

**Understanding the New Rural Economy: Options and Choices**

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# NRE Household Survey - Interview Guide

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**Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview. Strict confidentiality will be maintained in this interview. Your responses will not be seen by anyone other than our research team. No family names will be used on the forms and the information collected will be publicly presented only in the form of summaries.**

[The interview should be completed with the household member over 18 years with the most recent birthday.]

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

NRE Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Confirm that this person is over 18 years of age.  
9 Confirm that this is the person who agreed to be interviewed. If not, explain in the space below (not home, refused, etc).



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## PART 1: ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

1. First, I would like to know about yourself and your household. For each person living in this household, please provide their first name, their relationship to you, and their year of birth. This information will make it easier for me to ask questions about the people in this household.

Information about you and your household helps us to understand groups of people with similar or different characteristics, and the different experiences they have.

	First Name	Relationship to You (Write in how the person is related e.g. mother, son, uncle, boarder)	Gender	Year of Birth
R	Respondent (you)	x x x x x x x x		
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2. Please indicate your community by drawing on one (or both) of these maps. When drawing the boundaries think of important roads, geographic features, municipal boundaries, buildings.

- 9 Map - based on spatial considerations.
- 9 Map - based on relationship considerations.

Now that you have drawn your community on this map, by what name do you usually refer to this community? Please write it on the map.

3. Were you born in COMMUNITY NAME?

1. yes \_\_\_\_\_
2. no, I most recently moved here in \_\_\_\_\_ (year) [go to question 4]

If yes:  
 3A. Have you lived in COMMUNITY NAME all of your life?  
     1. yes  
     2. no, I most recently moved back in \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

4. Does someone in this household own or rent this dwelling (even if it is still being paid for)?
1. own
  2. rent
  3. don't know

5. How many cars, trucks, or vans are owned or leased and regularly driven by members of this household? # \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does anyone in your household currently own a business?

1. yes →
2. no [go to question 7]
3. don't know [go to question 7]

If yes:

6A. Does this person have any plans to grow or expand this business in the next 2 years (i.e. more employees, more sales, new markets)?

1. yes
2. no
3. don't know

7. Does anyone in your household plan to start a business in the next 2 years?

1. yes
2. no
3. don't know

8. I would like to know the current employment information for each member of the household 18 years of age and over.

First Name	Job Title/Description	Business / Industry Type	Employment Status	Location of Job	Employer
	e.g. secretary, foreman, teacher, farmer, manager, programmer	e.g. insurance company, construction, education, forestry, business service	IN LABOUR FORCE 1 full time, year-round 2 full time, seasonal 3 part time, year-round 4 part time, seasonal 5 unemployed & seeking work NOT IN LABOUR FORCE 6 unpaid housework, child care 7 student 8 retired 9 other (specify)	1 in the home 2 in COMMUNITY NAME 3 in a community within 30 minutes drive 4 in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	1 self-employed 2 working in a family business 3 working for someone else outside a family business
Respondent (you)					

First Name	Job Title/Description	Business / Industry Type	Employment Status	Location of Job	Employer

9. [Other than ...] Did anyone in this household (including a household member who no longer lives here) work in agriculture, fishing, forestry, petroleum, or mining between 1990 and now? Include any employment directly or indirectly related, such as owning a farm, working on a farm, owning a fishing boat, working in a fishplant, working in a pulp and paper mill, owning a woodlot, etc.
1. yes
  2. no [go to question 16]

This information will help us understand the impacts of changes in the natural resource sector, and to make suggestions for helping individuals, families, communities and government to manage those changes.

10. I am interested in knowing more about the employment activities of each person **when they were last employed** in one of those industries.

First Name	Job Title/Description	Business / Industry Type	Employment Status	Location of Job	Employer	Reason for no longer employed in sector [MR]
	e.g. fisherman, secretary, logger, foreman, farmer, manager, drill operator, fish cutter	e.g. forestry, fishing, mining, farming, oil and gas	1 full time, year-round 2 full time, seasonal 3 part time, year-round 4 part time, seasonal	1 in the home 2 in COMMUNITY NAME 3 in a community within 30 minutes drive 4 in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	1 self-employed 2 working in a family business 3 working for someone else outside a family business	1 voluntarily chose another career 2 retired 3 laid off, but the business remained open 4 laid off and the business was closed/moved 5 business/industry was no longer viable 6 became disabled 7 other (specify)

11. Of all of the employment changes identified in Question 10, which one had the greatest impact on your household?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job \_\_\_\_\_

I will now ask a few questions based on the impact of [NAME]'s employment change.

12. Did anyone in your household seek help in dealing with this change in employment?

1 No [go to question 14]

2 Yes

13. Briefly describe how your household dealt with or managed the change in employment.

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Did anyone in your household seek help from...? [MR]		Where? [MR]	Helpfulness or Success? [MR] (1-5, 5= most)
Family resources or people? Such as....	1. spouse 2. parent(s) 3. child(ren) 4. other relative(s) (specify) 5. NA	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	
Friend or neighbour(s)? Such as....	1. a close personal friend 2. friend(s) 3. work-mate(s) 4. neighbour(s) 5. other (specify) 6. NA		
Business people? Such as....	1. your employer 2. your financial advisor/accountant 3. business friend(s) 4. a business 5. other (specify) 6. NA		

Did anyone in your household seek help from...? [MR]		Where? [MR]	Helpfulness or Success? [MR] (1-5, 5= most)
Professional people? Such as....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a doctor or other health professional</li> <li>2. a lawyer or other legal professional</li> <li>3. a counsellor or other social service professional</li> <li>4. a teacher or other education professional</li> <li>5. accountant</li> <li>6. other professional (specify)</li> <li>7. NA</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. in COMMUNITY NAME</li> <li>2. in a community within 30 minutes drive</li> <li>3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away</li> </ol>	
Local government resources? Such as....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. mayor/council</li> <li>2. staff</li> <li>3. economic development office</li> <li>4. other (specify)</li> <li>5. NA</li> </ol>		
Other government resources? Such as....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. contact one or more departments</li> <li>2. contact specific government employees</li> <li>3. apply to one or more programs</li> <li>4. contact elected representative/their office</li> <li>5. other (specify)</li> <li>6. NA</li> </ol>		
Community or voluntary organization resources? Such as....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. health organizations</li> <li>2. law &amp; justice organizations</li> <li>3. social services</li> <li>4. society &amp; public benefit organizations</li> <li>5. religious organizations</li> <li>6. education /youth development groups</li> <li>7. employment &amp; economic organizations</li> <li>8. other (specify)</li> <li>9. NA</li> </ol>		
Information or media resources? Such as.....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. newspaper(s)</li> <li>2. TV</li> <li>3. newsletter or bulletins</li> <li>4. radio</li> <li>5. books</li> <li>6. magazines</li> <li>7. Internet</li> <li>8. other (specify)</li> <li>9. NA</li> </ol>		

14. Comparing your life today with what it was like before the change in employment, how would you rate each of the following aspects of your household's condition: much worse, worse, about the same, better, or much better?

	Much worse	Worse	Same	Better	Much better	Don't know	No answer
Quality of your life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Financial situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Children's performance at school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Relationships with extended family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Relationships with friends and neighbours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Opportunities for the future	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

15. For each of the following statements please indicate whether there has been an increase, no change, or decrease, since this change in employment.

	Increase	No change	Decrease	Don't know	No answer
Reliance on the government for income	1	2	3	4	5
Dependence on non-cash activities	1	2	3	4	5
Overall debt	1	2	3	4	5
Personal and family problems	1	2	3	4	5
Participation in voluntary groups	1	2	3	4	5

## PART 2: ABOUT CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE AND HOW YOU COPE WITH THEM

16. I will read to you a list of 7 items and please tell me, in order, the three most important for you. [MR]

- \_\_\_\_\_ wealth
- \_\_\_\_\_ family
- \_\_\_\_\_ friends
- \_\_\_\_\_ personal safety and security
- \_\_\_\_\_ good physical health
- \_\_\_\_\_ work success
- \_\_\_\_\_ mental well being

The answers to these questions will help us to understand the kinds of support systems, networks, and resources available to you and others to deal with changes. This information will help to suggest changes that might help improve the range of resources needed in rural communities.

17. Would you describe your life as...

- 1. very stressful,
- 2. somewhat stressful,
- 3. not very stressful, or
- 4. not at all stressful
- 5. no opinion
- 6. do not know or no answer

I would now like you to think about the most important changes that occurred to you or others in your household over the last 12 months.

18. Which of the following changes, either positive or negative, were experienced by you or someone in your household in the last 12 months? (Circle all that are appropriate.)

- 1. financial or income
- 2. employment
- 3. health
- 4. parenting or child care
- 5. home care of sick or otherwise disabled
- 6. education
- 7. legal
- 8. living arrangements
- 9. family relationships
- 10. personal achievements
- 11. another important change (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

We are only interested in HOW your household dealt with the changes. We do not need to know the specifics of the change itself.

19. Which one of the changes you identified has had the most impact on your household? # \_\_\_\_\_

20. Would you say that this change is ongoing or that it has been resolved or ended?

- 1. it is ongoing
- 2. it is resolved or ended
- 3. don't know or no answer

21. [If ongoing]: Briefly describe how your household is managing or trying to resolve this change.

[If resolved]: Briefly describe how your household dealt with or managed this change.

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Are you also seeking help from.....Resources, Persons, or Organizations Did you also seek help from.....Resources, Persons, or Organizations [MR]		Where? [MR] 1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	How helpful is or was this source of help? (1-5, 5= most) [MR]
Family resources or people? Such as....	1. spouse 2. parent(s) 3. child(ren) 4. other relative(s) (specify) 5. NA		
Friend or neighbour(s)? Such as....	1. a close personal friend 2. friend(s) 3. work-mate(s) 4. neighbour(s) 5. other (specify) 6. NA		
Business people? Such as....	1. your employer 2. your financial advisor/accountant 3. business friend(s) 4. a business 5. other (specify) 6. NA		
Professional people? Such as....	1. a doctor or other health professional 2. a lawyer or other legal professional 3. a counsellor or other social service professional 4. a teacher or other education professional 5. accountant 6. other professional (specify) 7. NA		
Local government resources? Such as....	1. mayor/council 2. staff 3. economic development office 4. other (specify) 5. NA		
Other government resources? Such as....	1. contact one or more departments 2. contact specific government employees 3. apply to one or more programs 4. contact elected representative/their office 5. other (specify) 6. NA		

Are you also seeking help from.....Resources, Persons, or Organizations Did you also seek help from.....Resources, Persons, or Organizations [MR]		Where? [MR] 1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	How helpful is or was this source of help? (1-5, 5= most) [MR]
Community or voluntary organization resources? Such as....	1. health organizations 2. law & justice organizations 3. social services 4. society & public benefit organizations 5. religious organizations 6. education /youth development groups 7. employment & economic organizations 8. other (specify) 9. NA		
Information or media resources? Such as.....	1. newspaper(s) 2. TV 3. newsletter or bulletins 4. radio 5. books 6. magazines 7. Internet 8. other (specify) 9. NA		

22. [If ongoing]: Is the way in which your household is dealing with this change making any of the following aspects more positive or more negative for your household?  
[If resolved]: Did the way in which your household dealt with the change make any of the following aspects made more positive or more negative for your household?

Aspect	Worse or better?
	1. More positive 2. No difference 3. More negative 4. Can't tell
wealth	
family	
friends	
personal safety and security	
good physical health	
work success	
mental well being	

We are interested in the impact of HOW your household is dealing with the change, not the OUTCOME of the change itself.

## PART 3: ABOUT YOUR USE OF THE INTERNET

I will now ask you a few questions about your use of the Internet.

23. Does anyone in your household use the Internet? (Circle all that apply.)

1. yes, at home
2. yes, at workplace
3. yes, at school
4. yes, at a another public place (community access centre, library)
5. yes, at the home of a friend, neighbour, or relative
6. no [go to question 26]
7. don't know

The answers to these questions will help us understand the importance of computers and the Internet for your household.

24. I am interested in your opinions regarding how the Internet has changed your household. Even if you do not use the Internet at home, please respond to each statement as it applies to your household. For each statement, do you “strongly agree”, “agree”, “feel neutral”, “disagree”, or “strongly disagree”.

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	No Answer
The Internet has improved access to the information we need.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA
The Internet has improved the economic situation of our household.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA
The Internet has improved our access to government information.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA
The Internet has had a positive impact on our relationships with people in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA
The Internet has improved our relationships with people outside COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NA

25. Have you personally used the Internet in the past month for any of the following purposes? (Circle all that apply.)
1. keeping in touch with family / friends in COMMUNITY NAME
  2. keeping in touch with family / friends in other places
  3. obtaining personal information or conducting research (planning a trip, searching your family roots)
  4. just browsing around for personal purposes (checking the weather or news, looking for something of interest)
  5. entertainment reasons (listening to music, watching a video, playing a game)
  6. exchanging information with or contacting businesses, obtaining market information (checking interest rates, investment opportunities)
  7. making personal on-line purchases
  8. paying personal bills, on-line banking
  9. contacting potential employers about a job, searching for a job or career opportunity
  10. learning or education within a course or program of study
  11. as part of your work as a volunteer
  12. as part of your paid employment
  13. obtaining information from or communicating with the federal government
  14. completing federal government forms on-line
  15. obtaining information from or communicating with the provincial government
  16. completing provincial government forms on-line
  17. contacting health care providers
  18. finding health information from a Canadian website
  19. other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 4: ABOUT THE SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

26. I will read to you a list of businesses and services found in many communities. I would like to know where you normally access or use each of these. I would also like to know if it has become easier or harder to access any of these over the last 5 years or so, and why.

Business or Service	Used last 12 months?	Where?	5-yr Change?	Why Change? [MR]
	1. yes 2. no 3. don't know	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away	1. easier 2. same 3. harder 4. don't know	1. <b>your household</b> circumstances changed 2. means of <b>transportation</b> changed 3. service <b>opened or closed</b> 4. the <b>price</b> has changed 5. there was a <b>change in the form of the business or service</b> 6. other (specify) 7. don't know
gas station				
grocery store (weekly purchases)				
drug store				
second-hand clothing store				
home furnishing or furniture store				
ATM or banking machine				
bank or credit union				
legal services (e.g. lawyer)				
financial advice services (e.g. accountant, investment advisor)				
passenger rail service (VIA rail)				
inter-community bus service (eg. SMT, Acadian, Greyhound)				

27. I will read to you a list of core health and related services that many people depend on even if they do not use them on a regular basis. I would like to know where they are located and where you normally use each of these. I would also like to know if it has become easier or harder to access any of these, and why.

Health Service	Used last 12 months?	Where?		5-yr Change?	Why Change? [MR]
	1. yes 2. no - not needed 3. no - needed but could not get it 4. don't know	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away 4. in your home  (Office location)      (Use location)		1. easier 2. same 3. harder 4. don't know	1. <b>your household</b> circumstances changed 2. means of <b>transportation</b> changed 3. service <b>opened or closed</b> 4. the <b>price</b> has changed 5. there was a <b>change in the form of the service</b> 6. other (specify) 7. don't know
family doctor					
dentist					
ambulance services			NA		
emergency room at hospital or clinic			NA		

28. I will now read to you a list of extended health and related services that some people might use depending on their circumstances. I would like to know where they are located and where you normally use each of these. I would also like to know if it has become easier or harder to access any of these, and why.

Health Service	Used last 12 months?	Where?		5-yr Change?	Why Change? [MR]
	1. yes 2. no - not needed 3. no - needed but could not get it 4. don't know	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away 4. in your home  (Office location)      (Use location)		1. easier 2. same 3. harder 4. don't know	1. <b>your household</b> circumstances changed 2. means of <b>transportation</b> changed 3. service <b>opened or closed</b> 4. the <b>price</b> has changed 5. there was a <b>change in the form of the service</b> 6. other (specify) 7. don't know
therapy services (e.g. chiropractor, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, dietician, speech therapist, respiratory therapist, massage)					
home support services (e.g. personal care, bathing, transfers)					
homemaking services (e.g. house cleaning, laundry)					

Health Service	Used last 12 months?	Where?		5-yr Change?	Why Change? [MR]
	1. yes 2. no - not needed 3. no - needed but could not get it 4. don't know	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away 4. in your home	(Office location) (Use location)	1. easier 2. same 3. harder 4. don't know	1. <b>your household</b> circumstances changed 2. means of <b>transportation</b> changed 3. service <b>opened or closed</b> 4. the <b>price</b> has changed 5. there was a <b>change in the form of the service</b> 6. other (specify) 7. don't know
visiting nurses (e.g. extra mural, VON)					
respite care (to free someone from primary responsibility)					
long term residential care centres (e.g. nursing home, lodge, assisted living)					
meal programs (e.g. meals on wheels, in school programs)					
social services (e.g. child or family intervention programs)					
public health nurse					

29. I will now read to you a list of public services that might be provided by a local government or by a provincial or federal government department.

Where do you normally access or use each of these. I would also like to know if it has become easier or harder to access any of these, and why.

Community Services	Used last 12 months?	Where?		5-yr Change?	Why Change? [MR]
	1. yes 2. no 3. not relevant 4. don't know	1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away		1. easier 2. same 3. harder 4. don't know	1. <b>your household</b> circumstances changed 2. means of <b>transportation</b> changed 3. service <b>opened or closed</b> 4. the <b>price</b> has changed 5. there was a <b>change in the form of the service</b> 6. don't know
post office					
public library					
public adult education services (e.g. high school upgrading, continuing education programs)					
provincial government services (e.g. driver' or hunting license, information)					
federal government services (e.g. employment or business trade information)					

30. How would you rate the current quality of each of the following services? Would you say they are “very poor”, “poor”, “OK”, “good”, or “very good”? How does the quality today compare to the quality about 5 years ago? Would you say it is now “much worse”, “worse”, “about the same”, “better”, “much better”?

Community Services	Current Quality	Quality Today Compared to 5 Years Ago
	1. Very poor      5. Very good 2. Poor            6. Don't know/no opinion 3. OK              7. Not applicable 4. Good	1. Much worse      5. Much better 2. Worse            6. Don't know/no opinion 3. About the same   7. Not applicable 4. Better
primary/elementary school (any of grades K-8)		
secondary or high school (up to grade 13)		
police or RCMP services		
fire protection services		
municipal water supply (not a private well)		
municipal sewage services (not a private septic field)		
garbage collection/solid waste disposal		
recreation facilities (e.g. arena, ball field, walking trails)		
recreation programs (e.g. swimming lessons, minor hockey, walking clubs)		



## PART 5: ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

I would now like to ask some questions about your participation in your local community, and about your feelings about living in COMMUNITY NAME.

31. Do you currently participate in any organization as a member? Include union, religious, and professional organizations, as well as organized but unregistered groups such as a bridge club or a coffee club.

- 1. yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. no [go to question 33]



This information will help us understand the contributions you make to COMMUNITY NAME, and how COMMUNITY NAME works together. It will help us to make suggestions about supporting community initiatives.

32. Please identify the organizations you currently participate in.. What is your role in this organization?

Organization	Your Role or How you participate	Where you normally participate [MR] 1. in COMMUNITY NAME 2. in a community within 30 minutes drive 3. in a community more than 30 minutes drive away 4. Other	Area the organization serves [MR] 1. Local, primarily COMMUNITY NAME 2. Regional, serves this and other nearby communities 3. Another community or region, not this one 4. Provincial 5. National 6. International 7. Don't know

33. In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Circle all that apply.)

1. written a letter to your mayor, provincial government representative, or federal government representative
2. written a letter to the editor of a newspaper
3. called a radio talk show about a public interest issue
4. signed a petition
5. attended a public meeting
6. spoken out at a public meeting
7. given money for a specific emergency action or specific opportunity by a group in COMMUNITY NAME
8. volunteered for a specific action by a group in COMMUNITY NAME
9. posted a comment to an E-mail discussion group or to a web-based discussion group about a public interest issue
10. in some other way represented your public concerns (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

34. I am interested in your opinions about COMMUNITY NAME. Do you “strongly agree”, “agree”, “feel neutral”, “disagree”, or “strongly disagree”, with each of these statements about COMMUNITY NAME?

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer
People in COMMUNITY NAME are open to opinions that are very different from their own.	1	2	3	4	5	6
People here are willing to contribute time and money for community projects.	1	2	3	4	5	6
People in COMMUNITY NAME work together for the good of the community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Women have opportunities for leadership positions in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
People living in COMMUNITY NAME are willing to accept people from different racial and ethnic groups.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Young adults (under the age of 35) have opportunities for leadership positions in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
People in COMMUNITY NAME are helped by people from outside.	1	2	3	4	5	6
People in COMMUNITY NAME are friendly with outsiders.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The provincial government contributes a lot to COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The federal government contributes a lot to COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6

35. What best characterises the style of leadership in COMMUNITY NAME? Choose one answer only.

1. One or two people are in control
2. A small group of people control things
3. There are several (3 or 4) groups or factions competing for control
4. Many people participate
5. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

36. I am interested in your feelings about living in COMMUNITY NAME. Do you “strongly agree”, “agree”, “feel neutral”, “disagree”, or “strongly disagree”, with each of these statements about COMMUNITY NAME?

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer
Overall, I am very attracted to living in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I feel like I belong in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I visit with my neighbours in their homes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The friendships and associations I have with other people in COMMUNITY NAME mean a lot to me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Given the opportunity, I would like to move out of COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
If the people in my COMMUNITY NAME were planning something I'd think of it as something "we" were doing rather than "they" were doing.	1	2	3	4	5	6
If I needed advice about something I could go to someone in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I think I agree with most people in COMMUNITY NAME about what is important in life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I believe my neighbours would help me in an emergency.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I feel loyal to the people in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I borrow things and exchange favours with my neighbours.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I would be willing to work together with others on something to improve COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
If I can I will remain a resident of COMMUNITY NAME for a number of years.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I like to think of myself as similar to the people who live in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No answer
I rarely have neighbours over to my house to visit.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I regularly stop and talk with people in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Living in COMMUNITY NAME gives me a sense of community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
A feeling of fellowship runs deep between me and other people in COMMUNITY NAME.	1	2	3	4	5	6

37. How effective are each of the following people or groups in supporting COMMUNITY NAME? Are they “very effective”, “effective”, “neutral”, “ineffective”, “very ineffective” in their support for COMMUNITY NAME?

Person/Group	Very Ineffective	Ineffective	Neutral	Effective	Very Effective	No answer	Not Applicable
Mayor, Warden, Reeve	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Municipal councillors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Local business leaders	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Elected provincial representative (MLA, MNA, MPP)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Elected federal representative (MP)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Community or voluntary groups	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**PART 6: ABOUT THE SKILLS AND RESOURCES YOU HAVE AND SHARE WITH OTHERS**

I am interested in how much your household provides for itself and the degree to which you trade or are given things rather than paying for them. For the following food types, I would like to know whether you grow or harvest your own, whether you are given these goods, or whether you trade for them. I will ask about four categories of foods:

1. locally grown fruits and vegetables
2. fruits and vegetables that are harvested from the wild
3. domestically raised meat, eggs and dairy products
4. wild game.

Answers to these questions will help us understand how people connect with one another to help do the things they need to do in their lives.

38. Do you eat locally grown domestic fruits and vegetables that you don't purchase with cash? [Prompts: fresh, frozen, canned, preserved]

- 1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No (go to question 39)



Do you get <b>most</b> of these by:		
By growing them yourself? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Given to you? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Trading for them? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No
Do you share fruits or vegetables that you grow? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No		
How many people do you share them with on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you receive them from on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, > 10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you trade with for them on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )
Do you share them with... [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable

39. Do you eat wild harvested fruits, berries, fiddleheads, mushrooms, etc? (other locally appropriate foods?)

- 1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No (go to question 40)



Do you get <b>most</b> of these by:		
By harvesting them yourself? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Given to you? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Trading for them? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No
Do you share any these that you harvest? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No		
How many people do you share them with on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you receive them from on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, > 10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you trade with for them on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )
Do you share them with... [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable

40. What percent of the total fruits and vegetables that you eat comes from **both** wild harvested or domestically raised sources that you do not pay for (e.g. grown yourself, given or traded for)? \_\_\_\_\_%

41. Do you eat locally raised domestic eggs, meat or dairy products that you do not purchase with cash?

- 1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No (go to question 42)



Do you get <b>most</b> of these by:		
By raising them yourself? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Given to you? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Trading for them? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No
Do you share eggs, meat, or dairy products that you raise? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No		
How many people do you share them with on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you receive them from on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, > 10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you trade with for them on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )
Do you share them with... [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable

42. Do you eat wild game? (deer, moose, duck, grouse, rabbit, etc.)

- 1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No (go to question 43)



Do you get <b>most</b> of it by:		
By harvesting or catching it yourself? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Given to you? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No - continue across <sup>o</sup>	Trading for them? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No
Do you share what you harvest or catch? 1 Yes - continue below <sup>-</sup> 2 No		
How many people do you share them with on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you receive them from on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, > 10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )	How many people do you trade with for them on a regular basis? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10, >10 (continue below <sup>-</sup> )
Do you share them with... [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable	From whom do you most often receive them? 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 not applicable

43. What percent of the total meat and animal products that you eat comes from **both** wild harvested or domestically raised sources that you do not pay for (e.g. grown yourself, given or traded for)? \_\_\_\_\_%

44. Do you use firewood or other wood products (pellets, etc.) to heat your home?

- 1. yes  →
- 2. No (go to question 46)

If yes:  
 44A. How do you get **most** of your wood?  
 1. By harvesting it yourself  
 2. Given to you by a family member  
 3. Given to you by a friend or neighbour  
 4. By trading for it  
 5. By paying cash for it  
 6. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

45. What percent of your home heating needs are provided by firewood or other wood products? \_\_\_\_\_%

46. I will now read to you a list of skills or services that people often or occasionally require. For each item please tell me how your household most often obtains these services, and if anyone in your household provides these services to anyone else.

Skills and Services	Most common method of obtaining each service	Source of donated or traded services [MR]	Does your household provide this service to anyone else?	
			1 yes 2 no 3 don't know	Provided to: [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 don't know 5 not applicable
*NOTE: for 'adult respite care' ask "When the service is provided, does the person providing relief to you come into your home, or does the person needing the care go to some other location?"	1. we do for ourselves 2. we are given this service 3. we trade for this service 4. we purchase this service 5. we don't use/not applicable 6. don't know	Received from: 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 don't know 5 not applicable	1 yes 2 no 3 don't know	Provided to: [MR] 1 extended family 2 friends, neighbours 3 others 4 don't know 5 not applicable
painting, carpentry, plumbing, mechanical, or electrical				
sewing or knitting				
house work (cooking, cleaning, laundry)				
babysitting or child care				
adult respite care (care that frees one of your household members)*				
automotive repair, boat repair				
technical or professional services (eg. financial, legal, medical advice, or computer troubleshooting / repair services)				
snow removal				
garden tilling/lawn mowing/tree pruning				
providing transportation (e.g. school, work, shopping, medical)				

## PART 7: ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Now I have a few questions about special care issues you might have, and about your financial situation. This information will only be used for comparative purposes and will not be revealed in its raw form to anyone except those in the research team.

This information will help us understand the different financial and special care challenges people are facing, and to make suggestions for improvements.

47. Did you or any members of your household pay (out-of-pocket) for any home care services over the last 12 months? (e.g. nurses, therapy services, personal care, house cleaning, laundry, respite care) Do not include any costs for which you were 100% reimbursed.

1. no (go to question 48)
2. yes
3. don't know/NA (go to question 48)



If yes:

47A. Approximately how much did you have to pay over the last 12 months?

1. \$0 to 99\$ per month
2. \$100 to \$299 per month
3. \$300 to \$999 per month
4. \$1,000 per month or more
5. Don't know
6. No answer

47B. What types of home care services did this involve? (Circle all that apply.)

1. nurses
2. therapy services
3. personal care
4. house cleaning/meal preparation
5. laundry
6. respite care
7. other

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_

48. Thinking about the total income for all household members, from which of the following sources did your household receive any income last year? (Circle all that apply.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. wages and salaries</li> <li>2. income from self-employment</li> <li>3. farm income</li> <li>4. dividends and interest (e.g. on bonds, savings)</li> <li>5. employment insurance</li> <li>6. worker's compensation</li> <li>7. benefits from Canada or Quebec pension plan</li> <li>8. retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. old age security</li> <li>10. guaranteed income supplement</li> <li>11. child tax benefit</li> <li>12. provincial or municipal social assistance or welfare</li> <li>13. child support</li> <li>14. alimony</li> <li>15. other (e.g. rental income, scholarships)</li> <li>16. none</li> </ol> |
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49. Which was the main source of income last year? # \_\_\_\_\_

50. What is the total number of household members who contributed to your household income last year? # \_\_\_\_\_



51. For the year 2000, which category best describes your total household income, from all sources, before taxes?

- 1. less than \$10,000
- 2. \$10,000 - \$14,999
- 3. \$15,000 - \$19,999
- 4. \$20,000 - \$24,999
- 5. \$25,000 - \$29,999
- 6. \$30,000 - \$39,999
- 7. \$40,000 - \$59,999
- 8. \$60,000 - \$79,999
- 9. \$80,000 or more
- 10. I don't know/NA

52. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

- 1. less than grade 9
- 2. some high school, but did not complete
- 3. high school completion
- 4. trades certificate or diploma
- 5. some other non-university education, but did not complete
- 6. completed some other non-university education, with certificate or diploma
- 7. some university, but did not complete degree
- 8. university bachelor's degree or higher

**PART 8: YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY NAME**

Finally, I have two questions about the future of COMMUNITY NAME.

53. What are your hopes for the future of COMMUNITY NAME?

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54. What is the most important thing you feel COMMUNITY NAME should attempt to achieve over the next few years?

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Thank you very much for devoting your time and attention to these questions. The initial results of our work will be prepared in the fall of this year and we will be bringing them back to your community shortly after that time. We will be using the local media, local organizations, and municipal councils to publicize the results and announce community meetings related to them. They will also be available on our web site at <http://nre.concordia.ca>. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you are interested in our work.

Additional Comments: