

NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

October 7, 2020

Parents, COVID-19, and Schooling/Childcare

METHODOLOGY

The survey commissioned by Children First Canada was conducted with 751 Canadian parents of school-aged children from October 2 to 6, 2020. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 3.7%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

What type of schooling are your children currently in?
Select all that apply

Row %		In-class learning	Learning pod	Virtual or remote learning	Some in-class and some remote learning	None, they are not currently in school	Row n
REGION	Canada	48%	5%	26%	19%	12%	751
	BC	51%	6%	17%	21%	12%	94
	AB	53%	0%	28%	9%	16%	89
	SK/MB	56%	4%	15%	21%	13%	41
	ON	40%	5%	36%	22%	10%	343
	QC	55%	9%	14%	18%	15%	131
	ATL	59%	6%	9%	20%	18%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	50%	3%	26%	17%	12%	421
	Dads	46%	7%	24%	22%	12%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	39%	5%	22%	9%	33%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	59%	4%	25%	14%	9%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	56%	5%	25%	15%	7%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	56%	8%	27%	22%	6%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	41%	3%	28%	36%	6%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	43%	3%	31%	21%	12%	301
	Somewhat worried	57%	4%	19%	20%	12%	190
	Little/Not worried	49%	8%	23%	17%	13%	260

In the past few weeks, have any of your kids...
 Been sent home from school because they had a running nose, cough, or any other COVID-related symptoms

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	13%	87%	751
	BC	15%	85%	94
	AB	11%	89%	89
	SK/MB	17%	83%	41
	ON	12%	88%	343
	QC	17%	83%	131
	ATL	5%	95%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	12%	88%	421
	Dads	13%	87%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	19%	81%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	18%	82%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	12%	88%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	14%	86%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	8%	92%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	11%	89%	301
	Somewhat worried	16%	84%	190
	Little/Not worried	12%	88%	260

In the past few weeks, have any of your kids...
Had a COVID-19 outbreak in their class

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	5%	95%	751
	BC	5%	95%	94
	AB	1%	99%	89
	SK/MB	10%	90%	41
	ON	6%	94%	343
	QC	7%	93%	131
	ATL	2%	98%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	4%	96%	421
	Dads	6%	94%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	6%	94%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	5%	95%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	4%	96%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	9%	91%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	2%	98%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	5%	95%	301
	Somewhat worried	4%	96%	190
	Little/Not worried	5%	95%	260

In the past few weeks, have any of your kids...
Had a COVID-19 outbreak in their school

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	14%	86%	751
	BC	6%	94%	94
	AB	9%	91%	89
	SK/MB	21%	79%	41
	ON	15%	85%	343
	QC	24%	76%	131
	ATL	4%	96%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	14%	86%	421
	Dads	14%	86%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	11%	89%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	13%	87%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	15%	85%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	21%	79%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	18%	82%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	16%	84%	301
	Somewhat worried	12%	88%	190
	Little/Not worried	13%	87%	260

In the past few weeks, have any of your kids...
 Been tested for COVID-19

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	16%	84%	751
	BC	15%	85%	94
	AB	19%	81%	89
	SK/MB	19%	81%	41
	ON	15%	85%	343
	QC	15%	85%	131
	ATL	13%	87%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	14%	86%	421
	Dads	17%	83%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	16%	84%	207
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	Grade 4 to 6	13%	87%	258
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	Grade 9 to 12	13%	87%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	17%	83%	301
	Somewhat worried	15%	85%	190
	Little/Not worried	15%	85%	260

In the past few weeks, have any of your kids...
 Not had a teacher available to teach your child's class

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	11%	89%	751
	BC	10%	90%	94
	AB	3%	97%	89
	SK/MB	18%	82%	41
	ON	13%	87%	343
	QC	10%	90%	131
	ATL	13%	87%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	10%	90%	421
	Dads	13%	87%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	11%	89%	207
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How long did you wait in line to get your child tested for COVID-19?
(n=115, parents who had a child tested)

	%
Less than an hour	40%
1 to 2 hours	31%
3 to 4 hours	15%
4 to 5 hours	6%
More than 5 hours	9%

How long did it take to get the test results back?
(n=115, parents who had a child tested)

	%
Within 24 hours	17%
1 to 3 days	51%
4 to 6 days	25%
7 days or more	7%

Did you have to do any of the following because of the delay in getting test results back?
(n=98, those who waited more than 24 hours for their child/children's test results)

Row %	Yes	No	Row n
Work from home	60%	40%	98
Miss work or reduce the number of hours you work	51%	49%	98

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
 Missed work because your child was unable to go to school

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	16%	84%	751
	BC	19%	81%	94
	AB	11%	89%	89
	SK/MB	16%	84%	41
	ON	15%	85%	343
	QC	17%	83%	131
	ATL	19%	81%	53
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	Dads	20%	80%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	19%	81%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	19%	81%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	15%	85%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	15%	85%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	9%	91%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	15%	85%	301
	Somewhat worried	18%	82%	190
	Little/Not worried	15%	85%	260

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
Had to get a COVID test yourself

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	13%	87%	751
	BC	10%	90%	94
	AB	13%	87%	89
	SK/MB	12%	88%	41
	ON	13%	87%	343
	QC	15%	85%	131
	ATL	11%	89%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	14%	86%	421
	Dads	12%	88%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	14%	86%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	13%	87%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	11%	89%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	14%	86%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	9%	91%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	16%	84%	301
	Somewhat worried	13%	87%	190
	Little/Not worried	9%	91%	260

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
 Had to help your kids with schoolwork and learn more than you usually do

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	39%	61%	751
	BC	32%	68%	94
	AB	38%	62%	89
	SK/MB	37%	63%	41
	ON	44%	56%	343
	QC	35%	65%	131
	ATL	33%	67%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	39%	61%	421
	Dads	39%	61%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	35%	65%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	44%	56%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	40%	60%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	42%	58%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	39%	61%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	46%	54%	301
	Somewhat worried	37%	63%	190
	Little/Not worried	32%	68%	260

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
 Had to work at home because your child was unable to go to school

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	18%	82%	751
	BC	20%	80%	94
	AB	16%	84%	89
	SK/MB	14%	86%	41
	ON	18%	82%	343
	QC	20%	80%	131
	ATL	22%	78%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	19%	81%	421
	Dads	17%	83%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	24%	76%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	20%	80%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	14%	86%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	18%	82%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	12%	88%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	23%	77%	301
	Somewhat worried	19%	81%	190
	Little/Not worried	13%	87%	260

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
 Had to quit or change where you work because of childcare or schooling challenges

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	10%	90%	751
	BC	12%	88%	94
	AB	8%	92%	89
	SK/MB	15%	85%	41
	ON	7%	93%	343
	QC	13%	87%	131
	ATL	12%	88%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	9%	91%	421
	Dads	11%	89%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	11%	89%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	10%	90%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	8%	92%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	8%	92%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	5%	95%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	11%	89%	301
	Somewhat worried	7%	93%	190
	Little/Not worried	10%	90%	260

Have you experienced any of the following in the past few weeks?
 Had to take extended leave from where you work because of childcare or schooling challenges.

Row %		Yes	No	Row n
REGION	Canada	10%	90%	751
	BC	12%	88%	94
	AB	6%	94%	89
	SK/MB	10%	90%	41
	ON	11%	89%	343
	QC	13%	87%	131
	ATL	9%	91%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	8%	92%	421
	Dads	14%	86%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	12%	88%	207
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	Grade 7 to 8	10%	90%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	6%	94%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	11%	89%	301
	Somewhat worried	10%	90%	190
	Little/Not worried	10%	90%	260

How are you feeling about the entire back-to-school experience so far?

		Worried	Stressed	Relieved	Happy	Angry	None of the above	Row n
REGION	Canada	48%	42%	22%	16%	10%	11%	751
	BC	50%	35%	23%	13%	10%	9%	94
	AB	43%	42%	31%	20%	6%	6%	89
	SK/MB	47%	40%	25%	10%	12%	18%	41
	ON	52%	44%	19%	14%	13%	11%	343
	QC	48%	45%	20%	20%	7%	11%	131
	ATL	41%	34%	23%	23%	8%	20%	53
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	Dads	46%	40%	24%	17%	9%	10%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	50%	41%	13%	13%	10%	18%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	44%	41%	27%	17%	6%	13%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	42%	36%	27%	19%	10%	10%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	42%	35%	22%	22%	11%	13%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	46%	35%	23%	16%	9%	13%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	65%	56%	13%	10%	12%	5%	301
	Somewhat worried	48%	40%	25%	15%	8%	12%	190
	Little/Not worried	30%	27%	30%	23%	9%	17%	260

Select all that apply

Finally, how have your kid(s) been feeling about the return to school? Which of the following describes their feelings?

Row %		Happy	Hopeful	Worried	Frustrated	Overwhelmed	Row n
REGION	Canada	40%	19%	16%	14%	12%	751
	BC	53%	18%	12%	7%	10%	94
	AB	42%	21%	13%	9%	14%	89
	SK/MB	37%	17%	12%	20%	13%	41
	ON	33%	20%	16%	15%	16%	343
	QC	44%	12%	25%	17%	2%	131
	ATL	39%	25%	15%	14%	8%	53
MOMS & DADS	Moms	40%	16%	15%	14%	14%	421
	Dads	39%	22%	17%	13%	9%	330
GRADE OF CHILDREN	Pre-school/child care	40%	19%	19%	12%	10%	207
	Kindergarten to Grade 3	44%	22%	12%	8%	13%	278
	Grade 4 to 6	46%	21%	12%	11%	9%	258
	Grade 7 to 8	33%	19%	19%	16%	13%	180
	Grade 9 to 12	31%	23%	17%	17%	12%	310
OVERALL WORRY ABOUT COVID-19	Extremely/Very Worried	33%	14%	23%	14%	15%	301
	Somewhat worried	47%	20%	11%	8%	13%	190
	Little/Not worried	41%	23%	11%	17%	7%	260