

**THE 2020 CANADIAN QUALITY OF WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE STUDY IV
C-QWELS VI
QUESTIONNAIRE
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SAMPLE:

N = 3,546; Re-contacted participants from C-QWELS I, II, III, IV, & V

ARF Database provided the following sociodemographic profile variables:

- Sex
- Age
- Race
- Visible minority status
- Education
- Household income
- Postal code

[INTRODUCTION]

Thank you for agreeing to take this important survey. As you might recall from your participation in recent months, University of Toronto researchers are conducting an **ongoing study**—with questions repeated bi-monthly—to track potential changes in Canadians’ work and economic experiences and the effect on well-being. As usual, your responses to these questions will only be analyzed along with other survey participants and **no personally identifiable information will ever be shared**.

Again, thank you for your participation, which will provide important insights into how Canadians’ experiences in work and economic life have changed over the past month.

Sincerely, your Angus Reid Forum team and the University of Toronto.

SECTION S. SCREENER

[SC1]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

We'd like you to think about your current main job. "Main job" refers to work you do for pay—do not include volunteering, unpaid housework, or other unpaid activities. If you have more than one job, refer to the job you spend the most time at.

I'm currently working as...

a full-time employee

a part-time employee

a temporary worker (e.g. on-call/casual; paid by temp agency; limited term or contract; seasonal).

a business owner

self-employed (includes free-lance worker, family business, etc.)

I'm currently NOT working because I am...

temporarily laid off; work is suspended; furloughed

unemployed

on disability or sick leave; off due to injury

on maternity or parental leave

a student or in school

retired

[SC1A]

Base = ASK ONLY IF SC1 = CURRENTLY NOT WORKING = TEMPORARILY LAID OFF; UNEMPLOYED; ON DISABILITY; ON MATERNITY LEAVE; STUDENT; RETIRED

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you currently have any additional lines of employment?

Yes

No

[SC2]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you **currently** work in the "gig economy" for pay?

In other words, do you ever undertake freelance work (for pay) using an app-based service company (like Uber, Lyft, Air Bnb, UpWork, Task Rabbit or Skip the Dishes)?

Yes

No

[MARITALSTATUS]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

And what is your current marital status?

Single, never married

Married / Common law

Living with significant other, not married/common law

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

SECTION A. WELL-BEING/PSYCHOSOCIAL

[A1]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Overall, how would you describe your current state of health?

Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Poor

Very poor

[A2]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

In the past month, how often did you...:

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

Feel anxious or tense?

Feel nervous?

Feel restless or fidgety?

Feel sad or depressed?

Feel hopeless?

Feel annoyed or frustrated?

Feel angry?

Yell at someone or something?

Have trouble falling or staying asleep?

Wake up before you wanted to?

Wake up feeling refreshed?

Feel like you lacked companionship?

Feel left out?

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Feel isolated from other people?
Feel guilty?

[COLUMNS]

All of the time
Most of the time
Some of the time
A little of the time
None of the time
Don't know

[A3]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

You have little control over the things that happen to you.
There is really no way you can solve some of the problems you have.
You often feel helpless in dealing with problems of life.
Sometimes you feel that you are being pushed around in life.

[COLUMNS]

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree

[A4]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? Please tell me what you think, where 1 means you can't be too careful and 5 means most people can be trusted.

1 - You can't be too careful
2
3
4
5 – Most people can be trusted

[A5A_NEW]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

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In the past month, how often were you in contact with any friends or family who do not live with you, through phone calls, texting, or video chat?

- Once a day or more
- Several times a week
- About once a week
- 2 or 3 times a month
- About once a month
- Never

[A5B_NEW]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how often did you have in-person visits with any of your friends or members of your family who do not live with you?

- Once a day or more
- Several times a week
- About once a week
- 2 or 3 times a month
- About once a month
- Never

[A6]

BASE = TOTAL

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How many people, if any, are there with whom you can discuss intimate and personal matters?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 – 6
- 7 – 9
- 10 or more

SECTION B. QUALITY OF WORK LIFE

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY WORKING ANSWER SECTION B AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORK SKIP TO C9.

THOSE WHO ANSWERED ONE THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES TO SC1 ANSWER SECTION B:

- A full-time employee
- A part-time employee

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A temporary worker

A business owner

Self-employed (includes free-lance work; family business; etc.)

THOSE WHO ANSWERED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO SC1 AND “NO” TO SC1A [NOT WORKING IN SECOND JOB] SHOULD NOT ANSWER SECTION B AND INSTEAD SKIP TO C9:

Temporarily laid off; work is suspended; furloughed

Unemployed

On disability or sick leave; off due to injury

On maternity or parental leave

Student

Retired

THOSE WHO ANSWERED “YES” TO SC1A OR “YES” to SC2 SHOULD ANSWER SECTION B.

IF [SC1A] = YES, HAVE ANOTHER LINE OF EMPLOYMENT, SKIP TO [INTRO_MAINJOB]

For the following questions that refer to “main job,” we’d like you to think about the job that you identified earlier as your second line of employment.

[B1]

Base = IF CURRENTLY WORKING =

[SC1] = Full time employee; Part-time / contract employee; Business Owner; Self-employed/Work at a family business OR [SC2] = Gig work

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How many different jobs, lines of work, or businesses do you currently have? (*Note: do not include taking surveys for pay as a job or line of work.*)

1

2 or more

[IF SC1A = YES, HAVE ANOTHER LINE OF EMPLOYMENT SHOW THE FOLLOWING INTRO_MAINTJOB_A]

[B1 = 1 DON’T SHOW INTROS]

[B1= 2 or MORE SHOW THE INTRO_MAINJOB_B]

[INTRO_MAINJOB_A]

For the following questions that refer to “main job,” we’d like you to think about the job that you identified earlier as your second line of employment.

[B1 = 2 or more SHOW THE FOLLOWING INTRO]

[INTRO_MAINJOB_B]

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All of the following questions refer to your **MAIN JOB**—that is, the one you usually spend the most hours at each week. If hours at your different jobs are equal, refer to the one that you identify as your primary source of income.

[B1A_NEW]

Base = IF CURRENTLY WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past 2 months, did you change place of employment, line of work, or job title?

(Note: If nothing changed except you are now working mostly from home, select: "same place of employment and in the same position")

I changed place of employment/line of work

I stayed in the same place of employment/line of work, but I changed positions or job title

I'm in the same place of employment/line of work and in the same position

[B2A_NEW] IF CURRENTLY WORKING

Base = IF B1A_NEW1 = I changed place of employment/line of work OR

I stayed in the same place of employment/line of work, but I changed positions or job title

Thinking about your main job, what is your occupation? Please describe your job title or the main tasks that you perform on this job.

(SPECIFY _____) [open ended response]

[B4]

Base = IF CURRENTLY WORKING and NOT BUSINESS OWNER or SELF-EMPLOYED AND B1A_NEW1 = I changed place of employment/line of work OR I stayed in the same place of employment/line of work, but I changed positions or job title

[SINGLE CHOICE]

At your main job, are you employed by government, a private company, or a non-profit organization?

Government (e.g., public schools, postal service, public utilities & transportation)

A private for-profit business

A non-profit organization (e.g., social service agencies, cooperatives that provide utility and other services, private non-profit educational institutions.)

[Note the change of text here for self-employed, business owner, work in a family business]

[B8_new]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Taking everything into consideration, how likely is it you will make a genuine effort to find a new job with another employer or in another line of work within the next 2 years?

If self-employed, business owner, or work in a family business change wording to:

Taking everything into consideration, how likely is it you will make a genuine effort to find **another line of work** within the next 2 years?

Not at all likely

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- Not too likely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely
- Not applicable because I'm quitting
- Not applicable because I'm retiring
- Not applicable because of some other reason

[B9]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the next 2 years, how likely are you to be promoted?

- Not at all likely
- Not too likely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely
- Not applicable

[ASK ONLY IF B9 = NOT APPLICABLE]

[B9a_W4]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

What is the reason you answered: "not applicable"?

Because...

I'm the boss/owner/sole-proprietor or self-employed

I'm quitting

I'm retiring

I recently got promoted

I'm not interested in being promoted

There is no possibility for promotion (e.g., already at highest rank; isn't relevant for my type of job; etc.)

Some other reason

[B10]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you supervise or manage other people?

Yes

No

[B11]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you influence or set the rate of pay received by others?

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Yes
No

[B12]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you have the authority to hire or fire others?

Yes
No

[B13]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Is there one particular person you think of as your **immediate** supervisor or manager—that is, someone who manages or supervises you directly?

Yes
No [SKIP TO B17]

[B13A]

Base = Has a supervisor

[SINGLE CHOICE] [ROTATE]

Is your supervisor/manager a man or a woman?

Woman
Man

[B14-B16 ON DIFFERENT PAGES] [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Please use the scale below to rate your immediate supervisor/manager on the following:

[B14]

Base = Has a supervisor

1 – Unsupportive

2

3

4

5 - Supportive

Please use the scale below to rate your immediate supervisor/manager on the following:

[B15]

Base = Has a supervisor

1 – Incompetent

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 - Competent

Please use the scale below to rate your immediate supervisor/manager on the following:

[B16]

Base = Has a supervisor

- 1 – Unfair
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 - Fair

[B17]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how many hours did you work in a typical week at your job? Your best estimate is fine. If your hours varied too much to easily classify, think of your busiest week in the past month.

- Fewer than 20 hours
- 20 – 29 hours
- 30 – 39 hours
- 40 – 49 hours
- 50 – 59 hours
- 60 or more hours

[B17A_NEW]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, have your work hours at your main job...?

- Increased a lot
- Increased a little
- Stayed the same
- Decreased a little
- Decreased a lot

[B18A_W4_NEW]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, how often have you worked from home?

- None of the time

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A little of the time

Some of the time

Most of the time

All of the time

Even before the onset of COVID-19, I usually worked mainly from home.

[B18_W4]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how often did you do any paid or unpaid work at home *that is part of your job*?

Every day

Several times a week

About once a week

2 or 3 times a month

About once a month

Never

My usual work arrangement is mainly from home

[B19_W4]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how often did coworkers, supervisors, managers, customers, or clients contact you about work-related matters outside of your normal work hours? Include any form of communication like email, phone calls, texts, etc.

Every day

Several times a week

About once a week

2 or 3 times a month

About once a month

Never

[B19A_NEW]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how often did you have face-to-face/in-person contact with coworkers, supervisors, managers, customers, clients, or someone else related to your main job?

Every day

Several times a week

About once a week

2 or 3 times a month

About once a month

Never

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[B20_W4]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how often did you try to “multitask”—that is, work on job tasks and home tasks at the same time while you are at home?

- Every day
- Several times a week
- About once a week
- 2 or 3 times a month
- About once a month
- Never

[B20A_NEW]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

In the past month...

how often did your family or personal life keep you from doing as good a job at work as you could?

how often did your family or personal life keep you from concentrating on your job?

how often did your family or personal life drain you of the energy you needed to do your job?

[COLUMNS]

- Very often
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

[B21]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How much control do you have in scheduling your work hours?

- Complete control
- A lot
- Some
- Very little
- None

[B22]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

On a scale that ranges from 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with your job?

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- 1 – Not satisfied at all
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 – Extremely satisfied

[B23]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How likely is it that during the next one to two years you will lose your present job and have to look for a job with another employer?

If self-employed, business owner, or work in a family business change wording to:

How likely is it that during the next one to two years you will lose your present job need to find a different line of work?

Not at all likely

Not too likely

Somewhat likely

Very likely

Not applicable because I'm quitting

Not applicable because I'm retiring

Not applicable because of some other reason (please specify): **[SPECIFY]**

[B24_W4]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, how many days were you not able to work because of illness? Please state all the days, not just those for which you had an official note from your doctor.

0

1 – 2

3 – 4

5 – 6

7 – 9

10 or more

[B25]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

[IF HAS MORE THAN ONE JOB IN B1] *A friendly reminder: If you have more than 1 job, please answer all questions thinking about your **main** job.*

[SHOW ONLY ALL]

Still thinking about your **main** job, please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements as descriptions of your job.

Note: We understand that some of these statements might not be relevant to your particular situation. However, we have found that people's work conditions tend to vary a lot, so we don't want to assume anything and skip over them. For statements that aren't applicable, please indicate that as your response.

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

I have the freedom to decide what I do on my job.

It is basically my own responsibility to decide how my job gets done.

I have a lot of say about what happens on my job.

My job requires that I keep learning new things.

My job requires that I be creative.

My job allows me to develop my skills and abilities.

I get to do a lot of different things on my job.

At my place of employment, employees who put their family or personal needs ahead of their jobs are not looked on favorably.

At my place of employment, employees have to choose between advancing in their jobs or devoting attention to their family or personal lives.

There is an unwritten rule at my place of employment that you cannot take care of family needs on company time.

I have the schedule flexibility at work to manage my personal or family responsibilities.

When decisions are being made, all of the people who will be affected are asked for their ideas.

Managers make sure that all employees' concerns are heard before decisions are made.

Job decisions are applied consistently across all affected employees.

[COLUMNS]

Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly disagree

Can't choose

Prefer not to say

Not applicable

[B45]

Base = WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

In the past month, how often have the following things happened at your MAIN job?

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

In the past month...

How often did you feel overwhelmed by how much you had to do at work?

How often did you have to work on too many tasks at the same time?

How often did the demands of your job exceed the time you have to do the work?

How often did you not have enough time or energy for the important people in your life because of your job?

How often did your job keep you from concentrating on important things in your family or personal life?

How often did your work keep you from doing as good a job at home as you could?

[COLUMNS]

Very often

Often

Sometimes

Rarely

Never

SECTION C. QUALITY OF ECONOMIC LIFE

[C2]

Base = CURRENTLY WORKING

[SINGLE CHOICE]

When you think about the pay you get for your main job, do you feel your pay is unfairly high, unfairly low, or is it a fair amount? Please indicate your answer on a scale from +5 (unfairly high) to -5 (unfairly low).

- 5 Unfairly HIGH
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- 0 A FAIR amount
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 Unfairly LOW

[C9new]

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Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Thinking about the people in your neighbourhood—that is, the local area in which you live—how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My neighbours can be trusted.

Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly disagree

[INTRO_C16]

Given our focus on the quality of work and economic life in Canada, we'd now like to shift gears and ask you a few questions about your financial situation over the past month...

[C16]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How often in the past month did you have trouble paying the bills?

Very often

Often

Sometimes

Rarely

Never

[C17]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How often in the past month did you not have enough money to buy food, clothes or other things your household needed?

Very often

Often

Sometimes

Rarely

Never

[C18]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How did your finances work out in the past month?
Would you say you had...

Not enough to make ends meet

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Barely enough to get by
Just enough to make ends meet
A little money left over
A lot of money left over

[C18A_NEW]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, has your household income...?

Increased a lot
Increased a little
Stayed about the same
Decreased a little
Decreased a lot

[C18B_NEW]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the last month, have you received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)?

Yes
No

[C21_NEW]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in our society. At the top of the ladder (10) are the people who are the best off—those who have the most money, most education, and best jobs. At the bottom of the ladder (1) are the people who are the worst off—who have the least money, least education, and the worst jobs or no jobs. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

Where would you place yourself at the present time?

10 – TOP
9
8
7
6
5
4
3

2

1 - BOTTOM

[C23]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

And thinking ahead 10 years from now, where do you think you will be?

10 – TOP

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1 - BOTTOM

SECTION D. MULTIPLE JOBS

[D1]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE GRID]

In the past month, have you engaged in any of the following PAID activities?

[ROWS] [RANDOMIZE]

Driving for a ride-sharing service like Uber or Lyft

Freelance computer programming, graphic or web design

Providing services to other people (for example, housecleaning, yard care, delivering food, picking up their dry cleaning, helping people move houses, running errands)

Getting paid to complete tasks online through websites such as Amazon Mechanical Turk, Fiverr or similar sites (examples of such tasks include, but are not limited to, editing documents, reviewing resumes, writing songs, creating graphic designs, rating pictures, etc)

[COLUMNS]

Yes

No

[D1A]

Base = [IF RESPONDENT REPORTS “YES” TO ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR ITEMS ABOVE, ASK THE FOLLOWING...]

Do you consider this paid activity to be your primary job?

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[IF RESPONDENT REPORTS “YES” TO MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOUR ITEMS ABOVE, ASK THE FOLLOWING...] Do you consider any of these paid activities to be your primary job?

[COLUMNS]

Yes

No

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED “2 OR MORE JOBS” TO QUESTION B1 OTHERWISE SKIP TO SECTION E]

[D3_W4]

Base = Has 2 or more paid jobs in B1

[SINGLE CHOICE]

You mentioned earlier that you have **more than one job**. Which of the following best describes your second job?

Self-employed or business owner

Employed by someone else

Contract/piecework

Freelance work

Side jobs here and there

Landlord/rental

Sell things online

Unpaid work

Something else

[D4]

Base = Has 2 or more jobs in B1

[SINGLE CHOICE]

In your second job, during the past month how many hours did you usually work in a typical week? Your best estimate is fine. If your hours vary too much to easily classify, please think of your typical busiest week.

1 – 5 hours

6 – 10 hours

11 – 20 hours

21 or more hours

I didn't work any hours in this job or line of work in the past month

[D4a]

Base = Has 2 or more jobs in B1

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Do you work weekly in this second job?

Yes

No

[D5]

Base = Has 2 or more jobs in B1

[SINGLE CHOICE]

What is the main reason why you work at more than one job? (select the explanation that best fits your situation)

I don't earn or work enough in my main job

To earn extra income

To develop new skills

To have income in case my main job doesn't work out

To pursue a favorite hobby/interest

Some other reason

SECTION E. SPOUSE/PARTNER JOB

[ONLY ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS A SPOUSE OR PARTNER IN MARITALSTATUS – MARRIED/COMMON LAW OR LIVING WITH SIGNIFICANT OTHER]

[OTHERWISE SKIP TO SECTION F]

[E1A_NEW]

Base = IF MARITALSTATUS = Married / Common law OR Living with significant other, not married/common-law

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Now we have a few brief questions about your spouse's/partner's employment.

In the past 2 months, did your spouse/partner change place of employment, or change positions or job titles?

(Note: This question is not asking about reduced hours, pay cuts, or changes in working from home.)

My spouse/partner...

changed place of employment or line of work

stayed in same place of employment or line of work—but changed position or job title

stayed in same place of employment and stayed in same position

My spouse/partner...

does not currently work for pay (e.g., retired, injury/disability, maternity leave, student, homemaker) **[SKIP TO E7A_NEW]**

became unemployed in the past month **[SKIP TO E7A_NEW]**

became furloughed; work suspended; temporarily laid off in the past month **[SKIP TO E7A_NEW]**

[E1]

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Base = Has a partner who works for pay = E1A_NEW = My spouse/partner changed place of employment or line of work; My spouse/partner stayed in same place of employment/line of work—but changed position/job title; My spouse/partner stayed in same place of employment and stayed in same position
[SINGLE CHOICE]

How many different jobs, lines of work, or businesses does your spouse/partner currently have?

- 1
- 2 or more

[E4]

Base = Has a partner who works for pay
[SINGLE CHOICE]

Thinking about the past month, how many hours did your spouse/partner usually work in a typical week at their main job? Your best estimate is fine. If their hours vary too much to easily classify, please think of their busiest week in the past month.

- Fewer than 20 hours
- 20 – 29 hours
- 30 – 39 hours
- 40 – 49 hours
- 50 – 59 hours
- 60 or more hours

[E4A_NEW]

Base = Has a partner who works for pay
[SINGLE CHOICE]

In the past month, have your spouse's/partner's work hours at their main job...?

- Increased a lot
- Increased a little
- Stayed the same
- Decreased a little
- Decreased a lot

[E4B_W4_NEW]

Base = WORKING
[SINGLE CHOICE]

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, how often have has your spouse/partner **worked from home**?

- None of the time
- A little of the time
- Some of the time

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Most of the time
All of the time

Even before the onset of COVID-19, my spouse/partner usually worked mainly from home.

[E6_NEW]

Base = Has a partner who works for pay

In the past month, how often did your spouse/partner try to “multitask”—that is, work on job tasks and home tasks at the same time while they were at home?

Every day
Several times a week
About once a week
2 or 3 times a month
About once a month
Never

SECTION F. HOUSEHOLD AND CHILDREN

[HOUSEHOLD_COMPOSITION]

Base = Total

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

One in total (you live alone)
Two people (you and one other)
Three people (you and two others)
Four people (you and three others)
Five or more people in your household (you and four or more others)

[ASK ALL THOSE NOT LIVING ALONE AT HOUSEHOLD_COMPOSITION]

NOTE: PROGRAMMER PLEASE CHECK ACCURACY OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR NUMBER AND AGES OF CHILDREN—WE SHOULD ENSURE AN AGE ASSOCIATED WITH EACH CHILD LISTED.

[CHILDREN]

Base = Does not live alone

[SINGLE CHOICE]

How many of those other members of your household under the age of 18?

[DROP DOWN]

0
1
2
3

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4

5 or more

[CHILDREN_AGES]

Base = Has at least one child at home

[NUMERIC OPEN END]

How old are the children under 18 living in your home? If younger than 1 year old enter 0.

[PROVIDE ONE BOX FOR EACH NUMBER OF CHILDREN MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS QUESTION]

SECTION G. NOT WORKING MODULE

[IF RETIRED DO NOT ASK SECTION G]

[G1A_NEW_W5]

Base = CURRENTLY NOT WORKING:

[SC1] = Unemployed; Temporarily laid off; work is suspended; furloughed, on disability, on maternity and a student

[SINGLE CHOICE]

Earlier, you mentioned that in the past month that you stopped working at your main job. What was that occupation? Please describe your job title or the main tasks that you performed on this job.

(SPECIFY _____) [open ended response]

[G1_NEW]

Base = CURRENTLY NOT WORKING:

[SC1] = Unemployed; Temporarily laid off; work is suspended; furloughed, on disability, on maternity and a student

What was the main reason why you stopped working at that job?

Note: If your answer includes “due to COVID-19,” please select the specific answer that best describes what happened. For example: business closed OR you were permanently laid off OR temporarily laid off.

Business closed/went under [ASK G1A_NEW]

Permanently laid off or let go [ASK G1B_NEW]

Temporarily laid off; work was suspended; furloughed [ASK G1C_NEW]

Quit [ASK G1D_NEW]

Stress, health problems, disability/injury, accident, fatigue [SKIP TO G2_NEW]

Family care (e.g., pregnancy, took time off to care for children, family, or relatives) [SKIP TO G2_NEW]

Went back to school; additional training [SKIP TO G2_NEW]

Moved [SKIP TO G2_NEW]

AUGUST 2020 SURVEY

[G1A_NEW]

Base = G1_NEW = BUSINESS CLOSED

[OPEN ENDED]

What was the **main reason** the business closed or went under?

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

[G1B_NEW]

Base = G1_NEW = LAID OFF/LET GO

[OPEN ENDED]

What was the **main reason** you were laid off or let go?

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

[G1C_NEW]

Base = G1_NEW = TEMPORARILY LAID OFF/WORK SUSPENDED/FURLOUGHED

[OPEN ENDED]

What was the **main reason** you were temporarily laid off, furloughed, or your work was suspended?

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

[G1D_NEW]

Base = G1_NEW = QUIT

[OPEN ENDED]

What was the **main reason** you quit?

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

[G2_NEW]

Base = ALL WHO STOPPED WORKING EXCEPT RETIRED

When you stopped working, how stressful was that experience?

1 – not at all stressful

2

3

4

5 – extremely stressful

AUGUST 2020 SURVEY

[G3_NEW]

Base = ALL WHO STOPPED WORKING EXCEPT RETIRED.

How likely is it that you will go back to that job?

Not at all likely
Not too likely
Somewhat likely
Very likely

Don't know
Prefer not to say
Not applicable (please specify_____)

[G4_NEW]

Base = ALL WHO STOPPED WORKING EXCEPT RETIRED.

Are you currently looking for another job?

Yes
No
Prefer not to say
Not applicable (please specify_____)

[G5_NEW]

BASE = [G4_NEW] = YES

How likely do you think it is that you will find a job in the next several months?

Not at all likely
Not too likely
Somewhat likely
Very likely

Don't know
Prefer not to say
Not applicable (please specify_____)

SECTION H. RETIRED ONLY

[H1_NEW]

What was the **main reason** that you retired?

Your age

Your health

Having to provide care to a family member or friend

Having adequate retirement income

Mandatory retirement policies

Having an early retirement plan

That you were unemployed and not able to find a job

Your wish to stop working (e.g., “wanted time to enjoy life”)

Wanting to start a different career or work part-time

That your skill sets were outdated

Lagging behind in knowing how to use new technologies

Having began working at an early age

That your job was downsized

That your workplace discriminated against older workers

Wishing to pursue hobbies or other activities of personal interest

That your work was too physically demanding

CPP and tax rules

Not enjoy your work (includes anything related to feeling dissatisfied with work)

Other reason (Please specify) _____

Don't know

Prefer not to say

[H2_NEW]

Was your retirement voluntary, (that is, did you want to retire)?

Yes

No

Not applicable

Don't know

Prefer not to say

[H3_NEW]

When you retired, how stressful was the experience?

1 – not at all stressful

2

3

4

5 – extremely stressful

[H4_NEW]

How likely is it that you will return to a paid job in the future?

Not at all likely
Not too likely
Somewhat likely
Very likely

Don't know
Prefer not to say

Finally, since we are interested in understanding Canadians' experiences during the pandemic, we would like to know if you think you have had COVID-19.

Yes, definitely
Probably
Probably not
Definitely not

Not sure
Prefer not to say