

WHO GOT COVID? ETHNIC, RACIAL, RELIGIOUS AND INDIGENOUS IDENTIFIERS IN CANADA

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INTRODUCTION: IDENTITIES AND COVID 19 INFECTIONS

- As Canadians confront the sixth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic it is increasingly difficult to determine the share of Canadians that have Covid 19 as a rising number of home tests mean that overall positive results do not provide a full picture.
- Data from wastewater and surveys offer estimates of the possible number of infected Canadians. An online Leger survey of 1,538 Canadians, conducted April 8 to 10 saw some 22% of Canadians report having had Covid 19. The results align with a previous mid March survey where 18% reported having had Covid and some 7% said that they didn't know. With multiple oversamples, the latter survey offered unique insights into the ethnic, racial, religious and indigenous identifiers reporting on whether they had Covid 19. It revealed the following:
 - People in homes with 5 persons were by far the most likely to report having had Covid 19
 - Latin Americans and Filipino Canadians most likely to report having had Covid 19
 - Over One in four Canadians identifying as First nations report having had Covid 19
 - Persons respectively identifying as Jews and Muslims most likely to report having had Covid 19
- The findings arise from a survey conducted via web panel by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies and the University of Manitoba during the middle of March 2022 with 2939 Canadians 18 years of age or older. A margin of error cannot be assigned because internet-based polls are not considered random.

HOMES WITH 5 PERSONS ARE MOST LIKELY TO REPORT HAVING HAD COVID 19

	How many people currently live in your home (including yourself)?				
	1	2	3	4	5
I contracted the Coronavirus/COVID-19?	15.8%	12.6%	20.3%	26.8%	37.7%

LATIN AMERICANS AND FILIPINO CANADIANS MOST LIKELY TO REPORT HAVING HAD COVID 19

I contracted the Coronavirus/COVID-19? (Canada)						
White	Latin American (Mexican, Chilean, Costa Rican, etc.)	Arabic (Middle East, North Africa)	Black (African, African- American, etc.)	South Asian (Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	Chinese	Filipino
17.6%	29.3%	26.5%	17.6%	14.6%	12.8%	28.9%

OVER ONE IN FOUR CANADIANS IDENTIFYING AS FIRST NATIONS REPORT HAVING HAD COVID 19

I contracted the Coronavirus/COVID-19? (Canada)		
	Yes, First Nations – status	Yes, First Nations – non-status
Yes	26.4%	22.9%
No	69.8%	70.6%
I don't know	3.8%	6.4%
	100.0%	100.0%

JEWES AND MUSLIMS MOST LIKELY TO REPORT HAVING HAD COVID 19

I contracted the Coronavirus/COVID-19? (Canada)					
Protestant	Catholic	Muslim	Jewish	Atheist	No religion or Agnostic
8.7%	19.9%	24.4%	35.3%	16.2%	17.4%

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