

# Canadian Community Health Survey: Data table

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In December 2020, Canada approved the first COVID-19 vaccine for use in the country, which is now in the beginning stages of being rolled out. In October 2020, three in four Canadians (75%) aged 12 and older reported that they are very or somewhat willing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This proportion remained unchanged from September, when 76% reported that they were willing to receive the vaccine. Vaccine willingness by gender also remained unchanged, with women and men equally likely to report that they are willing to get the vaccine.

Released today, the new "Canadians' Health and COVID-19: Interactive Dashboard" presents a selection of indicators relevant to monitoring COVID-19 vaccine willingness, precautions taken by Canadians to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians' mental health. This dashboard showcases data collected through the Canadian Community Health Survey in September and October 2020.

The pandemic has had wide-ranging impacts on many aspects of Canadians lives, including their mental health. In October, roughly one-third (32%) of Canadians reported that their mental health was somewhat or much worse compared with before the pandemic and 58% reported their mental health was about the same. The remaining 10% said that their mental health was much better or somewhat better compared with before the pandemic. Females (35%) were more likely than males (28%) to report that their mental health was worse compared with before the pandemic, whereas males (63%) were more likely to report their mental health was the same. The proportion of Canadians who reported that their mental health was somewhat or much worse compared with before the pandemic remained unchanged from September.

Canadians have continued to take the precautions recommended by public health officials to protect themselves and others against COVID-19. In October, the overwhelming majority of Canadians reported wearing a mask in public places (98%), washing their hands more frequently (96%), maintaining a two-metre distance from others (96%), avoiding crowds and large gatherings (95%) and avoiding leaving the house for non-essential reasons (74%). By gender, males were less likely than females to report avoiding leaving the house for non-essential reasons, avoiding crowds or large gatherings and washing their hands. There were no statistical differences between genders for wearing a mask or maintaining a two-metre distance from others. There were no age groups that stood out overall for these precautions.

In addition to presenting estimates at the national level and by gender, the interactive dashboard provides further breakdowns by province and by age group.

## Note to readers

*This release features analysis based on data from the September 2020 and October 2020 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS). Because this analysis uses monthly data, the sample size for these estimates is smaller and atypical for a CCHS release. The CCHS is a population health survey that provides insight into the health conditions and behaviours of the Canadian population.*

*For additional CCHS data on COVID-19 related indicators by region, province, age group and gender, consult Table [13-10-0806-01](#) and the [Canadians' Health and COVID-19: Interactive Dashboard](#).*

*Also released today, a new data table on the COVID-19 indicators using combined September and October data provides further disaggregations, including by highest level of education, Indigenous peoples, cultural or racial group, immigrant status, LGBTQ2+, household size and presence of underlying health conditions (Table [13-10-0809-01](#)).*

*In this release, when two estimates are said to be different, this indicates that the difference was statistically significant at a 95% confidence level (p-value less than 5%).*

*Estimates in this release that refer to the national average or Canada rate exclude the territories.*



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**Available tables:** [13-10-0806-01](#) and [13-10-0809-01](#).

**Definitions, data sources and methods:** survey number [3226](#).

A new interactive visual tool, [Canadians' Health and COVID-19: Interactive Dashboard](#), has been released to help identify trends in COVID-19 indicators by age group and gender, and by province and region.

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