

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)

QD4.

Base=All

Single choice

In your opinion, would you say:

Canada spends too much time apologizing for Indian Residential Schools – it's time to move on

Or

The harm from Indian Residential Schools continues and cannot be ignored

Q11.**Base=All****Single choice**

In 2021, a First Nation in Kamloops reported that it had found the remains of 215 Indigenous children at a former residential school site. How closely would you say you have followed this issue:

Followed it and discussed it with friends and family

Saw some media coverage and had the odd conversation about it

Just scanning the headlines

Hadn't heard anything about it until now

Q12.**Base=All****Single choice**

The Kamloops band's claim of 215 unmarked graves of children was later revised to about 200 "anomalies" and suspected burial sites. The federal government has given \$12.1 million in funding to assist in investigating this issue. To date, no additional reports have been made public.

What is closer to your view?

People should accept the claim that this is evidence of unmarked children's graves, even if no further information is publicly offered

People should only accept the claim that this is evidence of unmarked children's graves if further information is publicly available to verify it through excavation

Q13. [Modified tracking]**Base=All****Single choice**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has referred to what happened at Canada's former Indian Residential Schools as "cultural genocide". Do you agree or disagree with using the term "cultural genocide" to describe what happened at these schools?

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Not sure/Can't say

Q14.**Base=All****Single choice**

In 2019, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, went further and stated that Canada's broader history of policies toward Indigenous peoples amount to

“genocide” that is, the deliberate and systematic destruction of a group of people. Do you agree or disagree with using this term?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure/Can't say

Q15.

Base=All

Single choice

Suppose someone in a public facing position questions some of the conclusions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission about the harms of Indian Residential Schools. Is it fair or unfair for the following people to be fired or forced to resign:

- A high school teacher
- A university professor
- A politician
- A lawyer
- A journalist for a large media organization

- Fair
- Unfair
- Not sure/Can't say

Q16.

Base=All

Single choice

Some have suggested making it a criminal offense to make public statements questioning the historic harms of residential schools. Do you support or oppose this becoming a criminal offense?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Not sur/can't say

Q18.

Base=All

Single choice

Based on what you have read, seen, or heard, what proportion of Indigenous children do you think attended Indian Residential Schools – these operated from the 1880s to 1990s.

- 0 to 19 per cent

20 to 39 per cent
40 to 59 per cent
60 to 79 per cent
80 to 100 per cent