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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The National Survey of Separated and Divorced Parents (NSSDP) is a national public opinion research study conducted by the Department of Justice Canada (JUS). The survey collects experience-based data and opinion-based data on the interrelated subjects of child support and parenting arrangements. Results of the study will provide JUS important information on the perceptions and experiences of individuals living in Canada on key family justice-related topics important to policy development.

The NDDSP was designed to collect information on the following:

- a) Child support arrangements (or the lack of them);
- b) Experiences with and opinions of child support arrangements in place;
- c) Satisfaction with the arrangements or with having no arrangements;
- d) Parenting arrangements (or the lack of them);
- e) Experiences with and opinions of parenting arrangements in place;
- f) Distance between families; and
- g) Effectiveness of support enforcement and recalculation programs.

In addition to questions on the topic areas outlined above, the survey included questions on key demographic characteristics of respondents (e.g., gender, age, ethno-cultural group, Indigenous identity, income, employment).

METHODOLOGY

The 2025-26 National Survey of Separated and Divorced Parents was conducted online with 1,507 separated or divorced parents aged 18 years and older living in each of Canada's provinces and territories from January 19 to February 17, 2026. Qualified respondents had to meet the following criteria:

1. Have been separated from a married or common-law relationship or obtained a divorce in the past 20 years;
2. Have dependent child(ren) together from any relationship that ended in separation or divorce in the past 20 years; and
3. Have an ex-spouse/ex-partner from that relationship who is still living.

Respondents from a pre-profiled database recruited randomly via telephone were sent SMS or email invites to participate in the study. The average survey length was 12 minutes. Respondents had the option to complete the survey in the official language of their choice.

The quantitative survey instrument and all methodical information that would be required to replicate the research initiative, can be found in Appendix A. Tabulated results from the quantitative survey are provided in English and French under separate covers.

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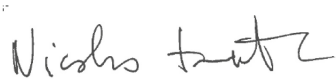
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SAMPLING PLAN

Advanis used its General Population Random Sample (GPRS), which is a pre-profiled database of approximately 750,000 Canadians to find potential respondents. Advanis' GPRS recruits people living in Canada using random digit telephone dialing (both landline and cell phone numbers) to collect a random sample of potential respondents.

From this randomly generated population sample, two more samples were taken to populate the study sample:

- The first sample was randomly chosen from respondents who had been previously identified as parents;
- The second sample targeted a smaller subset of parents who were known to be divorced/separated.

The samples were generated in January 2026. Data were collected through an online survey of approximately 12 minutes.

Table 1: Sample Frame by Province and territory

To achieve the overall target of 1,450 completed surveys from the target population, a national sample was generated with the following distribution:

Province and territory	Sample Frame
Maritimes	2,814
Quebec	14,858
Ontario	20,028
Manitoba	1,887
Saskatchewan	1,175
Alberta	7,138
British Columbia	5,308
Territories	169
Total	53,377

PRETEST AND INVITATIONS

CATI RECRUIT

Advanis used a CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) survey to recruit potential participants to participate in the online survey. Potential participants pulled from Advanis' GPRS sample were randomly called and were asked if they agreed to participate in an online study. Those who agreed were sent an invitation via SMS and, in a few cases, via email. Overall, 11,141 people agreed to participate in the online survey. Invitations were also sent if the interviewer reached a potential participant's voicemail and the respondent had previously given Advanis permission to send them invites directly. In this case, 16,953 invitations were sent after leaving a voicemail.

EMAIL AND SMS INVITES/REMINDERS

Invitations were sent by SMS and email. After sending the initial invitation, a reminder message was sent every three days to potential respondents who had not completed the survey and who had not previously been screened out of the survey. A maximum of four reminder messages were sent.

SURVEY PRETEST AND DATA COLLECTION

A pre-launch test was conducted on January 19-20th, 2026. The pretest was completed by 13 respondents in English and 11 respondents in French. Respondents were asked to provide feedback on the survey instrument, including any suggestions that would improve the survey for future participants. The average completion time for the pretest was 14 minutes. Surveys also had a unique number embedded in the hyperlink to eliminate the possibility of duplicate responses from one participant.

Some additional instructions were added to the survey as a result of the pretest to ensure responses would be consistent, but no substantive changes, additions or subtractions were made to the survey. Participant data from the pretest phase was included in the final data.

COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES

RESULTS

Table 2 below shows the details of initial invitations sent, unopened surveys, screened out applicants, as well as complete and incomplete surveys. The response rate, calculated as the number of in-scope responding units divided by the sum of unresolved units, in-scope non-responding units, and in-scope responding units, was 33.7%. Response rates for this type of survey and methodology generally range between 20% and 40%, depending on the subject matter and survey length.

Table 2: Results

Disposition	Total
Total Email Invitations Issued (SMS/Email)	28,094
Invalid (incomplete/incorrect email address, email invitation bounce backs)	47
Total in-scope units	28,047
Total in-scope - non-responding units	18,596
Total unresolved units (no response at all)	18,450
Qualified respondent break-off (incomplete)	146
Total in-scope - responding units	9,451
Over quota	0
Other disqualified	7,944
Completed surveys	1,507
Response Rate (in-scope responding / total in-scope units)	33.7%

MARGIN OF ERROR

Recruitment using Advanis' General Population Random Sample (GPRS) panel was probabilistic as such, the margin of error can be reported. The margin of error for a sample of 1,507 is +/- 2.5 at the 95% Confidence Interval.

COMPLETES AND TARGETS

Overall, 28,094 people were invited to participate in the online survey, 22,843 (81%) in English, and 5,251 (19%) in French. The average survey length was 12 minutes. A total of 1,507 surveys were completed, 1123 (75%) in English, and 384 (25%) in French.

In total, 37 respondents were screened out of the online survey for being under the age of 18 or refusing to provide their age.

NON-RESPONSE BIAS

Non-response bias occurs when non-responders differ in a meaningful way from respondents, and this difference impacts the information gathered. It is difficult to assess the presence of non-response bias since information about why non-responders did not participate is usually unavailable. One way to gauge the potential impacts of non-response bias is to evaluate if the sample is representative by comparing the respondents' characteristics and gauge if they reflect known population characteristics. Where possible, we can check the distribution of respondents across various demographics (for example, age and gender) and geographic categories and compare those distributions against known population characteristics. If the variation is fairly small and we have no reason to believe there are other factors impacting respondents' willingness to participate, we can conclude the likelihood of non-response bias impacting the information gathered in the survey is minimal. This is the case with the current survey.

Several strategies were employed to increase response rates and reduce the effects of non-response bias. This includes:

- Recruiting respondents by telephone (cellular).
- Outpulsing a local phone number (rather than a toll-free number) which increases pick-up rates (reducing call screening).
- Setting the next call date and time systematically based on the outcome of the current call, which ensures each respondent is called methodically across days of the week and times of the day. Especially for respondents that are difficult to reach, this maximizes the likelihood of reaching them.
- Sending an SMS text message to recruits, which assures a seamless transition from the telephone survey to the online survey, as receipt can be confirmed in real time and encourages respondents to complete the survey as soon as the call ends.
- Collecting both email address and telephone number for recruitment in the event the email bounces, we can contact them via SMS message if they consent.

- Offering the survey in both official languages to maximize ease of completion.

WEIGHTING

The final data were weighted by region and gender. In the absence of reference data for the target population, the data reported was not weighted by other demographic characteristics (e.g., age or gender).

WEIGHTING APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

Overall, 1,507 online surveys were completed during data collection, 1,123 (75%) in English, and 384 (25%) in French. The final data were weighted by region and gender to align with 2021 Census of Population estimates as closely as possible. The population proportions were sourced from [Statistics Canada. Census Profile. 2021 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-401-X2021001](#) and Advanis applied the weights to the survey database. Detailed weights are available in the data set.

Table 3 - Weighting

Region and Gender	Completed Surveys	Unweighted proportion	Weighted proportion
British Columbia - Men	43	2.9%	6.7%
British Columbia - Women	107	7.1%	7.1%
Prairies (Alta., Sask., Man.) - Men	108	7.2%	8.6%
Prairies (Alta., Sask., Man.) - Women	181	12.0%	8.8%
Ontario - Men	181	12.0%	18.6%
Ontario - Women	350	23.2%	19.8%
Quebec - Men	172	11.4%	11.2%
Quebec - Women	278	18.4%	11.7%
Atlantic (N.B., N.L., N.S., P.E.I.) - Men	25	1.7%	3.2%
Atlantic (N.B., N.L., N.S., P.E.I.) - Women	54	3.6%	3.4%
Territories (Nvt., N.W.T., Y.T.) - Men	1	0.1%	0.2%
Territories (Nvt., N.W.T., Y.T.) - Women	2	0.1%	0.2%
Don't know	5	0.3%	0.3%

Appendix A: Quantitative Instruments

Separated and Divorced Parents

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Page Login page

wcag *Show if OfferWCAG (custom: <<current_mode_is("web")>> and <<offer_wcag()>>)*

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey about justice issues of interest to parents in Canada. **Si vous préférez répondre au sondage en français, veuillez cliquer sur français.**

This survey is voluntary but your input is valuable to us, and the survey will take about **15 minutes** to complete.

Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time. If you get interrupted while doing the survey, you **can click on the same link** to pick up right where you left off.

The Government of Canada has contracted an independent public opinion research company, [Advanis \(opens in a new window\) \(http://advanis.net\)](http://advanis.net), to conduct this research on their behalf. This survey uses Advanis's [TellCityHall \(opens in a new window\) \(http://www.tellcityhall.ca\)](http://www.tellcityhall.ca) data collection methodology. You have completed a survey for us in the past, and indicated then that you might participate in public policy studies in the future. Your personal information is treated with the highest standards of confidentiality by Advanis. Survey answers will be grouped with other participant responses, and your personal information will only be used for the purposes stated in the survey. We will not use this information for any purposes other than those consistent with market research requirements and guidelines.

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- ☐ ₁ If you require a screen reader or assistive device to complete this survey, check this box to access a compatible version
- ☐ ₂ Start Survey

Section 0

S1, S1a, Term1, S2, Term2, S3, Term3, S4, Term4

Page Demographic Questions

S1

In which of the following age categories do you belong?

- ☐ ₁ Less than 18 years old
- ☐ ₂ 18 to 24
- ☐ ₃ 25 to 34
- ☐ ₄ 35 to 44
- ☐ ₅ 45 to 54
- ☐ ₆ 55 to 64
- ☐ ₇ 65 or older
- ☐ ₋₈ Prefer not to answer

S1a Show if Did not provide agegroup (S1 = Prefer not to answer)

Are you 18 years of age or over?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

Term1 Show if Not aged 18 plus ((S1 = 1) OR (S1a = 2))

Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your interest in this survey, but you must be 18 or older to participate. We thank you very much for taking the time to participate, it is greatly appreciated.

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S2

In the last 20 years, have you:

Select all that apply

- ☐ ₁ Separated from a married or common-law relationship. This would include a separation from a live-in relationship, no matter how short or long it lasted.
- ☐ ₂ Obtained a divorce (including a separation that ended in divorce)
- ☐ ₃ None of the above (*Exclusive*)

Term2 Show if has not separated or divorced in past 20 years ($S2_3 = 1$)

Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your interest in this survey, but you must be either separated or divorced in the past 20 years to participate. We thank you very much for taking the time to participate, it is greatly appreciated.

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S3

A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority is but not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).

Do you and your ex-partner/spouse currently have dependent child(ren) together from any relationship that ended in separation or divorce in the past 20 years? Please do not include foster or step-child(ren).

- ☐ ₁ Yes
☐ ₂ No

Term3 *Show if has no dependent child with ex partner or spouse (S3 = 2)*

Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your interest in this survey, but you must have at least one dependent child with your ex-partner/spouse to participate. We thank you very much for taking the time to participate, it is greatly appreciated.

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S4

To the best of your knowledge, is your ex-partner/spouse, with whom you have dependent children, still living?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
☐ ₂ No

Term4 *Show if ex partner or spouse is not living (S4 = 2)*

Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your interest in this survey, but we're looking for respondents with a different profile to participate. We thank you very much for taking the time to participate, it is greatly appreciated.

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Section 1

Intro, D1, D2a, D2b, Term5, D3, D4, D5, Term6, D6

Page Family Characteristics

Intro

If you have been divorced or separated more than once in the past 20 years, please only consider your most recent divorce or separation where there were children born or adopted by you and your ex-partner/spouse for the remainder of the survey.

Select the right arrow to continue.

D1

How many child(ren) were born or adopted into this relationship?

Include all child(ren). Please do not include foster or step-child(ren).

Minimum: 1, Maximum: 10

D2a Show if has only 1 child with ex (D1 = 1)

(if Is WCAG (wcag = 1)) Is the child from this relationship currently considered to be dependent? (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).)

(if Default) Is the child from this relationship currently considered to be dependent? **

- ☐ ₁ Yes
☐ ₂ No

D2b Show if has more than 1 child with ex (D1 > 1)

(if Is WCAG (wcag = 1)) How many of the children from this relationship are currently considered to be dependent? (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).)

(if Default) How many of the children from this relationship are currently considered to be dependent? **

Minimum: 0, Maximum: 10

Term5 Show if D2 No dependents ((D2b = 0) OR (D2a = 2))

Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your interest in this survey, but we're looking for respondents with a different profile to participate. We thank you very much for taking the time to participate, it is greatly appreciated.

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D3

(if has only 1 dependent child and WCAG (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (wcag = 1))) Please provide the current age of the dependent child (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).) of this relationship:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Please provide the current age of the dependent child <<dependentchildren>> of this relationship:

(if Is WCAG (wcag = 1)) Please provide the current ages of the dependent children (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).) of this relationship:

(if Default) Please provide the current ages of the dependent children <<dependentchildren>> of

this relationship.

For children under one year please provide the response in a part year. For example, if the child is 6 months old, enter 0.5.

Minimum: 0.1, Maximum: 99.0

Child 1 (Show if has at least 1 dependent child (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) OR (D2b >= 1)))) _____

Child 2 (Show if has 2 or more dependent children (D2b >= 2)) _____

Child 3 (Show if has 3 or more dependent children (D2b >= 3)) _____

Child 4 (Show if has 4 or more dependent children (D2b >= 4)) _____

Child 5 (Show if has 5 or more dependent children (D2b >= 5)) _____

Child 6 (Show if has 6 or more dependent children (D2b >= 6)) _____

Child 7 (Show if has 7 or more dependent children (D2b >= 7)) _____

Child 8 (Show if has 8 or more dependent children (D2b >= 8)) _____

Child 9 (Show if has 9 or more dependent children (D2b >= 9)) _____

Child 10 (Show if has 10 or more dependent children (D2b >= 10)) _____

D4

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Which of the descriptors below best applies to your most recent relationship that ended in a separation or divorce with a dependent child?

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1)) Which of the descriptors below best applies to your most recent relationship that ended in a separation or divorce with dependent children?

(if Default) Which of the descriptors below best applies to your most recent relationship that ended in a separation or divorce with dependent children?

Please select one.

- ☐ 1 Married and separated
- ☐ 2 Married and divorced (Show if Divorced in past 20 years (S2_2 = 1))
- ☐ 3 Previously lived together in a conjugal relationship (not married) of at least one year
- ☐ 4 Previously lived together in a conjugal relationship (not married) that was less than one year
- ☐ 5 Other (specify): _____

D5

(if Was Married and Divorced (D4 = 2)) In what month and year did you divorce from your ex-spouse?

(if Was Married and Separated (D4 = 1)) In what month and year did you separate from your ex-spouse?

(if Default) In what month and year did you separate from your ex-partner?

Please select a month and enter the year.

Minimum: 2006, Maximum: 2026

Prefix	Answer	Suffix
January	_____	
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Term6 Show if Relationship ended more than 20 years ago ($D5 < 2006$)

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D6

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) How long had you been living with your **ex-spouse** prior to your separation?

(if Default) How long had you been living with your **ex-partner** prior to your separation?

For example, if you lived together for 6 months before separating, enter 0.5

Minimum: 0.1, Maximum: 99.0

_____ Years

Section 2

LS1, LS2, LS3, LS4, LS5, LS6, LS7, LS8

Page Living Situation and Arrangements or Agreements for Children

LS1

In which province or territory do you live?

- ☐ 1 Newfoundland & Labrador
- ☐ 2 Prince Edward Island
- ☐ 3 Nova Scotia
- ☐ 4 New Brunswick
- ☐ 5 Quebec
- ☐ 6 Ontario
- ☐ 7 Manitoba
- ☐ 8 Saskatchewan
- ☐ 9 Alberta
- ☐ 10 British Columbia
- ☐ 11 Nunavut
- ☐ 12 Northwest Territories
- ☐ 13 Yukon
- ☐ -8 Prefer not to answer

LS2

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Do you and your **ex-spouse** reside in:

(if Default) Do you and your **ex-partner** reside in:

- ☐ 1 The same neighbourhood
- ☐ 2 The same city
- ☐ 3 The same province/territory

- ☐ 4 Different provinces/territories
- ☐ 5 Different countries ([ex-spouse / ex-partner] lives in the US)
- ☐ 6 Different countries ([ex-spouse / ex-partner] lives in another country) – please specify:

- ☐ 7 Don't know where [ex-spouse / ex-partner] lives

LS3

(if has only 1 dependent child and WCAG (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (wcag = 1))) Considering the relationship that broke down in the last 20 years that still includes a dependent child (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).) from that relationship, do you have an arrangement (including an agreement or court order) (A parenting arrangement is a plan for the care of your children after you separate or divorce. This includes arrangements about where the children will live, where they will go to school, their religious education (if any), their participation in cultural activities, their medical care, their afterschool activities, and so on.) for your dependent child of that relationship for:

(if has more than 1 dependent child and WCAG ((D2b > 1) AND (wcag = 1))) Considering the relationship that broke down in the last 20 years that still includes dependent children (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).) from that relationship, do you have an arrangement (including an agreement or court order) (A parenting arrangement is a plan for the care of your children after you separate or divorce. This includes arrangements about where the children will live, where they will go to school, their religious education (if any), their participation in cultural activities, their medical care, their afterschool activities, and so on.) for your dependent children of that relationship for:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Considering the relationship that broke down in the last 20 years that still includes a dependent child <<dependentchildren>> from that relationship, do you have an arrangement (including an agreement or court order) <<parentingarrangement>> for your dependent child of that relationship for:

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1)) Considering the relationship that broke down in the last 20 years that still includes dependent children <<dependentchildren>> from that relationship, do you have an arrangement (including an agreement or court order) <<parentingarrangement>> for your dependent children of that relationship for:

(if Default) Considering the relationship that broke down in the last 20 years that still includes dependent children <<dependentchildren>> from that relationship, do you have an arrangement (including an agreement or court order) <<parentingarrangement>> for your dependent children of that relationship for:

Select all that apply

- ☐ 1 Parenting time *
- ☐ 2 Decision making responsibilities relating to your [child / children]'s health, religion and/or education *

- ☐ ₃ Child support *
- ☐ ₄ None of the above (Exclusive)

Levels marked with * are randomized

LS4 Show if has parenting time or decision making arrangement ((LS3_1 = 1) OR (LS3_2 = 1))

(if has only 1 dependent child and WCAG (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (wcag = 1))) You indicated that you have a parenting arrangement (for time spent and/or decision making) for your dependent child (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).). What kind of arrangement or agreement is it?

(if has more than 1 dependent child and WCAG ((D2b > 1) AND (wcag = 1))) You indicated that you have a parenting arrangement (for time spent and/or decision making) for your dependent children (A dependent child is under the age of majority, or over the age of majority but is not independent because of an illness, disability or other cause (for example, is enrolled in post-secondary education program).). What kind of arrangement or agreement is it?

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) You indicated that you have a parenting arrangement (for time spent and/or decision making) for your dependent child

<<dependentchildren>>. What kind of arrangement or agreement is it?

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1)) You indicated that you have a parenting arrangement (for time spent and/or decision making) for your dependent children

<<dependentchildren>>. What kind of arrangement or agreement is it?

(if Default) You indicated that you have a parenting arrangement (for time spent and/or decision making) for your dependent children <<dependentchildren>>. What kind of arrangement or agreement is it?

- ☐ ₁ Verbal only
- ☐ ₂ Written only
- ☐ ₃ Parts are written, and parts are verbal
- ☐ ₄ Other (specify): _____

LS5 Show if has written parenting arrangement (LS4 = 2,3)

How was the written arrangement reached?

- ☐ ₁ You and your [ex-spouse / ex-partner] prepared on your own *
- ☐ ₂ With assistance, such as mediation, a lawyer, other family justice services
- ☐ ₃ By court order *
- ☐ ₄ Other (specify): _____

Levels marked with * are randomized

LS6 Show if has parentingtime arrangement (LS3_1 = 1)

(if Has only 1 dependent and was married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (D4 = 1,2))) In the past 12 months, overall, would you say that the arrangement made by you and your ex-spouse (for how much time your child spends with each parent) has been followed:

(if Has more than 1 dependent and married ((D2b > 1) AND (D4 = 1,2))) In the past 12 months, overall, would you say that the arrangement made by you and your ex-spouse (for how much time your children spend with each parent) has been followed:

(if Has only 1 dependent and not married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND NOT (D4 = 1,2))) In the past 12 months, overall, would you say that the arrangement made by you and your ex-partner (for how much time your child spends with each parent) has been followed:

(if Has more than 1 dependent and not married ((D2b > 1) AND NOT (D4 = 1,2))) In the past 12 months, overall, would you say that the arrangement made by you and your ex-partner (for how much time your children spend with each parent) has been followed:

(if Default) In the past 12 months, overall, would you say that the arrangement made by you and your ex-partner (for how much time your children spend with each parent) has been followed:

- ☐ 1 All of the time
- ☐ 2 Most of the time
- ☐ 3 Sometimes
- ☐ 4 Rarely
- ☐ 5 Never
- ☐ .9 Don't know

LS7 Show if has not followed arrangement often (LS6 = 3,4,5)

What is the main reason why the parenting arrangement has not been followed?

- ☐ 1 General conflict [[Often occurs when there is distrust, anger and hostility or communication difficulties during a dispute between individuals.] / [[Often occurs when there is distrust, anger and hostility or communication difficulties during a dispute between individuals.]] *
- ☐ 2 Family violence [(Any behaviour that is violent, threatening, a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour or that causes a family member to fear for their safety or the safety of another person.) / [[Any behaviour that is violent, threatening, a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour or that causes a family member to fear for their safety or the safety of another person.]] *
- ☐ 3 Arrangement no longer worked - changed circumstances *
- ☐ 4 You or your [ex-spouse / ex-partner] regularly cancels time with the [child / children] *
- ☐ 5 Other (specify): _____
- ☐ .9 Don't know

Levels marked with * are randomized

LS8 Show if has no parenting time or no decision making arrangement (NOT (LS3_1 = 1) AND NOT (LS3_2 = 1))

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason why there is no parenting (time spent or decision-making responsibilities) arrangement for the **child**?

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1)) What is the main reason why there is no parenting (time spent or decision-making responsibilities) arrangement for the **children**?

(if Default) What is the main reason why there is no parenting (time spent or decision-making responsibilities) arrangement for the **children**?

- ☐ 1 Lost contact with **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** *
- ☐ 2 Personal conflict with **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** *
- ☐ 3 Conflict/disagreement regarding the arrangement *
- ☐ 4 **[Child lives / Children live]** elsewhere (not with either parent) *
- ☐ 5 Not yet finalized/situation is recent *
- ☐ 6 Other (specify): _____

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

Section 3

PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4, PA5, PA6, PA7

Page Parenting Arrangement

PA1

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Thinking about your dependent **child** from this relationship, who did the **child** usually live with over the past 12 months?

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(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Thinking about your dependent **children** from this relationship, who did the **children** usually live with over the past 12 months?

(if Default) Thinking about your dependent **children** from this relationship, who did the **children** usually live with over the past 12 months?

- ☐ 1 Only with you
- ☐ 2 Mainly with you (more than 60% of the time)
- ☐ 3 About the same amount of time in both parents' home (40% to 60% of the time)
- ☐ 4 Mainly with your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** (more than 60% of the time)
- ☐ 5 Only with your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]**
- ☐ 6 At least one child lives with me and at least one child lives with my **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** (split) *(Show if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1))*
- ☐ 7 Another arrangement, specify: _____

☐ 99 Don't know

PA2 Show if children live mainly with one parent or split (PA1 = 2,3,4,6,7)

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) and Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Please describe in days or hours how often the **child** usually **lives** with you and/or your **ex-spouse**:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Please describe in days or hours how often the **child** usually **lives** with you and/or your **ex-partner**:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) and Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Please describe in days or hours how often the **child** usually **live** with you and/or your **ex-spouse**:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Please describe in days or hours how often the **child** usually **live** with you and/or your **ex-partner**:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) and Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Please describe in days or hours how often the **children** usually **lives** with you and/or your **ex-spouse**:

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Please describe in days or hours how often the **children** usually **lives** with you and/or your **ex-partner**:

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Please describe in days or hours how often the **children** usually **live** with you and/or your **ex-spouse**:

(if Default) Please describe in days or hours how often the **children** usually **live** with you and/or your **ex-partner**:

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PA3

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) How satisfied are you with the amount of time you spend with your **child**?

(if Default) How satisfied are you with the amount of time you spend with your **children**?

- ☐ 1 Very satisfied
- ☐ 2 Satisfied
- ☐ 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 4 Dissatisfied
- ☐ 5 Very dissatisfied
- ☐ .9 Don't know

PA4 Show if not satisfied with the amount of time spent with children ((PA3 = 4) OR (PA3 = 5))

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time you spend with your **child**?

(if Default) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time you spend with your **children**?

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PA5

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2) and has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) How satisfied are you with the amount of time your **ex-spouse** spends with your **child**?

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) How satisfied are you with the amount of time your **ex-spouse** spends with your **children**?

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) How satisfied are you with the amount of time your **ex-partner** spends with your **child**?

(if Default) How satisfied are you with the amount of time your **ex-partner** spends with your **children**?

- ☐ 1 Very satisfied
- ☐ 2 Satisfied
- ☐ 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 4 Dissatisfied
- ☐ 5 Very dissatisfied
- ☐ .9 Don't know

PA6 Show if not satisfied with the amount of time ex spends with children ((PA5 = 4) OR (PA5 = 5))

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2) and has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time your **ex-spouse** spends with your **child**?

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time your **ex-spouse** spends with your **children**?

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time your **ex-partner** spends with your **child**?

(if Default) What is the main reason you are dissatisfied with the amount of time your **ex-partner**

spends with your **children**?

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PA7

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Who makes major decisions about your **child**, for example, health, religion and/or education?

(if Default) Who makes major decisions about your **children**, for example, health, religion and/or education?

- ☐ 1 Only you
- ☐ 2 Mainly you
- ☐ 3 You and your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** together or alternatively
- ☐ 4 Mainly your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]**
- ☐ 5 Only your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]**
- ☐ 6 Someone else
- ☐ 7 Varies depending on what the decision is, specify:

- ☐ 8 Varies depending on the child, specify: _____ *(Show if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1))*
- ☐ 9 Other, specify: _____
- ☐ 10 Don't know

Section 4

CS1, CS1a, CS2, CS3, CS4, CS4a, CS5, CS6, CS7a, CS7b, CS8, CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12a, CS12b, CS13, CS14, CS15, CS16, CS17, CS18, CS19

Page Child Support Arrangements

CS1 Show if has childsupport arrangement (LS3_3 = 1)

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1) and has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Are you currently providing or receiving financial support for **at least one of** your **child** from this relationship?

(if has more than 1 dependent child (D2b > 1)) Are you currently providing or receiving financial support for **at least one of** your **children** from this relationship?

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Are you currently providing or receiving

financial support for your **child** from this relationship?

(if Default) Are you currently providing or receiving financial support for your **children** from this relationship?

- ☐ ₁ Yes, providing financial support
- ☐ ₂ Yes, receiving financial support
- ☐ ₃ Yes, providing and receiving support for children from this relationship
- ☐ ₄ No, not providing nor receiving

CS1a Show if provides and receives child support (CS1 = 3)

Please describe your situation with respect to your child support paid and received.

Please do not enter personally identifying information (e.g., name, email address, phone number, mailing address), as anything you enter may be shared with the sponsor of this research.

CS2 Show if neither provides nor receives child support or not answered (CS1 = 4, Not Answered)

What is the main reason why there is no child support being paid or received?

- ☐ ₁ Lost contact with **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** *
- ☐ ₂ Personal conflict with **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** *
- ☐ ₃ Conflict/disagreement regarding the arrangement *
- ☐ ₄ **[Child lives / Children live]** elsewhere (not with either parent) *
- ☐ ₅ Agreement that no child support needs to be paid or received *
- ☐ ₆ Not yet finalized/situation is recent *
- ☐ ₇ Not required to provide *
- ☐ ₈ Lump-sum payment was made during **[divorce / separation]** *
- ☐ ₉ One of the parents has insufficient income/unstable employment situation *
- ☐ ₁₀ Other (specify): _____

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

CS3 Show if has child support arrangement or provides receives or provides and receives support ((LS3_3 = 1) OR (CS1 = 1,2,3))

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What kind of arrangement for financial support of your **child** do you have?

(if Default) What kind of arrangement for financial support of your **children** do you have?

- ☐ 1 Verbal only *
- ☐ 2 Written only *
- ☐ 3 Part is written and part is verbal

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

CS4 Show if has fully or partly written agreement ((CS3 = 2) OR (CS3 = 3))

How was the written arrangement reached?

- ☐ 1 You and your **[ex-spouse / ex-partner]** prepared on your own
- ☐ 2 With assistance, such as mediation, a lawyer, other family justice services
- ☐ 3 By a court order
- ☐ 4 Other (specify): _____
- ☐ .9 Don't know

CS4a Show if has some sort of childsupport arrangement ((LS3_3 = 1) OR (CS1 = 1,2,3))

How did you decide on your child support amounts?

- ☐ 1 Used child support guidelines **[[Child support guidelines are a set of rules and tables to establish child support in divorce or separation cases. You may have used child support guidelines to calculate the amount yourself, for example, if you used the Department of Justice's Child Support Look Up or if your lawyer calculated the amount for you.] / [[Child support guidelines are a set of rules and tables to establish child support in divorce or separation cases. You may have used child support guidelines to calculate the amount yourself, for example, if you used the Department of Justice's Child Support Look Up or if your lawyer calculated the amount for you.]]]**
- ☐ 2 Other (specify): _____
- ☐ .9 Don't know

CS5 Show if has some sort of childsupport arrangement ((LS3_3 = 1) OR (CS1 = 1,2,3))

Regarding special or extraordinary expenses, what expenses were requested?

Select all that apply

- ☐ 1 Child-care related expenses *
- ☐ 2 Hobbies or extracurricular activities for the **[child / children]** *
- ☐ 3 Costs for school related items *
- ☐ 4 Counselling or assessments *
- ☐ 5 Electronics for the **[child / children]** *
- ☐ 6 Health related expenses *
- ☐ 7 Special or seasonal clothing *

- ☐ ₈ Other (specify): _____
- ☐ ₉ Not applicable – No special or extraordinary expenses were requested (Exclusive)

Levels marked with * are randomized

CS6 Show if provides or provides and receives child support random1 ((CS1 = 1) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 1)))

What percentage of your gross (pre-tax) monthly income is your child support payment?

- ☐ ₁ 10% or less
- ☐ ₂ 11%-20%
- ☐ ₃ 21%-30%
- ☐ ₄ 31%-40%
- ☐ ₅ Over 40%
- ☐ _{.9} Don't know

CS7a Show if provides or provides and receives child support random1 ((CS1 = 1) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 1)))

In the past 12 months, how often did you pay child support?

Select all that apply

- ☐ ₁ Weekly
- ☐ ₂ Bi-weekly
- ☐ ₃ Monthly
- ☐ ₄ In one yearly lump sum payment
- ☐ ₅ Irregularly
- ☐ ₆ As needed
- ☐ ₇ Provide support other than the ways identified above [(For example, purchasing groceries, undertaking work on your ex's living space, sharing meat from a hunt.) / [(For example, purchasing groceries, undertaking work on your ex's living space, sharing meat from a hunt.]]]. Please specify: _____

CS7b Show if provides monetary support ((CS7a_1 = 1) OR (CS7a_2 = 1) OR (CS7a_3 = 1) OR (CS7a_4 = 1) OR (CS7a_5 = 1) OR (CS7a_6 = 1))

How much did you pay for child support in the past 12 months?

For each time period listed below, please enter the regular amount paid (e.g., if payment is weekly, enter the weekly amount paid)

Minimum: 1, Maximum: 9999999

Weekly (Show if pays cs weekly (CS7a_1 = 1)) \$ _____

Bi-weekly (Show if pays cs biweekly (CS7a_2 = 1)) \$ _____

Monthly (Show if pays cs monthly (CS7a_3 = 1)) \$ _____

In one yearly lump sum payment *(Show if pays cs annually (CS7a_4 = 1))* \$ _____
 You indicated the payment frequency as 'As needed', please indicate the \$ _____
 yearly amount paid *(Show if pays cs as needed (CS7a_6 = 1))*
 You indicated the payment frequency as 'Irregular', please indicate the \$ _____
 yearly amount paid *(Show if pays cs irregularly (CS7a_5 = 1))*

CS8 *Show if pays periodic financial support ((CS7a_1 = 1) OR (CS7a_2 = 1) OR (CS7a_3 = 1))*

According to your arrangements, and thinking about your child support payments due over the past 12 months, would you say that you:

- ☐ 1 Never missed a payment (made all payments on time and full)
- ☐ 2 Made all payments but some or all were late
- ☐ 3 Missed a few payments that were due (a few payments were either missed altogether or not full)
- ☐ 4 Missed most or all payments

CS9 *Show if provides monetary support ((CS7a_1 = 1) OR (CS7a_2 = 1) OR (CS7a_3 = 1) OR (CS7a_4 = 1) OR (CS7a_5 = 1) OR (CS7a_6 = 1))*

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) Thinking about the financial support you provide for your **child**, how satisfied are you the amount you are paying?

(if Default) Thinking about the financial support you provide for your **children**, how satisfied are you the amount you are paying?

- ☐ 1 Very satisfied
- ☐ 2 Satisfied
- ☐ 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 4 Dissatisfied
- ☐ 5 Very dissatisfied

CS10 *Show if dissatisfied with financial support paid for dependent (CS9 = 4,5)*

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason why you are dissatisfied with the financial support you pay for your **child**?

(if Default) What is the main reason why you are dissatisfied with the financial support you pay for your **children**?

- ☐ 1 Amount is too high *
- ☐ 2 Money is not being spent appropriately *
- ☐ 3 The other parent does not need the money *
- ☐ 4 Other (specify): _____

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

CS11 Show if receives or provides and receives child support random2 ((CS1 = 2) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 2)))

What percentage of your gross (pre-tax) monthly income is the child support you receive?

- ☐ 1 10% or less
- ☐ 2 11%-20%
- ☐ 3 21%-30%
- ☐ 4 31%-40%
- ☐ 5 Over 40%
- ☐ -9 Don't know

CS12a Show if receives or provides and receives child support random2 ((CS1 = 2) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 2)))

In the past 12 months, how often did you receive child support?

Select all that apply

- ☐ 1 Weekly
- ☐ 2 Bi-weekly
- ☐ 3 Monthly
- ☐ 4 In one yearly lump sum payment
- ☐ 5 Irregularly
- ☐ 6 As needed
- ☐ 7 Receive support other than the ways identified above [(For example, purchasing groceries, undertaking work on your living space, sharing meat from a hunt.) / [(For example, purchasing groceries, undertaking work on your living space, sharing meat from a hunt.]]]. Please specify: _____

CS12b Show if receives monetary support ((CS12a_1 = 1) OR (CS12a_2 = 1) OR (CS12a_3 = 1) OR (CS12a_4 = 1) OR (CS12a_5 = 1) OR (CS12a_6 = 1))

How much did you receive for child support in the past 12 months?

For each time period listed below, please enter the regular amount received (e.g., if payment is weekly, enter the weekly amount received)

Minimum: 1, Maximum: 9999999

Weekly (Show if receives cs weekly (CS12a_1 = 1))	\$ _____
Bi-weekly (Show if receives cs biweekly (CS12a_2 = 1))	\$ _____
Monthly (Show if receives cs monthly (CS12a_3 = 1))	\$ _____
In one yearly lump sum payment (Show if receives cs yearly (CS12a_4 = 1))	\$ _____
You indicated the payment frequency as 'Irregular', please indicate the yearly amount paid (Show if receives cs irregularly (CS12a_5 = 1))	\$ _____
You indicated the payment frequency as 'As needed', please indicate the yearly amount paid (Show if receives cs as needed (CS12a_6 = 1))	\$ _____

CS13 *Show if receives or provides and receives child support random2 ((CS1 = 2) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 2)))*

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) According to your arrangements, and thinking about the child support payments received over the past 12 months, would you say that your **ex-spouse**:

(if Default) According to your arrangements, and thinking about the child support payments received over the past 12 months, would you say that your **ex-partner**:

- ☐ 1 Never missed a payment (made all payments on time and full)
- ☐ 2 Made all payments but some or all were late
- ☐ 3 Missed a few payments that were due (a few payments were either missed altogether or not full)
- ☐ 4 Missed most or all payments

CS14 *Show if receives or provides and receives child support random2 ((CS1 = 2) OR ((CS1 = 3) AND (version = 2)))*

Thinking about the child support you receive, how satisfied are you?

- ☐ 1 Very satisfied
- ☐ 2 Satisfied
- ☐ 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 4 Dissatisfied
- ☐ 5 Very dissatisfied

CS15 *Show if dissatisfied with financial support received for dependent (CS14 = 4,5)*

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) What is the main reason why you are dissatisfied with the financial support you receive for your **child**?

(if Default) What is the main reason why you are dissatisfied with the financial support you receive for your **children**?

- ☐ 1 Amount is too low *
- ☐ 2 The other parent refuses to pay support *
- ☐ 3 The payments are not received regularly *
- ☐ 4 The payment is not being made *
- ☐ 5 The other parent is not paying full amount *
- ☐ 6 Payments not received on time or are late *
- ☐ 7 The other parent can pay more than arranged *
- ☐ 8 Other (specify): _____

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

Page Second families (child support recipients/payors) *Show if provides or receives or provides and receives support (CS1 = 1,2,3)*

CS16

If you have a new partner, does your current partner contribute financially to household expenses?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No
- ☐ ₃ Not currently in a relationship

CS17

Do you have financial responsibilities for child(ren) who are not part of this child support arrangement (e.g., child(ren) from a newer or older relationship)?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

CS18

Do you provide financial support to other family members (e.g., parents, siblings, adult child(ren))?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

CS19

Do you receive financial support from family members and/or others in your household?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

Section 5

SI1, SI2, SI3, SI4, SI5, SI6

Page Services and Information

SI1

(if Divorced (D4 = 2)) During the breakdown of your relationship that ended in [divorce](#), were you able to obtain assistance from the courts and/or access family justice services in the official language (English or French) of your choice?

(if Default) During the breakdown of your relationship that ended in [separation](#), were you able to

obtain assistance from the courts and/or access family justice services in the official language (English or French) of your choice?

- ☐ ₁ Yes, completely
- ☐ ₂ Yes, partially
- ☐ ₃ No
- ☐ ₄ Did not seek assistance from the courts or services

SI2 Show if was not able to or partially able to obtain assistance in official language of choice ((SI1 = 3) OR (SI1 = 2))

Please specify why you were not able to obtain assistance from the courts and/or access family justice services in the official language (English or French) of your choice.

Please do not enter personally identifying information (e.g., name, email address, phone number, mailing address), as anything you enter may be shared with the sponsor of this research.

SI3

(if Is WCAG (wcag = 1)) Did you use legal aid services (Legal aid services provide assistance to individuals who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer to address serious legal problems. These services offer legal representation for people accused of crimes, as well as for those involved in family-related issues, immigration and refugee matters, and other civil legal problems.) for your family matter?

(if Default) Did you use legal aid services ***?*** for your family matter?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No – I did not use
- ☐ ₃ No – Not eligible
- ☐ ₄ I did not know that legal aid services existed

SI4

Have you ever tried to access information about the family justice system in Canada?

- ☐ ₁ Yes

- ☐ ₂ No
- ☐ ₃ Don't know

SI5 Show if has tried accessing info about family justice system in Canada (SI4 = 1)

Was this information easy to find?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

SI6 Show if has tried accessing info about family justice system in Canada (SI4 = 1)

Was this information easy to understand?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No
- ☐ ₃ I couldn't find any information

Section 6

C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6

Page Conflict And Communication Difficulties

C1

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) Do you have contact with your **ex-spouse**?

(if Default) Do you have contact with your **ex-partner**?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

C2 Show if is in contact with ex (C1 = 1)

(if has only 1 dependent child ((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1))) How often do you usually experience conflict over decisions you need to make about your **child** (not including decisions about the time spent with each parent)?

(if Default) How often do you usually experience conflict over decisions you need to make about your **children** (not including decisions about the time spent with each parent)?

- ☐ ₁ Never
- ☐ ₂ Rarely
- ☐ ₃ Sometimes
- ☐ ₄ Most of the time

- ☐ 5 All the time
- ☐ 6 Not applicable - We never communicate

C3

(if Has only 1 dependent and was married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry about the care or the treatment of your child when they are with your ex-spouse?

(if Has only 1 dependent and not married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND NOT (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry about the care or the treatment of your child when they are with your ex-partner?

(if Has more than 1 dependent and married ((D2b > 1) AND (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry about the care or the treatment of your children when they are with your ex-spouse?

(if Has more than 1 dependent and not married ((D2b > 1) AND NOT (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry about the care or the treatment of your children when they are with your ex-partner?

(if Default) How often do you usually worry about the care or the treatment of your children when they are with your ex-partner?

- ☐ 1 Never
- ☐ 2 Rarely
- ☐ 3 Sometimes
- ☐ 4 Most of the time
- ☐ 5 All the time
- ☐ 6 Not applicable - [My child is never / My children are never] with the other parent

C4

(if Has only 1 dependent and was married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry that your child is being put in the middle or involved in conflict between you and your ex-spouse?

(if Has more than 1 dependent and married ((D2b > 1) AND (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry that your children are being put in the middle or involved in conflict between you and your ex-spouse?

(if Has only 1 dependent and not married (((D1 = 1) OR (D2b = 1)) AND NOT (D4 = 1,2))) How often do you usually worry that your child is being put in the middle or involved in conflict between you and your ex-partner?

(if Default) How often do you usually worry that your children are being put in the middle or involved in conflict between you and your ex-partner?

- ☐ 1 Never
- ☐ 2 Rarely
- ☐ 3 Sometimes
- ☐ 4 Most of the time
- ☐ 5 All the time
- ☐ 6 Not applicable - [My child is never / My children are never] with the other parent

C5

(if Was married (D4 = 1,2)) In general, how would you describe your current relationship with your **ex-spouse**?

(if Default) In general, how would you describe your current relationship with your **ex-partner**?

- ☐ 1 Very conflictual
- ☐ 2 Conflictual
- ☐ 3 Neutral
- ☐ 4 Friendly
- ☐ 5 Very friendly
- ☐ 6 No communication with other parent but relationship was conflictual in the past
- ☐ 7 No communication with other parent but relationship was friendly in the past
- ☐ 8 It varies, our relationship is erratic

C6

(if Was Married and Divorced (D4 = 2)) How, if at all, has communication between you and your **ex-spouse** changed since the divorce with respect to...

(if Was Married and Separated (D4 = 1)) How, if at all, has communication between you and your **ex-spouse** changed since the separation with respect to...

(if Default) How, if at all, has communication between you and your **ex-partner** changed since the separation with respect to...

1. arrangements for where your **[child lives / children live]** and time spent with each parent *
2. arrangements for making decisions regarding your **[child / children]** *
3. arrangements for the financial support of your **[child / children]** *

*Levels marked with * are randomized*

- ☐ 1 No change
- ☐ 2 Communication has improved
- ☐ 3 Communication has become more difficult or conflicted
- ☐ 4 There has been no communication

Section 7

D7, D8, D9, D10, D11, D13, D14

Page General Demographic Questions

D7

Finally, we have a few questions for statistical purposes. Your answers will remain completely anonymous.

I identify as:

- ☐ ₁ A woman
- ☐ ₂ A man
- ☐ ₃ A non-binary person
- ☐ ₄ Prefer to self-identify as: _____
- ☐ ₋₈ Prefer not to answer

D8

I identify as:

Select all that apply

- ☐ ₁ Indigenous (First Nations, Inuk (Inuit) or Métis)
- ☐ ₂ Black (e.g., African/African descent, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Latino/Afro-Latina/Afro-Latinx/Black North American)
- ☐ ₃ White (e.g., European/European descent)
- ☐ ₄ Latino/Latina/Latinx (e.g., non-white Latin American descent)
- ☐ ₅ South Asian/South Asian descent (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
- ☐ ₆ Middle Eastern or North African/Middle Eastern or North African descent (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, Lebanese, Egyptian, Algerian, Saudi Arabian, Turkish, Iraqi, Yemeni, Jordanian)
- ☐ ₇ East Asian/ East Asian descent (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- ☐ ₈ Southeast Asian/Southeast Asian descent (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
- ☐ ₉ Prefer to self-identify as: _____
- ☐ ₋₈ Prefer not to answer

D9 *Show if identifies as indigenous (D8_1 = 1)*

I identify as:

- ☐ ₁ First Nations
- ☐ ₂ Inuk (Inuit)

- ☐ 3 Métis
- ☐ 4 More than one of the groups above

D10

What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed to date?

- ☐ 1 Less than high school diploma or its equivalent
- ☐ 2 High school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate
- ☐ 3 Trades certificate or diploma
- ☐ 4 College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma (other than trades certificates or diplomas)
- ☐ 5 University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level
- ☐ 6 Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)
- ☐ 7 University certificate, diploma or degree above the bachelor's level
- ☐ -8 Prefer not to answer

D11

Which of the following categories best describes your gross household/family income? That is, the total income of all persons in your household, before taxes?

- ☐ 1 Under \$20,000
- ☐ 2 \$20,000 to just under \$40,000
- ☐ 3 \$40,000 to just under \$60,000
- ☐ 4 \$60,000 to just under \$80,000
- ☐ 5 \$80,000 to just under \$100,000
- ☐ 6 \$100,000 to just under \$120,000
- ☐ 7 \$120,000 to just under \$150,000
- ☐ 8 \$150,000 to just under \$200,000
- ☐ 9 \$200,000 and above
- ☐ -8 Prefer not to answer

D13

Which of the following categories best describes your current employment status?

- ☐ 1 Working full-time, that is, 30 or more hours per week
- ☐ 2 Working part-time, that is, less than 30 hours per week
- ☐ 3 Self-employed
- ☐ 4 Unemployed, but looking for work
- ☐ 5 A student attending school full-time
- ☐ 6 Retired
- ☐ 7 Not in the workforce (disability, full-time homemaker, unemployed and not looking for work)

- ☐ 8 None of the above
☐ -8 Prefer not to answer

D14

In what type of community do you live?

- ☐ 1 Urban (town, city, suburb)
☐ 2 Rural (small or sparsely populated community, with fewer than 5,000 or so residents, usually with considerable open/farmland surrounding it)
☐ 3 Remote (at least 2 hour drive from an urban centre and lacks reliable transportation links)
☐ 4 On reserve
☐ 5 None of the above
☐ -8 Prefer not to answer

Section Survey End

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