

Instructions

Background

The Constitution Act of 1867 set out the requirement for a census of the population to be taken every 10 years. The first of these decennial censuses took place in 1871 in the four original provinces (Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick). The most recent of these censuses was conducted in 2021.

Task

1. Complete each of the following census questionnaires about **yourself**. (Note, these are not the complete census forms, these are questions about sex/gender, age and race/ethnicity.)
2. These questions have been retyped and somewhat reformatted, but the original text has been preserved.
3. Once you have completed the forms, try to put them in chronological order from oldest to most recent census.

	1. Oldest	2.	3.	4.	5. Most recent
Letter (A–E)					
Year					

Census sample A

Sex

- Male
- Female

Date of birth

If exact date is not known, enter best estimate.

Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____

Marital status

- Legally married (and not separated)
- Separated, but still legally married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never married (single)

Is this person living with a common-law partner?

Common-law refers to two people who live together as husband and wife but who are not legally married to each other.

- Yes
- No

Where was this person born?

Specify one response only, according to present boundaries.

Born in Canada

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Nfld. | <input type="radio"/> Man. |
| <input type="radio"/> P.E.I. | <input type="radio"/> Sask. |
| <input type="radio"/> N.S. | <input type="radio"/> Alta. |
| <input type="radio"/> N.B. | <input type="radio"/> B.C. |
| <input type="radio"/> Que. | <input type="radio"/> Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Ont | <input type="radio"/> N.W.T. |

Born outside Canada – specify

country: _____

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

To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did this person's ancestors belong? For example, French, English, German, Scottish, Canadian, Italian, Irish, Chinese, Cree, Micmac, Métis, Inuit (Eskimo), Ukrainian, Dutch, East Indian, Polish, Portuguese, Jewish, Haitian, Jamaican, Vietnamese, Lebanese, Chilean, Somali, etc.

Is this person an Aboriginal person, that is, North American Indian, Métis or Inuit (Eskimo)?

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

- No
- Yes, North American Indian
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuit (Eskimo)

Is this person:

Mark or specify more than one, if applicable.

- White
- Chinese
- South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lankan)
- Black (e.g., African, Haitian, Jamaican, Somali)
- Arab/ West Asian (e.g., Armenian, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Moroccan)
- Filipino
- South East Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese)
- Latin American
- Japanese
- Korean
- Other – specify: _____

Census sample B

Sex

- Male
- Female

Age at last Birthday: _____

Relationship to head of family or household

- Head
- Wife
- Daughter
- Son
- Lodger
- Boarder
- Servant

Personal description

- Single
- Married
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Legally Separated

Nativity

Country of place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada give province. If Foreign born give Country.

Person: _____

Father : _____

Mother: _____

Race of tribal origin: _____

Census sample C

Sex

- Male
- Female

Age at last birthday

Married or widowed

- Married
- Widowed
- All others, including children.

Country of Province of Birth

Origin

Census sample D

What was this person's sex at birth?

Sex refers to the sex assigned at birth.

- Male
- Female

What is this person's gender?

Gender refers to the 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:

Date of birth and age

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

Day:

Month:

Year:

Age:

Marital status

- Never legally married
- Legally married (and not separated)
- Separated, but still legally married
- Divorced
- Widowed

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

Where was this person born?

Specify one response only, according to present boundaries.

Born in Canada

- N.L.
- Quebec
- Alberta
- P.E.I.
- Ontario
- B.C.
- N.S.
- Manitoba
- Yukon
- N.B.
- Sask.
- N.W.T
- Nunavut

Born outside Canada – specify country: _____

Where were this person's parents born?

Specify the country or countries according to present boundaries.

- All parents born in Canada
- All parents born outside Canada
Specify the country of birth of each parent: _____
- One parent born in Canada and one parent born outside Canada
Specify the country of birth outside Canada: _____

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.

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

- No, not First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)
- Yes, First Nations (North American Indian)
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuk (Inuit)

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: _____

Census sample E

Sex

- Male
- Female

Age at last birthday

If under one year of age, mark 0-0

If 100 years of age or over, mark 9-9

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 0 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 4 |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| <input type="radio"/> 7 | <input type="radio"/> 7 |
| <input type="radio"/> 8 | <input type="radio"/> 8 |
| <input type="radio"/> 9 | <input type="radio"/> 9 |

Marital status

- Single
- Married (included separated but not divorced)
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Divorced

Relationship to head of household

(As head, wife, son, daughter, ward, son-in-law, grandson, mother, uncle, niece, employee, partner, lodger, lodger's wife, lodger's daughter, inmate, etc.)

Birthplace

In what province or country was this person born?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Nfld. | <input type="radio"/> Ont |
| <input type="radio"/> P.E.I. | <input type="radio"/> Man. |
| <input type="radio"/> N.S. | <input type="radio"/> Sask. |
| <input type="radio"/> N.B. | <input type="radio"/> Alta. |
| <input type="radio"/> Que. | <input type="radio"/> B.C. |
| <input type="radio"/> Yukon & N.W.T. | |
| <input type="radio"/> England & Wales | <input type="radio"/> Northern Ireland |
| <input type="radio"/> Republic of Ireland | <input type="radio"/> Scotland |
| <input type="radio"/> U.S.A | <input type="radio"/> Germany |
| <input type="radio"/> Italy | <input type="radio"/> Poland |
| <input type="radio"/> Russia (U.S.S.R.) | |

If not listed, write below.

Origin

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> French |
| <input type="radio"/> Irish | <input type="radio"/> Netherlands |
| <input type="radio"/> Scottish | <input type="radio"/> Norwegian |
| <input type="radio"/> Welsh & Manx | <input type="radio"/> Polish |
| <input type="radio"/> Czech & Slovak | <input type="radio"/> Russian |
| <input type="radio"/> Finnish | <input type="radio"/> Swedish |
| <input type="radio"/> German | <input type="radio"/> Ukrainian |
| <input type="radio"/> Italian | <input type="radio"/> Native Indian |
| <input type="radio"/> Jewish | <input type="radio"/> Unknown |

If not listed, write below.
