

# Study: Economic impact of COVID-19 among visible minority groups

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Since visible minorities often have more precarious employment and higher poverty rates than the White population, their ability to adjust to income losses due to work interruptions is likely more limited. Based on a large crowdsourcing data collection initiative, this study examines the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on visible minority groups.

Among the crowdsourcing participants who were employed prior to work stoppages, Whites and most visible minority groups reported similar rates of job loss or reduced work hours. However, visible minority participants were more likely than White participants to report that the COVID-19 pandemic had affected their ability to meet financial obligations or essential needs, such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and groceries.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5323](#).

The article "[Economic impact of COVID-19 among visible minority groups](#)," released today as part of the series *StatCan COVID-19: Data to Insights for a Better Canada* ([45280001](#)), is now available.

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