

Report

INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF CANADA FACES SEVERE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN COVID-19 ERA PRESENTED BY



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METHODOLOGY & NOTES



Web survey using computer-assisted Web interviewing (CAWI) technology.



Data collected from May 1th to May 10th, 2020.



1,959 Canadians (including Indigenous oversample of 450 Canadians), 18 years or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.

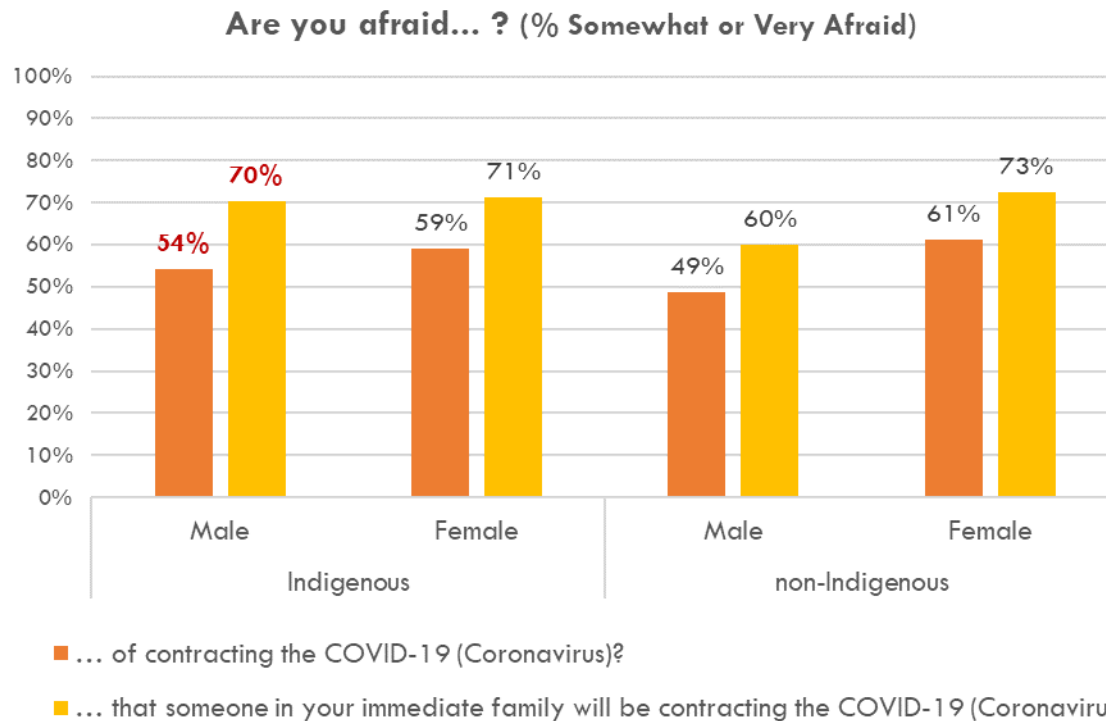


No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,526 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.21\%$, 19 times out of 20. The research results presented here are in full compliance with the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements.

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers. Data in bold **RED** characters indicate a significantly different proportion than that of other respondents.

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Indigenous Men are more afraid of contracting the Coronavirus (or that someone in their family will contract the virus)



*While the gap in fear of personally contracting the virus among Indigenous (54%) and non-Indigenous men (49%) is only **5%**, this gap doubles to **10%** with regard to fear of family members contracting the virus: 70% vs. 60%.*

Indigenous Peoples are Twice as likely than non-Visible Minorities to having difficulties meeting their financial obligations during Covid-19 crisis

At the moment, is the current crisis having a direct impact on you financially, when it comes to ...				
% Responding 'Yes'	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority	Total
Your capacity to meet your financial obligations (pay bills on time)	32%	30%	16%	22%

Young Indigenous Males are especially prone to financial hardships:
47% of Indigenous males age 18 to 34 are having trouble paying their bills on time

At the moment, is the current crisis having a direct impact on you financially, when it comes to your capacity to meet your financial obligations (pay bills on time) (% Responding 'Yes')					
Indigenous Males			non-Indigenous Males		
18-34	35-54	55+	18-34	35-54	55+
47%	31%	24%	23%	25%	12%
Indigenous Females			non-Indigenous Females		
18-34	35-54	55+	18-34	35-54	55+
37%	29%	27%	23%	21%	10%

One Third of Indigenous People have lost their job and pay since beginning of the Covid-19 crisis (as of early May 2020)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis have you...?				
Responses	Total	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority
...lost your job and pay permanently	6%	7%	8%	5%
...lost your job and pay temporarily	23%	26%	22%	22%
...lost some of your pay or lost some income from your work	21%	20%	23%	20%
...[the crisis has] had no impact on my job	50%	46%	46%	53%

Over half of non-Visible Minorities (53%) state that the crisis has had no impact on their jobs.

Indigenous People are most likely to commute to work during crisis while majority of Visible Minorities work from home

What is your current work situation?				
Responses	Total	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority
Have always worked from home	12%	8%	9%	14%
Work from home as a result of COVID-19 restrictions	50%	47%	61%	47%
Commute to work each day	39%	45%	30%	39%

After the crisis which would you prefer to do?				
Responses	Total	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority
... Commute to work each day (return to my usual schedule)	24%	21%	24%	25%
... Commute to work, but work from home a little more often	41%	40%	38%	43%
... Commute to work when needed, but work from home from much more often	35%	39%	38%	32%

After the crisis, 39% of Indigenous People would prefer working from home more often and commuting to work when needed

Indigenous People want to slow down the pace at which the Provincial / Federal government relax social distancing measures

Do you feel that the government should accelerate, maintain, or slow down the pace at which it is relaxing social distancing/self-isolation measures to allow a gradual return to normal activities?					
Provincial Government		Total	Caucasian	Indigenous	Visible Minority
Accelerate the pace	11%	10%	10%	14%	
Maintain the pace	60%	64%	47%	60%	
Slow down the pace	30%	26%	42%	25%	
Federal Government		Total	Caucasian	Indigenous	Visible Minority
Accelerate the pace	11%	10%	10%	14%	
Maintain the pace	60%	64%	47%	60%	
Slow down the pace	30%	26%	42%	25%	

Majority of non-Visible Minorities feel that we should maintain the current pace that we are on.

Indigenous People are faring worse than other groups in terms of mental health

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, how would you rate your mental health?				
Responses	Total	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority
Excellent	17%	12%	19%	18%
Very good	26%	21%	24%	28%
Good	39%	41%	36%	39%
Bad	14%	18%	14%	12%
Very bad	3%	5%	4%	2%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	3%	1%

Only 1/3 of Indigenous people report excellent or very good mental health compared to 43% of Visible Minorities and 46% of non-Visible Minorities

Indigenous People are faring worse than other groups in terms of physical health

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, how would you rate your physical health?				
Responses	Total	Indigenous	Visible Minority	non-Visible Minority
Excellent	11%	7%	14%	12%
Very good	25%	22%	28%	26%
Good	44%	43%	37%	46%
Bad	16%	20%	15%	14%
Very bad	3%	5%	5%	1%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	2%	1%

Only 29% of Indigenous people report excellent or very good physical health compared to 42% of Visible Minorities and 38% of non-Visible Minorities