

Community Foundations Canada

Questionnaire

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Today we're talking to Canadians about some different issues concerning the communities we live in.

1. People belong to different types of “communities,” and we also identify more strongly with some of the communities we belong to than we do with others.

Please indicate to what extent you personally identify with each of the following different communities.

(If you do not belong to some of these in the first place, then just indicate that.)

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The community where you grew up

A religious or spiritual community

People who share an interest in the same field of work

People from a similar ethno-cultural background

People who share a common life experience (such as being LGBTQ, living with a disability, being a person of colour, etc.)

Fans of a particular sports team

People involved in the same community organization or volunteer group

People you know from school/college/university alumni group

[COLUMNS]

Identify a little

Identify somewhat

Identify a fair amount

Identify a great deal

(Do not belong to this community at all)

2. Now, thinking about the following geographic communities you yourself live in, how would you describe your sense of **belonging** to each?

[ROWS - keep this order]

Canada

Your province

Your city or town

Your neighbourhood

[COLUMNS]

Very weak

Somewhat weak

Somewhat strong
Very strong

3. Which of these geographic communities you live in is MOST important to your own personal identity?

[ROWS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Canada
Your province
Your city or town
Your neighbourhood

4. And, how would you rate the overall quality of life in each one?

Let's use a 1 to 10 scale, where a "1" means you would describe the quality of life there as "terrible" and a "10" means it is "excellent". You can, of course, choose any number in between 1 and 10 that most closely reflects your view.

[ROWS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Canada
Your province
Your city or town
Your neighbourhood

[1-10 SCALE]

1 = Terrible
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 = Excellent

5. Now, in general, would you say things in each of these places are getting better, getting worse, or staying the same?

[ROWS – KEEP THIS ORDER]

Canada
Your province
Your city or town
Your neighbourhood

[COLUMNS]

Getting a lot worse

Getting somewhat worse

Staying about the same

Getting somewhat better

Getting a lot better

6. Lots of factors go into creating a good city or community. Here is a list of several different ingredients. Please review the list and select the 3 that are most important to YOU personally in terms of what makes a good place to live.

[RANDOMIZE]

People's overall sense of belonging to the community

The economy

Housing

Affordability

Getting around

The environment

Public safety

Learning/education/schools

Health and wellness

Arts, culture and leisure

Opportunities for youth

Employment opportunities

Low poverty levels

7. Now, we'd like to ask you about your own specific community -- and here, by "community", we would like you to consider the city or town you live in. Looking at the same factors from the previous question, please rate the following aspects of your own city or town.

(If you live in a very rural area and not in a city or town, please respond based on your municipality or county).

Let's use the same scale as before to rate these different things in your city or town, where a "1" means "terrible" and a "10" means "excellent". You can, of course, choose any number in between that most closely reflects your view.

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE – Keep same randomization as the previous question]

People's overall sense of belonging to the community

The economy

Housing

Affordability

Getting around

The environment

Public safety
Learning/education
Health and wellness
Arts, culture and leisure
Opportunities for youth
Employment opportunities
The amount of poverty in the community

[1-10 SCALE]

1 = Terrible
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8. And, which 3 of these specific issue areas would you say are the BIGGEST PRIORITIES for action in your own community? (Again, referring to your own city/town/municipality.)

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Employment opportunities
The amount of poverty in the community

9. There are many ways in which a person might participate in their community -- and some people prefer not to be involved in these types of things. For each of the following items, please indicate whether you, yourself participate in your community in this way.

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Participate in a neighbourhood or community project (such as neighbourhood clean-up or community gardening)

Attend any neighbourhood or community meetings

Use your local library or recreation centre

Attend religious services in your community

Vote in municipal elections

Do any volunteer work for a community group or event

Go out to hear live music

Socialize with your neighbours (beyond a quick "hello")

Get involved in children's activities (school, sports, arts, etc.)

[COLUMNS]

Yes, this is something I do regularly

Yes, this is something I have done, but not regularly

No, this is not really me

Not sure/can't remember

10. How important would you say each of the following is to you in your own day-to-day life?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Knowing your neighbours

Spending time "out and about" in your community

Following the news and decisions in your community

Being involved in community activities and events

[COLUMNS]

Not at all important

Not very important

Somewhat important

Very important

11. Now, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about where you live:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

In general, people in my neighbourhood trust each other

I feel like I really belong in my neighbourhood

My neighbourhood is welcoming to different minorities that may move in

My city/town is a great place to live

My city/town's best days are behind it

If I had the choice, I would rather live somewhere else
My city/town doesn't have enough to offer for young people
I feel safe walking in my neighbourhood alone after dark
Overall, I have confidence in my municipal government

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

12. Now, thinking more generally, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

I do not experience discrimination in my day-to-day life

It is difficult to make new friends here

I prefer to keep to myself rather than get involved in the community

This community knows how to get things done

I am the type of person who tries to work to get things done in my community

I feel I have a stake in this community

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

13. Now, for our classification purposes, how would you describe where you currently live? Is it:

A rural area/farm

In a small town

In a small city

In the suburbs of a big city

A central area in a big city

14. Did you grow up in the overall community (i.e. city or town or municipality) in which you currently live?

Yes

No

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "NO" ABOVE]

15. When did you move there?

Within the past 2 years

2 – less than 5 years ago

5 – less than 10 years ago

10 – 20 years ago

More than 20 years ago