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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) collects a wide range of information. To aid users of the data, this content will be described in many ways. Following widespread consultation, two SLID research papers describing survey content were produced in 1992: Catalogue number 92-01A *Content of the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics: Part A - Demographic and Labour Content*, and Catalogue number 92-01B *Content of the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics: Part B - Income and Wealth Content*.

Although the survey data are collected using computer-assisted interviewing, “print” versions of the questionnaires have been provided as SLID research papers. For data collected in 1995, the questionnaires are in: Catalogue number 95-03 *SLID Labour Interview Questionnaire - January 1995*, Catalogue number 95-04 *SLID Questionnaire for Demographics and Contact: 1995*, Catalogue number 95-05 *1995 Preliminary Interview Questionnaire*, and Catalogue number 95-12 *Questionnaire and collection procedures for SLID income data collection - May 1995*.

This document provides the content description in a different format, namely graphically. It is detailed enough to give users a feel for the range of information, but does not provide detail on data variables.

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1. INTRODUCTION

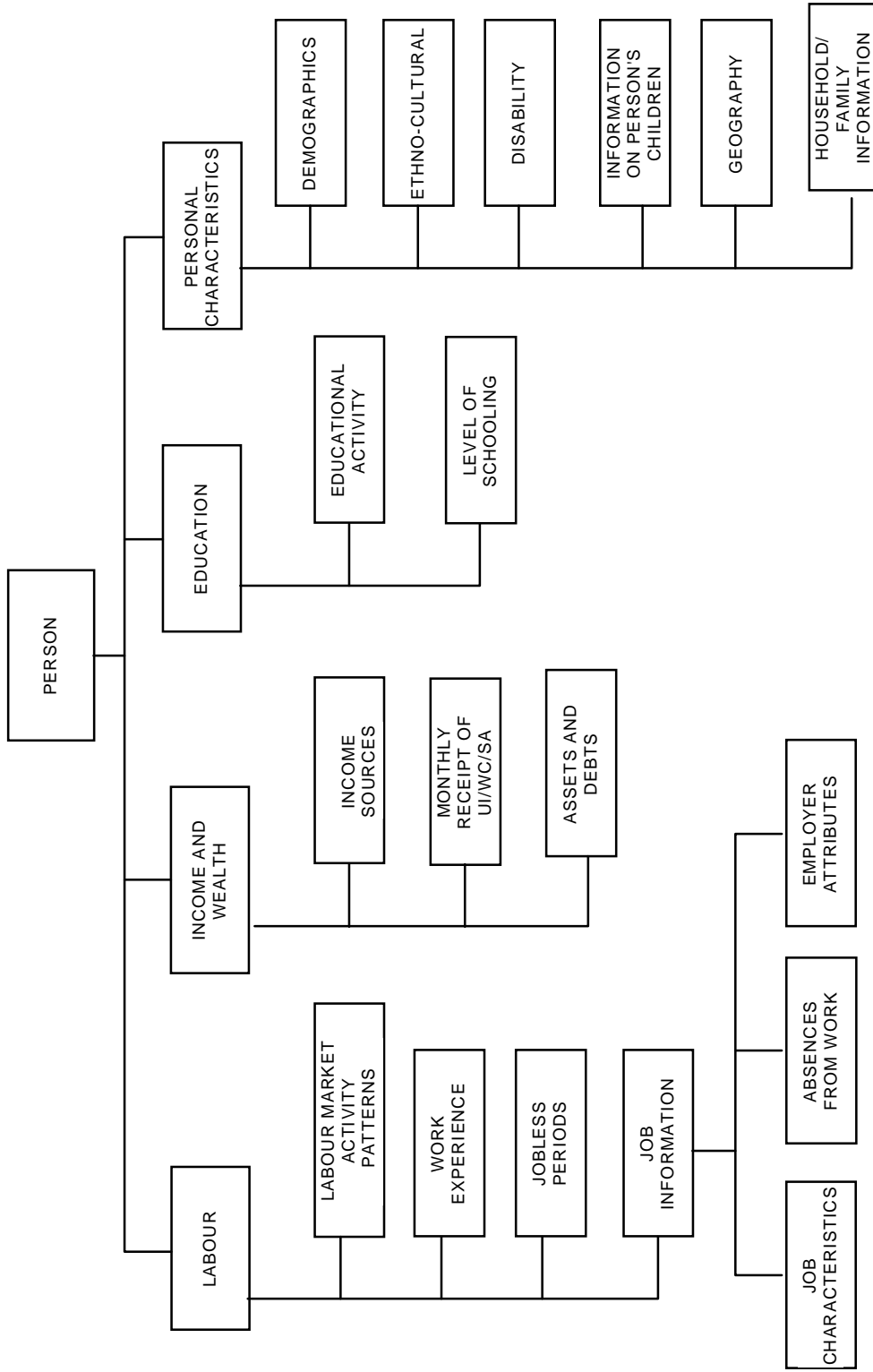
The Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) collects a wide range of data. These data become even more extensive when one considers the time element of SLID: most data are available over a six year period for every respondent. The purpose of this document is to graphically present the SLID data. It is intended to convey the detail available without actually listing the data variables.

The data are represented in a hierarchical fashion. The chart in this section *Organization of SLID Content* provides a very high-level representation of the data. Except for those which lead to other boxes, each of the boxes in this chart is described in more detail in another chart later in the document. These boxes represent “content themes” for SLID. Data variables on output files will be grouped according to these themes.

The *Organization of SLID Content* shows the person as the focus for the data. Although information at the household and family level are available (shown in the bottom right box), they are linked to individuals.

The first level of the data organization shows four data groups: labour, income and wealth, education, and personal characteristics (the residual group containing variables which will mostly be used as explanatory variables when analysing other SLID data).

SURVEY OF LABOUR AND INCOME DYNAMICS: ORGANIZATION OF CONTENT



2. LABOUR DATA

As indicated in Chart *Organization of SLID Content*, SLID labour data can be categorized into four groups:

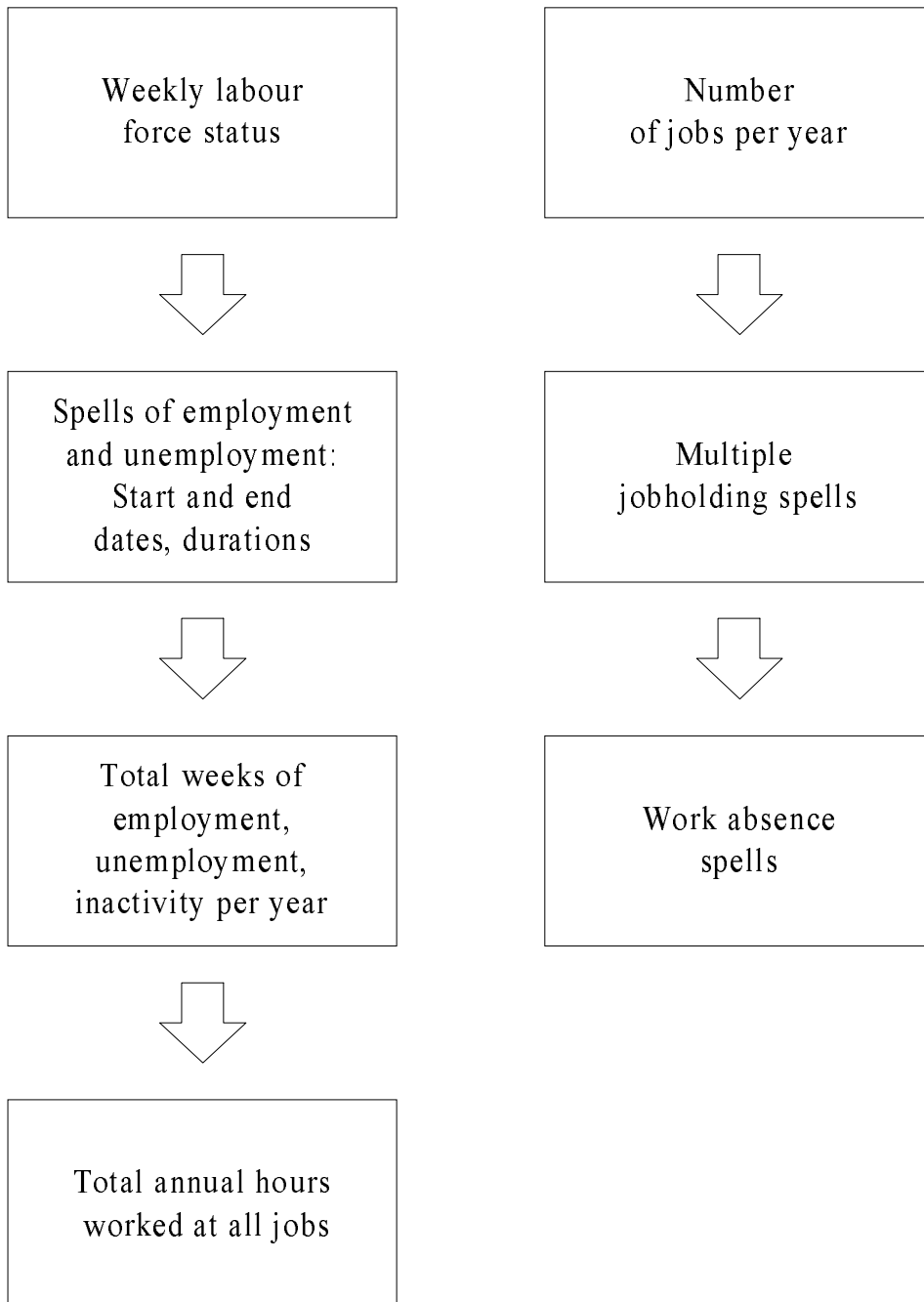
- Labour market activity patterns: These are summary variables indicating the level of a person's involvement in the labour market, and which are not related to a particular employer.
- Work experience: Years of experience in the labour market, since first starting to work full-time, other than full-time summer jobs while in school.
- Jobless periods: Information on periods of time when a person did not have a job.
- Job information: Detailed characteristics on all jobs held (up to six per year) during the survey reference period.

Job information is itself subdivided into three groups:

- Job characteristics: Details on every job held by a person
- Absences from work: Information on all absences from work of one week or more, except paid vacation
- Employer attributes: Information on the employer which is not specific to the employee

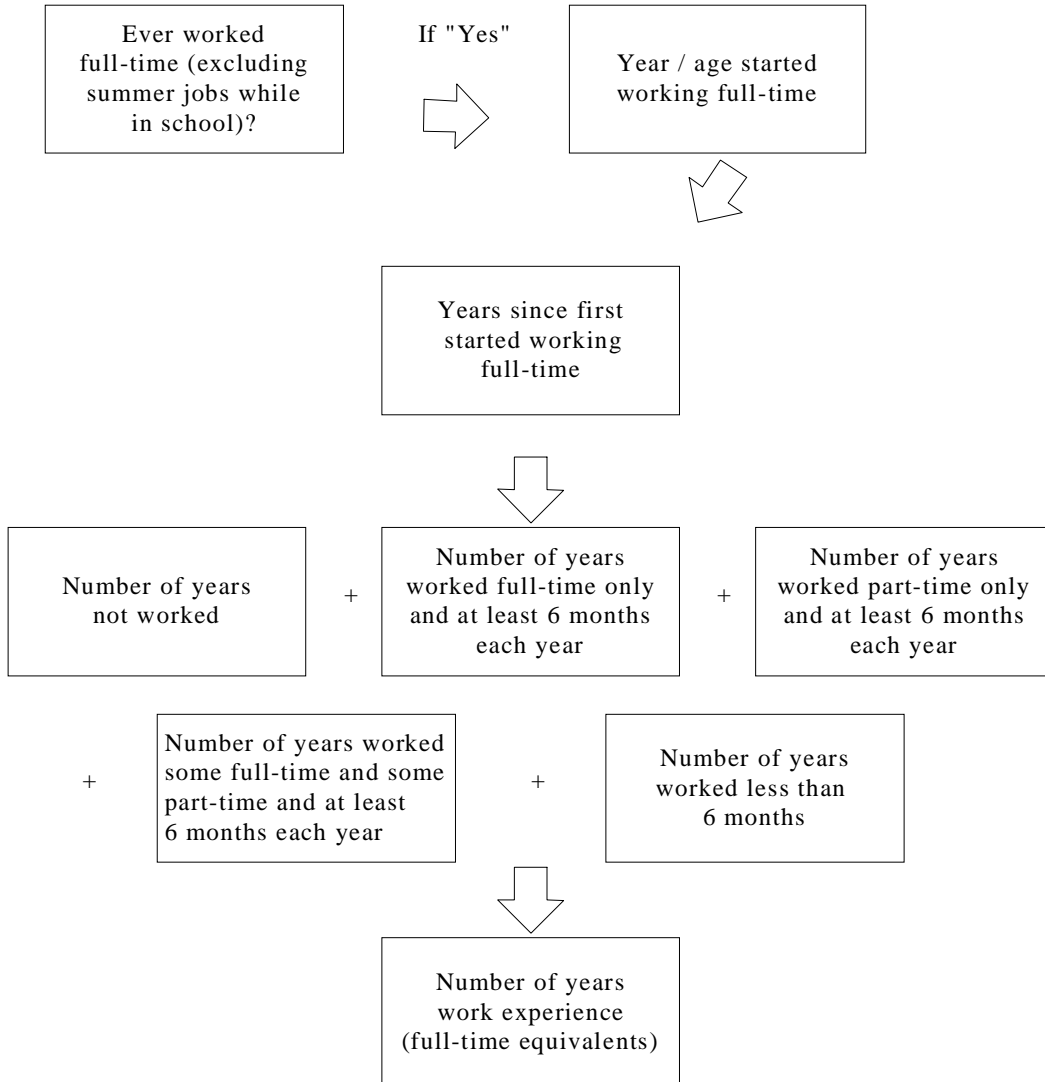
LABOUR MARKET ACTIVITY PATTERNS

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Annual summary information on
labour market activity



WORK EXPERIENCE

(All persons aged 15 and over)
Information about a person's lifetime work experience
since first starting full-time work



JOBLESS PERIODS

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Spell information on
periods without a job

Any periods of time
without a job?

If "Yes", information available for all jobless periods



Start and end
dates, and
duration

Looked
for work?

Wanted
work?

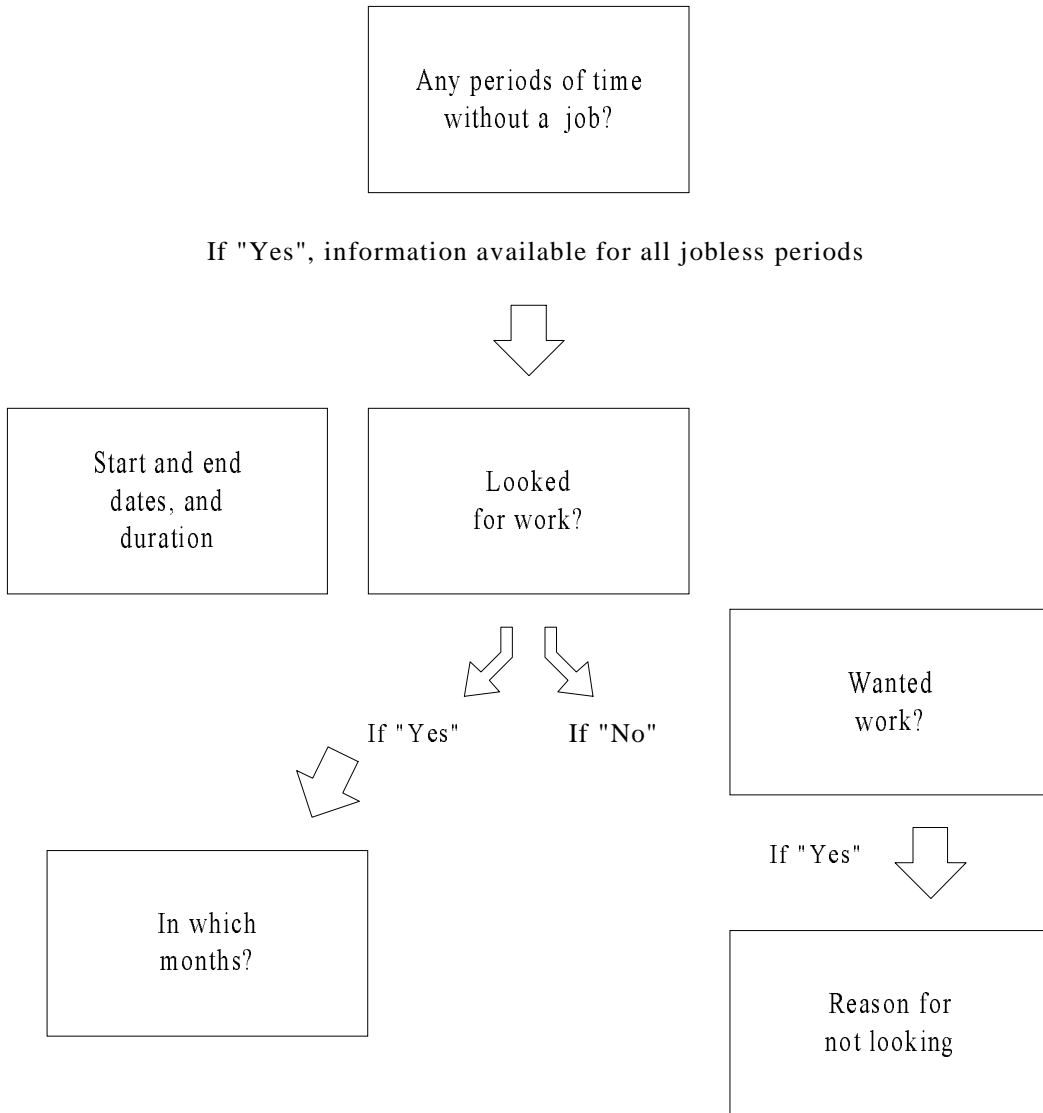
If "Yes"

If "No"

If "Yes"

In which
months?

Reason for
not looking



JOB CHARACTERISTICS

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Annual and spell information on
jobs held by the person
(Information on up to 6 jobs per year)

Start and end dates, and duration	How job obtained	Reason job ended (if applicable)
Class of worker	Occupation (including changes during year)	Supervisory/ managerial responsibilities
Wages and annual earnings from this job and changes in wages during the year	Work schedule	Union membership
Usual paid hours of work Part-time? (reason) Hours worked at home Shift work? (reason) Annual hours at this job Changes in work schedule		Covered by employer pension plan

ABSENCES FROM WORK

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Spell and annual information on
absences from a job of one week
or more (excluding paid vacation)

For a given job,
any absences from work?

If "Yes", information available for up to two per year



Start and end dates,
and duration

Looked for work?

Main reason
for absence

If "Yes"

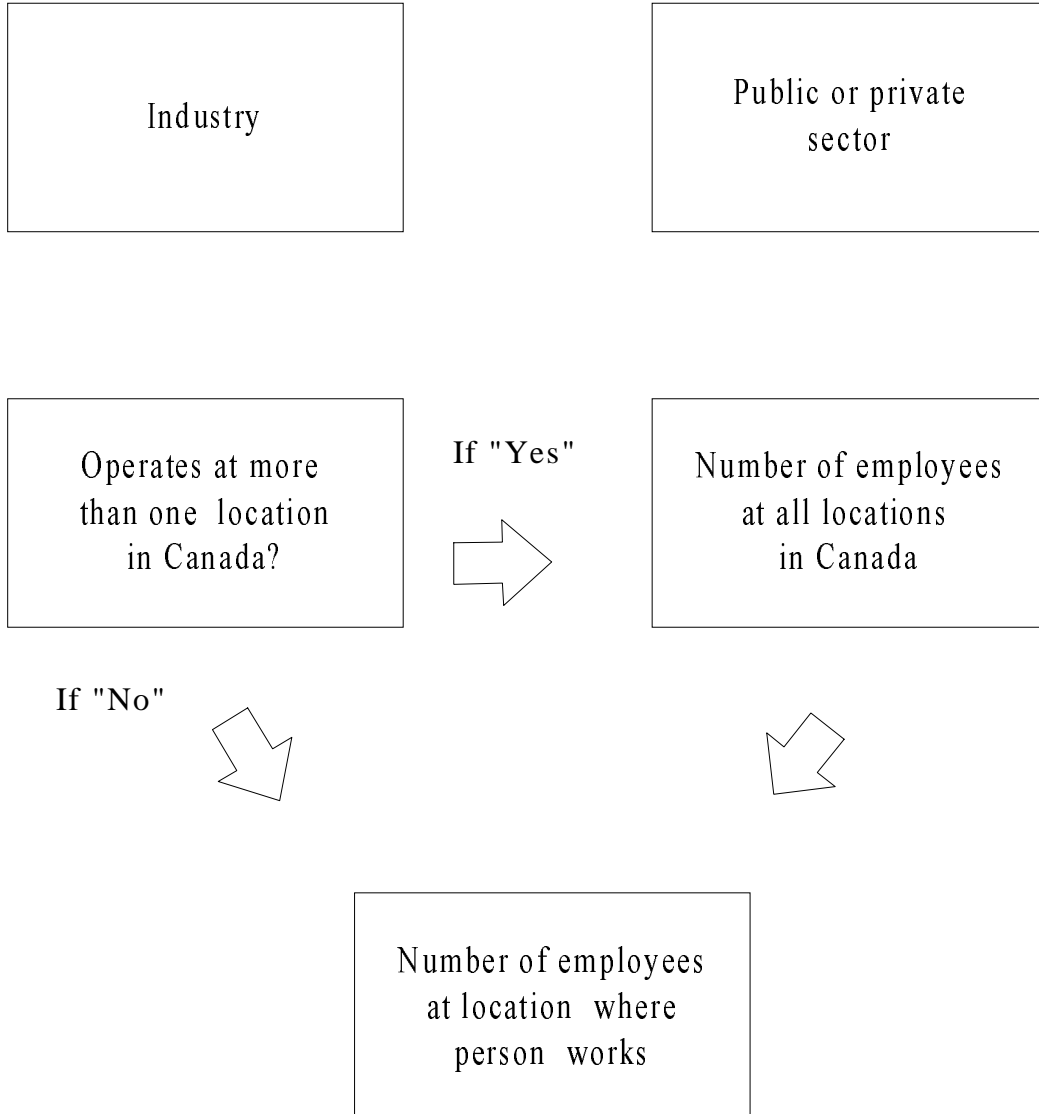


Full, part or no
pay received for
absence

In which
months?

EMPLOYER ATTRIBUTES

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Annual information on
the context of a job as reported by person
(i.e., information may be different for two
people working for the same employer)



3. INCOME AND WEALTH DATA

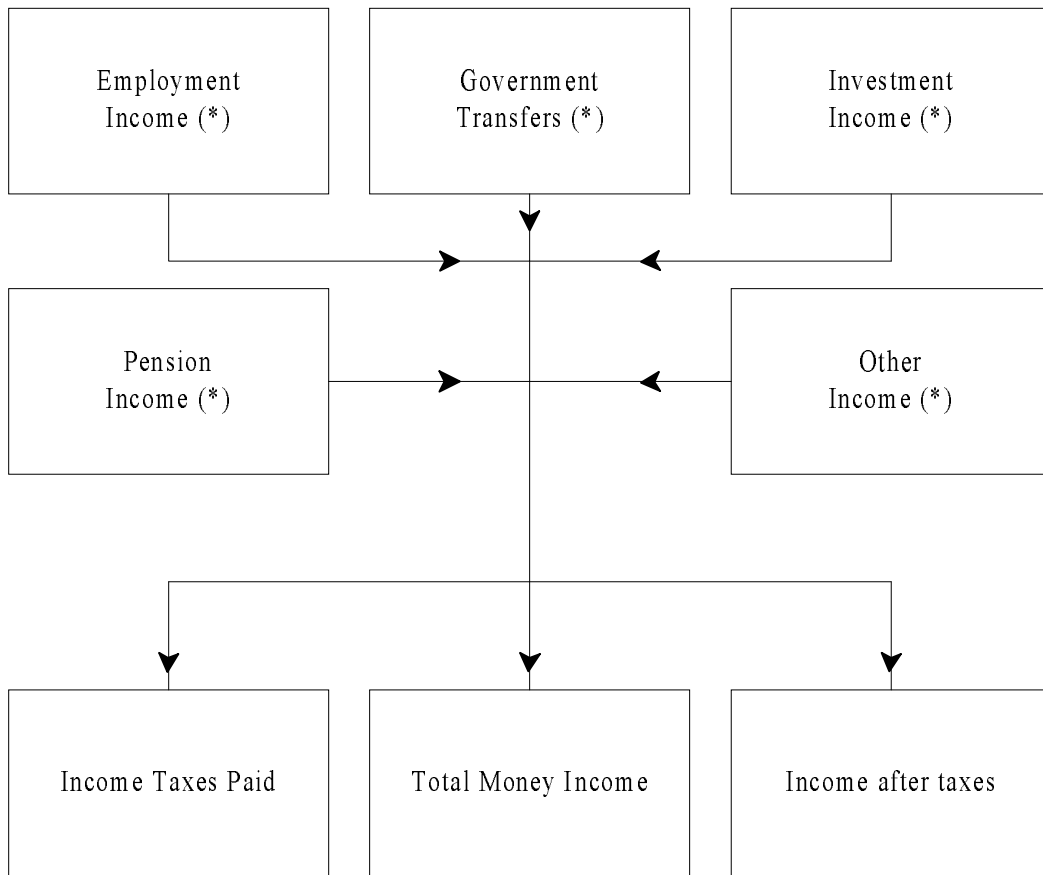
As indicated in Chart *Organization of SLID Content*, SLID income and wealth data can be categorized into three groups:

- **Income:** Detailed information on amounts of income received by a person from various sources.
- **Monthly receipt of UI/WC/SA:** For each of Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Social Assistance, monthly indicators of whether a person received benefits.
- **Wealth:** Detailed information on the value of a person's assets and debts.

INCOME SOURCES

(All persons aged 16 and over)
Annual information on a person's sources of income

(See also Household / Family Information)



(*) See attached detailed list of sources

Income source groupings: All income sources are assigned to one of five groups, as follows:

- Employment income
 - Wages and salaries
 - Farm self-employment net income
 - Non-farm self-employment net income

- Government transfers
 - Child tax benefit
 - Old age security pension, Guaranteed income supplement, Spouse's allowance
 - Canada or Quebec pension plan benefits
 - Unemployment insurance benefits
 - Social assistance and Provincial income supplements
 - Workers' compensation benefits
 - Goods and services tax credit
 - Provincial tax credits
 - Veterans' pensions and Civilian war pensions and allowances
 - Other income from government sources




- Investment income
 - Interest
 - Dividends
 - Taxable capital gains
 - Other investment income

- Pension income
 - Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities
 - RRSP annuities received and RRIF withdrawals
 - RRSP withdrawals

- Other income
 - Alimony, separation allowance, child support
 - Money from persons outside the household
 - Other money income

MONTHLY RECEIPT OF UI/WC/SA

(All persons aged 16 to 69)
Annual information on
a person's receipt of selected government transfers

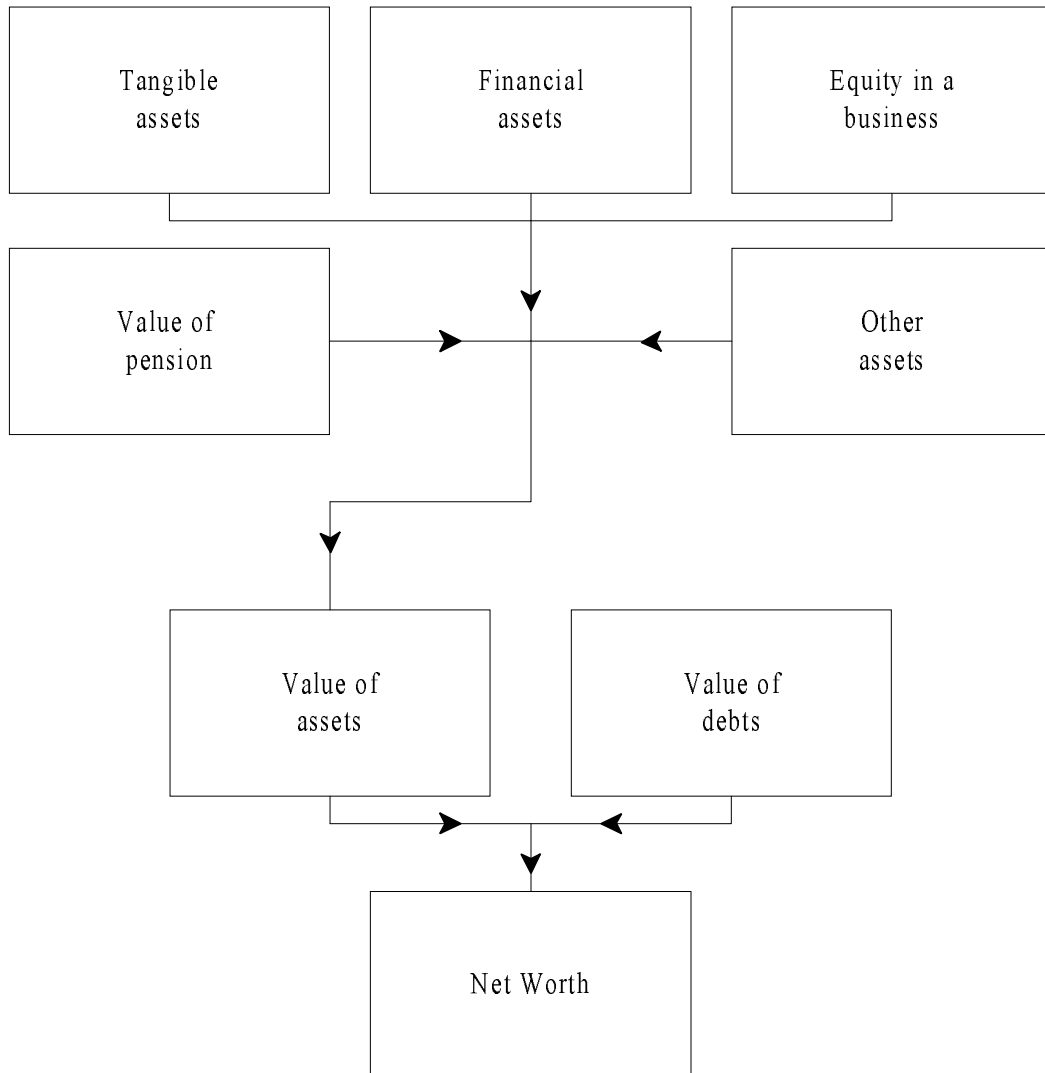
Received Unemployment Insurance benefits?	Received Workers' Compensation benefits?	Received Social Assistance?
		
In which months?	In which months?	In which months?

ASSETS AND DEBTS

(tentatively planned for 1998)

(All persons aged 16 and over)

Triennial information on
a person's assets and debts



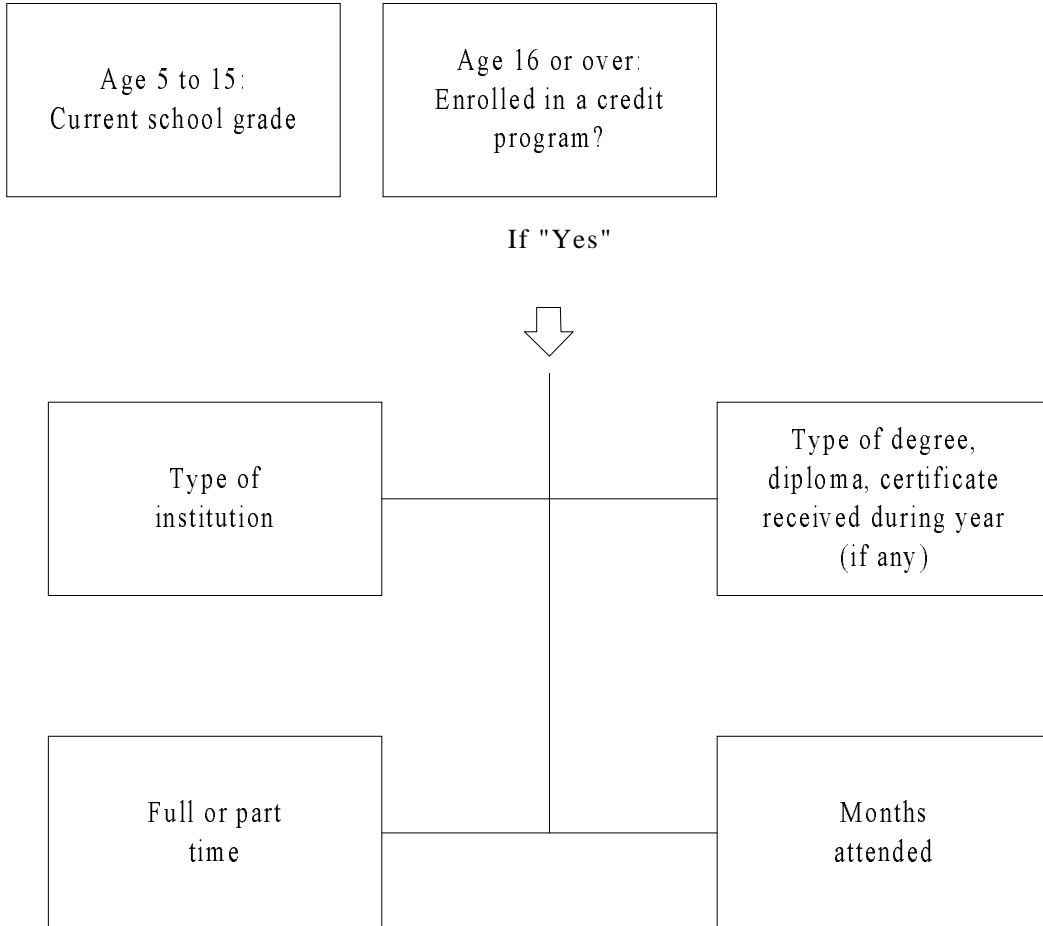
4. EDUCATION DATA

As indicated in Chart *Organization of SLID Content*, SLID education data can be categorized into two groups:

- **Activity:** Information on a person's enrollment in a formal educational program during the survey reference period.
- **Level of schooling:** Information on a person's educational attainment, including detailed information on any post-secondary degrees, diplomas and certificates received.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

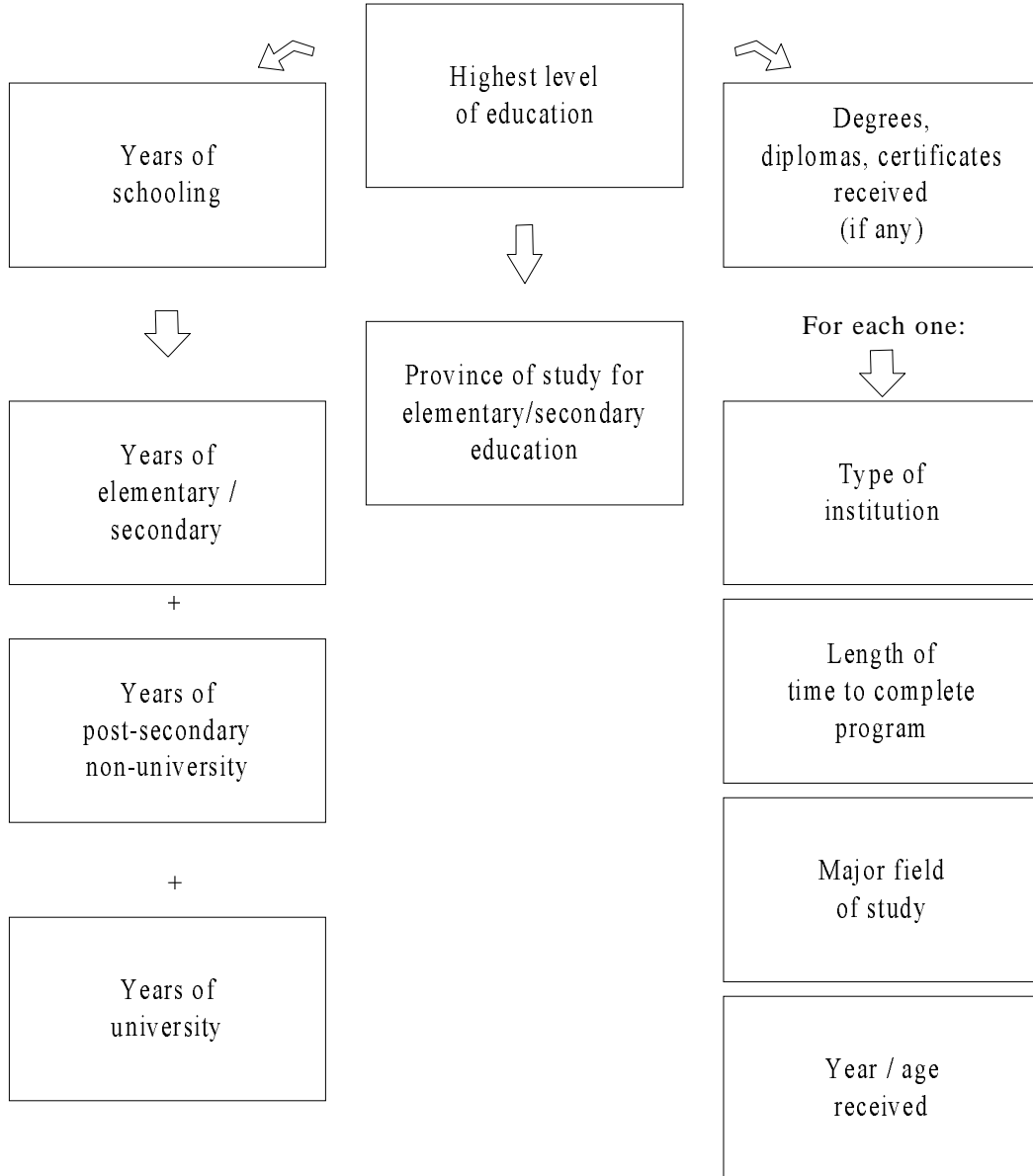
(All persons aged 5 and over)
Annual information on education received from an educational institution.



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

(All persons aged 15 and over)

Information on education received during a person's lifetime.



5. PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

As indicated in Chart *Organization of SLID Content*, SLID labour data can be categorized into six self-explanatory groups:

- Demographics
- Ethno-cultural
- Disability
- Information on children raised
- Geography
- Household/family information

DEMOGRAPHICS

(All persons)
Information on
basic demographics for person

Date of birth/
Age

Sex

Marital status

If "ever married"

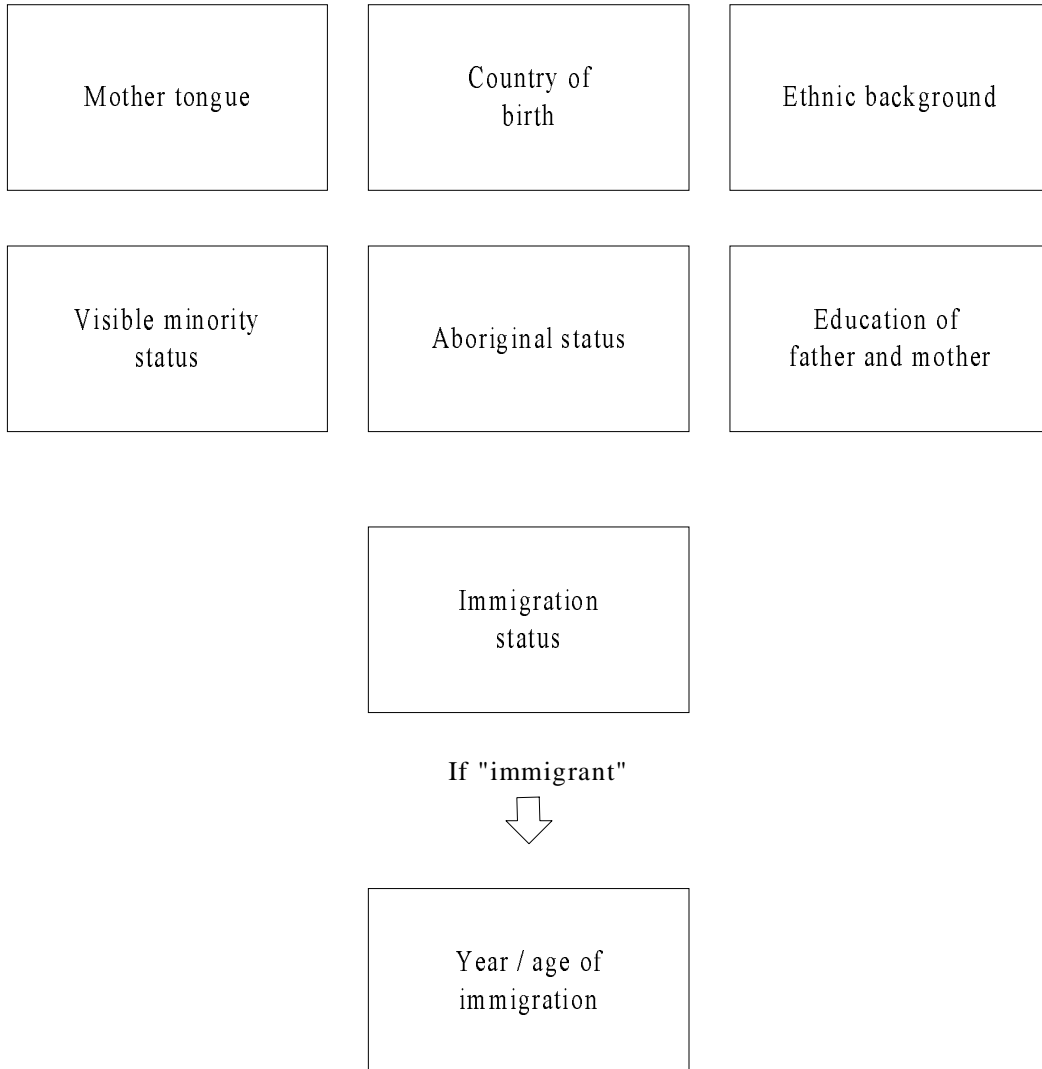


Year / age of
first marriage

Duration

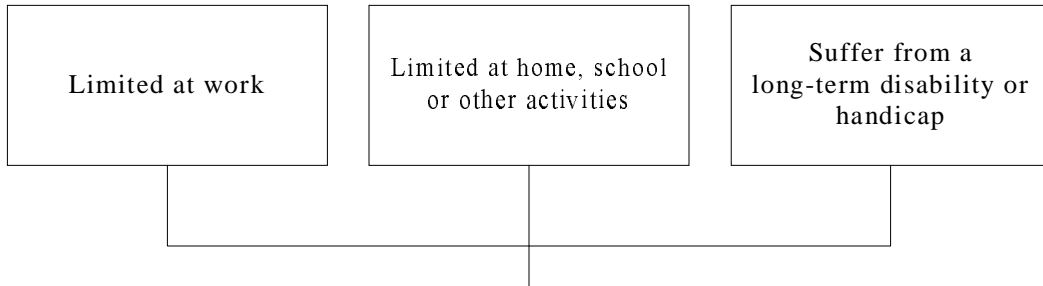
ETHNO-CULTURAL

(All persons aged 15 and over)
Information on person's
ethno-cultural background

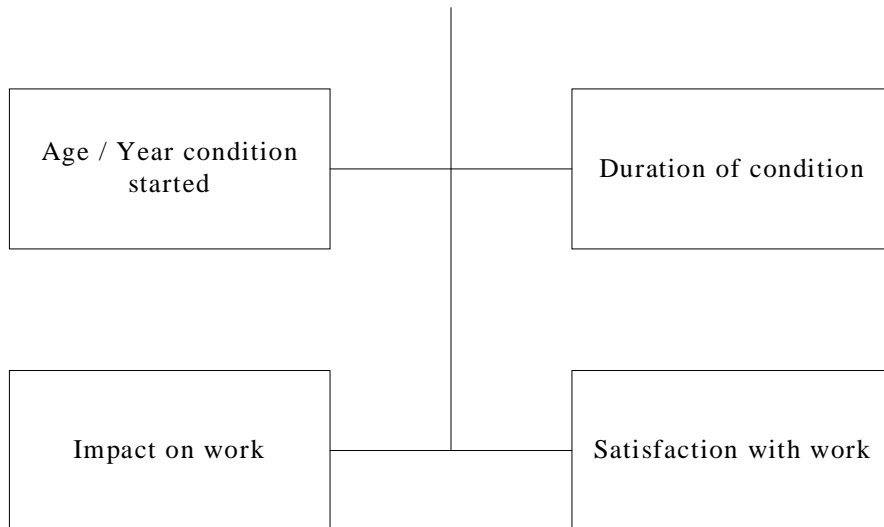


DISABILITY

(All persons aged 16 or more)
Annual information on screening for disability,
and on a person's activity limitation and its impact on work.

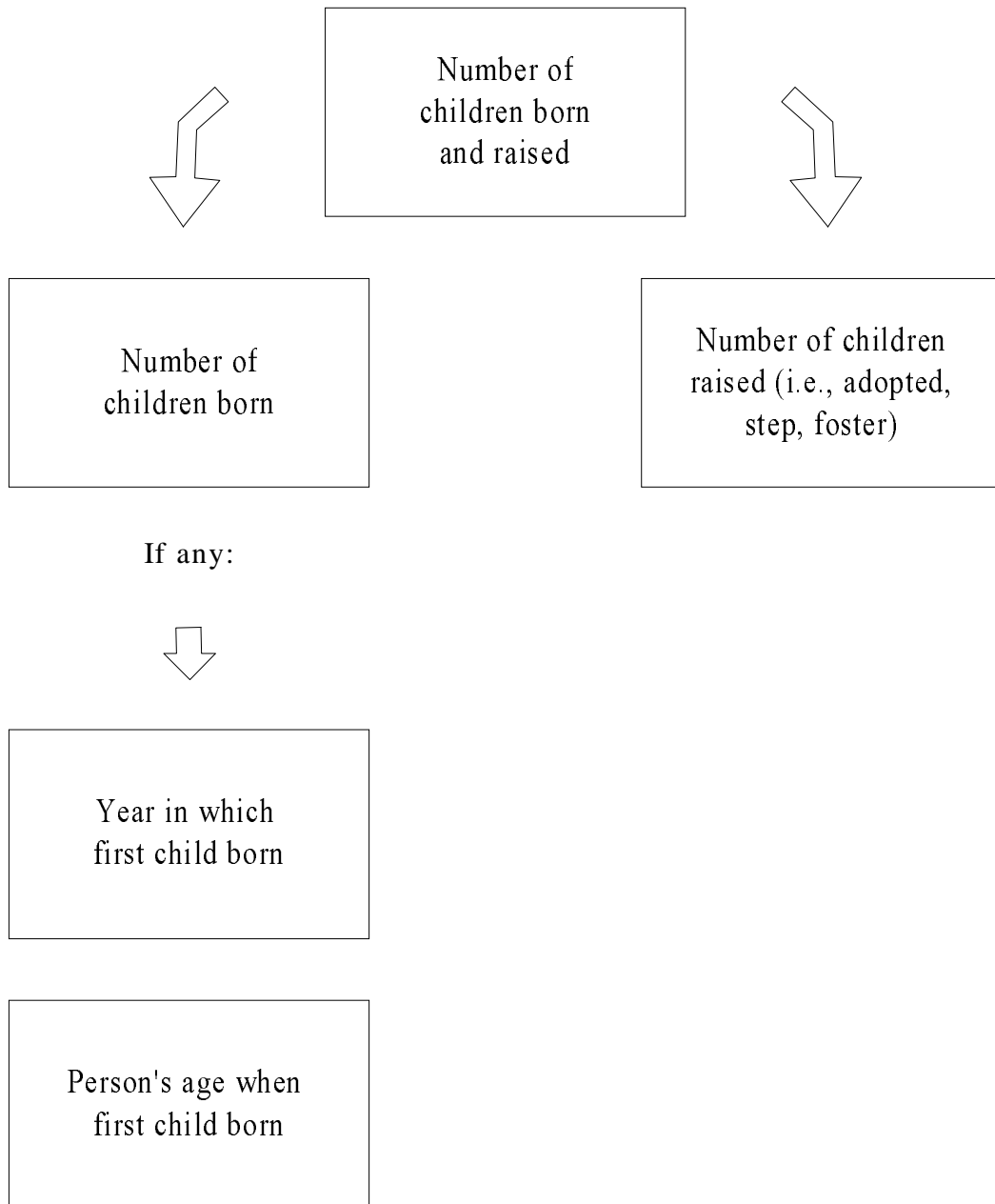


If "Yes" to any of the above



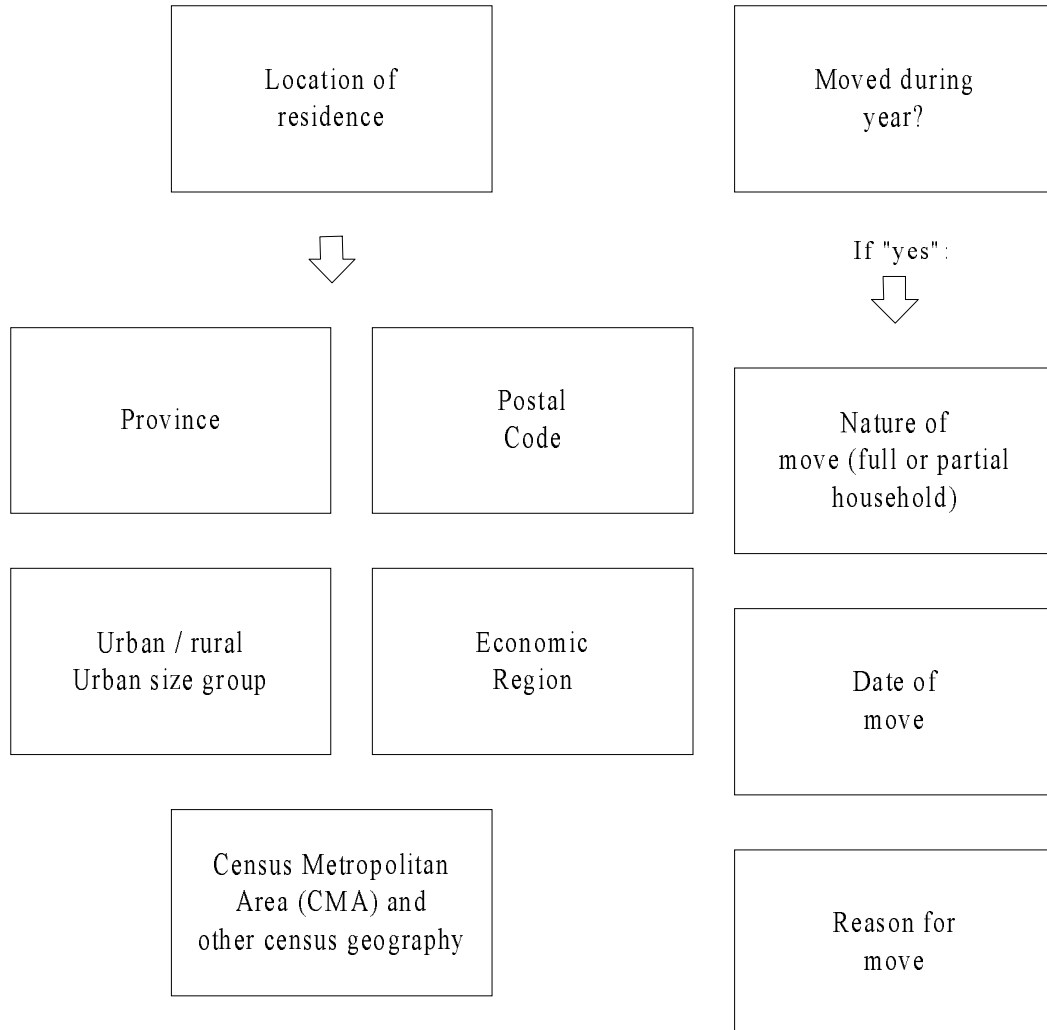
INFORMATION ON PERSON'S CHILDREN

(All females aged 18 and over)
Information on children born
and raised (i.e., adopted, step, foster)



GEOGRAPHY

(All persons)
Information on location of residence
and moves of residence



HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY INFORMATION

(All persons)
Annual information on
a person's household and family

