

## Opioid Response

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### Intro Opioid Crisis

Now we want to focus on some issues concerning what has been called the 'opioid crisis'. That is, the rapid increase in usage of prescription and non-prescription opioid drugs. This includes some drugs you may have heard of like heroine, morphine, oxycodone, and fentanyl.

Q9 First, how much news and commentary would you say you have seen in the media (either online or offline) on the opioid crisis? Would you say you are:

Seeing a lot of coverage and having discussions with family/friends  
Seeing some coverage and having the odd conversation  
Just seeing a little bit of coverage  
Haven't seen or heard anything about it

Q10 And based on whatever you've seen or heard about the issue how serious a problem would you say this is:

For Canada today

For your own province

Within your own community

A crisis

A serious problem

A problem, but one among many others

A minor problem

Not much of a problem at all

Not sure

Q11 Based on whatever you've seen or heard about this and your own impressions, how would you describe **the federal government's** response to the opioid issue in this country? Has the federal government:

Put too many resources into it

Responded appropriately

Put too few resources into it

Not sure/Can't say

Q12 And based on whatever you've seen or heard about this and your own impressions, how would you describe **your own provincial government's** response to the opioid issue in this country? Has your provincial government:

Put too many resources into it  
Responded appropriately  
Put too few resources into it  
Not sure/Can't say

Q13 We'd like to know about your personal connection to opiates. Please note that the term 'opiates' includes substances like heroine, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl and codeine among others. Some of these have recognizable brand names like, Vicodin, Demerol or Dilaudid, and many are commonly prescribed by doctors.

Thinking about the past five years, have you, personally, had any of the following experiences:

Been prescribed opiates from a doctor  
Been dependent on or addicted to opiates  
Overdosed from opiates

Yes  
No  
Prefer not to say/don't know

Q14 Thinking about the past five years, have any of your close friends or family members had any of the following experiences:

Been prescribed opiates from a doctor  
Been dependent on or addicted to opiates  
Overdosed from opiates  
Died as a result of using opiates

Yes  
No  
Prefer not to say/don't know

A number of policies have been proposed as efforts to combat the abuse of opioids:

Q15 One of these policies involves supervised-injection sites. Also called safe-injection or safe-consumption sites, these are places where people can go and take illegal drugs under medical supervision. The idea is to provide a hygienic and safer environment for users, and also help reduce problems caused by users taking drugs in public places like back lanes or parks.

What is your overall view of supervised-injection sites -- Are you in favour or against this approach?

Strongly in favour  
Moderately in favour  
Moderately against  
Strongly against

Q16 Another policy that has been suggested in some jurisdictions is compulsory treatment for opioid abuse. This means that anyone who has had an overdose or is found to be abusing opioids must enter a treatment program, rather than face jail time or other punishment.

What is your overall view of compulsory treatment programs -- Are you in favour or against this approach?

Strongly in favour  
Moderately in favour  
Moderately against  
Strongly against

Q17 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

[RANDOMIZE:]

There's only so much we can do to help people abusing dangerous drugs

If this many people were dying of a disease (like Ebola or the Zika virus) instead of drugs like fentanyl, the problem would be getting way more attention than it is

All this money being spent dealing with drug overdoses would be better spent on other things

The opioid problem is going to get a lot worse before it gets better

Because of this opioid problem, it's now too hard for legitimate pain sufferers to get the drugs they need

[COLUMNS]

Strongly Disagree  
Moderately Disagree  
Moderately Agree  
Strongly Agree