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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2000 the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) collected data on income from both its second and third panels.

Respondents had the option of answering income questions in an interview, or of giving permission to Statistics Canada to allow SLID to use the information on their income tax return.

This paper describes the collection method and content of the 2000 Income interview.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In May 2000 the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics collected data on income for the seventh consecutive year.

Respondents had the option of answering the questions on income in an interview, or giving permission to Statistics Canada to allow SLID to use the information from their income tax return.

The 2000 Income interview was conducted only for persons aged 16 years or over on January 1, 2000. Cohabitants (new members) identified in the January interview were questioned about their 1999 income (if they were 16 or over). New cohabitants were not identified during the May 2000 interview. They will be identified in the January 2001 Labour interview and questioned in May 2001 about their 2000 income.

This research paper presents the content of the Income interview[1] including question wording, possible responses and flows of questions.

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[1] The contact questions are presented in a separate document.

2. WHAT'S NEW?

New questions: IN_Q150, IN_Q155, IN_Q160, IN_Q165, IN_Q170, IN_Q175, IN_Q180, IN_Q185, IN_Q190, IN_Q195 and CAI_SO

IN_Q150 to IN_Q195 were added for the first time to collect data on employer pension plan contributions and professional dues/malpractice insurance premiums and union dues. These expenditure amounts will be used to calculate narrower definitions of disposable income than the traditional after-tax income, as well as being useful in and of themselves. Several lead questions were necessary to take into account possible overlap in content with the Labour interview for certain respondents. Only IN_Q160, IN_Q175 and IN_Q190 will lead directly to new variables.

CAI_SO: This is a requirement of the application to update and save the entered data.

Modified questions: (Old question numbers are in brackets.)

Many of the income source questions have undergone wording changes, but the only conceptual or definitional changes were those indicated below for IN_Q105, IN_Q110 and IN_Q115 (all pertaining to private retirement income).

All references to box numbers, etc. on various slips have been removed. They have been replaced with references to the federal tax return or the Quebec return. Where necessary, further instructions were added (e.g., "Line 129 if pension and not withdrawal").

IN_Q100 (inc-q3-17)

"Refuse" and "Don't know" are now entered separately and category 07 is now "Other (specify)".

IN_Q105 (in_q3-18)

Now includes RRIF payments and annuities. These were previously included in IN_Q110 ("RRIF withdrawals"), although some of them may have been reported here.

IN_Q110 (inc_q3-19)

No longer includes RRIF payments and annuities; these are now included in IN_Q105. The specification "if pension and not withdrawal" has been added to better distinguish this item from IN_Q115, which has the same tax line number.

IN_Q115 (inc_q3-20)

The specification "if withdrawal and not pension" has been added to better distinguish this item from IN_Q110, which as the same tax line number. (The distinction is important for processing.)

IN_Q125, IN_Q130, IN_Q135 (inc_3-23, inc_3-24, inc_3-25)

"Refuse" and "Don't know" are now entered separately and category 12 is now "Other (specify)".

Deleted questions

INC_Q2B

This question was deleted as it was used to thank panel 1 respondents in their final year of participating in the survey if they gave SLID permission to use their tax records.

INC-3-22

The income source "money from persons outside this household to help with living expenses" was deleted. It had been added in reference year 1993. However, this money is already counted as income by the person making this transfer. Furthermore, this type of transfer is not part of the definition of income.

Income tax

The collection of "income tax for [reference year]" was not useful as the federal and provincial portions were not reported separately and it may have been confused with the amount still owing at the end of the year. SLID calculates income tax using reported income and this calculation has been shown to be better than reported values.

Naming conventions

Naming conventions were standardized based on recommendations from the standards group at Statistics Canada

Questions with C = (eg. IN_C001) = internal check

N = (eg. PRXY_N1) = interviewer instructions

E = (eg. IN_E015) = edit question, read out loud to respondent

Renumbering of questions

As in the Labour questionnaire, all questions have now been renumbered in increments of 5 which will allow for new questions in the future.

OLD QUESTION	NEW QUESTION	OLD QUESTION	NEW QUESTION
INC_Q1	PRXY_N1	INC_Q3-12	IN_Q075
INC_Q2	IN_Q005	INC_E3-12	IN_E075
INC_Q2A	IN_Q010	INC_Q3-13	IN_Q080
INC_Q2B	**DELETED**	INC_E3-13	IN_E080
INC_Q3-1	IN_Q015	INC_Q3-14	IN_Q085
INC_E3-1	IN_E015	INC_Q3-15	IN_Q090
INC_Q3-2	IN_Q020	INC_Q3-16	IN_Q095
INC_Q3-3	IN_Q025	INC_Q3-17	IN_Q100
INC_Q3-4	IN_Q030	INC_Q3-18	IN_Q105
INC_Q3-5	IN_Q035	INC_Q3-19	IN_Q110
INC_Q3-6	IN_Q040	INC_Q3-20	IN_Q115
INC_Q3-7	IN_Q045	INC_Q3-21	IN_Q120
INC_Q3-8	IN_Q050	INC_Q3-22	**DELETED**
INC_Q3-9	IN_Q060	INC_Q3-23	IN_Q125
INC_E3-9	IN_E060	INC_Q3-24	IN_Q130
INC_Q3-10	IN_Q065	INC_Q3-25	IN_Q135
INC_Q3-11	IN_Q070	INC_Q3-26	IN_Q140
INC_E3-11	IN_E070		

3. HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Question numbers

For each section, the question numbers refer to the actual numbers used in the programmed application and appear on the interviewer's computer screen. Text in **bold** letters is read, as worded, by the interviewer. The questions with "INTERVIEWER:" at the beginning are questions to be answered directly by the interviewer without asking the respondent.

Pre-fill items

These are items specific to each respondent's interview. The software adds the relevant information into the question, making the interviewer's job easier.

[respondent] - This is the first and last name of the person to whom the question refers and is not necessarily the person who is talking to the interviewer.

4. INCOME INTERVIEW

The data were collected by decentralized computer-assisted interviewing (CAI) mainly by telephone from interviewers' homes. The households surveyed received a newsletter in April that included a regional director's letter and a reminder that respondents had the choice of an interview or of giving permission to access their tax records. Several pages in the newsletter provided information on the income sources for which data would be collected as well as instructions on how to report the amounts if respondents decided to be interviewed. Since it is easier to answer the questions on income by referring to the income tax return, the text showed the 1999 tax form line numbers. For those who wished to prepare for the interview in advance, there was space for three household members to jot down their income figures.

During the collection period (May 2000), interviewers contacted the households eligible for the Income survey. Some of the households had a mixture of respondents who had previously given or refused permission or did not file a tax return. Income information was not collected for the members who had given permission previously or who did so during the May 2000 contact. Some households have agreed to do Labour but refused to do an Income interview; these households are not in the May sample. If possible, the information for all eligible members was collected during the same telephone conversation. If a member of the household wished to answer for himself, the interviewer could collect the information separately or make an appointment to call back. If respondents gave permission for Statistics Canada to access their tax returns, the interview ended for that person.

To reduce respondent burden, the household was not contacted if the only member who had not given permission was a member aged 16 or 17. Results from previous years showed most of this age group had no income. They will be asked the tax permission question the following January.

For respondents who were interviewed, edits were programmed using the information collected in the January Labour survey to remind respondents that they had reported being employed or receiving employment insurance, social assistance or workers' compensation.

5. INCOME QUESTIONS

PRXY_N1:   <u>INTERVIEWER</u>:   Select the person who is providing the information.
If the person is not on the list, select 'Non-Household Member'.
[List of all members in the household eligible for income questions appears on the screen.]

IN_C001:   If Slidmem. taxperm = 0, 2 or 3, go to IN_Q005; otherwise go to IN_Q015
(<u>Note</u>: If Slidmem.taxperm = 1, 5 or 9, person is not eligible to be interviewed and does not appear on the component list.)

Taxperm = 0 question was not asked
Taxperm = 1 tax permission was given
Taxperm = 2 tax permission was refused
Taxperm = 3 does not file a tax return
Taxperm = 4 tax permission was withdrawn
Taxperm = 5 refused income will do labour
Taxperm = 9 not eligible (age < 16)

IN_Q005:   **Does [respondent] give permission for SLID to use his tax records instead of asking income questions?**

Does [respondent] give permission for SLID to use her tax records instead of asking income questions?

Do you give permission for SLID to use your tax records instead of asking income questions?

1.	Yes	go to IN_Q010
2.	No	go to IN_Q015
3.	Does not file a tax return	go to IN_Q015

This is a mandatory question; ‹Refuse' and ‹Don't know' are not possible answers.

IN_Q010:   **Thank you for your co-operation.**

          <u>INTERVIEWER</u>: End of interview for [respondent]. Press <Enter> to
          continue.

          go to CAI_SO

IN_Q015:   INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT

          During 1999, what was his income from the following sources?

          During 1999, what was her income from the following sources?

          During 1999, what was your income from the following sources?

          **Wages and salaries from all jobs, before deductions, including tips
          and commissions.**

           (Lines 101 and 104 on the tax return)

          If no amount is reported but an amount
          was reported in January   go to IN_E015
          Otherwise   go to IN_Q020

          Hard range: Minimum: 0
                         Maximum: 9999995

          Soft range: Minimum: 1,000
                         Maximum: 100,000

IN_E015:   **Based on our January interview, we expected an amount for wages
          and salaries. Did we miss it?**

IN_Q020:   **Farm self-employment net income, including farm program
          payments and rebates, Canadian Wheat Board payments, crop
          insurance, etc.**

          (Line 141)

          Hard range: Minimum: -999995
                         Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: -5,000
                      Maximum: 100,000

IN_Q025:   **Non-farm self-employment net income, including business, professional, commission and fishing net income.**

(Lines 135, 137, 139 and 143)

Hard range: Minimum: -999995
                      Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: -5,000
                      Maximum: 150,000

IN_Q030:   INVESTMENT INCOME

                 Interest on bank accounts and other deposits, savings certificates, Canada Savings Bonds and other bonds, etc.

(Line 121)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                      Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 25
                      Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q035:   **Dividends (taxable amount)**

(Line 120)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                      Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 10
                      Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q040:   **Taxable capital gains**

(Line 127)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 25
               Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q045:   **Other investment income**

Lines 122 and 126)

Hard range: Minimum: -999995
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: -1,000
               Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q050:   INCOME FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES

Canada Child Tax Benefit and provincial or territorial child tax credits or benefits

(no line exists for this on tax return)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 200
               Maximum: 14,000 for Quebec
                            9,000 for Ontario and BC
                            7,000 for rest of Canada

IN_Q060:   **Old Age Security pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Spouse's allowance from the federal government**

INTERVIEWER: Exclude provincial supplements (report these with social assistance, IN_Q075)

(Lines 113 and 146; OR line 146 only for form T1S-B/T1S-C)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
       Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 2,300
      Maximum: 12,000

If entered an amount and age <60   go to IN_E060
If did not enter an amount and
age >64   go to IN_E061
Otherwise   go to IN_Q065

IN_E060: **Normally this type of income is paid only to persons aged 60 and over. Could this be income from another source?**

IN_E061: **Normally persons aged 65 or over receive income from the Old Age Security pension. Did we miss it?**

    <u>INTERVIEWER</u>: Old Age Security is universal. (But the Guaranteed Income Supplement and spouse's allowance are not.)

IN_Q065: **Canada or Quebec Pension Plan benefits(CPP/QPP)**

 (Line 114)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
       Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 500
      Maximum: 15,000

IN_Q070: **Employment Insurance benefits**

(Line 119)

If no amount is reported but an amount
was reported in January   go to IN_E070
Otherwise   go to IN_Q075

| Hard range: | Minimum: | 0 |
| | Maximum: | 9999995 |

| Soft range: | Minimum: | 500 |
| | Maximum: | 22,500 |

IN_E070: **Based on our January interview, we expected an amount for Employment Insurance benefits. Did we miss it?**

IN_Q075: **Social assistance and other income supplements from provincial or municipal sources**

(Line 145)

If no amount is reported but an amount
was reported in January   go to IN_E075
Otherwise   go to IN_Q080

| Hard range: | Minimum: | 0 |
| | Maximum: | 9999995 |

| Soft range: | Minimum: | 300 |
| | Maximum: | 25,000 |

IN_E075: **Based on our January interview, we expected an amount for social assistance. Did we miss it?**

IN_Q080: **Workers' compensation benefits**

(Line 144)

If no amount is reported but an amount
was reported in January   go to IN_E080
Otherwise   go to IN_Q085

| Hard range: | Minimum: | 0 |
| | Maximum: | 9999995 |

| Soft range: | Minimum: | 200 |
| | Maximum: | 50,000 |

IN_E080:   **Based on our January interview, we expected an amount for Workers' compensation benefits. Did we miss it?**

IN_Q085:   **Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) Credit**

(no line exists for this on tax return)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                 Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 100
                 Maximum: 1,500

IN_Q090:   **Provincial and territorial tax credits**

(Line 479; OR lines 455, 459, 460 and 462 on Quebec tax return)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                 Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 25
                 Maximum: 3,000

IN_Q095:   **Veterans' Pensions and Civilian War Pensions and allowances**

(no line exists for this on tax return)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                 Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 300
                 Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q100:   **Other income from government sources (Specify)**

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                 Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 100
                 Maximum: 25,000

IN_N100: <u>INTERVIEWER</u>: Specify the source

    01. Payments for individuals in fishing industry
    02. Training allowance from federal or provincial governments
    03. Cash property tax reductions and rebates
    04. Labour adjustment benefits
    05. Regular payments from provincial automobile insurance plans
    06. Quebec Maternity Allowance
    07. Other (specify)
    98. Refuse
    99. Don't know

If 07, Other (specify) is reported the following screen is displayed:
SpecTxt
IN_N100
<u>INTERVIEWER</u>: Specify

IN_Q105: INCOME FROM PENSIONS, RRSPS, RRIFS

Retirement pensions, including superannuation, RRIF payments and annuities

(Line 115)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 500
               Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q110: **RRSP annuities, excluding RRSP withdrawals**

(Line 129 <u>if pension</u> and not withdrawal)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 100
               Maximum: 50,000

IN_Q115:   **RRSP withdrawals**

(Line 129 <u>if withdrawal</u> and not pension)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 700
               Maximum: 25,000

IN_Q120:   OTHER INCOME

Support payments received, such as alimony and child support

(Line 128 plus any amounts for child support)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 1,000
               Maximum: 25,000

IN_Q125:   **Other income - source 1 (Specify)**

(Line 130 plus any additional amounts)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 10
               Maximum: 25,000

IN_N125:   INTERVIEWER: Specify the source

01. Scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, research grants
02. Settlements of life or other insurance policies
03. Retiring allowance and severance pay received from employer
04. Income from outside Canada (if not already reported)
05. Lottery and gambling winnings
06. Wage loss replacement benefits and income maintenance payments
07. Inheritance

08. Employer or union supplementary unemployment benefits
09. Payments from Children's Aid
10. Interest from loans and mortgages
11. Regular income from an estate or trust fund
12. Other (specify)
98. Refuse
99. Don't know

If 12, Other (specify) is reported the following screen is displayed:
SpecTxt
IN_N125
INTERVIEWER: Specify

IN_Q130:   **Other income - source 2 (Specify)**

(Line 130 plus any additional amounts)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
               Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 10
               Maximum: 25,000

IN_N130:   INTERVIEWER: Specify the source

01. Scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, research grants
02. Settlements of life or other insurance policies
03. Retiring allowance and severance pay received from employer
04. Income from outside Canada (if not already reported)
05. Lottery and gambling winnings
06. Wage loss replacement benefits and income maintenance payments
07. Inheritance
08. Employer or union supplementary unemployment benefits
09. Payments from Children's Aid
10. Interest from loans and mortgages
11. Regular income from an estate or trust fund
12. Other (specify)
98. Refuse
99. Don't know

If 12, Other (specify) is reported the following screen is displayed:
SpecTxt
IN_N130
INTERVIEWER: Specify

IN_Q135:   **Other income - source 3 (Specify)**

(Line 130 plus any additional amounts)

Hard range: Minimum: 0
                Maximum: 9999995

Soft range: Minimum: 10
                Maximum: 25,000

IN_N135:   INTERVIEWER: Specify the source

01. Scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, research grants
02. Settlements of life or other insurance policies
03. Retiring allowance and severance pay received from employer
04. Income from outside Canada (if not already reported)
05. Lottery and gambling winnings
06. Wage loss replacement benefits and income maintenance payments
07. Inheritance
08. Employer or union supplementary unemployment benefits
09. Payments from Children's Aid
10. Interest from loans and mortgages
11. Regular income from an estate or trust fund
12. Other (specify)
98. Refuse
99. Don't know

If 12, Other (specify) is reported the following screen is displayed:
SpecTxt
IN_N135
INTERVIEWER: Specify

IN_Q140:   Total confirmation

            **Based on the amounts reported, the computer has calculated the
            total income as $ [*total income as calculated]. Does this sound
            about right?**

*[Total income as calculated] is pre-filled with the total of items IN_Q015 to IN_Q135

1. Yes
2. No
8. Refuse
9. Don't know

If yes   go to IN_C002
Otherwise   go to IN_Q141

IN_Q141:   **Can you give an estimate of his total income?**

            Can you give an estimate of her total income?

            Can you give an estimate of your total income?

            <u>INTERVIEWER</u>:   If no income in 1999, enter 0.

            If entered 0   go to IN_C002
            If entered any other amount
            different from the total calculated
            by the computer   go to IN_E143
            Otherwise   go to IN_C002

            Soft range: Maximum 250,000

IN_E143:   **The computer calculated the total as $[total income as calculated]. Could we review the amounts reported? Perhaps I made a mistake.**

            go to IN_C002

IN_C002:   If age > 69   go to IN_Q195
            If flag: flagjobs = 0 (no job in ref. year)   go to IN_Q195
            If flag: char271 = 1 (contributed to pension plan
            through pay deductions)   go to IN_Q150
             If flag: char271 = 2 (no pension plan or did not
            contribute to pension plan through pay deductions)   go to IN_C005
             If flag: char271 = 0 (refuse, don't know or not
            stated in Labour interview)   go to IN_Q155

IN_Q150: **According to our January interview, he contributed to an employer pension plan for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?**

According to our January interview, she contributed to an employer pension plan for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

According to our January interview, you contributed to an employer pension plan for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Refuse
9. Don't know

If Yes   go to IN_Q160
Otherwise   go to IN_C005

IN_Q155: **In 1999, did he contribute to an employer pension plan?**

In 1999, did she contribute to an employer pension plan?

In 1999, did you contribute to an employer pension plan?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Refuse
9. Don't know

If yes   go to IN_Q160
Otherwise   go to IN_C005

IN_Q160: **In 1999, what were his total employer pension plan contributions?**

In 1999, what were her total employer pension plan contributions?

In 1999, what were your total employer pension plan contributions?

(Line 207)

INTERVIEWER: This is the Registered pension plan deduction.

Soft range: Minimum: 50
              Maximum: 9,995

go to IN_C005

IN_C005:   If flag: selfempl = 1 (one or more jobs has
           class of worker = "self-employed")   go to IN_Q165
           Otherwise   go to IN_C010

IN_Q165:   **According to our January interview, he was <u>self-employed</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?**

           According to our January interview, she was <u>self-employed</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

           According to our January interview, you were <u>self-employed</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

           1.   Yes
           2.   No
           8.   Refuse
           9.   Don't know

           If yes   go to IN_Q170
           Otherwise   go to IN_C010

IN_Q170:   **In 1999, did he pay professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?**

           In 1999, did she pay professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?

           In 1999, did you pay professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?

           1.   Yes
           2.   No
           8.   Refuse

9.   Don't know

If yes   go to IN_Q175
Otherwise   go to IN_C010

IN_Q175:   **In 1999, what was the amount he paid in professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?**

In 1999, what was the amount she paid in professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?

In 1999, what was the amount you paid in professional membership dues or professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums?

INTERVIEWER: On the tax return, this is <Annual union, professional or like dues>, Line 212. Please subtract the amount for union dues, if any.

Soft range: Minimum: 10
                Maximum: 9,995

go to IN_C010

IN_C010:   If flag: char260 = 1 (union member or not a union member, but covered by a union contract or collective agreement)   go to IN_Q180
           If flag: char260 = 2 (not a union member and not covered by a union contract or collective agreement)   go to IN_Q195
           If flag: char260 = 0 (refuse, don't know, not stated in Labour interview)   go to IN_Q185

IN_Q180:   **According to our January interview, he was covered by a <u>union or a collective agreement</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?**

According to our January interview, she was covered by a <u>union or a collective agreement</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

According to our January interview, you were covered by a <u>union or a collective agreement</u> for all or part of 1999. Is this correct?

1.   Yes
2.   No
8.   Refuse
9.   Don't know

If yes   go to IN_Q190
Otherwise   go to IN_Q195

IN_Q185:   **In 1999, was he covered by a union or a collective agreement?**

In 1999, was she covered by a union or a collective agreement?

In 1999, were you covered by a union or a collective agreement?

1.   Yes
2.   No
8.   Refuse
9.   Don't know

If yes   go to IN_Q190
Otherwise   go to IN_Q195

IN_Q190:   **In 1999, what was the amount he paid in union dues?**

In 1999, what was the amount she paid in union dues?

In 1999, what was the amount you paid in union dues?

<u>INTERVIEWER</u>:   On the tax return, this is ‹Annual union, professional or like dues', Line 212. Please <u>subtract</u> the amount for professional or like dues, if any.

Soft range: Minimum: 10
                      Maximum: 995

go to IN_Q195

IN_Q195:   **Thank you for your co-operation.**

<u>INTERVIEWER</u>:   End of interview for [respondent].   Press <Enter> to continue.

CAI_SO: <u>INTERVIEWER</u>: This is the end of the component. Return to previously answered questions to make any necessary corrections, or select <Exit> to exit the component.

6. EDITS

Soft edits (other than the edits appearing in the questions above) were used during data collection.

Amount check

This edit was used during data collection to check the income source amounts entered by the interviewer.

When the amounts entered in the computer are outside the predetermined range, one of two error messages pop up: **"Amount seems too high"** or **"Amount seems too low"**.

These messages appear when the amounts entered are outside the soft ranges shown in the questions above, which is determined using data collected in last year's SLID income interview. These ranges exclude approximately 5% of amounts below or above the selected limits.

The interviewer has the option to either <Suppress' to confirm the value or <Close' or <Go to' to enter a new value.

APPENDIX

ON-LINE INCOME HELP (CTRL + F1)

IN_Q015: Wages and Salaries

Include amounts called "Other employment income", such as research grants (net of expenses) and income-maintenance insurance payments.

Exclude retirement and severance pay (report this in Other income, IN_Q125).

IN_Q020: Farm self-employment NET income

This is receipts minus operating expenses, depreciation, and capital cost allowances.

If partnership, report only your share.

If incorporated, report this income in Wages and salaries (IN_Q015) and/or Dividends(IN_Q035).

Report net rent from farms leased to others in Other investment income, (IN_Q045).

IN_Q025: Non-farm self-employment

This is receipts minus operating expenses, depreciation, and capital cost allowances.

If partnership, report only your share.

Include net income from roomers and boarders.

If incorporated, report this income in Wages and salaries (IN_Q015) and/or Dividends (IN_Q035).

IN_Q030: Interest

Include interest from Canadian and foreign sources, and foreign dividends.

For joint accounts, report each person's share separately.

IN_Q035: Dividends

Report taxable amounts received from Canadian corporations.

IN_Q040: Taxable Capital Gains

Report as for tax purposes.

IN_Q045: Other investment income

Include amounts such as:

* net rental income,

* rents for leased farm land,

* regular income from an estate or trust fund,

* cash dividends from life insurance policies,

IN_Q050: Child Tax Benefit

Report only for the parent who receives the cheque.

Examples:

* Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit

* Nova Scotia Child Benefit

* New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit and Working Income Supplement

* Quebec family allowances

* Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families

* Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit

* Saskatchewan Child Benefit

* BC family bonus, BC Earned Income Benefit

* Yukon Child Benefit

* Northwest Territories Child Benefit and Territorial Worker's Supplement

* Nunavut Child Benefit and Territorial Worker's Supplement

IN_Q065: Canada or Quebec Pension

Include all types, such as:

* regular,

* disability,

* for a surviving spouse or child.

IN_Q070: Employment Insurance benefits

Include all types, such as:

* regular,

* sickness,

* maternity/paternity,

* work sharing,

* training,

* or for self-employed fishermen

IN_Q075: Social assistance

Examples:

Newfoundland

*Income Support Program

*Child Welfare Program

Prince Edward Island

* Social Assistance

* Child Welfare Assistance

* Assistance for Day Care

Nova Scotia

* Income Assistance Program

* Family Benefits Program

New Brunswick

* Social Assistance

* Income Supplement Benefit Program

* Day Care Assistance Program

* Health Services Program

Quebec

* Financial Support Program (FSP)

* Work and Employment Incentives Program (WEIP)

* Parental Wage Assistance Program (PWA)

* Housing allowances for the elderly

* Housing Allowance Program for Persons 57 years of age and over (LOGIRENTE)

* Shelter Allowance Program for people 56 years of age and over and families

Ontario

* Family Benefits Program (FBA)

     Mothers/Fathers Allowance

     Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS)

     GAINS-D (for the disabled)

* General Welfare Assistance (GWA)

* Handicapped Children's Benefits

* GAINS (Seniors)

Manitoba

* Income Assistance for the Disabled

* Provincial Social Allowance Program

* Municipal Assistance Program

* Child Related Income Support Program (CRISP)

* 55 Plus, A Manitoba Income Supplement

* Shelter Allowances for Elderly Renters aged 55 plus (SAFER, SAFFR)

Saskatchewan

* Saskatchewan Assistance Plan   (SAP)

* Family Income Plan (FIP)

* Saskatchewan income plan (SIP) (Seniors)

Alberta

* Supports for Independence (Social Assistance) (SFI)

* Child Welfare

* Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)

* Services to Persons with Disabilities (SPD)

* Alberta Widows' Pension Program (AWPP)

* Special Needs Assistance (Seniors)

* Alberta Seniors Benefit (ASB)

British Columbia

* BC Income Assistance Benefits

* Youth Works Program

* Support for persons with disabilities

IN_Q105: Retirement pensions

Also include pensions from deferred profit sharing plans and other private pension plans.

IN_Q115: RRSP withdrawals

Exclude tax-free withdrawals used for purchasing a home.

IN_Q120: Support payments

Include amounts such as:

*benefits under a court order or written agreement,

*received by YOU, or by SOMEONE ELSE on your behalf to maintain YOU, your CHILDREN, or BOTH.

IN_Q125, IN_Q130, IN_Q135: Other income

Exclude:

*proceeds from the sale of property, businesses, financial assets or personal belongings;

*income tax refunds

*loans received

*loans repaid to you as the lender

*refunds of contributions to work-related pension plans