

Canada
ISSP 2001 – Social Networks II
Questionnaire (English)

In this part of this questionnaire, we would like to ask you about your family and friends. For example, about how often you see or visit them, and when you turn to them for help or advice.

26 We would like to begin with your brothers and sisters. How many adult brothers and/or sisters - we mean brothers or sisters who are age 18 and older - do you have?

(We mean brothers and sisters who are still alive. Please include step-brothers and -sisters, half-brothers and -sisters and adopted brothers and sisters)

Number of adult brother(s) and sister(s) []

I have no ADULT brothers or sisters 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 30

27 Of your adult brothers and sisters, with whom do you have the most contact?

With a brother ANSWER QUESTION 28 1

With a sister ANSWER QUESTION 28 2

I have no contact with any adult brother or sister 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 30

28 How often do you see or visit this brother or sister?

He/she lives in the same household as I do 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 30

Daily 1

At least several times a week 2

At least once a week 3

At least once a month 4

Several times a year 5

Less often 6

29 And how often do you have any other contact with this brother or sister besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Daily 1

At least several times a week 2

At least once a week 3

At least once a month 4

Several times a year 5

Less often 6

30 Now some questions about your children who are aged 18 and older.

How many children age 18 and older do you have? []

(We mean children who are still alive. Please include step-children and adopted children).

I have no children age 18 and older... 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 34

31 Of your children aged 18 and older, with whom do you have the most contact?

With a son ANSWER QUESTION 32 1

With a daughter ANSWER QUESTION 32 2

I have no contact with any of my adult children 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 34

32 How often do you see this son or daughter?

He/she lives in the same household as I do 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 34

Daily 1

At least several times a week 2

At least once a week 3

At least once a month 4

Several times a year 5

Less often 6

33 And how often do you have any other contact with this son or daughter besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Daily 1

At least several times a week 2

At least once a week 3

At least once a month 4

Several times a year 5

Less often 6

34 And now some questions about your father. How often do you see or visit your father?

He lives in the same household as I do	0
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 36	
Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7
My father is no longer alive	97
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 36	
I don't know where my father lives	98
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 36	

35 And how often do you have any other contact with your father besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7

36 And what about your mother? How often do you see or visit her?

She lives in the same household as I do	0
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 39	
Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7
My mother is no longer alive	97
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 39	
I don't know where my mother lives	98
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 39	

37 How often do you have any other contact with your mother besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7

38 About how long would it take to get to where your mother lives?

Think of the time it usually takes door to door.	
Less than 2 minutes	1
Less than 15 minutes	2
Between 15 and 30 minutes	3
Between 30 minutes and 1 hour	4
Between 1 and 2 hours	5
Between 2 and 3 hours	6
Between 3 and 5 hours	7
Between 5 and 12 hours	8
Over 12 hours	9

39 Now some questions about your contact with other relatives. Please indicate how often you have been in contact with any of the following types of relatives in the last four weeks.

a. Uncles or aunts	
More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4
b. Cousins	
More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4
c. Parents-in-law	
More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4

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d. Brothers- or sisters-in-law

More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4

e. Nieces and nephews

More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4

f. God-parents

More than twice in last 4 weeks	1
Once or twice in last 4 weeks	2
Not at all in last 4 weeks	3
I have no living relative of this type	4

Now we would like to ask you about people you know, other than your family and relatives. The first question is about people at your work place.

IF YOU DO NOT WORK FOR PAY, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 41.

40 Thinking about people at your work place, how many of them are close friends of yours?

Number of close friends at work place []	
None	0

41 Thinking now of people who live near you - in your neighbourhood or district: How many of these people are close friends of yours?

Number of close friends who live near you []	
None	0

42 How many other close friends do you have - apart from those at work, in your neighbourhood, or family members? Think, for instance, of friends at clubs, church, or the like.

Number of other close friends []	
None	0

43 Now think about your best friend, the friend you feel closest to (but not your partner). Is this best friend ...

a male relative	1
a female relative	2
a man who is not a relative	3
a woman who is not a relative?	4
I don't have a close friend	0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 46

44 How often do you see or visit your friend (the friend you feel closest to)?

He/she lives in the same household as I do 0

CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 46

Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7

45 And how often do you have any other contact with this friend besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7

46 People sometimes belong to different kinds of groups or associations. The list below contains different types of groups. For each type of group, please say whether you have participated in the activities of this group in the past 12 months.

A political party, club or association

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

A trade union or professional association

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

A church or other religious organisation

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

A sports group, hobby or leisure club

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

A charitable organisation or group

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

A neighbourhood association or group

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

Other associations or groups

I have participated more than twice	1
I have participated once or twice	2
I belong to such a group but never participate	3
I do not belong to such a group	4

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Now we would like to ask you how you would get help in situations that anyone could find herself or himself in. First, suppose you had the 'flu and had to stay in bed for a few days and needed help around the house, with shopping and so on.

Who would you turn to first for help?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
daughter-in-law	5
son	6
son-in-law	7
sister	8
brother	9
other blood relative	10
other in-law relative	11
close friend	12
neighbour	13
someone you work with	14
someone at a social services agency	15
someone you pay to help	16
someone else	88
no one	98

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And who would you turn to *second* if you had the 'flu and needed help around the house?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
daughter-in-law	5
son	6
son-in-law	7
sister	8
brother	9
other blood relative	10
other in-law relative	11
close friend	12
neighbour	13
someone you work with	14
someone at a social services agency	15
someone you pay to help	16
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no one	98

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Now, suppose you needed to borrow a large sum of money. Who would you turn to *first* for help?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
son	5
son-in-law	6
sister	7
brother	8
other blood relative	9
in-law relative	10
close friend	11
neighbour	12
someone you work with	13
employer	14
government or social services agency	15
a bank or credit union	16
a private money lender	17
someone else	88
no one	98

50 And who would you turn to *second* if you needed to borrow a large sum of money?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
son	5
son-in-law	6
sister	7
brother	8
other blood relative	9
in-law relative	10
close friend	11
neighbour	12
someone you work with	13
employer	14
government or social services agency	15
a bank or credit union	16
a private money lender	17
someone else	88
no one	98

51 Now suppose you felt just a bit down or depressed, and you wanted to talk about it. Who would you turn to *first* for help?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
son	5
sister	6
brother	7
other blood relative	8
in-law relative	9
close friend	10
neighbour	11
someone you work with	12
priest or member of the clergy	13
family doctor	14
a psychologist or another professional counsellor	15
a self-help group	16
someone else	88
no one	98

52 And who would you turn to *second* if you felt a bit down or depressed and wanted to talk about it?

husband, wife, partner	1
mother	2
father	3
daughter	4
son	5
sister	6
brother	7
other blood relative	8
in-law relative	9
close friend	10
neighbour	11
someone you work with	12
priest or member of the clergy	13
family doctor	14
a psychologist or another professional counsellor	15
a self-help group	16
someone else	88
no one	98

53 During the past 12 months, how often have you done any of the following things for people you know personally, such as relatives, friends, neighbours or other acquaintances?

a. Helped someone outside of your household with housework or shopping

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Once a month	3
At least two or three times in the past year	4
Once in the past year	5
Not at all in the past year	6

b. Lent quite a bit of money to another person

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Once a month	3
At least two or three times in the past year	4
Once in the past year	5
Not at all in the past year	6

c. Spent time talking with someone who was a bit down or depressed

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Once a month	3
At least two or three times in the past year	4
Once in the past year	5
Not at all in the past year	6

d. Helped somebody to find a job

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Once a month	3
At least two or three times in the past year	4
Once in the past year	5
Not at all in the past year	6

54 There are many ways people hear about jobs - from other people, from advertisements or employment agencies, and so on. Please indicate how you first found out about work at your present employer.

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY, PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION FOR YOUR LAST JOB.

I have never worked for pay	1
From parents, brothers or sisters	2
From other relatives	3
From a close friend	4
From an acquaintance	5
From a public employment agency or service	6
From a private employment agency	7
From a school or university placement office	8
From an advertisement or a sign	9
The employer contacted me about a job	10
I just called them or went there to ask for work	11

55 People look for various things in a close friend and can differ on how important or not some things are for them. How important or not it is for close friends of yours to be each of the following:

a. Someone who is intelligent and makes me think

Extremely important	1
Very important	2
Fairly important	3
Not too important	4
Not at all important	5

b. Someone who helps me get things done

Extremely important	1
Very important	2
Fairly important	3
Not too important	4
Not at all important	5

c. Someone who really understands me

Extremely important	1
Very important	2
Fairly important	3
Not too important	4
Not at all important	5

d. Someone who is enjoyable company

Extremely important	1
Very important	2
Fairly important	3
Not too important	4
Not at all important	5

56 How much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

a. Adult children have a duty to look after their elderly parents

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. You should take care of yourself and your family first, before helping other people

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. People who are better off should help friends who are less well off

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

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d. It is all right to develop friendships with people just because you know they can be of use to you

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

57 On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to ...

a. Provide childcare for everyone who wants it?

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably not should be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

b. Provide a decent standard of living for the old?

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably not should be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

58 If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole ?

Very happy	1
Fairly happy	2
Not very happy	3
Not at all happy	4
Can't choose	8

59 Do you feel that your family, relatives and/or friends make too many demands on you?

No, never	1
Yes, but seldom	2
Yes, sometimes	3
Yes, often	4
Yes, very often	5

60 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. There are only a few people I can trust completely

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Most of the time you can be sure that other people want the best for you

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

61 How long have you lived in the city, town or local community where you live now?

Since birth	1
Since the year	[]

62 Suppose you wanted the local government to bring about some improvement in your local community.

How likely is it that you would be able to do something about it?

Very likely	1
Somewhat Likely	2
Not very likely	3
Not at all likely	4
Don't know	5

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY

63 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

People like me don't have any say about what the Government does.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

64 How often do you discuss politics with your friends?

Almost all the time	1
Most of the time	2
Occasionally	3
Almost never	4
Can't choose	8

JUST A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF TO HELP US ANALYZE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US

65 Are you:

Male	1
Female	2

66 What language do you normally speak at home?

English	1
French	2
English and French	3
Other	4

67 Please write down your exact age: []

68 Are you currently:

Married, living as married	1
Widowed	2
Divorced	3
Separated	4
Not married	5

69 If not married (widowed, divorced, separated, single) do you live together with a partner?

Yes	1
No	2

70 How many years of schooling have you completed? # of years []

71 How far did you go in school?

None , still at school, university	1
Some grade school	2
Finished grade school	3
Some high school	4
Finished high school	5
College/CEGEP /some university	6
Completed university	7
Graduate studies	8

72 Are you:

Employed full time (35 hours + weekly)	1
Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
Employed less than part time	3
Helping a family member	4
Unemployed	5
Student or in vocational training	6
Retired	7
Housewife/Home duties	8
Permanently disabled	9
Others (not in labour force)	10

(If you work, continue with Q73. If not working now, please tell us about your last job and continue with Q73. For those who have never worked, please go to Q80)

73 How many hours do you normally work? []

74 If you work, what is your occupation

75 Do you supervise, or are you responsible for the work of other people?

Yes	1
No	2

76 Is your job in the private or public sector? I work for...

Government	1
Publicly owned firm	2
Private company	3
Self-employed	8

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY

77 **Are you:**

Self-employed	1
Working for someone else	2

78 **If self-employed, how many employees work for you?**

Number:

79 **Are you a member of a trade union**

presently a member	1
member only in the past	2
not a member	3

80 **If you have a spouse or a partner, is he/she**

Employed full time (35 hours + weekly)	1
Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
Employed less than part time	3
Helping a family member	4
Unemployed	5
Student or in vocational training	6
Retired	7
Housewife/Home duties	8
Permanently disabled	9
Others not in labour force	10

81 **What is your spouse's/partner's occupation**

(If not currently working, please tell us about their last job)

82 **What was the total income of your household from all sources in 2000 before taxes?**

Under \$15,000	1
\$15,000-\$24,999	2
\$25,000-\$34,999	3
\$35,000-\$44,999	4
\$45,000-\$54,999	5
\$55,000-\$64,999	6
\$65,000-\$74,999	7
\$75,000 +	8

83 **And what was your own total personal income from all sources in 1998 before taxes?**

Under \$15,000	1
\$15,000-\$24,999	2
\$25,000-\$34,999	3
\$35,000-\$44,999	4
\$45,000-\$54,999	5
\$55,000-\$64,999	6
\$65,000-\$74,999	7
\$75,000 +	8

84 **How many people live in your household?**

[]

How many children under 18 years of age do you have? (Include step-children and adopted children)

[]

85 **Please specify the composition of your household (adults and children under 18)**

Single	1
One adult and one child	2
One adult and two children	3
One adult and three+ children	4
Two adults	5
Two adults and one child	6
Two adults and two children	7
Two adults and three+ children	8
Three adults	9
Three adults and children	10
Four adults	11
Four adults + children	12
Other	88

86 **Generally, in federal politics, do you think of yourself as:**

Canadian Alliance	1
Progressive Conservative	2
Liberal	3
New Democrat	4
Bloc Québécois	5
Other Party	8
No Party	9

87 **Did you vote in the last federal election of 2000?**

yes	1
no	2

88 To which ethnic or cultural groups did your ancestors belong? (Select two if applicable)

French	1
English	2
German	3
Scottish	4
Other Western European	5
Other Eastern European	6
China/South-East Asia	7
Africa	8
Caribbean	9
Latin American	10
Indian sub-continent	11
Other Middle East	12
Jewish	13
North American Indian	14
Metis	15
Inuit/Eskimo	16
Other	88

89 Could you tell us what, if any, religious group you belong to?

90 If you are a member of a religious group or church, how often do you attend religious services?

Once a week or more	1
2 or 3 times a month	2
Once a month	3
Several times a year	4
Less frequently	5
Never	6

91 Some people consider themselves to be members of a specific social class. Of the following groups, would you consider yourself a member of

The lower class	1
The working class	2
Upper working class/lower middle class	3
Middle class	4
Upper middle class	5
Upper class	6
No class affiliation	0
Don't know	8

92 Would you say you live in an area that is:

urban	1
suburb, city or town	2
rural	3

93 What size of city or town do you live in?

greater than 1 million	1
750 000 - 999 999	2
500 000 - 749 999	3
250 000 - 499 999	4
100 000 - 249 999	5
50 000 - 99 999	6
10 000 - 49 999	7
1 000 - 9 999	8
less than 1 000	9

94 In what province do you reside?

Newfoundland	1
Nova Scotia	2
P.E.I.	3
New Brunswick	4
Quebec	5
Ontario	6
Manitoba	7
Saskatchewan	8
Alberta	9
B.C.	10

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