

CCPA-BC 2020 COVID Income & Supports 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/bc-economic-security/>

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. Which sector category below would you say has been your primary source of paid work or income over the past year?
 - Trades, construction, transport & equipment operators
 - Retail sales & service
 - Health care - including seniors' care
 - Education
 - Business, finance, legal & administration
 - Management
 - Manufacturing & utilities
 - Art, culture & entertainment
 - Public safety
 - Social & community services
 - Information technology
 - Natural resources, agriculture & related production
 - Nonprofit/charitable
 - Recreation & sports
 - Environment & sustainability
 - Natural and applied sciences
 - I've never done paid work
 - Planning & design
 - Other

3. Which of the following best describes the job/contract that paid you the most in the last 3 months?
 - Permanent full-time, 30 hours a week or more
 - Permanent part-time, less than 30 hours a week
 - Permanent full-time, hours vary week to week
 - Self-employed/business owner, no employees
 - Temporary/short term contract (less than a year)

- Self-employed/business owner, others work for me
 - Casual (on-call, day labour)
 - Fixed term contract, one year or more
 - Prefer not to answer / Not sure
4. 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
5. By roughly what percentage has your monthly household income decreased due to the pandemic?
6. What specifically caused the decrease in your household income?
- Temporary lay-off or furlough
 - Job loss
 - Fewer hours
 - Loss of business income
 - Other
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

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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