to work usually begin?	: hour min ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.
b) How many minutes did this person's trip to work usually last?	← Number of minutes

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57 a) What time does this person's trip to work usually begin? Hybrid workers respond for the days they commute to work.	☐ Usual time ↳ Specify the usual time this person leaves for work : hour min ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. ☐ No usual time (e.g., shift worker)
b) How many minutes does this person's trip to work usually last? Hybrid workers respond for the days they commute to work.	← Number of minutes OR ☐ No usual duration

Commuting

Changes focussed on measuring new hybrid work arrangements and include an adjustment to the *Place of Work* question to permit hybrid work arrangements.





2021 Census

56 In 2020, did this person pay for child care, such as day care or babysitting, so that this person could work at their paid job(s)?

When child care or day camps help several people work, enter the amount only once.

Answer "Yes" or "No". If "Yes", also enter the total amount for 2020.

☐ Yes

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☐ No

2026 Census

60 In 2025, did this person **usually attend any child care arrangement** (e.g., a daycare centre, a home-based child care, or other arrangement with or without costs)?

Include before or after school programs and care provided by a relative or a non-relative used on a regular basis.

Exclude child care provided by parent or guardian, school attendance, occasional child care arrangements for school holidays and homeschooling.

☐ Yes

☒ Specify the **total** amount paid by your household for this child care arrangement in **2025**.

Do not double count any amounts that were already reported.

If your household used child care without incurring any costs (fully subsidized daycare, child care provided by a relative, etc.), mark "\$0 – used child care with no payment".

**Total amount paid for child
care in 2025**

☒ \$.

OR

☐ \$0 – used child care with no payment

☐ No

Child care

Expanded question to identify both paid and unpaid child care for each child; universe 13 and under instead of 15+.

Content changes for 2026



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2021 Census

E6 Is this dwelling located on an agricultural operation that is operated by a member of this household?

Housing

Replaced the question about « dwelling on a farm operation » with data collected from the Census of Agriculture.



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