



Report for



Annual Report – 2026 Edition

Web survey of the general population of Canada

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Context, objectives
and methodology

Methodology

Context	Fondation Émergence mandated Léger to survey Quebecers and Canadians on various topics related to the fight against homophobia and transphobia.
How	To achieve the objectives, an Omnibus web survey was conducted among a representative sample of 1,529 respondents , randomly selected via Léger's web panel.
How	Canadians aged 18 and over , able to express themselves in French or English.
When	Data was collected from February 20 to 22, 2026 .
Weighting	Using statistics from the latest Statistics Canada census, results were weighted according to age, language, gender, region, education and the presence of children in the household .

Notes

ROUNDING

Since data presented in tables has been rounded up, column totals might differ from 100%.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

Results showing significant and relevant differences are indicated in a text box next to the presentation of the overall results.

In graphs and tables presented, data in **bold green** indicate a **significantly higher** proportion than that of other respondents. Inversely, data in **bold red** indicate a proportion **significantly lower** than that of other respondents.

The green and red arrows (↑ and ↓) indicate statistically significant variations from the results obtained in the 2025, 2024 or 2019 edition, where applicable.

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Key findings

Key findings (1/4)

Level of Knowledge of LGBTQ+ Realities Among Canadians

7 in 10 Canadians report having **at least some knowledge** of the various realities faced by LGBTQ+ individuals. The proportion indicating a very strong level of knowledge for each of the themes assessed remains more limited (between 11% and 15%). Overall, and unsurprisingly, **LGBTQ+ individuals** report **being more knowledgeable** about these realities. Notably, **87%** of LGBTQ+ respondents say they are familiar with experiences of **family or social rejection**.

Quebec residents are proportionally more likely to state that they have **at least some knowledge** of **verbal violence** experienced by LGBTQ+ people (78%). Meanwhile, **Alberta residents** report a **higher level of knowledge** regarding **vocabulary** and **terminology** (81%).

Conversely, individuals aged **55 and over** tend to report **lower levels of knowledge**, particularly regarding **best practices** for fostering greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people (21% report having no knowledge in this area).

Key findings (2/4)

Transgender Individuals

28% of Canadians report some level of **hesitation about hiring** a person knowing they are transgender, including **11%** who indicate **a lot of hesitation**. Conversely, **53%** say they have **no hesitation at all**. This proportion rises to **59%** among **Quebec residents** (vs. 51% in the rest of Canada) and is also higher among **LGBTQ+ people** (72%) and those who consider themselves **allies** (68%).

Furthermore, **62%** of Canadians **agree** that **transgender individuals should have the same rights and opportunities** as everyone else, including 39% who strongly agree. One in two respondents (**50%**) also believe that **transgender people are misunderstood**, with 17% strongly agreeing.

However, two statements generate less definitive opinions: **40%** of respondents **neither agree nor disagree with the idea that transgender individuals are used as scapegoats to divert attention from other issues**, and **45%** are similarly neutral regarding the statement that **transgender people enrich the diversity of our society**.

Key findings (3/4)

LGBTQ+ Allies

61% of Canadians consider themselves **allies** of LGBTQ+ people. This proportion is higher among **LGBTQ+ respondents (82%)**, those who are aware of the **International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (81%)**, and those familiar with **Fondation Émergence (78%)**. It is also higher among **university graduates (70%)**, **women (66%)**, and **higher-income households (66%)**.

The actions most frequently mentioned to describe what allies do include **respecting chosen names and pronouns (37%)**, **supporting LGBTQ+ individuals within their personal circles (35%)**, and engaging in **positive discussions on the topic (31%)**. Respondents **under the age of 55** are more likely to mention staying **informed (26%)**, **participating in events (11%)**, and displaying **supportive symbols (8%)**.

Among those who do not consider themselves allies (28% of Canadians), the main reasons cited are **value-based disagreements (37%)**, **indifference (29%)**, and a **lack of understanding** of LGBTQ+ realities (**19%**). **Quebec residents** are more likely to say they feel **indifferent (40% vs. 26% in the rest of Canada)**. In addition, individuals aged **55 and over** are more likely to report a **limited understanding** of LGBTQ+ realities (**25%**).

Nearly half of Canadians agree that allies are **kind and open-minded (47%)** and that they are **essential to advancing rights (44%)**. These perceptions are more commonly expressed by **LGBTQ+ respondents (64% for both statements)**. Finally, **Alberta residents** are more likely to say that allies are **overly activist (45% vs. 31% among Canadians overall)**, while **Ontario residents** are more likely to believe that allies act primarily to **enhance their public image (24% vs. 20% overall)**.

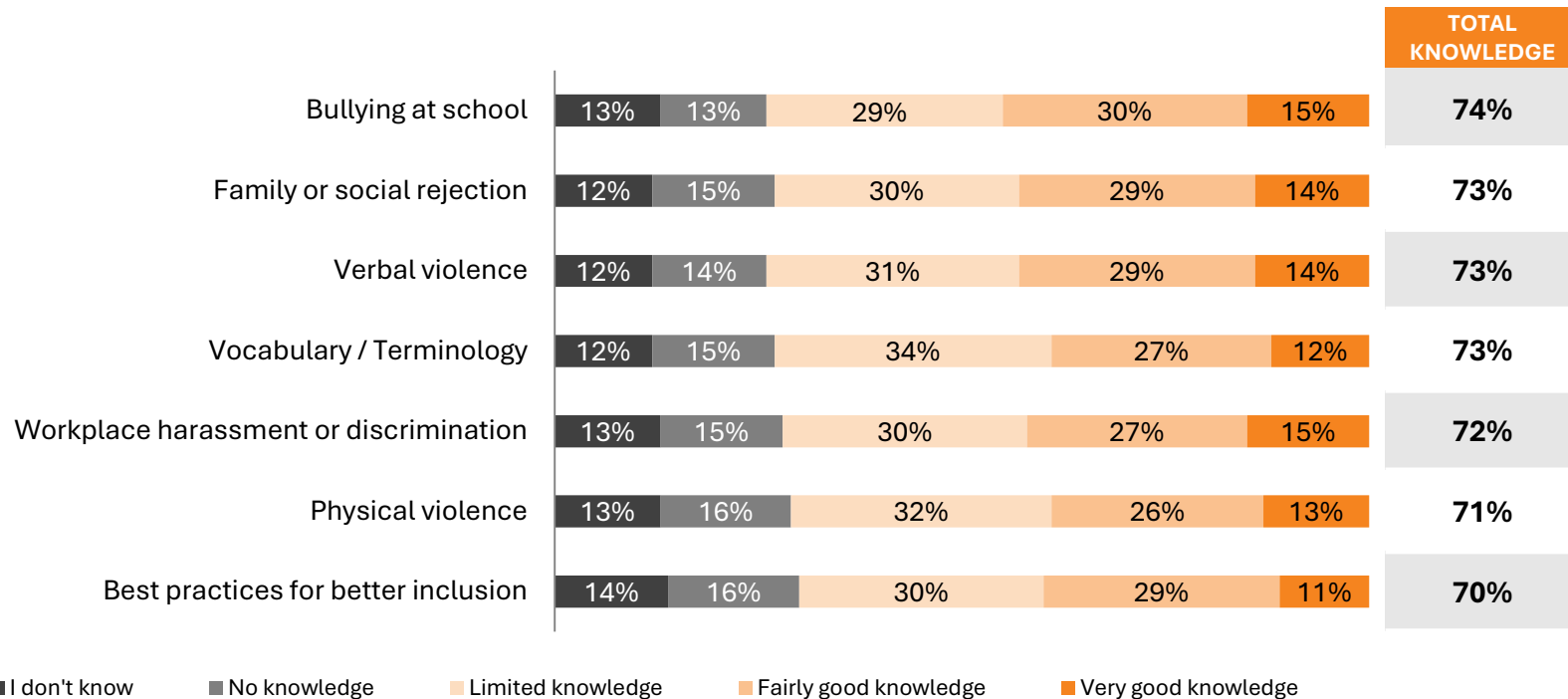
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Detailed results

Level of knowledge regarding LGBTQ+ realities (1/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE66. How would you rate your level of knowledge regarding the following LGBTQ+ realities (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, queer, and other sexual and gender diversity communities)?



Level of knowledge regarding LGBTQ+ realities (2/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE66. How would you rate your level of knowledge regarding the following LGBTQ+ realities (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, queer, and other sexual and gender diversity communities)?

	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
<i>TOTAL Knowledge (Very good + Fairly good + Limited)</i>	n= 1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
Bullying at school	74%	77%	73%	72%	77%	71%	73%	78%	74%	73%	75%	81%	74%
Family or social rejection	73%	75%	72%	73%	75%	70%	70%	77%	75%	75%	70%	87%	72%
Verbal violence	73%	78%	72%	78%	78%	69%	70%	72%	78%	73%	74%	81%	73%
Vocabulary / Terminology	73%	73%	73%	74%	73%	71%	73%	81%	74%	74%	72%	83%	73%
Workplace harassment or discrimination	72%	73%	72%	74%	73%	70%	73%	72%	76%	73%	70%	81%	72%
Physical violence	71%	74%	70%	66%	74%	68%	70%	75%	73%	71%	71%	78%	71%
Best practices for better inclusion	70%	73%	69%	72%	73%	65%	69%	73%	73%	73%	64%	80%	69%

Level of knowledge regarding LGBTQ+ realities (3/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

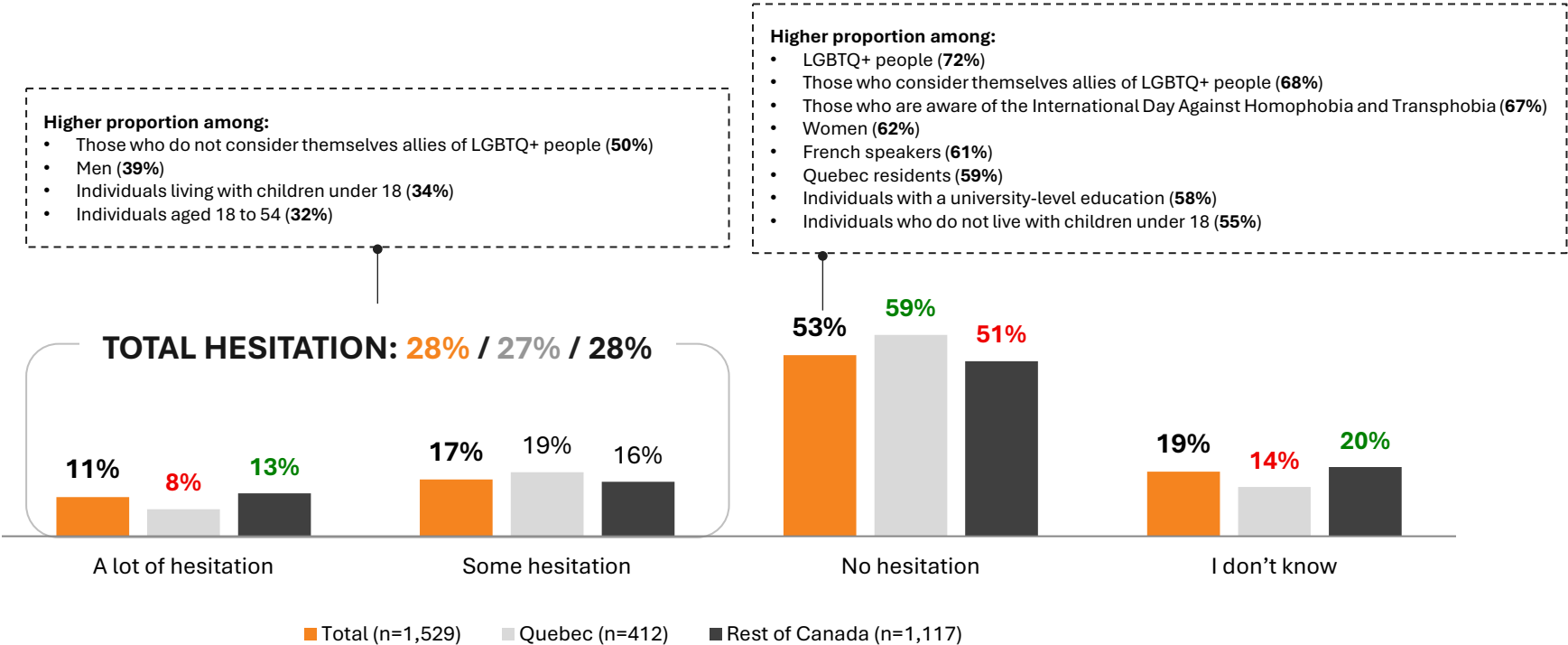
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	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
NO knowledge	n= 1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
Best practices for better inclusion	16%	11%	17%	13%	11%	19%	20%	17%	15%	13%	21%	10%	17%
Physical violence	16%	12%	18%	20%	12%	17%	21%	16%	17%	16%	17%	13%	17%
Workplace harassment or discrimination	15%	12%	16%	10%	12%	16%	16%	20%	16%	13%	18%	13%	15%
Vocabulary / Terminology	15%	12%	15%	13%	12%	16%	20%	11%	17%	13%	17%	7%	16%
Family or social rejection	15%	11%	16%	13%	11%	17%	20%	15%	16%	13%	18%	7%	16%
Verbal violence	14%	9%	16%	10%	9%	16%	22%	20%	13%	14%	15%	10%	15%
Bullying at school	13%	10%	15%	13%	10%	14%	18%	14%	16%	13%	14%	9%	14%

Hesitation about hiring a transgender person (1/2)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE70. A trans person is someone whose gender identity (male or female) does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (boy or girl).
Knowing this, if you were an employer, when recruiting a new employee who you know is a transgender person, would you hesitate to hire them?



Hesitation about hiring a transgender person (2/2)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE70. A trans person is someone whose gender identity (male or female) does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (boy or girl).

Knowing this, if you were an employer, when recruiting a new employee who you know is a transgender person, would you hesitate to hire them?

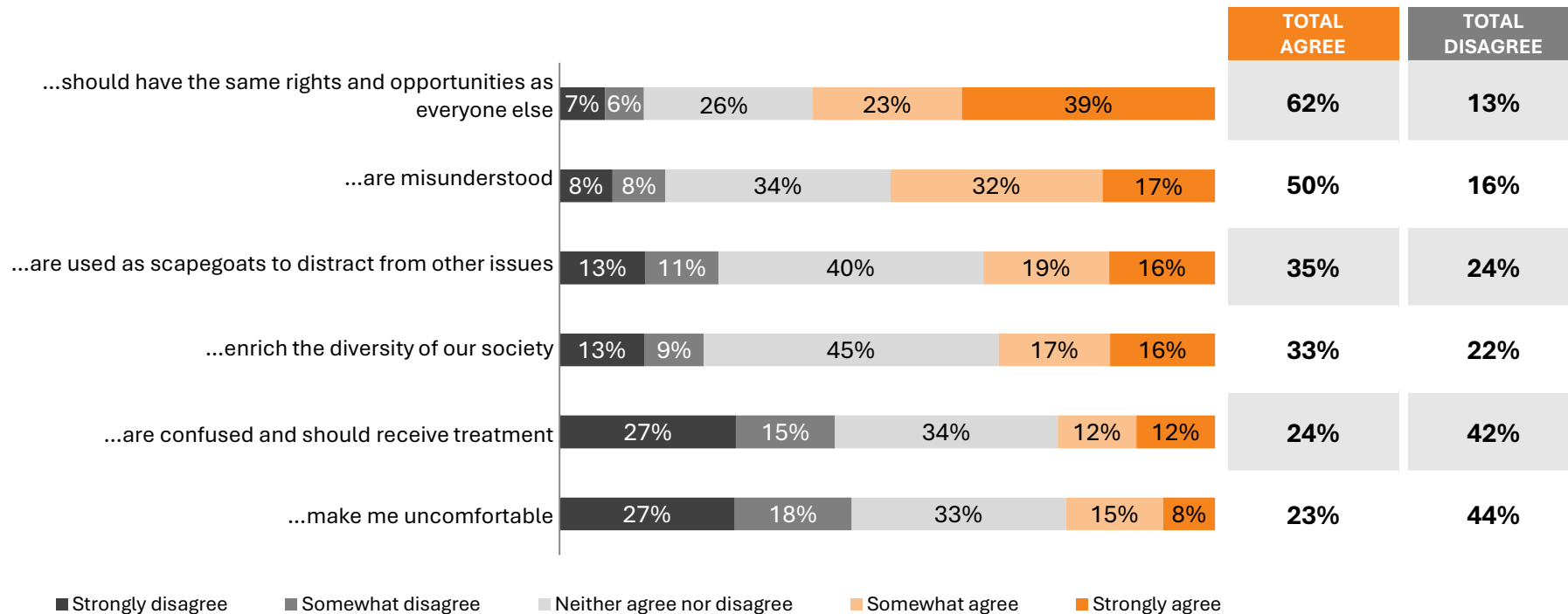
	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2026	PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
			ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
	n= 1,517	1,529	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
TOTAL HESITATION	30%	28%	24%	27%	27%	32%	36%	27%	32%	23%	20%	29%
A lot of hesitation	9%	11%	13%	8%	12%	14%	16%	10%	13%	10%	7%	12%
Some hesitation	21%	17% ↓	10%	19%	15%	18%	20%	17%	19%	13%	13%	18%
No hesitation	55%	53%	63%	59%	53%	43%	43%	51%	51%	56%	72%	52%
I don't know	15%	19% ↑	13%	14%	20%	25%	21%	22%	18%	21%	8%	19%

Level of agreement regarding transgender people (1/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE71. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about trans people?

Trans people...



Level of agreement regarding transgender people (2/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE71. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about trans people?

Trans people...

TOTAL AGREE (Strongly + Somewhat)	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
...should have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else	62%	64%	61%	68%	64%	60%	63%	57%	62%	58%	66%	78%	61%
...are misunderstood	50%	56%	48%	55%	56%	48%	47%	44%	47%	47%	53%	69%	48%
...are used as scapegoats to distract from other issues	35%	28%	38%	38%	28%	37%	46%	41%	33%	37%	34%	48%	34%
...enrich the diversity of our society	33%	34%	33%	41%	34%	33%	35%	33%	29%	36%	29%	54%	32%
...are confused and should receive treatment	24%	18%	26%	16%	18%	27%	28%	29%	24%	25%	22%	14%	25%
...make me uncomfortable	23%	20%	24%	20%	20%	24%	31%	23%	23%	23%	22%	12%	24%

Level of agreement regarding transgender people (3/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE71. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about trans people?

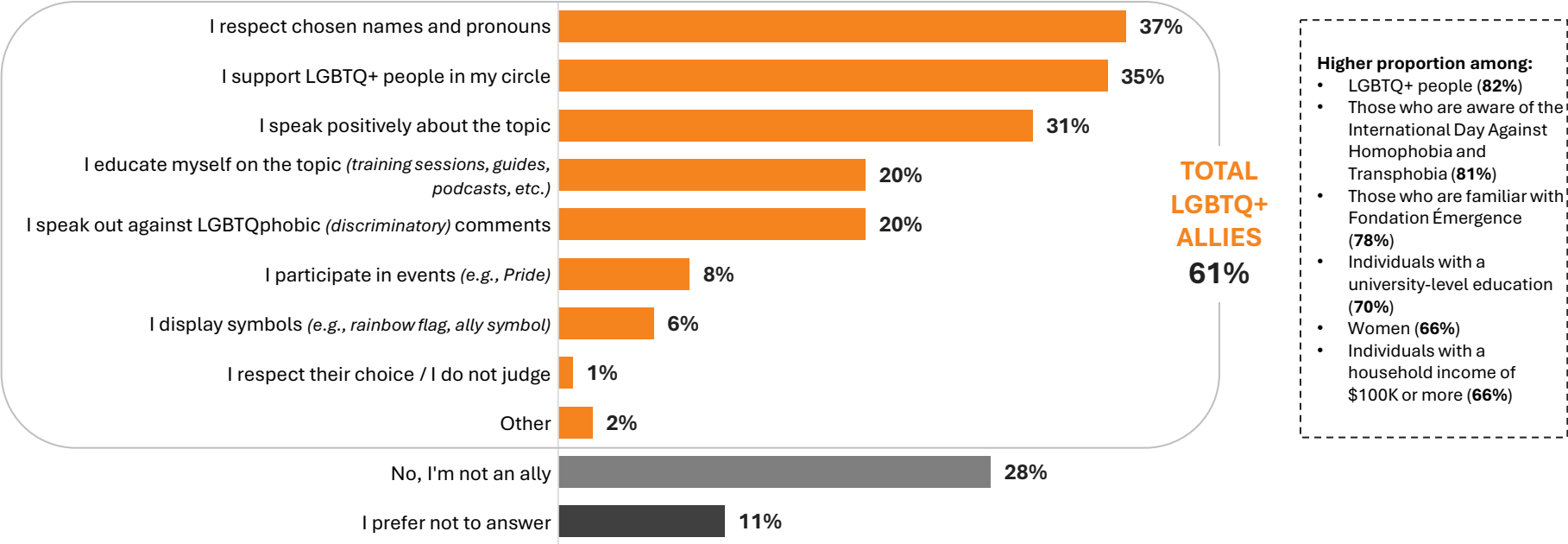
Trans people...

TOTAL DISAGREE (Strongly + Somewhat)	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
...make me uncomfortable	44%	48%	43%	50%	48%	43%	38%	45%	43%	44%	46%	73%	42%
...are confused and should receive treatment	42%	50%	39%	52%	50%	39%	42%	37%	33%	41%	44%	61%	40%
...are used as scapegoats to distract from other issues	24%	33%	22%	27%	33%	21%	16%	23%	23%	25%	23%	28%	24%
...enrich the diversity of our society	22%	18%	23%	23%	18%	24%	19%	28%	19%	21%	24%	15%	23%
...are misunderstood	16%	13%	17%	14%	13%	16%	18%	24%	14%	16%	15%	7%	17%
...should have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else	13%	11%	13%	15%	11%	14%	18%	17%	7%	15%	9%	6%	13%

Ally actions in support of LGBTQ+ people (1/2)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE67. An LGBTQ+ ally is someone who helps create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Knowing this, do you consider yourself an LGBTQ+ ally? If so, please indicate all the actions you have taken to support LGBTQ+ people from the following list. *You may select or enter all responses that apply. – Multiple responses**



*Totals may exceed 100%, as respondents were able to select and enter multiple responses.

Ally actions in support of LGBTQ+ people (2/2)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE67. An LGBTQ+ ally is someone who helps create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Knowing this, do you consider yourself an LGBTQ+ ally? If so, please indicate all the actions you have taken to support LGBTQ+ people from the following list.

You may select or enter all responses that apply. – Multiple responses*

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		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
	n= 1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
TOTAL LGBTQ+ ALLIES	61%	59%	62%	67%	59%	61%	62%	61%	64%	63%	59%	82%	60%
I respect chosen names and pronouns	37%	35%	37%	42%	35%	35%	43%	39%	36%	39%	34%	56%	35%
I support LGBTQ+ people in my circle	35%	31%	37%	39%	31%	36%	33%	38%	38%	37%	33%	59%	34%
I speak positively about the topic	31%	32%	30%	41%	32%	28%	27%	29%	33%	32%	28%	55%	29%
I educate myself on the topic (<i>training sessions, guides, podcasts, etc.</i>)	20%	18%	20%	22%	18%	19%	18%	23%	22%	26%	12%	41%	18%
I speak out against LGBTQphobic (<i>discriminatory</i>) comments	20%	21%	19%	24%	21%	20%	22%	19%	16%	22%	17%	49%	17%
I participate in events (<i>e.g., Pride</i>)	8%	6%	9%	16%	6%	9%	7%	7%	11%	11%	5%	32%	6%
I display symbols (<i>e.g., rainbow flag, ally symbol</i>)	6%	5%	7%	13%	5%	5%	3%	8%	9%	8%	3%	32%	4%
I respect their choice / I do not judge	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%
Other	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	11%	1%
No, I'm not an ally	28%	26%	29%	28%	26%	29%	31%	30%	24%	25%	32%	14%	30%
I prefer not to answer	11%	15%	10%	6%	15%	10%	8%	9%	12%	11%	10%	4%	10%

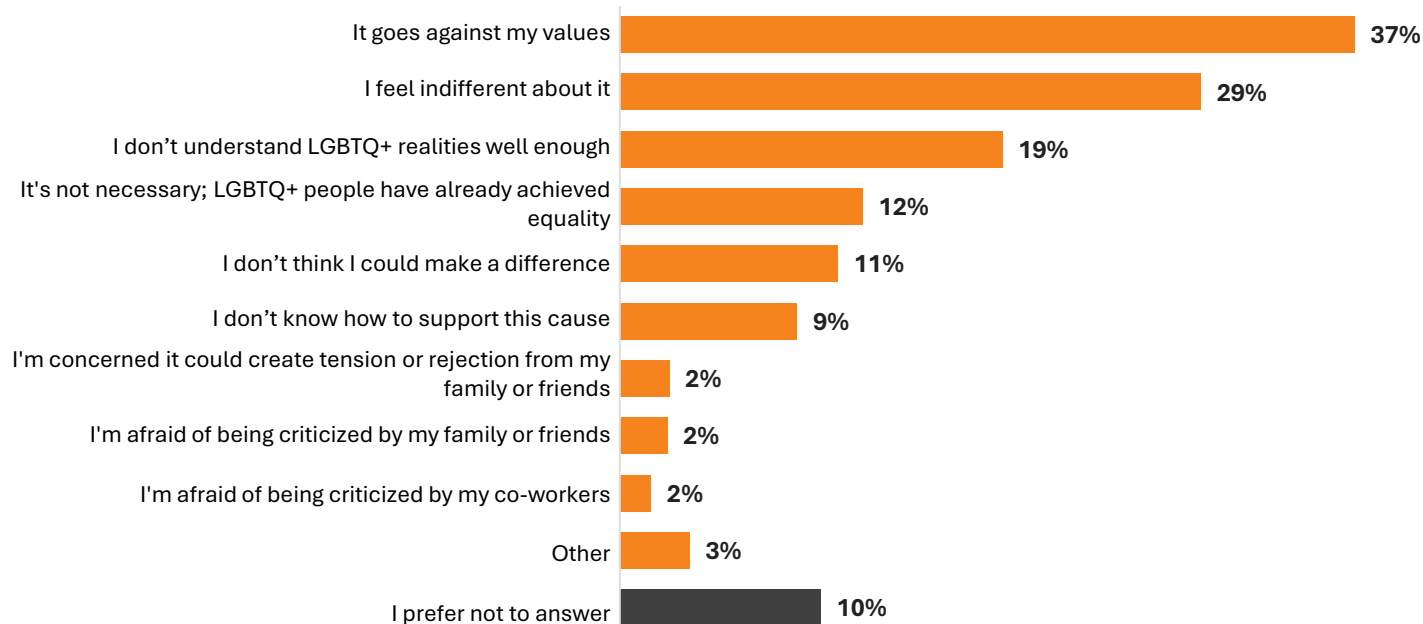
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Barriers to LGBTQ+ Allyship (1/2)

Base: Individuals who do not consider themselves allies of LGBTQ+ people (n=407)

CFE68X. Why wouldn't you consider being an LGBTQ+ ally?

You may select or enter all responses that apply. – Multiple responses*



*Totals may exceed 100%, as respondents were able to select and enter multiple responses.

Barriers to LGBTQ+ Allyship (2/2)

Base: Individuals who do not consider themselves allies of LGBTQ+ people (n=407)

CFE68X. Why wouldn't you consider being an LGBTQ+ ally?

You may select or enter all responses that apply. – Multiple responses*

	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	407	103	304	28**	103	165	32	40	39	182	225	13**	377
It goes against my values	37%	23%	41%	43%	23%	36%	55%	44%	41%	41%	32%	26%	38%
I feel indifferent about it	29%	40%	26%	21%	40%	26%	27%	32%	23%	29%	29%	43%	29%
I don't understand LGBTQ+ realities well enough	19%	18%	19%	22%	18%	24%	10%	10%	17%	14%	25%	33%	19%
It's not necessary; LGBTQ+ people have already achieved equality	12%	8%	13%	11%	8%	15%	10%	9%	14%	11%	14%	27%	11%
I don't think I could make a difference	11%	17%	9%	7%	17%	13%	4%	8%	3%	11%	11%	20%	11%
I don't know how to support this cause	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%	12%	3%	8%	3%	11%	7%	30%	8%
I'm concerned it could create tension or rejection from my family or friends	2%	-	3%	-	-	3%	-	-	8%	3%	2%	19%	2%
I'm afraid of being criticized by my family or friends	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	-	-	3%	2%	24%	1%
I'm afraid of being criticized by my co-workers	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	3%	-	-	3%	-	14%	1%
Other	3%	1%	4%	-	1%	2%	5%	4%	12%	2%	6%	-	4%
I prefer not to answer	10%	5%	11%	3%	5%	12%	15%	10%	11%	13%	6%	-	9%

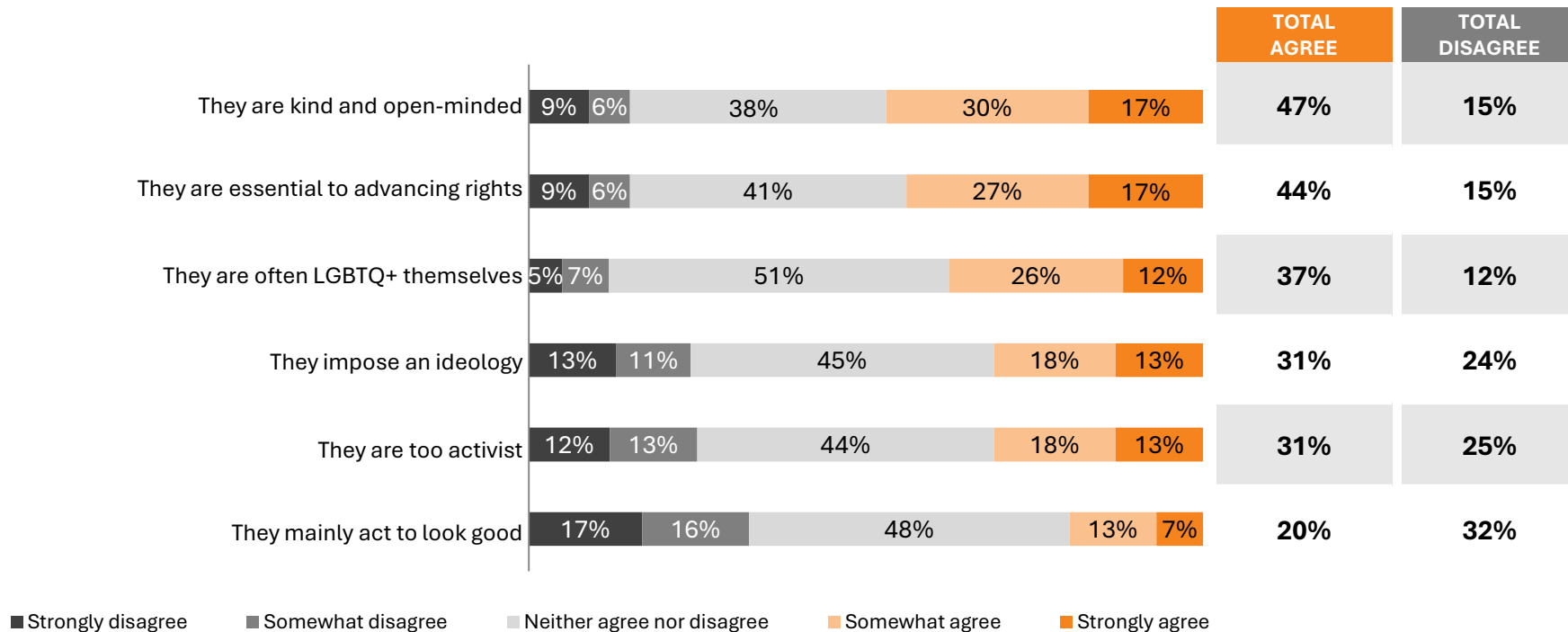
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**Small sample size (n<30); these data are presented for indicative purposes only.

Level of agreement regarding allies of LGBTQ+ people (1/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE69. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about LGBTQ+ allies?



Level of agreement regarding allies of LGBTQ+ people (2/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE69. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about LGBTQ+ allies?

TOTAL AGREE (Strongly + Somewhat)	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
They are kind and open-minded	47%	49%	46%	49%	49%	46%	49%	42%	46%	47%	46%	64%	45%
They are essential to advancing rights	44%	48%	43%	47%	48%	41%	44%	44%	44%	45%	41%	64%	42%
They are often LGBTQ+ themselves	37%	39%	37%	38%	39%	38%	28%	39%	36%	38%	35%	47%	36%
They impose an ideology	31%	31%	31%	30%	31%	34%	21%	32%	28%	30%	32%	22%	32%
They are too activist	31%	30%	32%	26%	30%	33%	24%	45%	25%	31%	31%	21%	32%
They mainly act to look good	20%	19%	20%	12%	19%	24%	16%	20%	15%	22%	18%	18%	20%

Level of agreement regarding allies of LGBTQ+ people (3/3)

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE69. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about LGBTQ+ allies?

	TOTAL 2026	REGION		PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
		QUEBEC	REST OF CAN.	ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
TOTAL DISAGREE (Strongly + Somewhat)	n=												
	1,529	412	1,117	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
They mainly act to look good	32%	37%	31%	36%	37%	30%	36%	29%	31%	32%	33%	43%	31%
They are too activist	25%	27%	24%	23%	27%	23%	27%	20%	30%	26%	23%	54%	22%
They impose an ideology	24%	25%	23%	31%	25%	22%	26%	23%	21%	26%	21%	45%	22%
They are essential to advancing rights	15%	16%	15%	17%	16%	16%	11%	14%	13%	15%	15%	11%	15%
They are kind and open-minded	15%	14%	15%	16%	14%	14%	14%	22%	13%	16%	13%	9%	15%
They are often LGBTQ+ themselves	12%	13%	12%	14%	13%	10%	16%	18%	10%	13%	11%	18%	12%

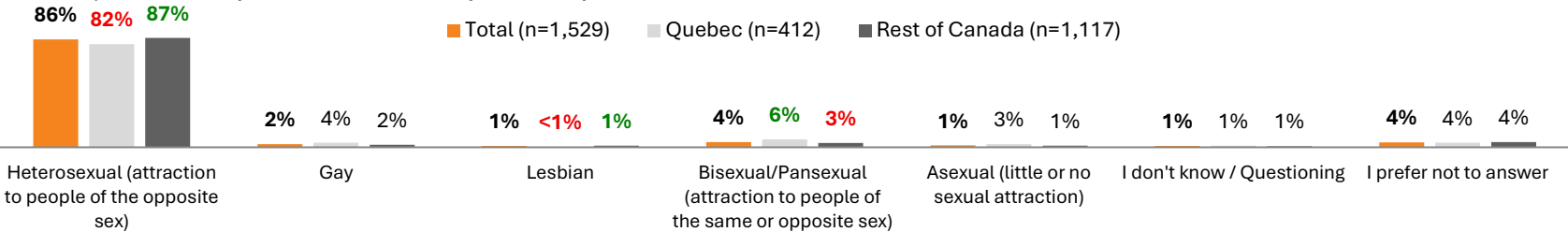
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Respondent profile

Sexual orientation

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE11. The next question is about your sexual orientation. Do you consider yourself to be...?

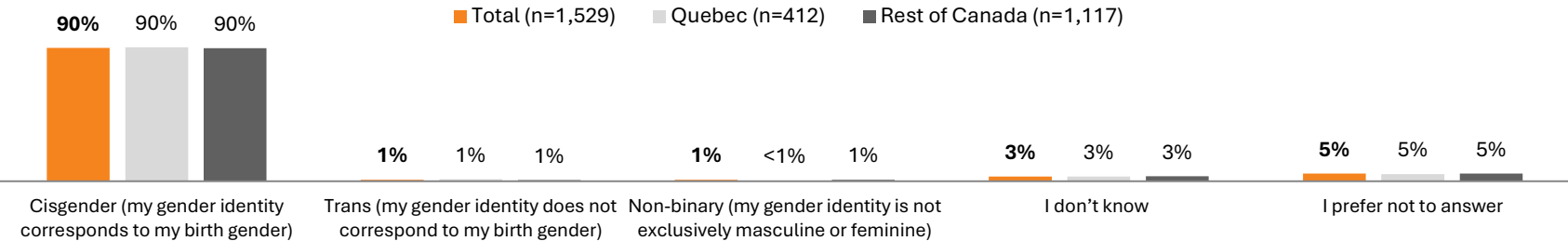


	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2026	PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
			ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	1,515	1,529	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
Heterosexual	85%	86%	86%	82%	88%	86%	88%	85%	82%	92%	-	100%
Gay	4%	2%	-	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	27%	-
Lesbian	1%	1%	4%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	11%	-
Bisexual/Pansexual	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	2%	45%	-
Asexual (little or no sexual attraction)	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	3%	2%	1%	17%	-
I don't know / Questioning	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-
I prefer not to answer	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	-	-

Gender identity

Base: All respondents (n=1,529)

CFE12. The next question is about your gender identity. Do you consider yourself to be...?



	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2026	PROVINCE						AGE		LGBTQ+	
			ATL.	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MB/SK	ALBERTA	B.C.	18-54	55+	YES	NO
n=	1,515	1,529	101	412	606	128	131	151	786	743	123	1,336
Cisgender	90%	90%	93%	90%	89%	90%	94%	85%	87%	93%	83%	94%
Trans	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	9%	-
Non-binary	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	4%	-
I don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	7%	4%	2%	4%	3%
I prefer not to answer	4%	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%	1%	7%	6%	4%	-	3%

Respondent profile

	TOTAL
n=	1,529
GENDER	
Male	49%
Female	51%
AGE	
18 to 24	10%
25 to 34	17%
35 to 44	16%
45 to 54	16%
55 to 64	18%
65 or over	24%
MOTHER TONGUE	
Francophone	20%
Non-French speaker	80%
EDUCATION	
Primary / High school	32%
College	37%
University	31%
CHILDREN	
Yes	27%
No	73%

	TOTAL
n=	1,529
OCCUPATION	
Worker	56%
Not in the labour force	44%
FAMILY INCOME	
Less than \$40K	21%
\$40K-\$59K	15%
\$60K-\$79K	13%
\$80K-\$99K	12%
\$100K or over	33%
REGION	
Atlantic	7%
Quebec	23%
Ontario	39%
Prairies (Manitoba, Saskatchewan)	6%
Alberta	11%
British Columbia	14%

Note: For each profile category, the remainder to 100% corresponds to "Don't know" and "Refused" responses.

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