

**Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission  
2020 Survey of Class of 2018 Maritime University Graduates**

**PHONE INTRODUCTION**

Hello, may I please speak with <<NAME>>?

*(If asked: Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ from Prairie Research Associates speaking to you on behalf of <<UNIVERSITY NAME>> and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.*

*We are conducting a survey of 2018 graduates from universities in the Maritime Provinces.)*

Yes, continue

Yes, getting person

No, correct person not there

No, refusal

Correct person, but call back

I'm calling from Prairie Research Associates on behalf of <<UNIVERSITY NAME>> and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

We are conducting a survey of 2018 graduates from universities in the Maritime Provinces. The purpose of the study is to explore graduates' educational experiences and to find out about their transitions and outcomes following their graduation. For completing the survey, you will be entered into a draw to win a grand prize of \$1,500 or one of 9 prizes of \$500 each.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. Do you have some time to speak with me now?

*(If NEEDED: The information will be used by provincial governments and universities for the purpose of quality assurance and to evaluate and design policies pertaining to university students and graduates in alignment with the MPHEC's mandate and MPHEC Act. The information you provide may be shared, but direct identifiers including name and contact information will be removed. And, once the survey results are compiled, a report will be published on the MPHEC website ([www.mphec.ca](http://www.mphec.ca)).)*

Yes, continue

No, callback

No, refusal

## ONLINE INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your participation in the Survey of Class of 2018 Maritime University Graduates.

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At the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to enter your name in a prize draw for a grand prize of \$1,500 or one of 9 prizes of \$500 each. To review the draw rules and regulations, please [click here](#).

Please use the button below to navigate through the survey.

## Open link form (Start point)

### I5

Before you begin the survey we'll need to confirm that you are a Class of 2018 graduate by asking a few short questions. The information you provide will be used only for this purpose, and will be kept confidential.

Did you graduate in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree?

Yes

No **[TERMINATE]**

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SECTION

### Q4

Prior to enrolling in the program you completed in 2018, had you completed any post-secondary certificates, diplomas, or degrees?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

### Q4A [SHOW IF Q4 = "YES"]

Which post-secondary credential(s) did you complete prior to enrolling in your 2018 degree?

*Select all that apply.*

- Professional designation (e.g., Dietetics, CPA)
- College diploma or certificate (includes CEGEP)
- University diploma or certificate
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BN, BBA)
- Bachelor of Education (BEd)
- Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor (LLB or JD)
- Professional health doctorate (e.g., MD, DVM, DDS, OD, DC, ND, PharmD)
- Master's degree (e.g., MA, MSc, MBA, M.Ed)
- PhD/doctorate (e.g., PhD, Ed.D, Mus.D, LLD, D.Psy)
- Apprenticeship certification
- Private college or training school diploma or certificate
- Other (Please specify)
- Don't know

**Q51**

Generally speaking, how important do you think it is for an undergraduate education to do each of the following for students?

	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Not at all important				Very important	Don't know
Q51A. Prepare students for further studies	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q51B. Prepare students for the work force	1	2	3	4	5	DK

**Q8**

As part of your 2018 degree, did you participate in any of the following forms of experiential learning?

*Experiential learning opportunities are assignments and activities based on real-life situations or primary research that engage learners in reflective problem-solving with multiple potential avenues of inquiry.*

*Select all that apply.*

- Co-op
- Practicum
- Internship (unpaid)
- Internship (paid)
- Clinical placement
- Applied research
- Service/Community-based learning
- Other type of Work placement
- Other (Please specify):
- None of the above **[SKIP TO Q52]**
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q52]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q52]**

**Q9 [SHOW IF Q8 != NOTA OR DK OR REFUSED]**

To what extent would you say the experiential learning you completed...

	1	2	3	4	5	8	7
	Not at all				To a great extent	Don't know	Not applicable
Q9AA Increased your satisfaction with your program	1	2	3	4	5	DK	N/A
Q9AB Prepared you for the workforce	1	2	3	4	5	DK	N/A
Q9AC Offered you advantages for finding employment	1	2	3	4	5	DK	N/A

**Q52**

**[IF Q8 != NOTA OR DK OR REFUSED]** Excluding any work placements, internships, practicums, or co-op positions that may have been a part of your program, during the course of the program you completed in 2018, did you ever work:

**[IF Q8 = NOTA OR DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED]** During the course of the program you completed in 2018, did you ever work:

<b>Q52A</b> Full-time ( <i>that is, usually 30 or more hours per week during the school year</i> )?	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
<b>Q52B</b> Part-time ( <i>that is, usually less than 30 hours per week during the school year</i> )?	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused

## PURSUING FURTHER EDUCATION SECTION

### Q5

Since your graduation in 2018 have you enrolled in any other education programs leading towards a diploma, certificate or degree?

*We are only interested in programs of study that would take someone 3 months or more to complete if taken full time, not individual courses. Please also consider any programs you have taken even if they have not been completed.*

Yes

No **[SKIP TO Q10]**

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q10]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q10]**

### Q6 **[SHOW IF Q5 = YES]**

How many of these programs have you enrolled in since your graduation in 2018?

\_\_\_\_\_ **[RECORD NUMBER; GENERATE NUMBER OF ROWS IN RESPONSE GRID BELOW]**

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q10]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q10]**

**Q7 [ASK GRID QUESTIONS FOR EACH IN Q6]**

Please tell us more about [IF Q6 = 1, this program you took] [IF Q6 > 1, the [Q6] programs you took].

**[IF Q6 > 2]** For the first one...

And the second one...

And the third one...

<b>EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>	<b>CREDENTIAL &amp; PROGRAM</b> What type of certificate, diploma or degree would someone receive at the end of this program? [use drop-down menu]	<b>FIELD OF STUDY</b> What was the main field of study or specialization of the program? [use drop-down menu]	Have you completed this program?	<b>[show this column only if answering “no” (or DK) to “have you completed this program?”]</b>  Are you currently enrolled in this program?
1			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK
2			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK
3			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK
...			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK
9			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK

**Credential & Program drop-down menu:**

- Professional designation (e.g., Dietetics, CPA)
- College diploma or certificate (includes CEGEP)
- University diploma or certificate
- Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BN, BBA)
- Bachelor of Education (BEd)
- Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor (LLB or JD)
- Professional health doctorate (e.g., MD, DVM, DDS, OD, DC, ND, PharmD)
- Master’s degree (e.g., MA, MSc, MBA, M.Ed)
- PhD/doctorate (e.g., PhD, Ed.D, Mus.D, LLD, D.Psy)
- Apprenticeship certification
- Private college or training school diploma or certificate
- Other (Please specify)
- Don’t know

### Field of study drop-down menu

- Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences
- Business or Administration
- Health Care
- Education
- Law
- Science (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Engineering, Engineering Technology or Architecture
- Math or Computer Science
- Services (e.g., Culinary Services, Esthetics)
- Trades (e.g., Carpentry, Electrician, Auto Mechanics, Welding)
- Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation
- Other (Please specify)
- Don't know

### FINANCING EDUCATION SECTION

#### Q10

The next set of questions deal with the financing of your education.

What were your two main sources of funding for the degree you completed in 2018?

*Please select up to 2 sources from the list below, or select ``Some other source`` and type in your own answer. Please be as specific as possible.*

Parents

RESP (READ FOR CLARIFICATION IF NECESSARY: Registered Education Savings Plan)

Government Student Loans

Bank/other Financial Institution (e.g., loans, line of credit)

Credit cards

Employment earnings/personal savings

Awards based on merit (e.g., scholarships/awards/fellowships)

Awards based on need (e.g., grants/bursaries)

Employer

Other family (e.g., grandparents, spouse, other family members)

Other government sources

Or some other source (Please specify)

Don't Know

Refused



**Q11** [SHOW IF Q5 = YES]

What were your two main sources of funding for the educational programs you've taken since completing your degree in 2018?

*Please select up to 2 reasons from the list below, or select "Some other source" and type in your own answer. Please be as specific as possible.*

Parents

RESP (READ FOR CLARIFICATION IF NECESSARY: Registered Education Savings Plan)

Government Student Loans

Bank/other Financial Institution (e.g., loans, line of credit)

Credit cards

Employment earnings/personal savings

Awards based on merit (e.g., scholarships/awards/fellowships)

Awards based on need (e.g., grants/bursaries)

Employer

Other family (e.g., grandparents, spouse, other family members)

Other government sources

Or some other source (Please specify)

Don't Know

Refused

**Q12**

Now some questions about money you may have borrowed to finance your education; that is, money you have to repay.

Did you borrow any money to finance the ...

**Q12A** University education you completed in 2018?      Yes      No

**Q12B** [SHOW IF Q5 = YES]

Educational programs you've taken since 2018?      Yes      No

Don't know

Refused

[IF Q12A = NO or DK, SKIP TO Q19]

[IF Q12A= NO or DK AND (Q5 = YES AND Q12B = NO (or DK)), SKIP TO Q19]

**Q13A [SHOW IF Q12A OR Q12B = YES]**

<<Degree fill text>>:

**(If only 12A = YES [12B = NO or DK])** “your 2018 degree”

**(If only 12B = YES [12A = NO or DK])** “any education you have taken since your 2018 degree”

**(If Q12A & Q12B =YES)** “your 2018 degree and/or any education you have taken since your 2018 degree”

Thinking of all the money you borrowed from all sources to finance <<Degree fill text>>, what is the approximate total amount you borrowed?

*This includes any money that you had to repay or will have to repay in the future.*

*Please indicate the amount borrowed from all sources combined for <<your 2018 degree and/or any education you’ve taken since 2018 / your 2018 degree / any education you’ve taken since 2018>>. You may not know the exact amount, but please provide your best estimate.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know

Refused

**Q13B [SHOW IF Q12A OR Q12B = YES]**

**[IF Q13A >= 1]** Does this amount include any money borrowed from family members?

**[IF Q13A = DK]** Did you borrow any money from family members?

Yes

No **[SKIP TO Q14A]**

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q14A]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q14A]**

**Q13C [SHOW IF Q13B = YES]**

What is the approximate amount you borrowed from family members?

*This includes any money that you had to repay or will have to repay in the future.*

**[Q13C CANNOT BE GREATER THAN Q13A]**

*Total amount borrowed from all sources: \$<<Q13A>>. [IF Q13A = DK, DO NOT SHOW]*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Don't Know

Refused

**Q14A**

Approximately how much do you now owe to all sources on the money you borrowed?

*Total amount borrowed from all sources: \$<<Q13A>>. [IF Q13A = DK, DO NOT SHOW]*

*<<Degree fill text>>:*

**(If only Q12A = YES [Q12B = NO or DK])** "your 2018 degree"

**(If only Q12B = YES [Q12A = NO or DK])** "any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

**(If Q12A & Q12B =YES)** "your 2018 degree and/or any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

*Please indicate the combined total amount you still owe for <<Degree fill text>>. You may not know the exact amount, but please provide your best estimate.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

None

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q18]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q18]**

**Q14B [SHOW IF Q14A > 0 & BORROWED FROM FAMILY Q13B = YES]**

And how much do you owe on the amount borrowed from family members?

*Total amount borrowed from family members: \$<<Q13C answer>>. [IF Q13C = DK, don't have this reminder]*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

None

Don't know [SKIP TO Q15]

Refused [SKIP TO Q15]

**Q14C [SHOW IF Q14A = \$0]**

What circumstances made it possible for you to pay off the loan(s) you took out to finance your education?

Government assistance programs

High paying job

Lived at home

Help from family members

Made it a priority/financial plan

Regular employment income

Small amount of loan

No special circumstances

Other (please specify)

Don't know

Refused

**Q15 [SHOW IF Q14A > \$0]**

The next few questions are about payments you currently make on the money you owe to all sources, excluding to any family members.

<<Degree fill text>>:

(If only Q12A = YES [Q12B = NO or DK]) "your 2018 degree"

(If only Q12B = YES [Q12A = NO or DK]) "any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

(If Q12A & Q12B =YES) "your 2018 degree and/or any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

Do you currently make payments on the money you owe for <<degree fill text>>?

Yes

No [SKIP TO Q18]

Don't know [SKIP TO Q18]

Refused [SKIP TO Q18]

**Q17A [SHOW IF Q15 = YES, CURRENTLY MAKE PAYMENTS]**

<<Degree fill text>>:

(If only Q12A = YES [Q12B = NO or DK]) "your 2018 degree"

(If only Q12B = YES [Q12A = NO or DK]) "any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

(If Q12A & Q12B =YES) "your 2018 degree and/or any education you have taken since your 2018 degree"

What is the approximate **Monthly** total amount you pay on the loans you received to finance <<degree fill text>>?

*If you pay regular amounts to more than one source, please add together the amounts from all sources. These could be from Government, banks and financial institutions, and/or other sources, paid on a regular basis for <<degree fill text>>. DO NOT include the amount you may pay to family members.*

*Even if you do not know exact amounts, please give an approximate amount or your best guess.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know

Refused

**Q17B**

**[IF Q5 = YES, INSERT AT FRONT END OF QUESTION]**

Except for times when you may have suspended repayment while studying

**[IF Q13B = YES]**

Which one of the following best describes your overall experience while repaying your loan(s) to non-family sources? Have you...

**[IF Q13B != YES]**

Which one of the following best describes your overall experience while repaying your loan(s)? Have you...

- Always made payments on time
- Occasionally missed making a payment
- Had to stop making payments a few times
- Had to stop making payments altogether
- Other (Please specify)
- Don't know
- Refused

**Q18**

Have you received or do you receive repayment assistance for any government student loans?

*This would be repayment assistance provided from federal or provincial government programs.*

- Yes
- No
- I did not have any government student loans
- Don't know
- Refused

## EMPLOYMENT SINCE GRADUATION

### Q19

The next few questions are about your employment experiences since completing your program in 2018.

Altogether, how many jobs have you had since completing your program in 2018?

*A change of work activities for the same employer, a change of employer, or both, would count as different jobs. When thinking about these experiences please include self-employment, and any job that began before you graduated and continued after your graduation in 2018.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (record number of jobs)

None

Don't know

Refused

### Q20A/B

What was your employment situation last week? Were you ...?

*Which one best describes your employment situation last week?)*

Employed full-time [SHOW IF Q19\_HIGHER\_THAN\_ZERO]

Employed part-time [SHOW IF Q19\_HIGHER\_THAN\_ZERO]

Employed, but not at work due to maternity/parental leave, sick leave, or vacation  
[SHOW IF Q19\_HIGHER\_THAN\_ZERO]

Not employed due to temporary layoff [SHOW IF Q19\_HIGHER\_THAN\_ZERO]

Not employed, and looking for work

Not employed, and not looking for work

Don't know [SKIP TO Q56]

Refused [SKIP TO Q56]

### Q20C [SHOW IF Q20 = NOT\_EMPLOYED]

Is your employment situation a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

No

Don't know

Refused

**Q21 [SHOW IF Q20\_NOT\_EMPLOYED\_NOT\_LOOKING]**

What is the main reason you were not looking for a job last week?

- Caring for children/had other family responsibilities
- Going to school
- No longer interested in finding a job / couldn't find a job you wanted
- Waiting for replies from potential/former employer
- Waiting for a new job to start
- Waiting to be re-hired after a temporary layoff/furlough
- I was travelling
- Illness/disability
- Or some other reason (Please specify)
- Don't know
- Refused

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**JOB DETAILS (UNTIL Q56)**

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**[IF Q19 = 0 (OR DK) SKIP TO Q56]**

**Q22**

Thinking about [IF Q20 = FT OR PT your work situation last week] [IF Q20 = EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE your work situation from which you took leave] [IF Q20 = NOT EMPLOYED your most recent work situation], were you ...?

- Working for one employer
- Working for more than one employer
- Self-employed at one type of work
- Working for an employer and self-employed
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q56]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q56]**



**Q23**

**[If Q22 = Working for one employer OR Self-employed at one type of work]**

Thinking about [IF Q20 = FT OR PT your work situation last week] [IF Q20 = EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE your work situation from which you took leave] [IF Q20 = NOT EMPLOYED your most recent work situation], what was your occupation or job title?

**[If Q22 = Working for more than one employer OR Working for an employer and self-employed]**

You indicated that in [IF Q20 = FT OR PT your work situation last week] [IF Q20 = EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE your work situation from which you took leave] [IF Q20 = NOT EMPLOYED your most recent work situation] you were <<Q22 answer>>. For the next set of questions, please think about your main job, that is, the job at which you worked the most hours. For that job, what was your occupation or job title?

*Please provide a fully detailed description (e.g., elementary school teacher, high school teacher, social science research analyst, engineering research analyst).*

Occupation/job title (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know

Refused

**Q24**

What were your main duties and responsibilities?

*Please provide a fully detailed description of main duties performed.*

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Don't know

Refused

**Q25**

In what type of business, industry, or service did you work?

*Please provide full detail of the kind of business, industry or the service, and whether or not it is a public, private, or not-for-profit sector business. (e.g., retail shoe business, aerospace industry, forestry, health services).*

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Don't know

Refused

**Q26**

Was your position permanent, contract, casual, or temporary?

- Permanent
- Contract
- Casual
- Temporary
- Don't know
- Refused

**Q27**

And approximately how many hours per week did you usually work at the job?

- \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Less than 1 hour a week
- Don't know
- Refused

**Q28**

What is the easiest way for you to tell us your wage or salary for the job, including commissions and tips, and before taxes and other deductions? Is it ...?

- Yearly
- Hourly
- Daily
- Weekly
- Bi-weekly (i.e., every two weeks)
- Semi-monthly (i.e., twice a month)
- Monthly
- Or some other way (please Specify)
- Don't Know
- Refused

**Q29** [SHOW IF Q28\_KNOW\_FREQUENCY]

Including tips and commissions, what is your <<Q28>> wage or salary for the job, before taxes and other deductions?

*If you were employed but on temporary leave (parental leave, vacation, etc.) last week, please provide the amount that you would have made if you were at work.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know

Refused

**Q29B1**

And in what year and month did you begin the job?

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't know

Refused

**Q29B2**

Month:

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Don't Know

Refused

**Q30A**

Do you feel that the degree program you completed in 2018 was necessary for the job?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Refused

**Q30B [SHOW IF Q5 = YES]**

Do you feel that the studies you pursued after your 2018 degree were necessary for the job?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Refused

**Q31**

**[SHOW IF (Q20 = EMPLOYED FT OR EMPLOYED PT OR EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE) AND (Q22 = MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYER OR SELF-EMPLOYED AND WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER)]**  
**[OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q56]**

<<Work situation fill text>>

**(If Q22 = 'working for more than one employer')** "working for more than one employer"  
**(If Q22 = 'self-employed and working for an employer')** "self-employed and working for an employer"

You indicated that last week you were <<work situation fill text>>. In total, how many jobs did you have?

\_\_\_\_\_ (record number of jobs)

- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q56]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q56]**

**Q32**

We'd like to know your approximate **total earnings for all your jobs**, before taxes and other deductions, including tips and commissions.

What is the easiest way for you to tell us your wage or salary for all your jobs, including commissions and tips, and before taxes and other deductions? Is it ...?

- Yearly
- Hourly
- Daily
- Weekly
- Bi-weekly (i.e., every two weeks)
- Semi-monthly (i.e., twice a month)
- Monthly
- Or some other way (Please Specify)
- Don't Know [SKIP TO Q56]
- Refused [SKIP TO Q56]

**Q33** [SHOW IF Q32 KNOW\_FREQUENCY]

Including tips and commissions, what is your <<Q32 answer>> total wage or salary from all jobs, before taxes and other deductions?

*If you were employed but on temporary leave (parental leave, vacation, etc.) last week, please respond with what you would make if you were at work.*

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know
- Refused

## RELATION TO EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT AND LIFE EXPERIENCES

### Q56

To what extent do you feel the program you completed in 2018 did each of the following?

	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Not at all				To a great extent	Don't know
Q56A Prepared you for further studies.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56B Prepared you for the work force.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56C Provided you with the skills you need for a particular job.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56D Gave you an in-depth knowledge of a particular area.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56E Gave you a chance to earn a good income.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56F Provided you a rich intellectual learning experience.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56G Helped you find a path for what you want to do in life.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56H Contributed to your growth as a person.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Q56I Provided you with opportunities to meet/interact with people from different cultural backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5	DK

**Q34 [SHOW IF Q19 > 0]**

**[If Q22 = Working for one employer OR Self-employed at one type of work]:**

Thinking about [IF Q20 = FT OR PT your work situation last week] [IF Q20 = EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE your work situation from which you took leave] [IF Q20 = NOT EMPLOYED your most recent work situation], to what extent...

**[If Q22 = Working for more than one employer OR Working for an employer and self-employed]**

You indicated that in [IF Q20 = FT OR PT your work situation last week] [IF Q20 = EMPLOYED BUT ON LEAVE your work situation from which you took leave] [IF Q20 = NOT EMPLOYED your most recent work situation] you were <<Q22 answer>>. For the next set of questions, please think about your main job, that is, the job at which you worked the most hours.

For that job, to what extent...

- |  | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5                 | Don't |
|--|------------|---|---|---|-------------------|-------|
|  | Not at all |   |   |   | To a great extent | Know  |
- a. Is it related to the program you completed in 2018? *(if clarification needed: 2018 program)*
  - b. **[Show if Q5 = 'Yes']** Is it related to the program(s) you pursued after your 2018 degree?
  - c. Do you use the skills you learned during the program you completed in 2018? *(if clarification needed: 2018 program)*
  - d. **[Show if Q5 = 'Yes']** Do you use the skills you learned during the program(s) you pursued after your 2018 degree?

## OVERALL ASSESSMENT

### Q35

Thinking about all we've asked, when you look back at the university education you completed in 2018, and your experience since, to what extent was all of your education...

- |    | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5          |       |
|----|---|---|---|---|------------|-------|
|    | Not at all  |   |   |   | Well worth | Don't |
|    | worth the   |   |   |   | the        | Know  |
|    | investment  |   |   |   | investment |       |
| a. | Worth the financial investment required?                                |   |   |   |            |       |
| b. | Worth the personal investment of time required for classes and studies? |   |   |   |            |       |

### Q57

If you could choose to do it all over again, would you choose to go to university?

- | 1                 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5             |                  |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---------------|------------------|
| Definitely NOT go |   |   |   | Definitely go | Don't Know       |
| [SKIP TO Q36A_B]  |   |   |   |               | [SKIP TO Q36A_B] |
| Refused           |   |   |   |               |                  |

### Q58 [SHOW IF Q57 BETWEEN 2 AND 5]

Would you choose the same university?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know [SKIP TO Q36A\_B]
- Refused [SKIP TO Q36A\_B]

### Q36

Would you say you are generally satisfied or dissatisfied with your current...

- |    | 1                           | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5         |         |
|----|-----------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---------|
|    | Very                        |   |   |   | Very      | Don't   |
|    | dissatisfied                |   |   |   | satisfied | Know    |
|    |                             |   |   |   |           | Refused |
| a. | <u>Financial</u> situation  |   |   |   |           |         |
| b. | <u>Employment</u> situation |   |   |   |           |         |



## COVID-19 ITEMS

### QC19\_1

We are interested in how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected you.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have your plans for any education you were pursuing (or considered pursuing) after your 2018 degree changed in any of the following ways?

*Select all that apply.*

- delayed pursuing further studies.
- decided to pursue further studies.
- took a break from the studies you were pursuing.
- decided to withdraw from the studies you were pursuing.
- anticipated end of program/graduation date was delayed.
- Other (please specify):
- no change in education situation. **[EXCLUSIVE]**
- prefer not to say **[EXCLUSIVE]**
- refused

### QC19\_2

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has your financial situation changed in any of the following ways?

*Select all that apply.*

- difficulty keeping up with bills and payments.
- difficulty making student loan payments.
- took on more debt.
- used up all of your savings.
- used more of your savings than you are comfortable with.
- saved more money than usual.
- Other (please specify):
- no change in financial situation. **[EXCLUSIVE]**
- prefer not to say
- refused

### QC19\_3

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has your employment situation changed in any of the following ways?

*Select all that apply.*

- found employment.
- still working, and working more.
- still working, but working less.
- not working because you lost your job(s).
- not working because you decided to leave your job(s).
- temporarily laid-off.
- job(s) had a delayed start date.
- job(s) I was set to start in the future was cancelled.
- started looking for work.
- stopped looking for work.
- no longer have employment prospects.
- Other (please specify):
- no change in employment situation. **[EXCLUSIVE]**
- prefer not to say
- refused

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Now, just a few questions about you so we can compare the experiences of different groups of graduates.

### Q37

Were you living in either Canada or the United States of America for the majority of the 12 months before you started the degree program you completed in 2018?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

### Q37A [SHOW IF Q37 = "YES"]

In which country were you living (in the 12 months before you started the degree program you completed in 2018)?

*If you lived in both countries, please indicate where you lived most of the time.*

#### Country:

- Canada
- United States
- Don't know [SKIP TO Q38]
- Refused[SKIP TO Q38]

#### Province/state:

- [Reference excel sheet]
- Don't know [SKIP TO Q38]
- Refused[SKIP TO Q38]

#### City:

- [Reference excel sheet]
- Don't know [SKIP TO Q38]
- Refused[SKIP TO Q38]

**Q37D [SHOW IF Q37 = "NO"]**

In which country were you living (in the 12 months before you started the degree program you completed in 2018)?

*If you lived in more than one country, please indicate where you lived most of the time.*

**Country:**

**[OPEN TEXT]**

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q38]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q38]**

**Q38\_X**

Are you currently living in the same place?

Yes **[SKIP TO Q40]**

No

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q40]**

**Q38 [SHOW IF Q38\_X = "No"]**

Are you currently living in either Canada or the United States of America?

Yes

No **[SKIP TO Q38D]**

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q40]**

**Q38A [SHOW IF Q38 = "YES"]**

In which country are you currently living?

*If you live in both countries, please indicate where you live most of the time.*

**Country:**

Canada  
United States  
Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**  
Refused**[SKIP TO Q40]**

**Province/state:**

[Reference excel sheet]  
Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**  
Refused**[SKIP TO Q40]**

**City:**

[Reference excel sheet]  
Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**  
Refused**[SKIP TO Q40]**

**Q38D [SHOW IF Q38 = "NO"]**

In which country are you currently living?

*If you live in more than one country, please indicate where you live most of the time.*

**Country:**

**[OPEN TEXT]**  
Don't know **[SKIP TO Q40]**  
Refused**[SKIP TO Q40]**

**Q40**

What is your marital status?

- Married
- Living with a partner or common law
- Never married (Single)
- Widow/widower
- Separated
- Divorced
- Prefer not to say

**Q41**

Do you have any children who are financially dependent on you?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Q42**

Are you an Indigenous person, that is, First Nation (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit)?

*First Nations (North American Indian) include Status and Non-Status Indians.*

- Yes, First Nation (North American Indian)
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
- No, not an Indigenous person **[EXCLUSIVE]**
- Prefer not to say **[EXCLUSIVE]**

**Q43**

Are you limited in the kind or amount of activity you can do because of a long-term physical condition, mental condition or health problem that has lasted or is expected to last six months or more?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Q44**

What language did you first learn in childhood and still understand?

- English
- French
- English and French equally
- English and another language
- French and another language
- Other Language (Please specify)
- Prefer not to say

**Q45**

What language do you speak most often at home?

- English
- French
- English and French equally
- English and another language
- French and another language
- Other Language (Please specify)
- Prefer not to say

**Q46A**

The next few questions are about your parents' or guardians' education. First, please think about one of your parents/guardians.

What is the gender of that parent/guardian?

- Male
- Female
- Another gender
- Not applicable [**SKIP TO Q48**]

**Q46B [SHOW IF Q46A = MALE, FEMALE, OR ANOTHER GENDER]**

What is the highest level of education they have completed?

- High school not completed
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma
- College, CEGEP, or other non-university certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BEd)
- Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, veterinary medicine)
- Master's or PhD/doctorate degree
- Other (Please specify)
- Don't Know
- Refused

**Q47A [SHOW IF Q46A = MALE, FEMALE, OR ANOTHER GENDER]**

What is the gender of your other parent/guardian?

- Male
- Female
- Another gender
- Not applicable **[SKIP TO Q48]**

**Q47B [SHOW IF Q47A = MALE, FEMALE, OR ANOTHER GENDER]**

What is the highest level of education they have completed?

- High school not completed
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma
- College, CEGEP, or other non-university certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BEd)
- Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, veterinary medicine)
- Master's or PhD/doctorate degree
- Other (Please specify)
- Don't Know
- Refused



**Q48**

Do you have any further comments to share about any of the topics covered in this survey?

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No additional comments

## PRIZE DRAW AND CONCLUSION

**PRIZE DRAW ENTRY:** You are now eligible to enter a draw to win a grand prize of \$1,500 or one of 9 prizes of \$500 each.

This draw will take place on January 9, 2021. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or e-mail.

To view prize draw rules, please [click here](#).

Enter draw

I do not wish to participate in the draw

To be included in this draw, you need to give a valid e-mail address and/or phone number where we would be able to contact you between January 9 and 30, 2021.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**End**