

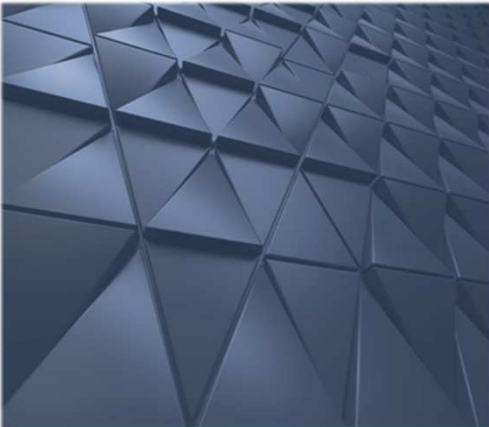


Survey on Healthcare and COVID January 2023





Introduction



This report presents selected findings on public attitudes towards Healthcare and COVID in Canada.

- › The survey ran from October 1, 2022 to January 30, 2023, and had a total sample size of 3,081 Canadian adults.
- › The survey data have a margin of error of between +/- 1.8 percentage points with 95% confidence.
- › The data have been weighted by age, gender, and region using population data from the 2021 Statistics Canada Census.



Canadians' Views on Healthcare



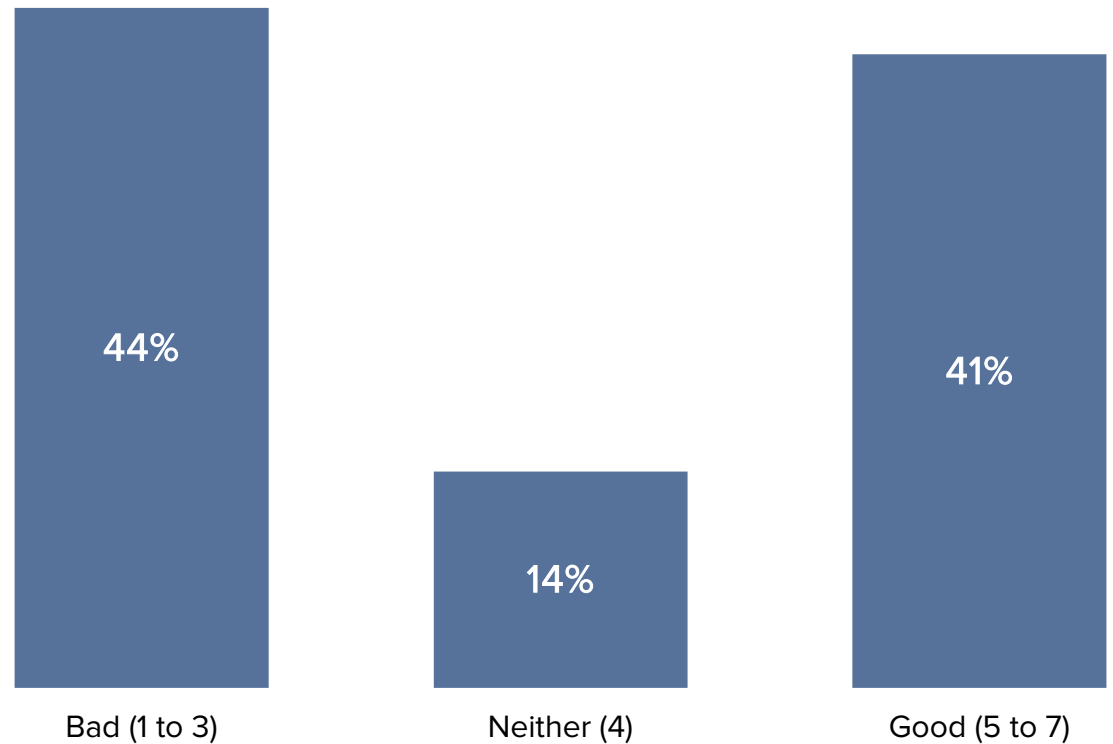
- › In Canada as a whole, opinion is polarized on whether their provincial health care system is in good or bad shape
- › A majority of Canadians in every province think their health care system is being mismanaged
- › Nearly two-thirds of Canadians get a check-up at least once a year and over three-quarters of Canadians see a family doctor when they get a check-up
- › The worst aspect of the health care system was considered to be the waiting time in emergency rooms with over 80% rating the situation as bad and over 50% rating it as terrible
- › Canadians do not seem to see a magic bullet for solving the problems with their health care system and no one solution has overwhelming support. However, a majority think that a greater focus on preventative medicine would be effective with few disagreeing
- › Beyond that, the potential solutions seen as most effective were:
 - Increasing nurses pay
 - Recruiting foreign-trained nurses
 - Recruiting foreign-trained doctors

State of the Health Care System

- › In Canada as a whole, opinion is polarized on whether their provincial health care system is in good or bad shape
- › Only in Alberta do a (bare) majority think it is in good shape, whereas in Quebec only a third of Canadians think their health system is in good shape



Based on your own experience over the past few years, how would you rate your province's health care system?



Opinions on Health Care

- › A majority of Canadians in every province think their health care system is being mismanaged
- › Over 60% agree that there has been enough privatization and an equal number disagree that a public system only benefits the unions
- › By contrast, opinion is somewhat polarized on whether they care about its being public or private as long as it works, although a majority are still against privatization
- › Only a minority believe that the “crisis” is being manufactured in order to advance privatization



How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

■ Disagree (1 to 3)

■ Neither (4)

■ Agree (5 to 7)

My province's health care system is being mismanaged



There's been enough privatization of our health care system already, it needs to be kept public



I don't care whether my province's health care system is public or run by private companies - it just needs to work



The so-called crisis in health care is manufactured by people who want to privatize the system



The only people who benefit from keeping our health care system public are unions

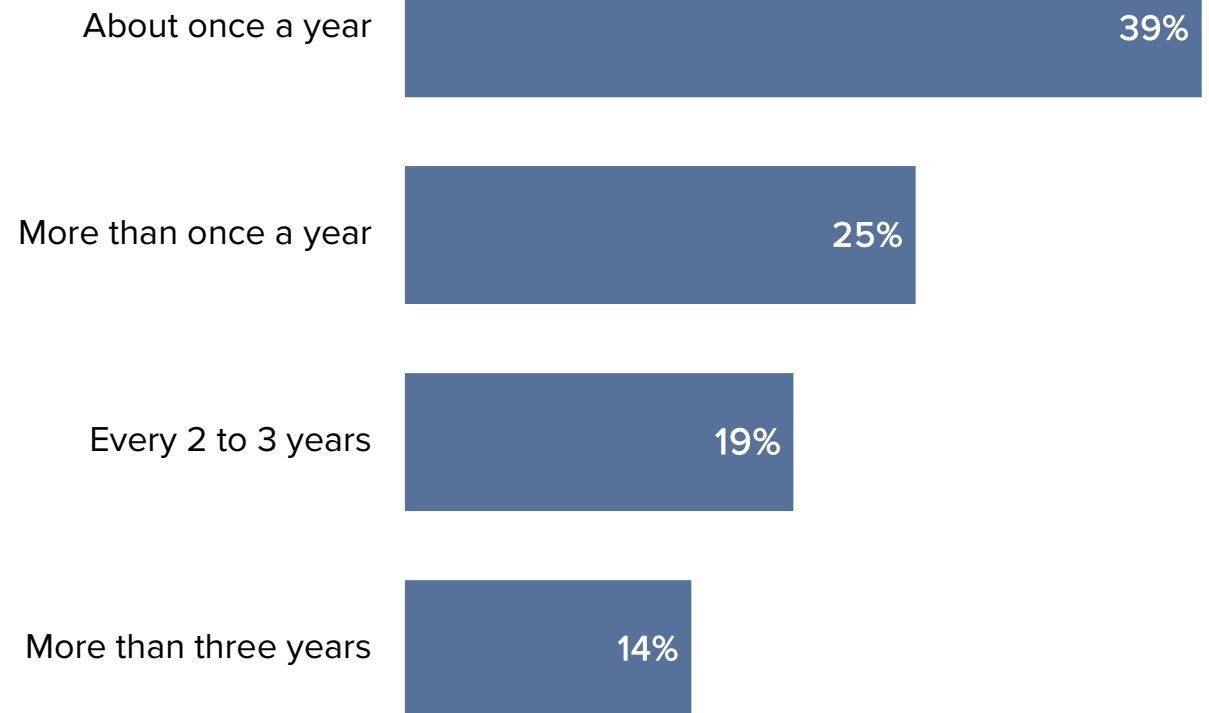


Frequency of Check-Up

Nearly two-thirds of Canadians get a check-up at least once a year



In general, approximately how often do you see a doctor for a general check-up or physical?



Family Doctor

Over three-quarters of Canadians see a family doctor when they get a check-up



When you get a general check-up or physical, do you see a regular family doctor or do you go to a clinic?

Family doctor

76%

Clinic

13%

Other

9%

Dimensions of Healthcare

- › The worst aspect of the health care system was considered to be the waiting time in emergency rooms with over 80% rating the situation as bad and over 50% rating it as terrible.
- › This was closely followed by the availability of GP's (75%), the wait times for surgery (72%), and hospital bed availability (65%). This was true in virtually all provinces
- › In general LT care was also considered to be in bad shape with almost 60% of all Canadians rating the situation as bad but here two-thirds of Ontarians felt that way vs. less than half in BC and Alberta

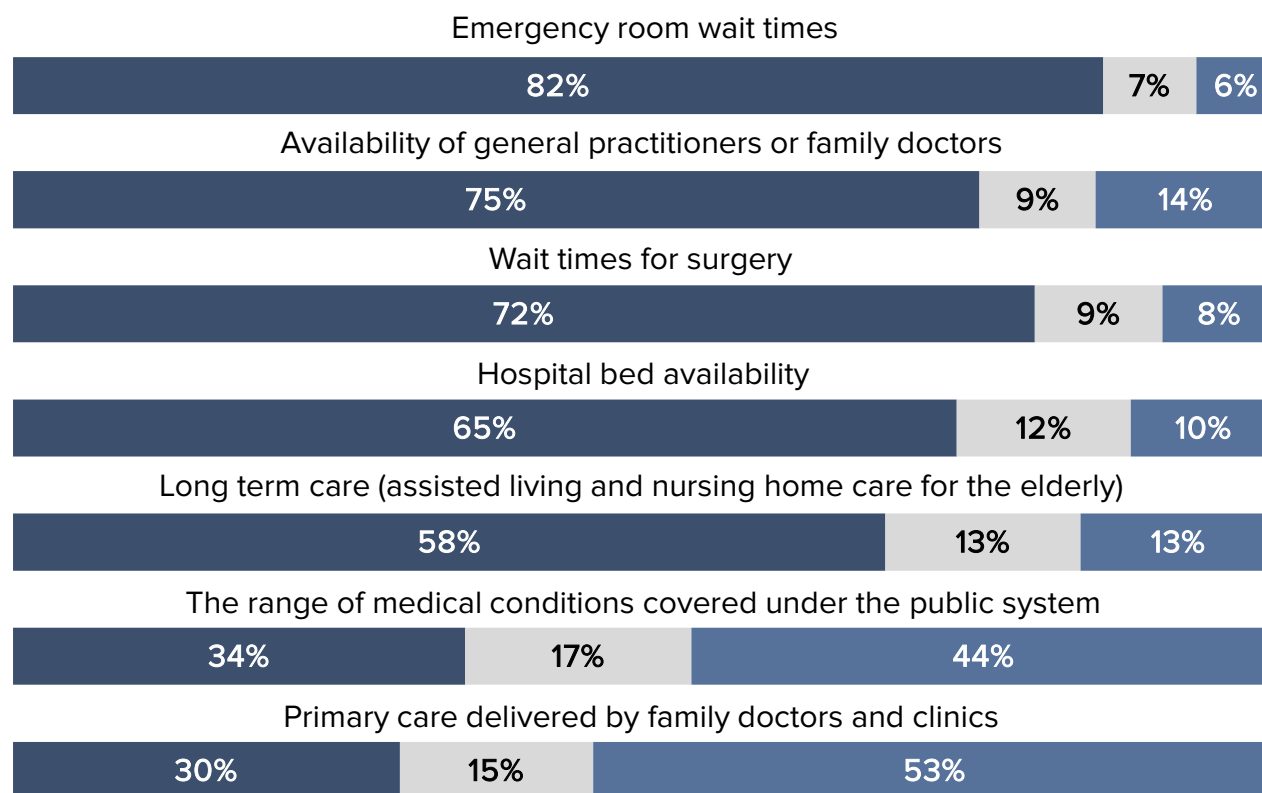


How would you rate the following dimensions of your province's health care system?

■ Bad (1 to 3)

■ Neither (4)

■ Good (5 to 7)



Canadian adults (November 2022 n=3,081)

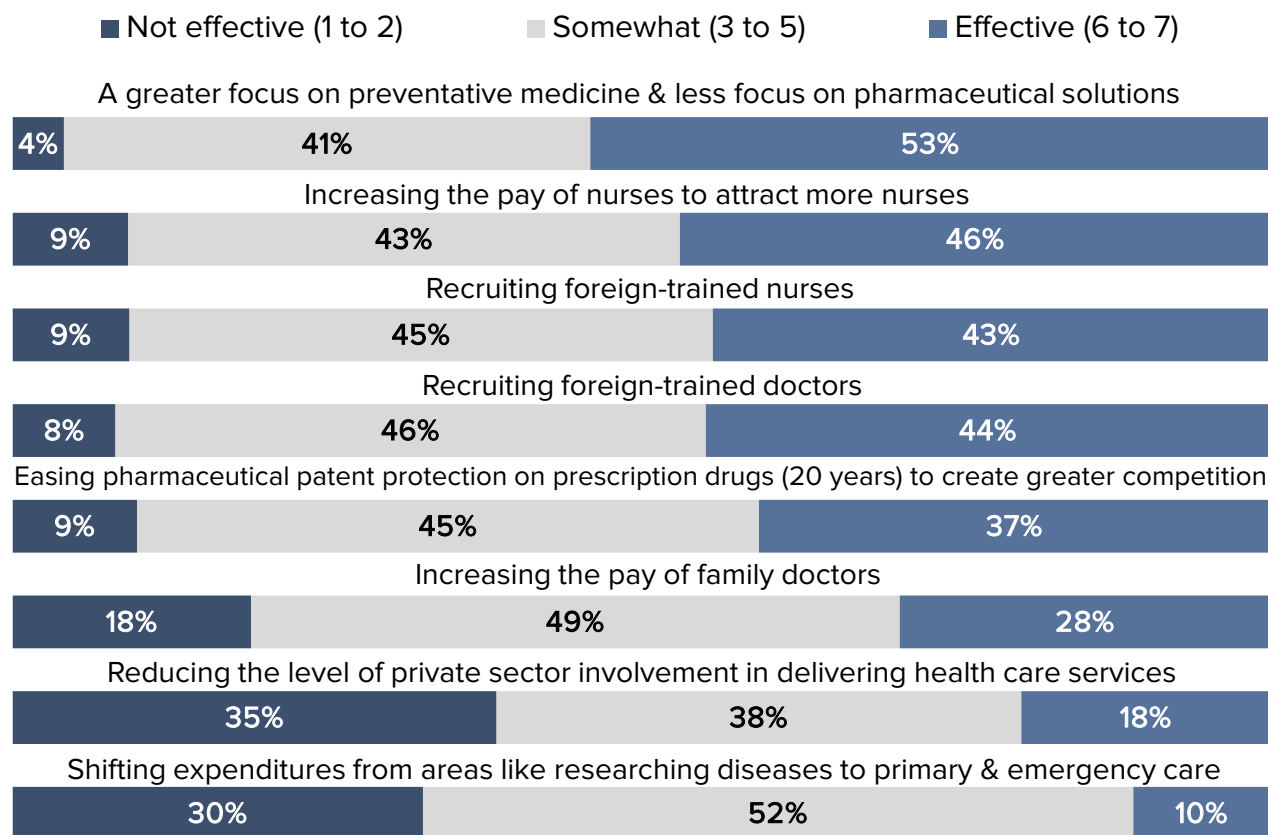
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Possible Solutions

- › Canadians do not seem to see a magic bullet for solving the problems with their health care system and no one solution has overwhelming support
- › However, a majority think that a greater focus on preventative medicine would be effective with few disagreeing
- › Beyond that, the potential solutions seen as most effective were:
 - Increasing nurses pay
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A number of solutions have been proposed to deal with the issues with your province's health care system. In your opinion, how effective would each of the following be in terms of improving the health care system?





Canadians' Views on COVID



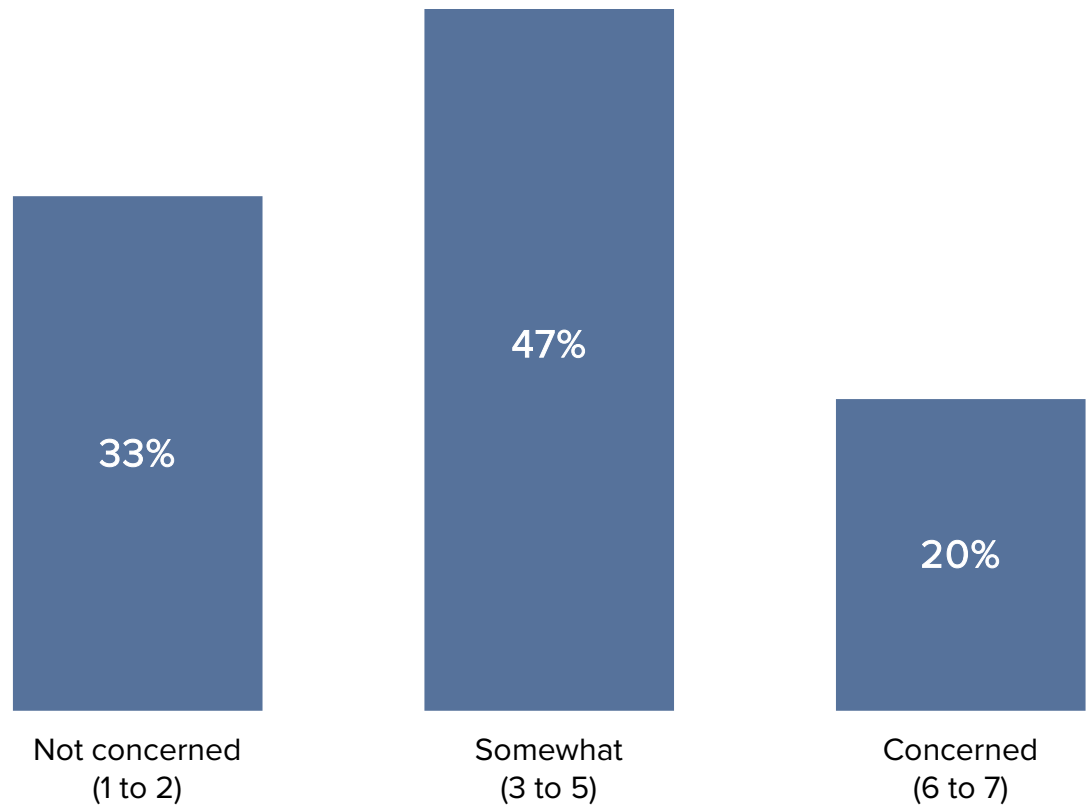
- › Canadians are not overly concerned about COVID currently
- › A large percentage of Canadians think the impact of COVID will worsen over the next six months.
- › Opinion was evenly divided on whether government should increase or decrease public health restrictions
- › Over two-thirds of Canadians have received at least 3 vaccines
- › Not only do people say they got vaccinated to prevent serious illness but an almost equal number cite preventing transmission or being infected as prime motivations
- › An overwhelming majority of those who are vaccinated (80%) thought it was a no-brainer

Concern over COVID

Canadians are not overly concerned about COVID currently



Regardless of how you may have viewed the seriousness of COVID in the past, how concerned are you today about COVID?

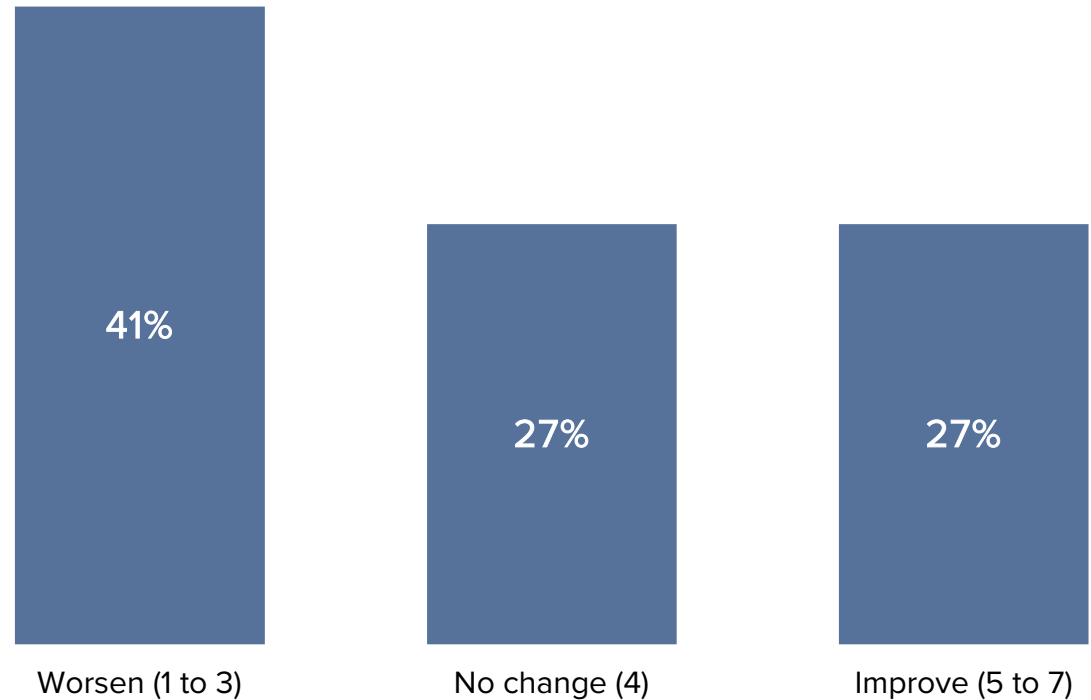


Future Impact of COVID

Despite the low concern over COVID today a large percentage of Canadians, (41%) think the impact of COVID will worsen over the next six months.



Do you think the impact of COVID will worsen or improve in Canada over the next six months?

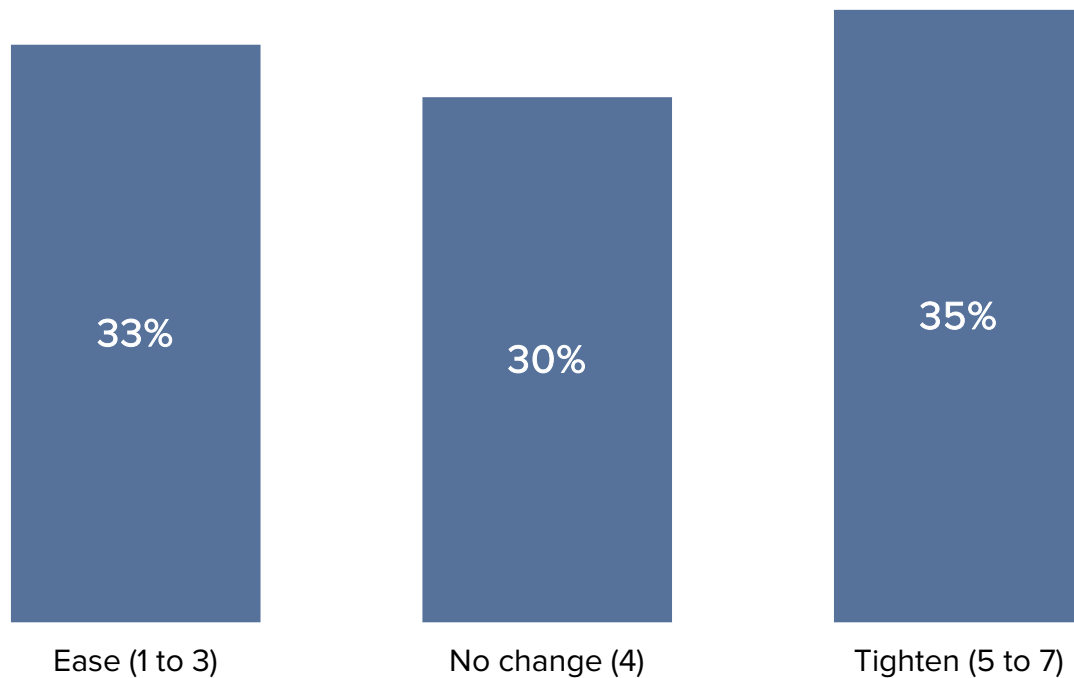


Government Restrictions

Opinion was evenly divided on whether government should increase or decrease public health restrictions



Given the current state of COVID, should governments be tightening or easing public health restrictions?



Vaccination

- › Over two-thirds of Canadians have received at least 3 vaccines
- › Less than 10% have received no vaccine



How many, if any, doses of a COVID vaccine have you had?

More than four

9%

Four

30%

Three

29%

Two

20%

One

1%

None

7%

Rather not say

3%

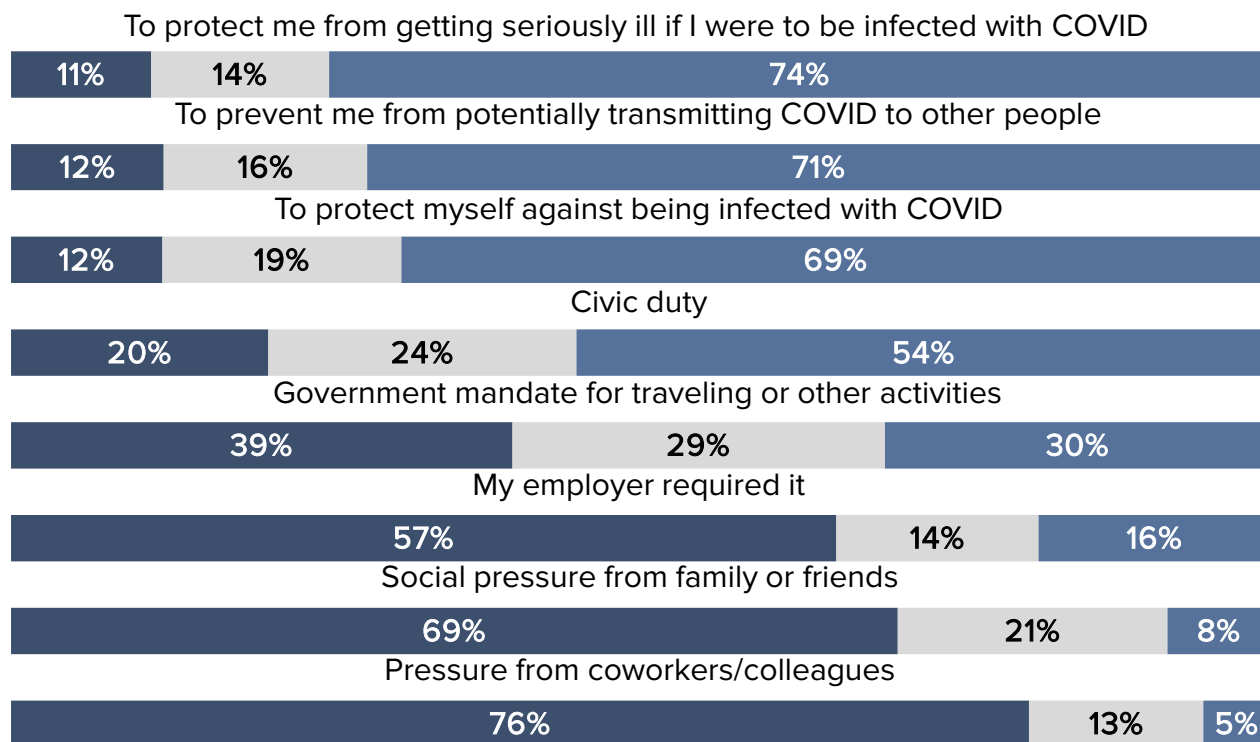
Reasons for Vaccination

- Not only do people say they got vaccinated to prevent serious illness, but an almost equal number cite preventing transmission or being infected as prime motivations
- A bare majority said civic duty was their reason for getting vaccinated and a minority (<30%) said it was because of government mandates, employer requirement, or pressure from others



How important were each of the following reasons for you deciding to get a COVID vaccine?

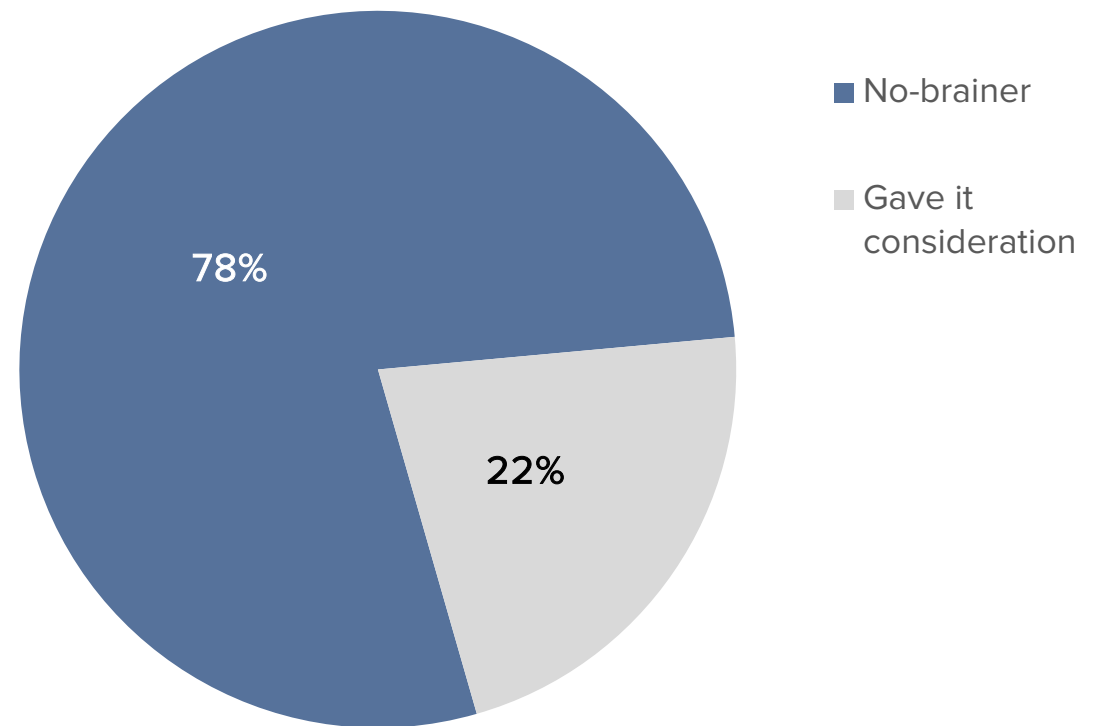
■ Not important (1 to 2) ■ Somewhat (3 to 5) ■ Important (6 to 7)



An overwhelming majority of those who are vaccinated (80%) thought it was a no-brainer



Before you got your first dose, did you give any consideration to getting vaccinated or was it a "no-brainer" for you?





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