

# CANADIAN OPINION ON THE CORONAVIRUS – N° 15: GETTING THE GROCERIES: WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO GO OUT FOR GROCERIES AND ARE THEY GETTING THE FOODS THAT THEY NEED?

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# INTRODUCTION

- The COVID-19 Social Impacts Network is a multidisciplinary group of some of the country's leading experts to help identify key issues, indicators and socio-demographics to generate evidence-based responses that address the social and economic dimensions of the COVID-19 crisis in Canada.
- Visit <https://acs-aec.ca/en/covid-19-social-impacts-network/>

# THE ANXIOUS TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE

Since the spread of Covid-19 going for groceries has become one of the most common activities for millions of people despite the anxiety that the trip sometimes generates

With many governments have asked to stay at home to avoid transmitting the virus going to the store for food is widely considered essential and for some the only time that many people leave their homes. Getting ready to go can be stressful as many debate wearing gloves and masks. And when you get there you may be surprised that some of the things that you're looking for are at of stock and very often these items were things we took for granted prior to the contagion

<https://time.com/5810782/grocery-store-safety-coronavirus/>



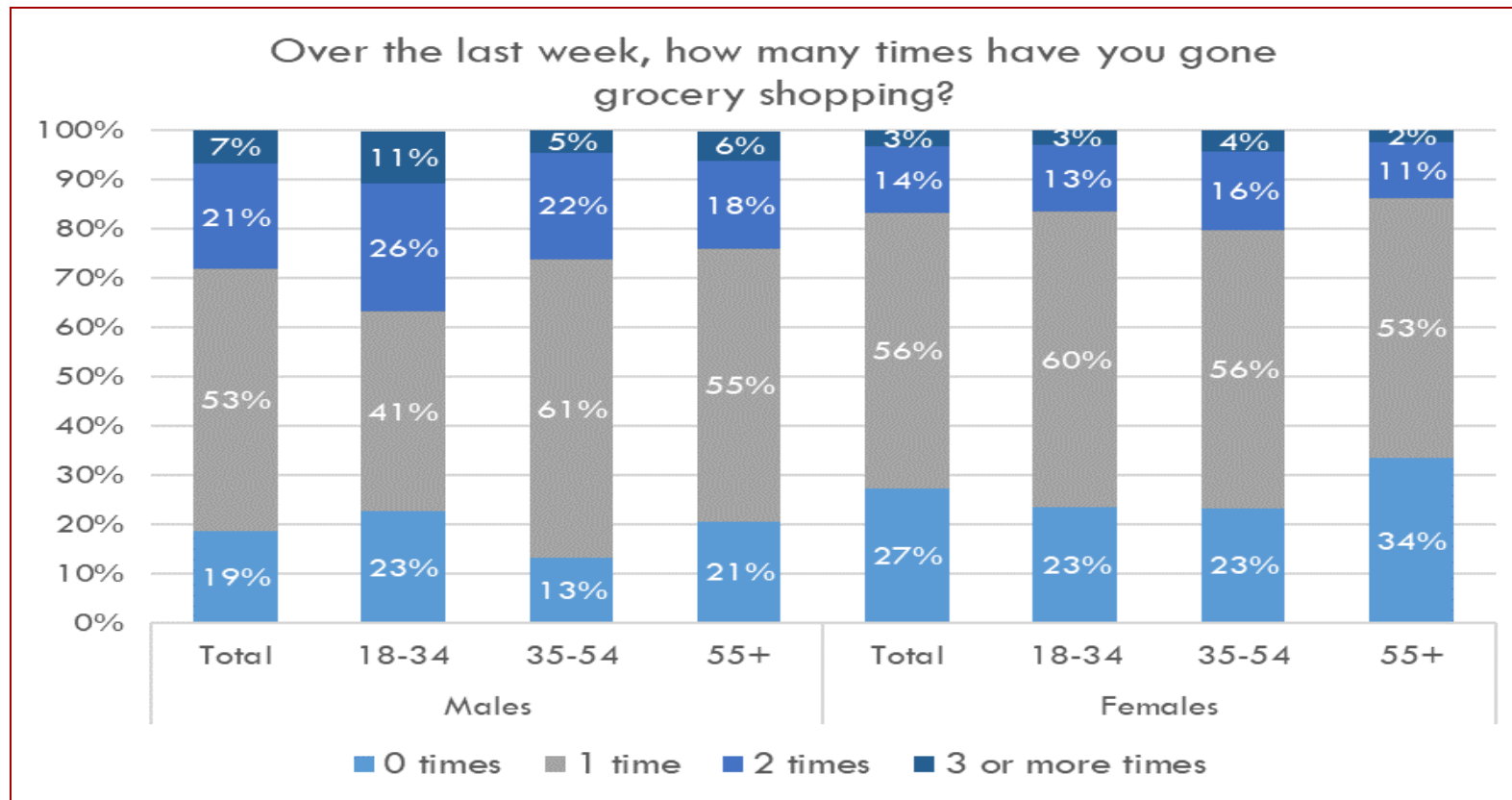
# FREQUENCY OF GROCERY SHOPPING



# QUEBECERS LEAST LIKELY TO HAVE GONE OUT FOR GROCERIES OVER THE PAST WEEK

	How many times have you gone out for groceries in the past week			
	0	1	More than once	
British Columbia	16.9%	50.7%	32.4%	100.0%
Alberta	22.0%	54.8%	23.2%	100.0%
Prairies	16.5%	62.9%	20.6%	100.0%
Ontario	21.7%	56.9%	21.4%	100.0%
Quebec	35.0%	48.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Maritimes	14.0%	63.0%	23%	100.0%
Canada	23.3%	54.6%	22.1%	100.0%

# MEN MUCH MORE LIKELY THAN ARE WOMEN TO HAVE GONE GROCERY SHOPPING NOTABLY THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 35





# FINDING THE FOOD YOU NEED

# QUEBECERS REPORT HAVING THE LEAST DIFFICULTY FINDING THE FOODS THEY NEED

	: Do you have any trouble finding certain foods you need when you're grocery shopping?			Total
	Yes	No	I don't know / I prefer not to answer	
British Columbia	56.9%	42.2%	1.0%	100.0%
Alberta	56.2%	41.4%	2.4%	100.0%
Prairies	46.9%	51.0%	2.0%	100.0%
Ontario	54.6%	41.4%	4.0%	100.0%
Quebec	43.6%	48.2%	8.2%	100.0%
Maritimes	47.6%	52.4%		100.0%
Total	51.5%	44.5%	4.0%	100.0%



# WOMEN ARE HAVING MORE TROUBLE FINDING THE FOODS THEY NEED MORE THAN MEN

	Do you have any trouble finding certain foods you need when you're grocery shopping?			Total
	Yes	No	I don't know / I prefer not to answer	
Male	47.7%	49.2%	3.0%	100.0%
Female	55.1%	40.0%	4.9%	100.0%
Total	51.5%	44.5%	4.0%	100.0%

# METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies with 2015 Canadians, (that included 700 immigrants) 18 years of age or older, were collected via an online panel between April 17 to 19, 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 1500 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.52\%$ , 19 times out of 20. That 'margin' rises for survey sub groups

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