
QUEBECERS FEAR OF GETTING COVID-19 RISES CONSIDERABLY OVER THE PAST WEEK BUT THE MAJORITY OF FRANCOPHONES UNDER 35 ARE STILL UNAFRAID

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

With the number of cases of COVID-19 climbing in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada over the past week (and the positivity rate hitting as high as 5% on Saturday September 26) the degree to which Quebecers were worried about getting COVID-19 climbed sharply and the gap with the rest of Canada narrowed in this regard for the first time in several months. Nonetheless the majority of francophones under 35 were still not afraid of getting COVID-19. These findings arise from the last two surveys conducted via web panel by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies between September 25th and 27th and September 18th and September 20th, 2020 with 1514 and 1538 Canadians respectively and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample for comparative purposes it would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20

LEVEL OF FEAR ABOUT GETTING COVID-19 AMONGST FRANCOPHONES RISES SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PAST WEEK

Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?		
	September 18 to 20	September 25 to 27
	French	French
TOTAL AFRAID	48%	53%
Very afraid	9%	11%
Somewhat afraid	39%	42%
TOTAL NOT AFRAID	51%	45%
Not very afraid	41%	37%
Not afraid at all	10%	8%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus	1%	0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	1%	2%

OVER THE PAST WEEK QUEBECERS NARROW GAP IN FEAR OF GETTING COVID-19

Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?				
	September 18 to 20		September 25 to 27	
	Quebec	Rest of Canada	Quebec	Rest of Canada
TOTAL AFRAID	50%	65%	53%	63%
Very afraid	11%	18%	12%	18%
Somewhat afraid	39%	47%	40%	46%
TOTAL NOT AFRAID	48%	35%	45%	36%
Not very afraid	37%	22%	37%	23%
Not afraid at all	11%	12%	8%	12%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus	1%	0%	0%	1%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	2%	0%

AMONGST FRANCOPHONES THERE WAS A 5 POINT RISE OVER THE WEEK IN FEAR OF GETTING COVID-19 FOR THOSE OVER 35 AND THOSE UNDER 35 BUT THE MAJORITY UNDER 35 STILL REMAIN UNAFRAID

French	Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?			
	Canada September 25 to 27		Canada September 18 to 20	
	Between 18 and 34	Age 35 and over	Between 18 and 34	Age 35 and over
Total Afraid	44.5%	55.8%	38.9%	50.6%
Very afraid	9.6%	10.8%	8.9%	8.2%
Somewhat afraid	34.9%	45.0%	30.0%	42.4%
Not very afraid	39.8%	36.4%	47.8%	38.5%
Not afraid at all	15.7%	4.8%	11.1%	9.5%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus		0.4%	1.1%	0.4%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer		2.6%	1.1%	0.9%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

ALBERTANS NOW LESS LIKELY THAN QUEBECERS TO FEAR GETTING COVID-19

Sept 25 to 27	Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?						
	Canada	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL AFRAID	61%	59%	53%	66%	67%	49%	69%
Very afraid	16%	16%	12%	17%	19%	13%	22%
Somewhat afraid	45%	43%	40%	49%	48%	35%	47%
TOTAL NOT AFRAID	38%	38%	45%	33%	32%	50%	30%
Not very afraid	27%	21%	37%	24%	24%	29%	18%
Not afraid at all	11%	18%	8%	9%	8%	22%	12%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%

QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES FAR LESS LIKELY THAN ANGLOPHONES TO FEAR GETTING COVID-19

September 25 to 27	Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?	
Quebec	French (274)	English (29)*
Total Afraid	51.5%	82.7%
Very afraid	9.9%	24.1%
Somewhat afraid	41.6%	58.6%
Not very afraid	38.7%	13.8%
Not afraid at all	6.9%	3.4%
I already have or have been exposed to the virus	0.4%	
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	2.6%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%

*Owing to the small sample of English Quebecers conclusions should be drawn with caution

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