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Sample size	5011	1387	3533	957	1513	1465	1077

Regional sample sizes are unweighted. All other sample sizes, including column totals, are weighted to census data. Cells containing “” are statistically zero, though at least one response was received. Blank cells indicate zero responses received. Sample sizes below 100 should be interpreted with caution.*

QM1. All things considered, do you think you are financially better off or worse off than you were a year ago?

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Better now	18%	20%	17%	1%	7%	19%	48%
The same as a year ago	50%	43%	53%	23%	55%	64%	47%
Worse now	30%	35%	28%	75%	35%	15%	3%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%

QM2. And a year from now, do you think you will be financially better off or worse off than you are now?

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Better a year from now	24%	31%	22%	14%	20%	25%	38%
The same as now	44%	39%	46%	29%	41%	50%	52%
Worse a year from now	23%	19%	25%	43%	28%	17%	7%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%	13%	12%	8%	3%

QM3. When you think about the deficit and government spending, do you view large deficits as something that:

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Will make my life much better	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Will make my life a bit better	9%	13%	8%	8%	8%	10%	13%
Won't have an impact on my life	22%	23%	21%	16%	19%	24%	28%
Will make my life a bit worse	28%	25%	29%	22%	28%	31%	27%
Will make my life a lot worse	24%	18%	27%	34%	28%	20%	16%
Not sure	14%	16%	13%	17%	14%	14%	13%
Net: Better	12%	17%	11%	12%	12%	11%	16%
Net: Worse	52%	44%	55%	56%	56%	51%	43%

QM4. Since the beginning of the pandemic, have you taken advantage of any of the benefits the government has offered to help Canadians through this period?

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Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)	1%	5%		3%	2%	1%	0%
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)	2%	7%		3%	2%	2%	1%
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)	1%	3%		1%	1%	1%	0%
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	18%	65%		44%	21%	9%	3%
Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)	3%	10%		3%	3%	2%	2%
Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)	5%	19%		15%	5%	3%	
Provincial benefits (e.g., B.C. Recovery Benefit, N.B. Workers Emergency Benefit, etc.)	3%	11%		5%	4%	2%	1%
Other	2%	7%		5%	2%	2%	0%
I did not access any pandemic related benefits	70%		100%	38%	65%	81%	93%
Rather not say	2%			4%	2%	1%	0%
Net: Yes	28%	100%		58%	32%	18%	7%

QM5. Thinking specifically about current pandemic response benefits, how long do you think they should be left in place?

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End them now	41%	29%	46%	35%	43%	43%	41%
Keep them in place until the end of the year	16%	17%	15%	12%	16%	17%	18%
Keep them in place for the first three to six months of 2022	10%	12%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Keep them in until the pandemic is determined to be over	25%	30%	23%	29%	26%	21%	25%
When the pandemic is over, keep the benefits in place for one more year	9%	12%	7%	15%	7%	8%	6%
Net: Keep them in place	59%	71%	54%	65%	57%	57%	59%

QM7. What is a bigger concern of yours today?

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The rising cost of living	87%	79%	90%	85%	85%	89%	87%
The security of my income and job	13%	21%	10%	15%	15%	11%	13%

QM8. [Today] how easy or difficult would you say it is today and will be in the future to afford to feed your household?

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Very easy	9%	8%	10%	0%	2%	6%	31%
Easy	43%	44%	44%	7%	30%	65%	63%
Difficult	37%	38%	36%	62%	56%	24%	4%
Very difficult	9%	8%	9%	30%	9%	1%	
Not sure/I don't do the grocery shopping	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%
Net: Easy	52%	52%	53%	8%	33%	71%	95%
Net: Difficult	45%	46%	45%	92%	64%	25%	4%

QM8. [In the year ahead] how easy or difficult would you say it is today and will be in the future to afford to feed your household?

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Very easy	8%	5%	9%	0%	1%	5%	27%
Easy	37%	38%	38%	8%	25%	52%	62%
Difficult	38%	40%	37%	52%	53%	34%	9%
Very difficult	14%	13%	14%	39%	18%	4%	0%
Not sure/I don't do the grocery shopping	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	5%	1%
Net: Easy	45%	43%	46%	8%	26%	57%	89%
Net: Difficult	52%	54%	51%	91%	71%	38%	10%

QM9. Would you say that the amount of money you earn has increased enough to compensate for these higher prices?

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Yes, more than enough	5%	5%	5%	0%	1%	2%	18%
Yes, just enough	15%	14%	16%	2%	6%	17%	38%
No, not enough	37%	37%	38%	17%	38%	53%	33%
No, not even close	42%	44%	42%	81%	55%	28%	10%
Net: Yes	20%	19%	21%	2%	7%	19%	56%
Net: No	80%	81%	79%	98%	93%	81%	44%

QM10. Suppose interest rates were to increase by two percentage points in the next 12 months. How, if at all, would this affect your household financial situation?

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A major positive impact	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	5%
A minor positive impact	7%	7%	8%	5%	7%	9%	9%
No impact one way or the other	24%	23%	25%	10%	18%	28%	40%
A minor negative impact	31%	29%	33%	23%	33%	36%	30%
A major negative impact	22%	22%	22%	52%	26%	11%	4%
Not sure	12%	16%	10%	10%	15%	12%	12%
Net: Positive	10%	10%	11%	5%	9%	12%	14%
Net: Negative	53%	51%	54%	75%	58%	47%	35%

Gender

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Male	49%	50%	48%	48%	49%	51%	48%
Female	51%	50%	52%	52%	51%	49%	52%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

AGE

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18-24	7%	14%	4%	7%	9%	6%	5%
25-34	21%	25%	19%	17%	21%	22%	23%
35-44	19%	19%	19%	20%	17%	18%	22%
45-54	14%	13%	15%	17%	14%	14%	13%
55-64	19%	17%	19%	19%	18%	18%	19%
65+	20%	12%	24%	20%	21%	21%	18%
NET 18-34	28%	39%	23%	24%	29%	28%	28%
NET 35-54	34%	32%	34%	37%	31%	33%	35%
NET 55+	39%	28%	43%	39%	40%	39%	37%

Education

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Some elementary or high school	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%
High school graduate	16%	15%	17%	21%	19%	15%	10%
Some college/trade school	20%	21%	19%	27%	20%	21%	13%
Graduated from college/trade school	22%	21%	22%	24%	22%	23%	18%
Some university	10%	12%	9%	8%	11%	9%	11%
University undergraduate degree, such as a bachelor's degree	20%	20%	20%	12%	17%	20%	28%
University graduate degree, such as a master's or PhD	10%	7%	11%	3%	6%	11%	18%
Net: <=HS	39%	40%	38%	53%	43%	37%	24%
Net: College/Trade school	32%	32%	31%	32%	33%	31%	29%
Net: Univ+	29%	28%	30%	16%	24%	32%	46%

Household Income

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Under \$25,000	9%	13%	6%	23%	10%	4%	1%
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	17%	22%	16%	31%	23%	13%	3%
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	31%	31%	32%	30%	35%	35%	20%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	19%	16%	21%	8%	15%	24%	29%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	7%	4%	8%	1%	3%	7%	19%
Over \$200,000	5%	3%	6%	0%	1%	4%	18%
Don't know / Rather not say	11%	10%	11%	6%	12%	13%	11%
Net: <\$50K	26%	35%	22%	54%	33%	16%	4%
Net: \$50K-~\$100K	31%	31%	32%	30%	35%	35%	20%
Net: \$100K+	32%	24%	36%	10%	19%	35%	65%

Province

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British Columbia	13%	18%	11%	13%	14%	13%	12%
Alberta	11%	11%	11%	14%	11%	11%	10%
Saskatchewan	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Manitoba	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Ontario	38%	37%	38%	34%	38%	38%	42%
Quebec	24%	22%	25%	24%	23%	25%	24%
New Brunswick	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Nova Scotia	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Prince Edward Island	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Newfoundland and Labrador	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%
Net: Atlantic	7%	7%	8%	9%	8%	7%	6%