

# CCPA-BC 2020 COVID Housing Survey Questions

The results of the following questions, asked as a part of a larger survey, were analyzed to produce this post: <https://www.policynote.ca/housing-crisis-pandemic/>

1. Thinking about your savings and assets: If everyone in your household stopped receiving all income TODAY, for how long would your household be able to pay the household bills and pay for necessities before you ran out of money?
  - Less than one month
  - 1 month
  - 2 months
  - 3-4 months
  - 5-6 months
  - 7-12 months
  - More than 1 year
  - Don't know
  
2. Has your household income decreased due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
  - No change in household income due to the pandemic
  - Yes - I have lost income due to the pandemic
  - Yes - my spouse has lost income due to the pandemic
  - Yes - someone else in my household has lost income due to the pandemic
  - No but changes are coming
  - Other
  
3. By roughly what percentage has your monthly household income decreased due to the pandemic?
  
  
4. What specifically caused the decrease in your household income?
  - Temporary lay-off or furlough
  - Job loss
  - Fewer hours
  - Loss of business income
  - Other
  
5. Which phrase below comes closest to describing your financial situation...?
  - Prior to February 2020 (pre-COVID)
    - i. Falling behind on monthly expenses
    - ii. Just getting by, with no savings
    - iii. Getting ahead, with some savings
    - iv. Financially secure
  - Today
    - i. Falling behind on monthly expenses
    - ii. Just getting by, with no savings

- iii. Getting ahead, with some savings
- iv. Financially secure

6. Are you currently working from home or outside the home due to the pandemic?
- Working from home
  - Working outside the home
7. Have you accessed any Canadian federal or BC provincial government COVID-related support, benefits or assistance?

Which government COVID benefit(s) have you applied for or accessed? (Of those who replied yes to the above question)

- CERB
  - CERB & Other benefits
  - EI
  - CESB
  - Disability increase
  - OAS/Seniors benefits
  - Rental supplement
  - Child Benefit increase
  - EI +
  - GST
  - Small business loan
  - CEWS
  - Social assistance
  - First Nations
  - Mortgage deferral
  - Other
8. What is your housing status?
- Tenant/Renter
  - Homeowner - with a mortgage
  - Homeowner - without a mortgage
  - Live in parent or relative's home
  - Landlord
  - Other
9. If you are a renter, to whom do you pay rent?
- A company or corporation, including a building manager
  - An individual homeowner who does not live in the same building
  - An individual homeowner who lives in the same building
  - An individual owner who lives out of town
  - Other
  - Unsure
10. Were you able to pay April rent?
- Yes, in full
  - Yes, in part

- No

11. Were you able to pay May rent?

- Yes, in full
- Yes, in part
- No

12. How concerned are you about your ability to pay your next month's rent?

- Not at all concerned - got it covered
- Somewhat concerned - but will figure it out
- Very concerned - not sure how we'll cover it
- Extremely concerned - we are not going to be able to cover it
- Other

13. Have you attempted to access the BC Temporary Rental Supplement?

- No - I have not
- Yes - received a supplement
- Yes - but was rejected
- Yes - applied but still waiting for approval
- Yes - approved but not yet received
- Yes - but have not completed the form
- Other

14. What held you back from applying for it?

- Not eligible
- Did not know about it
- Not interested/too busy
- Do not know how to contact landlord
- Need to find the documents they ask for (specify)
- Other (specify)

15. Please say whether you support or oppose the following government measures to limit the HEALTH RISKS of COVID-19 in BC [housing related measures listed below]:

- Continuing the BC government rent freeze and ban on evictions
- Continuing to use empty hotels to shelter the homeless.

16. Please say whether you support or oppose the following government measures to PROTECT CANADIANS from the economic and financial impacts of COVID-19 [housing related measures listed below]:

- Require banks to provide 6-month interest-free mortgage deferrals to home owners and penalty-free mortgage restructuring.
- Temporarily suspend the requirement to pay rent altogether during the COVID crisis.
- Aggressively increase investments in affordable non-market housing.

## **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

*Survey results are based on an online survey of 2,289 English-speaking B.C. residents aged 18 years or older, fielded May 16th to June 1st, 2020, inclusive. Respondents were recruited using a mix of proprietary online outreach and intercept techniques which accurately replicate a cross-section of the B.C. population. Quotas were applied to ensure that sample parameters for education and ethnicity were aligned with the latest Statistics Canada estimates. Weighting is applied to the data according to estimates for region, age and gender. The precision of these survey results is measured using a Bayesian credibility interval. At a 95 per cent confidence level, the credibility interval for the total sample is +/-2.3 per cent. The calculations for the credibility interval account for regional oversampling and a design effect of 1.228.*

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