IDENTITY-BASED DATA STANDARD

The *Identity-based Data Standard* provides standardized questions (data elements) and answers (data values) to support the collection of standardized identity-based data across societies.

The following survey can be used by societies to administer the Identity-based Data Standard with applicable children and youth receiving their services.

1) **What is your citizenship status? (Check all that apply)**
   - Canadian (by birth)
   - Canadian (by naturalization)
   - Another citizenship (please specify): ______________________
   - Do not know
   - Prefer not to answer

   **Note:** These data elements are aligned with the 2016 Census, long form (National Household Survey, Statistics Canada).

2) **Do you identify yourself as an Aboriginal person, that is, First Nations, Métis or Inuit?**
   - Yes
   - If you identify yourself as an Aboriginal person, are you: (Check all that apply)
     - First Nations
     - Métis
     - Inuit
     - Another Aboriginal identity (please specify): ______________________
   - No
   - Do not know
   - Prefer not to answer

   **Note:** This data element has been incorporated from the Aboriginal Self-identification Data Standard (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation).

   **A note about terminology:** To ensure our data is precise and consistent, we follow the definition of the Aboriginal identity variable used by Statistics Canada for population-based surveys such as the Census, the Aboriginal Peoples Survey, and the Canadian Community Health Survey. Therefore, we use the term “Aboriginal” rather than “Indigenous” throughout this document and in our analysis when referring to specific statistical categories that use this variable.

3) **Where were you born? Specify one response only, according to present boundaries.**
   - Born in Canada (please specify Canadian province / territory): ______________________
   - Born outside Canada (please specify country): ______________________
   - Do not know
   - Prefer not to answer

   **Note:** These data elements are aligned with 2016 Census, long form (National Household Survey, Statistics Canada).
4) Which racial group do you identify with? (Check all that apply)

☐ White (European Descent)
☐ Black (African or Afro-Caribbean Descent / African-Canadian)
☐ Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian or West Asian Descent, e.g. Afghani, Turk, Kurd)
☐ South Asian (Indian Subcontinent Descent, e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi)
☐ East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Indonesian, Filipino, Vietnamese and other southeastern Asian Descent)
☐ Latino (Latin American or Hispanic Descent)
☐ Another racial identity (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

5) What is your ethnic or cultural origin? (Check all that apply)

☐ Please specify: ______________________
   (For example, Canadian, English, Chinese, French, East Indian, Italian, German, Scottish, Cree, Mi’kmaq, Salish, Méétis, Inuit, Filipino, Irish, Dutch, Ukrainian, Polish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Jamaican, Greek, Iranian, Lebanese, Mexican, Somali, Colombian etc.)
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

6) Do you identify yourself with any religion or spiritual affiliation? (Check all that apply)

☐ Buddhist
☐ Christian
☐ Hindu
☐ Jewish
☐ Muslim
☐ Sikh
☐ Traditional Indigenous Spirituality 1
☐ No religious affiliation
☐ Another religion or spiritual affiliation (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: These data elements are aligned with the 2011 National Household Survey and related analytical products (Statistics Canada) and recognized religious and spiritual beliefs within the meaning of religion under the Ontario Human Right’s Code.

1 The Ontario Human Rights Commission defines “Indigenous Spirituality” as the spiritual beliefs and practices that Indigenous peoples identify as being “traditional” or “customary” among Indigenous peoples. This may sometimes include and be practiced in combination with other faith traditions, such as Christianity.

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7) What language(s) did you first learn at home in childhood and still understand? (Check all that apply)

☐ English
☐ French
☐ Indigenous Language

*If you identify yourself as speaking an Indigenous language(s), please specify* (check all that apply):
- Algonguian languages (e.g. Cree languages, Anishinaabemowin / Ojibway, Oj-Cree, Innu / Montagnais, Mi’kmaq, Atikamekw, Blackfoot)
  - Ojibway
  - Oj-Cree
  - Cree languages
  - Innu/Montagnais
  - Mi’kmaq
  - Atikamekw
  - Blackfoot
- Inuit languages (e.g. Inuktitut)
  - Inuktitut
- Michif
- Athapaskan languages (e.g. Dene, Tlicho, Slavey, Carrier)
  - Dene
  - Tlicho
  - Slavey
  - Carrier
- Haida
- Iroquoian languages (e.g. Mohawk)
  - Mohawk
  - Oneida
  - Onondaga
  - Seneca
  - Cayuga
  - Tuscarora
- Kutenai
- Salish languages (e.g. Shuswap [Secwepemctsin], Halkomelem)
  - Shuswap [Secwepemctsin]
  - Halkomelem
- Siouan languages (e.g. Stoney, Dakota)
  - Stoney
  - Dakota

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☐ Tlingit
Tsimshian languages (e.g. Gitksan, Nisga’a)
  ☐ Gitksan
  ☐ Nisga’a
Wakashan languages (Kwakiutl [Kwak’wala], Nootka [Nuu-chah-nulth])
  ☐ Kwakiutl [Kwak’wala]
  ☐ Nootka [Nuu-chah-nulth]
☐ Another Indigenous language (please specify): ______________________
☐ Another language (please specify): ______________________

If any other language(s) were first learned at home in childhood and are still understood, please specify (check all that apply):
  ☐ Arabic
  ☐ Cantonese
  ☐ Chinese (not otherwise specified)
  ☐ Dutch
  ☐ German
  ☐ Greek
  ☐ Gujarati
  ☐ Hindi
  ☐ Italian
  ☐ Korean
  ☐ Mandarin
  ☐ Persian
  ☐ Polish
  ☐ Portuguese
  ☐ Punjabi
  ☐ Russian
  ☐ Spanish
  ☐ Tagalog
  ☐ Tamil
  ☐ Ukrainian
  ☐ Urdu
  ☐ Vietnamese
  ☐ Another language (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer
8) What is your year of birth?
☐ Year: ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

9) What is your sex at birth?
☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Intersex*
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: These data elements are aligned with 2016 Census, long form (National Household Survey, Statistics Canada). *This data element is included based on accepted academic and community practice.

10) What is your current lived gender identity? (Check all that apply)
☐ Woman / Girl
☐ Man / Boy
☐ Transgender
☐ Transgender Woman / Girl
☐ Transgender Man / Boy
☐ Gender Non-Conforming
☐ Two-Spirit
☐ Another gender identity (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: Gender identity is an Ontario Human Rights Code ground. These data elements are aligned with terminology used in the Ontario Human Rights Commission’s Policy on preventing discrimination because of gender identity and gender expression.

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2 The Ontario Human Rights Code does not define “gender”. The Ontario Human Rights Commission does not provide a list of genders, but does give comprehensive definitions of both “gender identity” and “gender expression”. The term “gender non-conforming” is included in these definitions.
3 The Ontario Human Rights Code does not define “trans / transgender”. The Ontario Human Rights Commission provides a comprehensive definition of the term, stating that it is an “is an umbrella term referring to people with diverse gender identities and expressions that differ from stereotypical gender norms”.
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11) What is your sexual orientation⁴? (Check all that apply)

☐ Heterosexual
☐ LGBTQ
☐ Another sexual orientation (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: These data elements are aligned with related Ontario Human Rights Commission resources, accepted academic and community practice.

12) What is your marital status?

☐ Single (never legally married)
☐ Legally married (and not separated)
☐ Separated, but still legally married
☐ Divorced
☐ Widowed
☐ Common-law
☐ Another marital status (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: These data elements are aligned with the 2016 Census, long form (National Household Survey, Statistics Canada). Common-law included as this is a separate question in the Census.

13) What is your family status⁵?

☐ Single parent
☐ Two parents
☐ Another family status (please specify): ______________________
☐ Do not know
☐ Prefer not to answer

Note: These data elements are aligned with the Statistics Canada’s definition of family status.

⁴ The Ontario Human Rights Code does not define “sexual orientation”. The Ontario Human Right Commission provides a comprehensive definition of the term, as well as lists the sexual orientations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual. “Trans / transgender” has not been included in the definitions for sexual orientation, in alignment with the Ontario Human Rights Commission definition of the term. * The terms asexual, two-spirit, and queer have been added to this list based on accepted academic and community practice, and on the youth sub-populations identified in Stepping Up.

⁵ The Ontario Human Rights Commission defines ‘Family Status’ as “the status of being in a parent and child relationship.” This can also mean a parent and child “type” of relationship, embracing a range of circumstances without blood or adoptive ties but with similar relationships of care, responsibility and commitment.

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14) Do you identify as a person with one or more disabilities?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not know
   - Prefer not to answer

   **Note:** These data elements are aligned with Statistics Canada 2012 Canadian Survey on Disability.

15) What is your postal code?
   - Postal code (primary place of residence/address)
   - Another place of residence (please specify): ____________________
   - Do not know
   - Prefer not to answer