

**Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission
2024 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 \$2,000 or one of 8 prizes of \$500 each.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. The information you provide may be shared for research purposes, but direct identifiers including name and contact information will be removed. 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 Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act and the Commission's mandate. And, once the survey results are compiled, a report will be published on the Commission's website (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 \$2,000 or one of 8 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 will 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

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.

- Apprenticeship certification
- College diploma or certificate (includes CEGEP)
- Private college or training school diploma or certificate
- University diploma or certificate
- University degree (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD/Doctorate)
- Other (please specify): _____
- Don't know
- Refused

Q5

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

We are interested only 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 Q8]**
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q8]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q8]**

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 FOR Q7]**
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q8]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q8]**

Q7 [ASK GRID QUESTIONS FOR EACH IN Q6]

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

[IF Q6 > 1] Please tell us more about the <<number from Q6>> programs you took.

[IF Q6 > 2]

For the first one...

And the second one...

And the third one...

Education program	Q7A Credential & program What type of certificate, diploma or degree would someone receive at the end of this program? [use drop-down menu]	Q7B Field of study What was the main field of study or specialization of the program? [use drop-down menu]	Q7C Have you completed this program?	Q7D [Show this column only if answering "NO" (OR DK) to "Have you completed this program?"] Are you currently enrolled in this program?	Q7E [Show this column only if answering "YES" to "Are you currently enrolled in this program?"] Are you enrolled in this program full-time or part-time?	Q7F What is the main reason you decided to take this program? [use drop down menu]
1			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK	FT/PT/DK	
2			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK	FT/PT/DK	
3			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK	FT/PT/DK	
...			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK	FT/PT/DK	
9			Y/N/DK	Y/N/DK	FT/PT/DK	

Credential & program drop-down menu:

- Apprenticeship certification
- College diploma or certificate (includes CEGEP)
- Private college or training school diploma or certificate
- 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 designation (e.g., Dietetics, CPA)
- 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)
- Other (please specify): _____
- Don’t know

Field of study drop-down menu:

- Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation
- Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences
- Business or Administration
- Education
- Engineering, Engineering Technology or Architecture

- Health Care
- Law
- Math or Computer Science
- Science (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Services (e.g., Culinary Services, Esthetics)
- Trades (e.g., Carpentry, Electrician, Auto Mechanics, Welding)
- Other (please specify): _____
- Don't know

Main reason for taking program drop-down menu:

- An interest in learning more about the subject
- It's a requirement for a position/designation that I currently hold
- For career advancement/promotion
- For general self-improvement
- To make a career change
- To make more money
- It's a prerequisite for further education
- It's part of my chosen career path
- Other (please specify): _____
- Don't Know

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

Q8

[IF Q5 = YES]

During the course of your education (2018 degree and any programs you have taken since 2018), did you participate in any of the following forms of work-integrated learning?

[IF Q5 = NO]

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

These forms of learning formally integrate a student's academic studies with quality experiences within a workplace or practice setting. They can occur at the course or program level and include the development of student learning objectives and outcomes related to employability, personal agency, knowledge and skill mobility and life-long learning.

Select all that apply.

- Co-op
- Practicum
- Internship (unpaid)
- Internship (paid)
- Clinical placement
- Community and industry research & projects
- Entrepreneurship
- Service/community-based learning
- Other type of work-integrated learning
- None of the above **[SKIP TO Q10]**
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q10]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q10]**

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

To what extent would you say those forms of work-integrated learning you completed...

	1 Not at all	2 Slightly	3 Moderately	4 Considerably	5 Greatly	Don't know	Refused	Not applicable
Q9A Increased your satisfaction with your program?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R	N/A
Q9B Prepared you for the workforce?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R	N/A
Q9C Offered you advantages for finding employment?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R	N/A

FINANCING EDUCATION

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 (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
- 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 have taken since completing your degree 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 (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
- 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...

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Q12A University education you completed in 2018?	Y	N	DK	R
Q12B [SHOW IF Q5 = YES] Educational programs you have taken <u>since 2018?</u>	Y	N	DK	R

[IF Q5 = NO AND Q12A = NO (OR DK), SKIP TO Q62]

[IF Q5 = YES AND Q12A = NO (OR DK) AND Q12B = NO (OR DK), SKIP TO Q62]

Q13A [SHOW IF Q12A OR Q12B = YES]

Degree fill text:

[IF 12A = YES AND 12B = NO (OR DK)] “your 2018 degree”

[IF 12A = NO (OR DK) AND 12B = YES] “any education you have taken since your 2018 degree”

[IF Q12A = YES AND Q12B = YES] “your 2018 degree and 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<<degree fill text>>. 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.

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

\$ _____

Don't know

Refused

Q14A

Degree fill text:

[IF Q12A = YES AND Q12B = NO (OR DK)] “your 2018 degree”

[IF Q12A = NO (OR DK) AND Q12B = YES] “any education you have taken since your 2018 degree”

[IF Q12A = YES AND Q12B = YES] “your 2018 degree and any education you have taken since your 2018 degree”

Approximately how much do you now owe to all sources on the money you borrowed to finance <<degree fill text>>?

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.

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

\$ _____

None

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

Refused **[SKIP TO Q18]**

Q14B [SHOW IF Q14A > 0 AND Q13B = YES]

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

[IF Q13C = DK, DO NOT SHOW] Total amount borrowed from family members: \$<<Q13C answer>>

\$ _____

None

Don't know **[SKIP TO Q15]**

Refused **[SKIP TO Q15]**

Q14C [SHOW IF Q14A = 0 OR NONE]

You indicated that the money you borrowed to finance your education is repaid.

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

Select all that apply.

- 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.

Do you currently make payments on the money you owe for the financing of your education?

- Yes
- No **[SKIP TO Q18]**
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q18]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q18]**

Q17A [SHOW IF Q15 = YES]

What is the approximate total monthly amount you pay on those loans?

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. 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 [SHOW IF Q15 = YES]

[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

Q62

The last couple of questions regarding finances are about any scholarships, grants, or bursaries you may have received. This is money that you did not have to pay back.

Did you receive any money from scholarships, grants, or bursaries to finance the...

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Q62A University education you completed in 2018?	Y	N	DK	R
Q62B [SHOW IF Q5 = YES] Educational programs you have taken <u>since 2018?</u>	Y	N	DK	R

[IF Q5 = NO AND Q62A = NO (OR DK), SKIP TO Q19]

[IF Q5 = YES AND Q62A = NO (OR DK) AND Q62B = NO (OR DK), SKIP TO Q19]

[IF Q5 = YES AND Q62A = NO (OR DK) AND Q62B = YES, SKIP TO Q63B]

Q63A [SHOW IF Q62A = YES]

For your 2018 degree, what is the approximate total combined amount of scholarships, grants, or bursaries you received?

Please indicate the amount you received for your 2018 degree. You may not know the exact amount, but please provide your best estimate.

\$ _____

Don't know

Refused

Q63B [SHOW IF Q5 = YES AND Q62B = YES]

For any education you have taken since your 2018 degree, what is the approximate total combined amount of scholarships, grants, or bursaries you received?

Please indicate the amount you received for any education you have taken since your 2018 degree. You may not know the exact amount, but please provide your best estimate.

\$ _____

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

Q20

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

Employed full-time [SHOW IF Q19 > 0]

Employed part-time [SHOW IF Q19 > 0]

Employed, but not at work due to maternity/parental leave, sick leave, or vacation
[SHOW IF Q19 > 0]

Not employed due to temporary layoff [SHOW IF Q19 > 0]

Not employed, and looking for work

Not employed, and not looking for work

Don't know [SKIP TO Q35]

Refused [SKIP TO Q35]

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
- Some other reason (please specify): _____
- Don't know
- Refused

JOB DETAILS (UNTIL Q35)

[IF Q19 = 0 (NONE OR DK) SKIP TO Q35]

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 Q35]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q35]**

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.

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).

Don't know

Refused

Q26

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

Permanent

Contract

Casual

Temporary

Don't know

Refused

Q27

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

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

Q67

In which province, territory, or country was your job located?

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon
- In the United States
- In another country outside of Canada and United States
- 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
- Some other way (please specify): _____
- Don't know
- Refused

Q29A [SHOW IF Q28_KNOW_FREQUENCY]

Including tips and commissions, what is your <<Q28 answer>> 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

In what year and month did you begin the job?

Year: _____

Don't know [SKIP TO Q30A]

Refused [SKIP TO Q30A]

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 Q34]**

<<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 Q34]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q34]**

Q32

We would 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
- Some other way (please specify): _____
- Don't know **[SKIP TO Q34]**
- Refused **[SKIP TO Q34]**

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 OF EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT AND LIFE EXPERIENCES

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 Not at all	2 Slightly	3 Moderately	4 Considerably	5 Greatly	Don't know	Refused
Q34A Is it related to the program you completed in 2018? <i>(if clarification needed: 2018 program)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R
Q34B [Show if Q5 = YES] Is it related to the programs you pursued after your 2018 degree?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R
Q34C Do you use the skills you learned during the program you completed in 2018? <i>(if clarification needed: 2018 program)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R
Q34D [Show if Q5 = YES] Do you use the skills you learned during the programs you pursued after your 2018 degree?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Q35

Thinking about all we have 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 Not at all	2 Slightly	3 Moderately	4 Considerably	5 Greatly	Don't know	Refused
Q35A Worth the financial investment required?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R
Q35B Worth the personal investment of time required for classes and studies?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R

Q36

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

	1 Very dissatisfied	2 Dissatisfied	3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4 Satisfied	5 Very satisfied	Don't know	Refused
Q36A <u>Financial</u> situation?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R
Q36B <u>Employment</u> situation?	1	2	3	4	5	DK	R

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Q37

Where were you living in the 12 months before you started the degree program you completed in 2018?

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

Canada

United States **[SKIP TO Q37C]**

Other country (please specify): _____ **[SKIP TO Q38]**

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

Refused **[SKIP TO Q38]**

Q37A Province or territory:

[List of provinces and territories in Canada]

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

Refused **[SKIP TO Q38]**

Q37BA City/town:

What were the first three characters of your postal code? _____ **[SKIP TO Q38]**

Don't know

Refused

Q37BB [SHOW IF Q37BA = DK OR REFUSED]

In which city or town were you living? _____

Don't know

Refused

Q37C State: [SHOW IF Q37 = United States]

[List of states in the United States]

Don't know

Refused

Q38

Where are you currently living?

Canada

United States **[SKIP TO Q38C]**

Other country (Please specify): _____ **[SKIP TO Q66B]**

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

Refused **[SKIP TO Q40]**

Q38A Province or territory:

[List of provinces and territories in Canada]

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

Refused **[SKIP TO Q40]**

Q38BA City/town:

What are the first three characters of your postal code? _____ **[SKIP TO Q66A]**

Don't know

Refused

Q38BB [SHOW IF Q38BA = DK OR REFUSED]

In what city or town are you living? _____

Don't know

Refused

Q38C State: [SHOW IF Q38 = United States]

[List of states in the United States]

Don't know

Refused

Q66A [SHOW IF Q38A = GRAD_PROVINCE]

What reasons lead to you *staying* in <<GRAD_PROVINCE>> after completing your degree in 2018?

Select all that apply.

- To be closer to family and friends
- Obtained employment
- Partner obtained employment
- More opportunities for potential employment
- Better salary/pay
- Ability to work remotely
- Pursuit of further education
- Cultural reasons
- Illness or disability
- Travel
- Weather
- Cost of living (e.g., affordability of housing)
- Other reason (please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say
- Refused

Q66B [SHOW IF (Q38 = United States OR Other country) OR Q38A != GRAD_PROVINCE]

What reasons lead to you *leaving* <<GRAD_PROVINCE>> after completing your degree in 2018?

Select all that apply.

- To be closer to family and friends
- Obtained employment
- Partner obtained employment
- More opportunities for potential employment
- Better salary/pay
- Ability to work remotely
- Pursuit of further education
- Cultural reasons
- Illness or disability
- Travel
- Weather
- Cost of living (e.g., affordability of housing)
- Other reason (please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say
- Refused

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

The next two questions collect data in order to support equity, diversity and inclusion in post-secondary education and employment.

Are you an Indigenous person?

Includes persons who identify as First Nations (Status, non-Status, Treaty), Métis, Inuk/Inuit, Native or North American Indian (including North and Central America and the Caribbean).

- Yes
- No **[SKIP Q60]**
- Prefer not to say **[SKIP Q60]**

Q42A

Which of the following groups apply to you?

Select all that apply.

- Mi'gmaq/Mi'kmaq
- Wolastoqiyik/Welastekwewiyik (Maliseet)
- Other First Nations (e.g., Cree, Mohawk, Oneida)
- Métis
- Inuit

Other group (please specify): _____
Prefer not to say

Q60

Which of the following population groups apply to you?

Select all that apply.

- White
- South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
- Chinese
- Black
- African Nova Scotian
- Filipino
- Latin American
- Arab
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
- West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
- Korean
- Japanese
- Other group (please specify): _____
- None of these groups apply to me
- Prefer not to say

Q64

Were you born in Canada?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q65

What is your gender identity?

Select all that apply.

- Agender
- Gender non-conforming
- Man
- Non-binary
- Questioning
- Trans
- Two-spirit
- Woman
- Other gender identity (please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

Q61

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability/impairment?

Persons with a disability are people who have a chronic, long-term or recurring physical, sensory, mental, learning or intellectual impairment, that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders that person's full and effective participation in society. This includes, but isn't limited to, people whose functional limitations due to their impairment have been accommodated during their education and/or in their workplace (e.g., by the use of technical aids, changes to equipment or other working arrangements).

- Yes
- No **[SKIP Q44]**
- Prefer not to say **[SKIP Q44]**

Q61B

What is the nature of your disability/impairment?

Select all that apply.

- Mobility/dexterity (e.g., difficulty using hands or fingers, difficulty walking long distances)
- Chronic pain
- Speech
- Hearing
- Vision (e.g., blindness, low vision)
- Learning/memory or Intellectual (e.g., Dyslexia)

Mental health condition (e.g., Anxiety, Depression, Anorexia)
 Neurodivergence (e.g., Autism Spectrum, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity)
 Other disability/impairment (please specify): _____
 Prefer to not say

Q61C

How often are your daily activities limited by your disability/impairment?

	1 Sometimes	2 Often	3 Always	Prefer to not say
First disability/ impairment				
Second disability/ impairment				
...				

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?

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary
- Not applicable [**SKIP TO Q48**]

Q46B [SHOW IF Q46A = MAN, WOMAN, OR NON-BINARY]

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 = MAN, WOMAN, OR NON-BINARY]

What is the gender of another parent/guardian?

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary
- Not applicable [**SKIP TO Q48**]

Q47B [SHOW IF Q47A = MAN, WOMAN, OR NON-BINARY]

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?

No additional comments

ADMINISTRATION, PRIZE DRAW, AND CONCLUSION

Finally, we have a few questions for administrative purposes.

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The MPHEC would like to link your administrative data (that is your program, which courses you took, etc.) provided by [UNIVERSITY], with the responses you gave in this survey.

The linked data will be used by the MPHEC to conduct statistical research on student backgrounds, patterns of study, and graduate outcomes. Your linked information will be kept completely confidential, and analyses will be done in the aggregate form, so that you remain completely anonymous.

Do you agree that the MPHEC can link your administrative data to the responses you gave in this survey today?

Yes

No

PRIZE DRAW ENTRY: You are now eligible to enter a draw to win a grand prize of \$2,000 or one of 8 prizes of \$500 each.

This draw will take place on January 9, 2025. 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, 2025.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number (including area code): _____

End

That completes the survey. On behalf of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and Prairie Research Associates, thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.