
CANADIAN OPINION ON THE CORONA VIRUS – N°9: NEWCOMERS TO CANADA HARD HIT ECONOMICALLY BY COVID-19

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METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies with some 1508 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, were collected via an online panel between March 27 and 29, 2020.

Using data from the 2016 Census, results were weighted according to gender, age, mother tongue, region, education level and presence of children in the household in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.

No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,508 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20. That 'margin' rises for survey sub groups.

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
Weighted Totals	2093	62	403	1617
Unweighted Totals	2093	299	479	1307

RECENT IMMIGRANTS MOST AFRAID OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS

Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?				
	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
TOTAL AFRAID	63%	71%	68%	62%
Very afraid	20%	33%	27%	18%
Somewhat afraid	42%	39%	41%	43%
TOTAL NOT AFRAID	36%	28%	30%	38%
Not very afraid	29%	21%	25%	30%
Not afraid at all	7%	6%	5%	8%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus	0%	0%	1%	0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%	1%

NEWCOMERS HAVE HARD TIME MEETING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Your capacity to meet your financial obligations (pay bills on time) - At the moment, has the current crisis had a negative impact on you financially, when it comes to the following:

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
Yes	27%	55%	31%	26%
No	73%	45%	69%	74%

NEWCOMERS MOST CHALLENGES TO MEET RENT OR MORTGAGE

Your capacity to pay your mortgage or rent - At the moment, has the current crisis had a negative impact on you financially, when it comes to the following:

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
Yes	23%	50%	26%	20%
No	77%	50%	74%	80%

NEWCOMERS ENCOUNTER MOST DIFFICULTY HELPING FAMILIES WITH FINANCES

Your capacity to assist other family members financially - At the moment, has the current crisis had a negative impact on you financially, when it comes to the following:

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
Yes	42%	57%	48%	40%
No	58%	43%	52%	60%

NEWCOMERS MOST LIKELY AFFECTED BOTH BETTER AND WORSE ARISING FROM PANDEMIC

Do you feel that you personally are managing life better, about the same or worse than you were managing life before the COVID19 pandemic?

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
Better	7%	14%	8%	7%
About the same	65%	44%	61%	67%
Worse	25%	36%	27%	24%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	3%	6%	3%	3%

NEWCOMERS SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO HAVE SOMEWHERE TO TURN IN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: I know I have people I can count on in case on an emergency.

	Total	Less than 5 years	5 years or more	Non-immigrant
TOTAL AGREE	88%	76%	83%	90%
Totally agree	51%	33%	42%	54%
Somewhat agree	37%	44%	41%	36%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	24%	17%	10%
Somewhat disagree	8%	16%	12%	6%
Totally disagree	4%	8%	5%	4%

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