

## Housing Prices/Affordability

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Now, let's change the subject to real estate and housing. When we refer to "housing" or "homes" we are including detached houses, condos/townhouses and apartments.

**QH1.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Which of the following best describes the type of home you currently live in? Is it a:

Detached house

Condominium/Townhouse

Apartment

Other (please specify)

**QH2.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

And which of the following best describes your current situation? Do you (and your spouse, if applicable):

Own your current residence

Rent your current residence

Live with your parents or another family member (and don't pay rent)

Neither own nor rent (some other arrangement)

**[text screen]**

**Base=Owners in QH2**

We have some questions about your home ownership. Please note that this is all anonymous and your responses will be looked at in aggregate with others, with no identifiable information. We just want to understand the opinions and experiences of Canadians.

**QH3.**

**Base=Owners in QH2**

**Single choice**

When did you first buy the property in which you live?

Within the past year

2-5 years ago

6-10 years ago  
10-15 years ago  
More than 15 years ago

**QH4.**

**Base=Owners in QH2**

**Single choice**

Does your current residence have a mortgage on it?

Yes, mortgage  
No, no mortgage

**QH5.**

**Base=Yes in QH4**

**Single choice**

Thinking about your current experience with your mortgage – overall, would you say:

You can manage the mortgage payments quite easily and still have money for everything else  
You can manage, but you have to watch spending on extras  
Your mortgage makes things tight and curbs your lifestyle  
It's a real struggle to make ends meet due to your high mortgage payments

**QH6.**

**Base=Yes in QH4**

**Single choice**

Roughly, how much of an increase in your own monthly mortgage payments do you think your household could fairly comfortably handle before it started to get too tight?

A few hundred dollars more per month  
Roughly \$500 more  
Up to \$1,000 more  
Up to \$2,000 more  
An increase of over \$2,000 per month  
No increase – already stretched with current mortgage

**QH7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice grid**

How would you best describe current real estate market prices for each of the following:

**[Rows]**

**[Homeowners in QH2 only] Your own home**

The typical price of a home in your neighbourhood

The typical price of a home in your city more broadly

**[Columns]**

Maybe a bit low

Reasonable overall

High, but understandable given the area

Unreasonably high

Don't know

**QH8.**

**Base= RENTERS in QH2**

**Single choice**

You've indicated you are renting your residence. How would you best describe the amount of rent you currently pay:

Maybe a bit low

Reasonable overall

High, but understandable given the area

Unreasonably high

Don't know

**QH9.**

**Base= EXCLUDE OWNERS in QH2**

**Single choice**

Which statement most closely reflects your own situation when it comes to home ownership? (Again, by "home" we're referring to a house or condo – any residence type one would own.) Would you say you:

Are not interested in buying a home

Would like to buy a home now, but can't afford it

Are in the market now, looking to purchase a home

Expect to inherit a home

Don't ever expect to be able to afford to buy a home

**QH10.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

What do you hope to see happen to the real estate market where you live over the next few years?

Would you say you personally hope housing prices...?

Rise significantly – say by 30% or more

Rise slightly – say around 10%

Stay where they are

Fall slightly – say around 10%

Fall significantly – say by 30% or more