

COVID-19 Questionnaire (Wave 4)

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Core COVID trackers

We have some questions now about the outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the novel coronavirus.

QF1.

BASE = ALL

RANKING (select up to three)

RANDOMIZE

Please rank the issues facing Canada that you care about the most. Select up to three from the list or write in your own if you do not see the issue you're thinking of.

The Deficit / Government spending
 The Economy
 Health Care
 Taxes
 Jobs / Unemployment
 Environment / Climate Change
 Income inequality/Poverty
 First Nations/Indigenous issues
 Energy / Natural Resources /Pipelines
 Ethics / Corruption
 Terrorism / Security
 Crime / Public safety
 National Unity (Western Canada/Quebec)
 Immigration/refugees
 Housing affordability
 International/global issues
 Other: (specify)

Q1.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

First, how concerned are you about each of the following...?

[rows]

[T] You personally becoming sick from coronavirus
 Someone in your household getting sick
 Other family (not in your household) or friends becoming sick
 [T March 5] Coronavirus hurting your personal financial situation

[columns]

Not at all concerned
 Not that concerned
 Moderately concerned

Very concerned

[T] Q2.

Base=All

[single choice]

Some people think there is a serious threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada. Others believe the threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada has been overblown. Which of these two views is the closest to your own?

[rotate]

There is a serious threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada

The threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada has been overblown

Q3.

Base=All

[multi choice]

Do you personally know:

[select all that apply]

Someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19

Someone who has been tested for it

Someone whose symptoms might be COVID-19, but hasn't been tested yet

None of the above **[Fixed][Exclusive]**

[T] Q4.

Base=Total

[multi-choice]

Have you adjusted any of your own behaviours since hearing about the outbreak? Please choose all that apply:

[randomize]

[T] Washing hands more often/using sanitizer

[T] Staying away from public spaces

[T March 15] Not shaking hands with people/hugging them, etc.

[T March 15] Keeping extra personal distance from people

Other (please specify): _____ **[Fixed]**

None of these **[Fixed, Exclusive]**

Q5.

Base=All

[Multi-choice grid]

Has the coronavirus outbreak affected you or someone in your household in any way? Please select all that apply:

[rows][randomize]

Cancelled travel plans

Had an event such e.g. wedding, graduation, etc. cancelled or postponed
 Cancelled plans with friends and family
 Taken a financial loss on your investments
 Laid off/lost hours at work

[columns]

You, personally
 Someone in your household
 No, neither **[Fixed][Exclusive]**

Q6

Base = those who say “no, neither” to laid off/lost hours at work in Q5
[single choice]

You’ve noted that you have not had any lost work in your household. Are anticipating that you or someone in your household may be facing lost hours or a lay off at work in the future due to the COVID-19 outbreak?

Yes
 No
 [fixed]: N/A – not working

[stand alone text]

Base= all who say laid off/lost hours at work in Q5

You mentioned you or someone in your household has either been laid off or have lost hours at work. We’d to learn a little bit more about your situation. Please remember your responses are confidential.

Q7.

Base = all who say laid off/lost hours at work in Q5
[single choice]

Is your employer covering/paying for any of the hours you (or someone in your household) are no longer working? Again, **if** more than one person at home has been affected, just answer for **your own** situation.

Yes, all hours are covered for now
 Yes, more than half are covered but not 100%
 Less than half
 No, employer is not paying for any lost hours

Q8.

Base = Q7 but exclude ‘Yes, all hours are covered for now’
[single choice]

So far, have you or anyone in your household tried to access federal employment insurance benefits, known as EI?

Yes

No

Q9.

Base = YES in Q8

[single choice]

And how has the process of applying for employment insurance benefits (EI) gone so far? Has it been...?

Very easy, no problems

There were delays and issues, but it all worked out

Difficult, still not able to access these benefits

Q10.

Base = all

[single choice]

In the last few days, the federal government announced it will change some rules so that workers and businesses hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic can qualify for employment insurance (EI) and add emergency benefits for those who don't have them. These benefits aren't available yet but are expected to be in the coming weeks.

Prior to reading about it in this questionnaire, had you seen, read or heard anything about these new benefits for workers and businesses?

Yes

No

Q11.

Base = all who say laid off/lost hours at work in Q5

[single choice]

In the future, do you think you or those in your household will return to this job at the same number of hours worked before?

Yes, I'm certain – it's just a matter of time

Pretty sure

Doubtful

No, the job is gone forever – will have to find something else

Q12.

Base = all who have TAKEN LOSS ON INVESTMENTS in Q5

[single choice]

You mentioned you've seen the value of your investments decrease. Which statement best describes how you're feeling about this (remember, your answers are completely confidential).

Markets go up and down - I'm confident my investments will recover

The damage is permanent – it's unlikely my investments will recover

Q13.**Base = Total****[single choice]**

Thinking about your current situation, how much of a one-time unexpected expense could you manage this month? By “manage” we mean you could come up with that money without having to miss other expenses or bills, and without having to borrow money? As always, your responses will be confidential.

Could not manage any unexpected expense, already too stretched

Up to \$100

Up to \$250

Up to \$500

\$500 to \$1,000

Could manage over \$1,000

Q14**Base=Total****[single choice grid]**

And now for each of the following, please indicate whether this is something that’s happened in your household recently OR something you’re worried about happening:

[rows][Randomize]

Not being able to pay a utility bill (such as hydro, water, heat, phone, etc.)

Having to borrow money for essential things like groceries or transportation

Being late paying your rent or mortgage

Not being able to good quality groceries, having to buy what's cheap

Using a food bank or some service providing free food

Using a "pay day loan" type service that offers access to cash but at higher interest rates

[columns]

Had this happen already

Worried about having to do this

Not had to and do not expect to deal with this

Changing our focus slightly now:

Q15.**Base=Total****[Single choice]**

Are you, or someone in your household, now working from home because of the coronavirus outbreak?

Yes, I am

Yes, someone else in household

Both
No, neither

Q16.

Base = total but exclude no, neither from Q15
[single choice]

You've said you and/or someone in your house is working from home; we'd like to know a little bit more about your circumstances. In terms of the household you're in, are you:

Alone, no one else with me
With my partner/spouse
With my partner/spouse and kids
With a roommate(s)

Q17.

Base = total but exclude no, neither from Q15
[single choice grid]

And, thinking about the following factors, how would you describe the experience so far?

[rows]

Work productivity
Your mental/emotional state

[columns]

It's been really great
It's okay
It's been awful

[T] Q18.

Base=All
[single choice]

Now let's turn to Canada's response to the COVID19 outbreak:

Thinking about front-line health care, i.e. hospitals and doctors' clinics, how confident are you that the healthcare system in your community is prepared to deal with new cases of this coronavirus where you live?

Very confident
Confident
Not that confident
Not confident at all
Not sure/Can't say

[T] Q19.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

And, do you think the following are doing a good or bad job handling this whole issue regarding the coronavirus?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The federal government

Your provincial government

[COLUMNS]

Very good job

Good job

Bad job

Very bad job

Don't know/Can't say

[T] Q20.

Base=All

[single choice]

Based on whatever you've read, seen or heard, when do you anticipate things will be "back to normal" in Canada?

A few weeks

A month or two

Three to six months

Six months to a year

Later than the end of 2021

Q21.

Base=All

[single choice]

What is your current working status?

Employed/self employed full time (30 or more hours per week)

Employed/self employed part time (fewer than 30 hours per week)

Full time student

Homemaker

Retired

Currently looking for work

Not working for medical reasons

Other

Q22.

Base=Employed/self employed in Q21, both full and part time
[single choice]

And which of the following fields or industries best describes the type of work you do?

Health care

Social assistance

Retail sales

Education (teaching, educational assistant etc.)

Accommodation and food service (restaurant, coffee shop, caterer, etc.)

Licensed professional services (e.g. medicine, law, veterinarian, accountant, etc.)

Manufacturing/construction

Finance, insurance, real estate

Public administration/government/non-profit work

Transportation and warehousing

Culture and recreation (e.g. tourism, hotels, etc.)

Tech/Information technology

Resources: Forestry, farming, fishing, mining, oil and gas

Agriculture

Other (please specify):

A1. Finally, a couple questions about your living arrangement: First, how many people currently live in your household -- including yourself?

You live alone

Two/one other person

Three people

Four people

Five or more people in household

A2. What is your current marital status? Are you:

Single/Never married

Married

Common-law/Living as married

Separated/Divorced

Widowed

A3. Do you have children?

No, no children [EXCLUSIVE]

Yes, have a child/children under 18

Yes, have a child/children over 18

A4. Do you have what you consider to be a “physical disability”? Let’s include here any significant mobility problems, whether experienced from birth or related to aging or injury, hearing or visual impairment, or anything else like this.

Yes, I have a physical disability

No, I do not have a physical disability

I have mobility or other physical, vision or hearing challenges, but don’t consider myself to have a disability