

**Table 16**  
**Methods of improving indoor air quality, by province**

	Opened windows more often to improve air circulation	Used fans	Used air conditioner more	Used a dehumidifier	Used a humidifier	Used an air cleaner (other than an ionizing air cleaner)	Used better filters in the furnace <sup>1</sup>	Used furnace fan or HRV to improve air circulation	Used air fresheners to improve air quality <sup>2</sup>	Other
	percent									
<b>Canada</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1<sup>E</sup></b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	90	61	F	38	9 <sup>E</sup>	18	F	20	75	F
Prince Edward Island	96	61	F	37	11 <sup>E</sup>	16 <sup>E</sup>	20 <sup>E</sup>	21	77	F
Nova Scotia	97	62	7 <sup>E</sup>	46	11	17	32	18	71	F
New Brunswick	93	62	8 <sup>E</sup>	46	13	20	42	20	76	F
Quebec	95	51	9	34	17	13	40	21	71	F
Ontario	93	59	13	37	31	14	44	29	71	1 <sup>E</sup>
Manitoba	87	55	18	34	23	17 <sup>E</sup>	55	36	71	F
Saskatchewan	90	62	10	22	23	14	51	34	72	F
Alberta	94	60	8 <sup>E</sup>	11	41	16	49	31	78	F
British Columbia	94	58	5	9	12	7	43	17	64	F

  

	Opened windows more often to improve air circulation	Opened windows during the winter					Opened windows during the summer				
		Ever <sup>3</sup>	Daily <sup>3</sup>	At least once a week <sup>3</sup>	A few times during the season <sup>3</sup>	Never <sup>3</sup>	Ever <sup>3</sup>	Daily <sup>3</sup>	At least once a week <sup>3</sup>	A few times during the season <sup>3</sup>	Never <sup>3</sup>
	percent										
<b>Canada</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1<sup>E</sup></b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	90	79	18	23	37	19	98	89	8 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
Prince Edward Island	96	94	41	29	25	F	99	96	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	97	90	32	32	26	10 <sup>E</sup>	99	92	6 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
New Brunswick	93	83	23	34	26	17	100	86	11 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
Quebec	95	86	30	33	23	13	98	86	9	3	F
Ontario	93	89	33	33	23	10	99	80	14	5	1 <sup>E</sup>
Manitoba	87	78	18 <sup>E</sup>	27	33	22	99	77	16	F	F
Saskatchewan	90	79	20	27	32	20	100	83	14	F	F
Alberta	94	84	22	29	33	15	100	88	9	F	F
British Columbia	94	92	54	25	14	7	99	96	3 <sup>E</sup>	F	F

1. As a percentage of households that had a furnace as their main type of heating equipment.

2. As a percentage of households that reported they used air fresheners.

3. As a percentage of households that opened windows more often to improve air circulation.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division, Households and the Environment Survey, 2009 (survey number 3881).