

**QJ1. [T last asked 2024, tracking since 2012]**

**Base=Canada**

**Grid**

How much confidence do you have in each of these elements of the Canadian justice system?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The RCMP

Your provincial police force [ON/QC/NL ONLY]

Your local municipal police (or local RCMP detachment)

Criminal courts in your province

[COLUMNS]

A complete lack of confidence

Not a lot of confidence

A lot of confidence

Complete confidence

Don't know

**QJ2. [T last asked 2022]**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Over the past five years or so, would you say there has been an increase, decrease, or no change in the amount of crime in your community?

Increase

No change

Decrease

Not sure

**QJ3. [T]**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Overall, do you agree or disagree that your neighbourhood is a safe place to walk around alone after dark?

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Not sure/ Can't say

**QJ4. [T]**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

In the past two years, have you yourself been a victim of crime which involved the police, such a car theft, as an assault, a break-in or some other type of crime?

Yes

No

**QJ5.**

**Base=Increase in QJ2**

**Grid**

You've said that in the last five years or so, there's been an increase in the amount of crime in your community. In your opinion, what do you believe has caused this increase in crime? For each, would you describe it as a major or minor factor, or not a factor at all?

[Columns – Randomize]

Drug-use/addiction

Poverty/homelessness

Increased prevalence of mental illness

Not enough support for addictions/mental illness

Justice system is too lenient

Not enough police officers

[Rows]

Major factor

Minor factor

Not a factor at all

Not sure/ Can't say

[TEXT]

Let's talk a little about crime and those who commit it.

**QJ6. [General Social Survey, StatsCan]**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

In general, would you say that sentences handed down by the courts are too severe, about right or not severe enough?

Too severe

About right

Not severe enough

Not sure/ Can't say

**QJ7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Do you believe an accused person's background – difficult economic circumstances, lack of education, past history of being abused, etc. – should play a role in sentencing when they are convicted of crimes, or not?

It should play a major role in sentencing considerations

A minor role

It shouldn't play a role at all

Not sure/ Can't say

**QJ7.5**

**Base=all**

**Single choice**

In a Supreme Court ruling, the courts stated that if an Indigenous person is charged with a crime, the judge must apply "Gladue principles". That is, whether that person has been impacted by various factors related to the legacy of colonialism, racism, foster care, abuse, poverty, Residential School, etc. Would you say that these factors should play a role in sentencing or not?

It should play a major role in sentencing considerations

A minor role

It shouldn't play a role at all

Not sure/ Can't say

**QJ8.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice grid**

As you may be aware, Prime Minister Mark Carney and the federal Liberal government have announced new measures for the justice system. For each, please tell us whether you think it's a good idea or bad idea.

[Randomize]

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Make bail harder to get in cases of repeat and violent offenses

Consecutive sentencing – multiple convictions increase length of time in jail

Harsher penalties for organized retail theft

Not allowing conditional sentences (e.g. those served in the community instead of in jail) for those accused of certain sexual offences

Very good idea

Good idea

Bad idea

Very bad idea

Not sure/ Can't say

**QJ9.**

**Base=All**

### Single choice grid

Thinking again of each of those measures, do you believe that they will reduce crime in your community or not?

[Same list, same order as above]

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This will reduce crime a lot

This will reduce crime a little

This won't have any effect at all

Not sure/ Can't say

### QJ10.

**Base=All**

**Grid**

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[Randomize]

These new measures will infringe too much on civil liberties

Getting tough on crime is the wrong solution, more social services are needed

The Liberals are copying Conservative policies when it comes to crime

Canada's justice system is too focused on the rights of criminals and not enough on victims

A life sentence without parole is appropriate for the worst crimes (mass murder, terrorism, etc.)

Canada needs to bring back the death penalty

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Not sure/ Can't say