

This survey is about issues related to Indigenous people in Canada and here in your own province.

When we use the term *Indigenous*, we're referring to people who are descendants of the original inhabitants of North America, including:

- First Nations; formerly referred to primarily as Indians, which is a legal term still used in Canada
- Inuit; and
- Métis people.

According to the 2021 census, the Indigenous population in Canada, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, totaled over 1.8 million, representing 5% of the country's total population. Approximately one million of these people are First Nations, and within that group approximately 500,000 live on reserve.

As always, there are no right or wrong answers in this survey. We just want people's candid views and opinions on these issues.

**QA1a.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Are you yourself an Indigenous person living in Canada?

- Yes, Indigenous
- No, not Indigenous

**QA1b.**

**Base=If Yes, Indigenous:**

**Multi choice**

Which Indigenous group do you belong to?

- First Nation
- Inuit
- Métis
- Other
- None of the above (exclusive)

**QC3.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

And, over the past 10 or 15 years or so, would you say the situation of Indigenous people in your own province is improving or getting worse?

- Improving a lot
- Improving a bit

Staying about the same  
Getting worse  
Getting a lot worse  
No idea/Can't say

**QC4.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Overall, do you feel that your province gives too much, too little, or the right amount of attention to Indigenous issues?

Too much  
About the right amount  
Too little  
Not sure/Can't say

[Text]

The following questions will present you with a series of paired statements. For each pair, we'll ask you to select the statement that more closely reflects your own perspective. We realize some of the ideas and arguments we're considering may be controversial – but we are trying to understand overall public opinion in Canada, even if can be uncomfortable.

[Randomize presentation of pairs and of statements within pairs]

**QD1.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Would you say First Nations communities should be:

Moving towards more independence and control over their own affairs  
OR  
Governed by the same systems and rules as other Canadians

**QD2.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Overall, First Nations would be better off:

Integrating more into broader Canadian society, even if that means losing more of their own culture and traditions  
OR  
Strengthening their own culture and traditions, even if that keeps them more apart from the rest of Canada

**QD3.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Fundamentally, do you think:

Indigenous peoples have an inherently unique status because their ancestors were here first, before Europeans came

OR

In modern Canada, Indigenous peoples should have no special status that other Canadians don't have

**QD6.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Do you feel that the federal government spends too little, too much or about the right amount funding First Nations' communities and their members?

Too little

About right

Too much

Not sure/Can't say

**QD7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

The federal government provides public funding to the approximately 600 First Nations communities in Canada. From 2013 to 2015 under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, it required all First Nations to publicly disclose their audited financial statements and the salaries of chiefs and councillors. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau eliminated this requirement, though some communities still voluntarily disclose.

Which approach do you prefer?

The federal government should require and enforce public disclosure of how First Nations governments spend public funds

The federal government should not be involved in tracking what First Nations do with public funds