

***Listen to Learn Youth Literacy Project***

**Phase II: Northeastern Ontario**

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## **Demographic Data**

**Total Number of Respondents – 53**

**1.**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34%</b>

**2.**

<b>I was born in Canada</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>

**3.**

<b>I am a member of Canada's First Nations</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>64%</b>

**4.**

<b>My first language is:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>

**5.**

<b>I can talk in:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13%</b>

**Note: More than one answer permitted in this question**

6.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
15	3	6%
16	20	38%
17	5	9%
18	8	15%
19	4	8%
20	1	2%
21	4	8%
22	0	0%
23	5	9%
24	2	4%
25	0	0%
26	1	2%

7.

<b>I am living:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
with my spouse	7	13%
with one or both parents	30	57%
with other relatives	2	4%
with friends	6	11%
in a group home	0	0%
alone	7	13%
other	1	2%

8.

<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
0	43	81%
1	5	9%
2	4	8%
3	0	0%
4 or more	1	2%

9.

<b>I work:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
full time	10	19%
part time	7	13%
not working	36	68%

10.

<b>Each month I get:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
no money	16	30%
less than \$500	21	40%
\$500-\$899	8	15%
\$900-\$1299	3	6%
\$1300-\$1699	2	4%
\$1700-\$2000	1	2%
over \$2000	2	4%

11.

<b>I study:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
full time	14	26%
part time	12	23%
not studying	27	51%

12.

<b>I am taking alternative learning classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Yes	6	11%
No	47	89%

13.

<b>I am taking skills upgrading classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Yes	6	11%
No	47	89%

14.

<b>I have taken alternative learning classes in the past</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Yes	15	28%
No	38	72%

15.

<b>I was (age) when I started taking classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
16	10	56%
17	2	11%
18	2	11%
19	1	6%
20	1	6%
21	1	6%
22	0	0%
23	0	0%
24	1	6%

16.

<b>My mother reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	33	62%
well	13	25%
fairly poorly	1	2%
don't know	6	11%

17.

<b>My father reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	29	55%
well	11	21%
fairly poorly	5	9%
don't know	8	15%

18.

<b>My spouse reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	13	25%
well	4	8%
fairly poorly	0	0%
don't know	3	6%
not living with a spouse	33	62%

## **“Reasons for Nonparticipation” Data**

**Total Number of Respondents – 51**

### **1. I don't have enough energy to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29%</b>

### **2. I would feel strange going back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25%</b>

### **3. I am usually too tired to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>

### **4. I am not motivated enough to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25%</b>

### 5. I am too old to go back to school

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	2%
Agree	1	2%
Maybe	7	14%
Disagree	19	37%
Really Disagree	23	45%

### 6. I move around too much to go back to school

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	4	8%
Agree	5	10%
Maybe	8	16%
Disagree	13	25%
Really Disagree	21	41%

### 7. I don't think I'm smart enough to go back to school

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	2%
Agree	6	12%
Maybe	11	22%
Disagree	10	20%
Really Disagree	23	45%

### 8. School is too hard

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	4%
Agree	6	12%
Maybe	10	20%
Disagree	16	31%
Really Disagree	17	33%

### 9. I couldn't pay for childcare or transportation

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	2%
Agree	3	6%
Maybe	7	14%
Disagree	12	24%
Really Disagree	27	53%

Note: One Participant failed to answer this question

**10. I don't think I could use the things I would learn in school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34%</b>

**11. I am not set in my ways to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>

**12. I just don't like school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24%</b>

**13. I don't need a diploma**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59%</b>

**14. I don't have enough free time to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35%</b>



**15. Going back to school would be like going to high school all over again**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Really Agree	6	12%
Agree	13	25%
Maybe	6	12%
Disagree	12	24%
Really Disagree	14	27%

**16. There aren't many people in adult classes who are my age**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Really Agree	2	4%
Agree	12	24%
Maybe	8	16%
Disagree	8	16%
Really Disagree	21	41%

**17. My friends would laugh at me if I went back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	2	4%
Maybe	4	8%
Disagree	13	25%
Really Disagree	32	63%

**18. I felt that my family wouldn't like it if I went back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Really Agree	2	4%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	4%
Disagree	9	18%
Really Disagree	38	75%

**19. It would cost me too much money to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
Really Agree	7	14%
Agree	5	10%
Maybe	5	10%
Disagree	12	24%
Really Disagree	22	43%

**20. I have too many time conflicts at work to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39%</b>

**21. I don't go back to school because nobody knows that I don't already have an education**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57%</b>

**22. I don't think that school would be very good**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37%</b>

**23. It would take me too long to finish high school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41%</b>

**24. A high school diploma wouldn't improve my life**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57%</b>

**25. I didn't like school so I don't want to go back**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31%</b>

**26. There is too much on my mind to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31%</b>

**27. I don't know anything about adult classes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47%</b>

**28. Going back to school wouldn't make me any smarter**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41%</b>

**29. I am too lazy to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27%</b>

**30. I don't know where there are any classes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>55%</b>

**31. I have to take care of my family**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29%</b>

**32. I already know enough**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>45%</b>