

Grades 7-12 Student Demographic Survey

1 Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit? If yes, please select all that apply.

- Yes, First Nations
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuit
- No
- Not sure
- I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer
- An Indigenous identity that isn't described above:

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Which of the following best describes you? Some examples are provided in brackets. Please select all that apply.

- Black (for example: African origins, Caribbean origins, North American origins)
- East Asian (for example: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese origins)
- First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit
- Hispanic and/or Latino/Latina/Latinx (for example: Central American origins, South American origins, Spanish origins)
- Middle Eastern/West Central Asian (for example: Afghan, Iranian, Iraqi, Lebanese, Syrian origins)
- South Asian (for example: Bangladeshi, Indian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Sri Lankan origins)
- Southeast Asian (for example: Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese origins)
- White (for example: British Isles origins, European origins, Oceanic origins)
- Not sure
- I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer
- Another group not listed here (please describe):

3 What ethnic or cultural origin(s) do you see yourself as? Please choose as many as apply to you.

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afghan | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American | <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian | <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lankan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Syrian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian | <input type="checkbox"/> Iranian | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Iraqi | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> British Isles | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not understand
this question |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to
answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> An ethnic or
cultural origin(s) not
listed here (please
describe): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central American | <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chilean | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Métis | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colombian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/
West Central Asian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian | <input type="checkbox"/> Nepalese | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealander | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eritrean | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian | <input type="checkbox"/> North American | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations (describe
your nation or band in
the open-ended box if
you would like to) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Somali | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian | |

4 What is your religion and/or spiritual affiliation? Please select all that apply.

- African Spirituality
- Agnosticism (Agnostic)
- Atheism (Atheist)
- Buddhism (Buddhist)
- Christianity (Christian)
- Hinduism (Hindu)
- Indigenous Spirituality
- Islam (Muslim)
- Judaism (Jewish)
- Sikhism (Sikh)
- No religious or spiritual affiliation
- Not sure
- I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer
- An affiliation not listed above (please describe):

5 Please describe your gender identity. Select all that apply to you.

- Female
- Gender Fluid
- Gender Nonconforming
- Male
- Non-Binary
- Questioning
- Trans or Transgender
- Two-Spirit
- Not sure yet
- I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer
- A gender identity not listed above (please describe):

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Please describe your sexual orientation. Select all that apply.

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Questioning
- Straight, Heterosexual
- Two-Spirit
- Not sure yet
- I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer
- A sexual orientation not listed above (please describe):

Student Demographic Survey

Glossary: Grade 7–12



The following glossary is for students in grades 7-12 to use as they come across unfamiliar or new terms during the Student Demographic Survey. This glossary has been divided into each of the identity topics.

1. Indigenous Identity
2. Racial Identity
3. Ethnic Identity
4. Religious/Spiritual Affiliation
5. Gender Identity
6. Sexual Orientation

1. Indigenous Identity

The term Indigenous peoples refers to the distinct people who, for centuries, have been caretakers of North America. Indigenous peoples in Canada, refers to the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people—the original inhabitants of this land and their living descendants.

First Nations refers to a distinct nation or group of Indigenous people with their own languages, traditions, protocols, spiritual and cultural practices. Each group has their own traditional government with hereditary leaders or leaders chosen by the people of the group.

Métis means a person who self identifies as Métis and is recognized by a Métis community. Métis are distinct from other Indigenous peoples, and have their own history, culture, language, flag, songs, dance and stories.

Inuit means “the people” in the Inuktitut language. Inuit communities are spread across the vast region of Canada referred to as “Inuit Nunangat”, an Inuit term that includes land, water, and ice. Inuit have an oral history with distinct traditions, languages, beliefs, songs, art and culture.

2. Racial Identity

The way in which a person sees oneself, or is perceived by others, as being part of a particular racial group. It is based on a socially constructed system of categorizing people into groups.

For the purpose of this survey, “race” is a social construct that groups people on the basis of perceived common ancestry and characteristics, oftentimes physical (e.g., skin colour, facial features), and affects how some people are perceived and treated.

3. Ethnic Identity

The combination of beliefs, behaviours and traditions held in a group of people who have a common heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable culture, language and/or religious characteristics. There may be several ethnic groups within a racialized group.

4. Religion/Spiritual Affiliation

Religion has been defined as being personal convictions or beliefs connected to an individual's spiritual faith.

If a person does not follow any religion or spiritual affiliations, the following definitions may be helpful.

Agnostic: An agnostic is someone who doesn't know if any gods exist. It is different from atheism, in that atheism is about what a person 'believes' - that is, not believing in any religion. Agnosticism is about whether one 'knows' that a god exists or not.

Atheist: An atheist is someone who does not believe in any god or gods.

5. Gender Identity

Gender Identity is each person's internal and individual experience of gender. It is a person's sense of being a female, a male, both, neither, or anywhere along the gender spectrum. A person's gender identity may be the same as or different from their gender assigned at birth.¹ Gender refers to the roles, behaviours, expressions and identities of people.

Cisgender: A person whose gender identity, sex assigned at birth, and physical body align.

Gender fluid: A person whose gender identity shifts between masculine, feminine, non-binary or other labels moment to moment.

Gender non-conforming: A person whose gender expression does not follow traditional gender presentation of their sex assigned at birth. Or, an umbrella term for a person who identifies outside of the male/female gender binary.

Non-binary: A person whose gender identity does not align with the male/female binary. Non-binary people may redefine gender, identify as non-gendered, multiple genders, or an alternate gender.

Questioning: A person who is not cisgender but may feel unsure of their gender identity. This can also describe someone who feels that none of the existing labels truly describe their gender identity.

Trans/Transgender: A person whose gender identity or expression differs from their sex assigned at birth and/or physical bodies.

Two-spirit: An identity for some Indigenous people who also identify as sexual or gender diverse. Some Indigenous people use this term instead of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, etc.

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6. Sexual Orientation

Feelings of attraction, behavior, intimacy or emotion that influence intimacy or relationships with other people.

Asexual: A person who does not experience desire for sexual or physical interactions, or may experience a lowered spectrum of sexual or physical desire.

Bisexual: A person who is attracted to people of the same gender and people of another gender (Bi meaning two).

Gay: An umbrella term to describe people who are attracted to people of the same gender. For example, a male who is physically and emotionally attracted to other males, or a female who is physically and emotionally attracted to other females.

Lesbian: A female who is physically and emotionally attracted to other females.

Pansexual: A person who is physically and emotionally attracted to people of many different gender identities. This term reaches beyond the male/female binary and is related to attraction to someone's personality regardless of gender.

Queer: An umbrella term to describe sexual and gender diverse identities and communities. This term was historically derogatory, but it has been reclaimed by many in the community and is now used in positive ways.

Questioning: A person who is not heterosexual but may feel unsure of their sexual orientation. This can also describe someone who feels that none of the existing labels truly describe the way they experience attraction.

Straight/Heterosexual: A person whose attraction that is understood as opposite within the male/female binary. A male who is attracted to females, or a female who is attracted to males.

Two-spirit: An identity for some Indigenous people who also identify as sexual or gender diverse. Some Indigenous people use this term instead of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, etc.

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1. Adapted from Ontario Human Rights Commission.(2014).
<https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/policy-preventing-discrimination-because-gender-identity-and-gender-expression>