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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

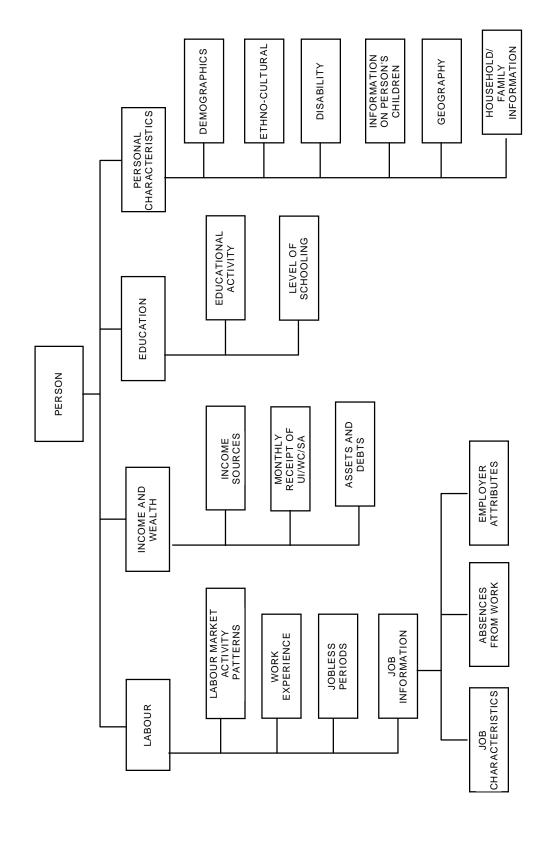
The Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) collects a wide range of data. These data become even more extensive when one considers the time element of SLID: most data are available over a six year period for every respondent. The purpose of this document is to graphically present the SLID data. 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

Weekly labour force status

Number of jobs per year



Spells of employment and unemployment: Start and end dates, durations

Multiple jobholding spells





Total weeks of employment, unemployment, inactivity per year

Work absence spells



Total annual hours worked at all jobs

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Ever worked If "Yes" full-time (excluding Year / age started summer jobs while working full-time in school)? Years since first started working full-time Number of years Number of years worked full-time only Number of years worked part-time only not worked and at least 6 months and at least 6 months each year each year Number of years worked Number of years some full-time and some worked less than part-time and at least 6 months 6 months each year Number of years work experience (full-time equivalents)

# 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?

If "Yes" If "No"

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If "Yes"

Reason for not looking

Wanted work?

In which months?

#### 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)

Industry

Public or private sector

Operates at more than one location in Canada?

If "Yes"

Number of employees at all locations in Canada

If "No"



Number of employees at location where person works

#### 3. INCOME AND WEALTH DATA

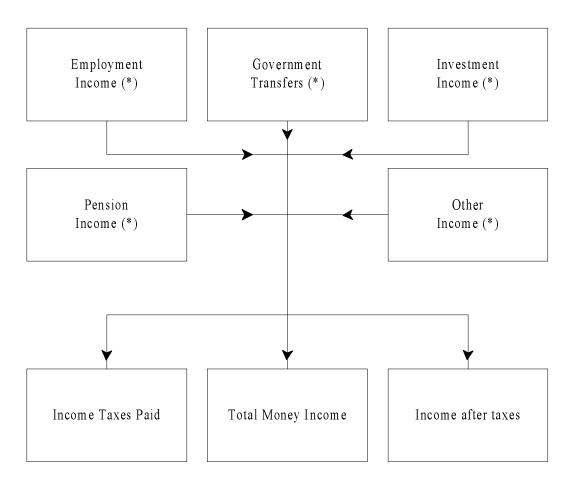
As indicated in Chart *Organization of SLID Content*, SLID income and wealth data can be categorized into three groups:

- 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?

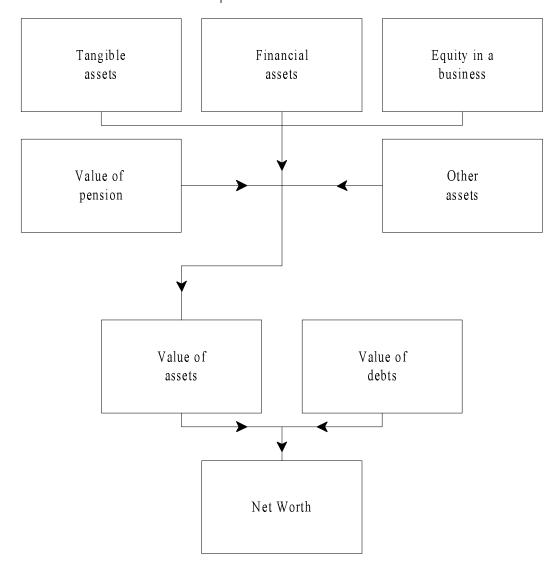
In which months?

In which months?

# ASSETS AND DEBTS

## (tentatively planned for 1998) (All persons aged 16 and over)

(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:

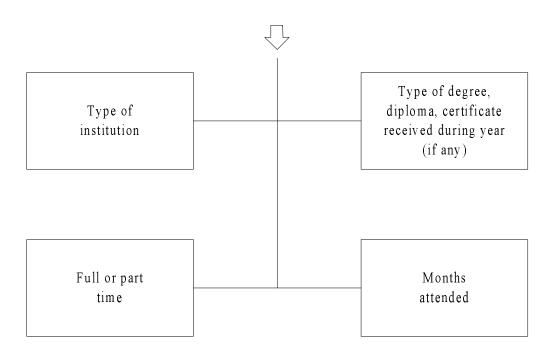
- Activity: Information on a person's enrollment in a formal educational program during the survey reference period.
- Level of schooling: Information on a person's educational attainment, including detailed information on any post-secondary degrees, diplomas and certificates received.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

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

Age 5 to 15: Current school grade Age 16 or over: Enrolled in a credit program?

If "Yes"



# EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

(All persons aged 15 and over)
Information on education received during a person's lifetime.

Highest level of education Degrees, Years of diplomas, certificates schooling received (if any) For each one: Province of study for elementary/secondary education Years of Type of elementary / in stitutionsecondary + Length of time to complete Years of post-secondary program non-university Major field of study Years of university Year / age received

## 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"

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Year / age of first marriage

Duration

# ETHNO-CULTURAL

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

Mother tongue

Country of birth

Ethnic background

Visible minority status

Aboriginal status

Education of father and mother

Immigration status

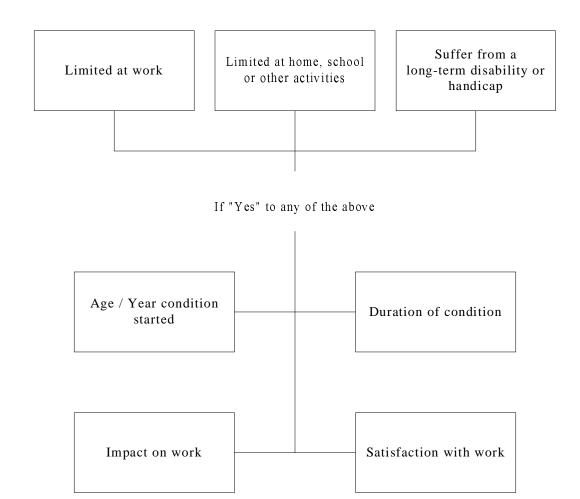
If "immigrant"



Year / age of immigration

## 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.



# INFORMATION ON PERSON'S CHILDREN

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



Number of children born and raised



Number of children born

Number of children raised (i.e., adopted, step, foster)

If any:



Year in which first child born

Person's age when first child born

## **GEOGRAPHY**

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

Location of Moved during residence year? If "yes": Postal Province Nature of Code move (full or partial household) Urban / rural Economic Urban size group Region Date of move Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Reason for other census geography move

#### HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY INFORMATION

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

Household Economic Family characteristics characteristics Size Туре Size Demographic Labour market/ Type summaries of education family members characteristics Income and Family events Dwelling type (Marriage, separation, low-income and tenure cutoffs birth, death, move) Key characteristics of every other household member