

## Opioid Crisis 2019

Now we want to focus on some issues concerning the usage of prescription and non-prescription opioid drugs. This includes some drugs you may have heard of like heroin, morphine, oxycodone, and fentanyl.

Q1 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

Q2 And based on whatever you've seen or heard about the issue how serious a problem would you say this is:

[ROWS – THIS ORDER?]

For Canada today  
For your own province  
Within your own community

[COLUMNS]

A crisis  
A serious problem  
A problem, but one among many others  
A minor problem  
Not much of a problem at all  
Not sure

Q3 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

Q4 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

Q5 We'd like to know about your personal connection to opiates. Please note that the term 'opiates' includes substances like heroin, 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:

[ROWS – THIS ORDER?]

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

[COLUMNS]

Yes  
No  
Prefer not to say  
don't know

Q6 Thinking about the past five years, have any of your close friends or family members had any of the following experiences:

[ROWS – THIS ORDER?]

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

[COLUMNS]

Yes  
No  
Prefer not to say  
don't know

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

Q7 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

Q8 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

Q9 One other policy that has been proposed is the decriminalization of the use of all drugs -- including the opioids we have been talking about in this survey. This would mean that possessing and using these drugs would no longer be a crime for the user (though producing and selling such drugs would still be a criminal offence). The idea is to treat drug use as a medical issue, rather than a legal one, encouraging users to be open about their behaviour and seek help.

What is your overall view of decriminalization of all drugs? Are you in favour or against this approach?

Strongly in favour  
Moderately in favour  
Moderately against  
Strongly against

Disagree  
Disagree strongly