COVID-19
Provinces & Regions in Canada
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The questionnaire was designed in partnership between Public Square Research and Maru/Blue with the aim of comparing provincial and regional attitudes towards the COVID-19 crisis.

The research involved an online survey of 1500 English speaking Canadians, as well as a sample of 800 of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec—making it a survey of 4700 Canadians altogether. All were balanced by gender, age and region.

The survey was fielded between March 25, and March 27, 2020.

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have registered to participate in the Maru Voice panel. The data have been weighted to reflect the demographic composition of each country, according to in country statistics. Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation in the Maru Voice panel rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. With thanks to Rob Berger, Daniel Fazziludden and Read Bastedo.
Key Takeaways

Quebecers are more optimistic in general than other Canadians. They are also more likely to trust their provincial government’s plan to address the pandemic than other provinces.

Francois Legault has the highest trust rating among any Premier, including the Prime Minister, when it comes to dealing with the Covid-19 crisis.

On the financial impact this pandemic is having on Canadians, Albertans are most concerned. They are more likely to report facing direct impact from the virus.
Overall Pandemic Impressions
Q1. In general, do you consider yourself an optimistic or pessimistic person? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
Q2. Which comes closest to your view about the Covid-19 Pandemic? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
Personal and Societal Concerns
Concern about Others by Province

Q3. How concerned are about each of the following? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
Concern over being Personally Affected by Province

Percentage Concerned

- Getting sick myself
- Not being able to manage financially
- Being shut in on my own for too long
- Dying from the virus myself

Canada: 69%, 55%, 49%, 39%
B.C.: 64%, 61%, 52%, 49%
Alberta: 66%, 63%, 45%, 34%
Ontario: 62%, 46%, 46%, 45%
Quebec: 70%, 41%, 34%, 44%

Q3. How concerned are about each of the following? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
Q4. How concerned are about each of the following societal issues? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
**Democratic Concerns by Province**

**Percentage Concerned**

- **Losing freedom or being locked down because some people won’t stay home**
  - Canada: 74%
  - B.C.: 73%
  - Alberta: 72%
  - Ontario: 78%
  - Quebec: 70%

- **Government increasing their power without being checked**
  - Canada: 62%
  - B.C.: 57%
  - Alberta: 68%
  - Ontario: 60%
  - Quebec: 59%

- **Society becoming unruly or lawless because of COVID-19**
  - Canada: 60%
  - B.C.: 55%
  - Alberta: 60%
  - Ontario: 57%
  - Quebec: 60%

Q4. How concerned are about each of the following societal issues? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
The government not having enough tests to identify sick people: 80% (Canada), 80% (B.C.), 73% (Alberta), 61% (Ontario), 59% (Quebec)

Covid-19 shutting down the country indefinitely: 69% (Canada), 67% (B.C.), 72% (Alberta), 70% (Ontario), 59% (Quebec)

The country running out of food or supplies: 47% (Canada), 45% (B.C.), 37% (Alberta), 46% (Ontario), 51% (Quebec)

Q4. How concerned are about each of the following societal issues? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
It’s the government’s responsibility to help those financially impacted by shutdowns caused by Covid-19.

We will get through this because our society will pull together.

It’s my responsibility as a good citizen to do more than just stay home.

It’s my responsibility to take care of my own family, and not to take care of everyone.

Hoarders are just doing what they think is right.

Q6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [random] Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
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- **I worry that less fortunate people will fall through the cracks:**
  - Canada: 85%
  - B.C.: 88%
  - Alberta: 83%
  - Ontario: 84%
  - Quebec: 80%

- **I think we’ll run out of protective equipment for health care workers:**
  - Canada: 79%
  - B.C.: 80%
  - Alberta: 76%
  - Ontario: 79%
  - Quebec: 73%

- **I think we’ll run out of ventilators and space in hospital for those very ill:**
  - Canada: 79%
  - B.C.: 78%
  - Alberta: 75%
  - Ontario: 80%
  - Quebec: 71%

- **I am worried that I will not be taken care of financially:**
  - Canada: 56%
  - B.C.: 58%
  - Alberta: 61%
  - Ontario: 60%
  - Quebec: 56%

- **I am worried that I will not be taken care of if I get sick:**
  - Canada: 52%
  - B.C.: 51%
  - Alberta: 46%
  - Ontario: 56%
  - Quebec: 49%
Public Trust and COVID-19
Q5. In general, how much do you trust the following organizations’ or people’s ability to do what’s right in dealing with Covid-19? [random order] Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
**Trust in Local Institutions by Province**

Q5. In general, how much do you trust the following organizations’ or people’s ability to do what’s right in dealing with Covid-19? [random order] Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.

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<td>Healthcare services (doctors and nurses)</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>Local hospitals</td>
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<td>Local media</td>
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Trust in Leaders by Province

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Q7. Now, getting closer to home, how much do you trust the society in your country to do what's right with respect to the following? [random order] Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
You and COVID-19
If you started to show symptoms, would you know what to do?

Aware that someone can get and transmit COVID-19 without showing symptoms?

Are you in favour of wider testing for COVID-19?

Q9. Are you aware that someone can get and transmit COVID-19 without showing symptoms for two weeks? Q10. Are you in favour of random testing for COVID-19 to ensure that people are not carrying the virus without knowing? Q11. If you started to show symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, would you know what to do? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
### Have you Helped Anyone? by Province

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<td>I helped a family member get supplies/manage their household</td>
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<td>I helped a friend get supplies/manage their household</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>I helped a neighbour get supplies/manage their household</td>
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<td>I shared my supplies with someone who couldn’t get to the store</td>
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<td>I gave blood</td>
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<td>I donated to a local hospital</td>
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<td>I donated to a local food drive</td>
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<td>I take care of other people’s children so they can work</td>
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<td>I volunteered in my community</td>
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<td>9%</td>
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<td>I haven’t had the chance to do anything yet</td>
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<td>47%</td>
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Q13. Have you been affected financially by COVID-19? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.
Final COVID-19 Thoughts
Q14. How long do you think it will be before things are back to normal? Have you been affected financially by COVID-19? Canada N=1506, BC=808, Alberta=806, Ontario=821, Quebec=814.