



Impacts of COVID-19 on Yukon Residents: Trust in Others June 2020

Highlights:

- Based on Statistics Canada's crowdsourced data, about 7 in 8 Yukon participants (86.8%) said that, in general, 'most people can be trusted', while only 13.2% said that 'most people cannot be trusted'.
- For decisions on reopening workplaces and public spaces, most Yukon participants expressed their trust in the federal government (61.7%); the territorial government (64.5%); federal public health authorities (78.3%); and Yukon public health authorities (76.0%). About half of Yukon participants expressed their trust in municipal governments (49.1%).

Statistics Canada continues to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Canadians, drawing on existing data and continuing to collect timely and relevant information from Canadians through crowdsourcing initiatives and representative web panel surveys.

Data in this publication is from Statistics Canada's crowdsourcing: Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians, covering: Trust in Others (conducted May 26 to June 8, 2020).

Notes:

- The crowdsourcing process invited Canadians aged 15 years and older to participate in data collection on a voluntary basis.
- Data were collected using crowdsourcing and were not collected under a sample design using a probability-based sample.
- Results are subject to potential bias as responses from participants may not represent non-participants. Caution should be exercised when interpreting the results and no inference to the Yukon population as a whole should be made, nor should they be compared to previous editions.
- Results in this publication reflect only responses provided by Yukon participants and exclude non-responses.

Impact of COVID-19 on participants' ability to meet financial obligations or essential needs, by age group and gender, May-June 2020

Level of impact of COVID-19 on participants' ability to meet financial obligations or essential needs	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants				
Major or moderate impact	19.1	24.0	10.1	x	22.8
Minor or no impact	80.9	76.0	89.9	x	77.2

x = suppressed.

While the economic impact of COVID-19 is generally widespread, over eight in ten Yukon crowdsourcing participants (80.9%) reported minor or no impact on their ability to meet financial obligations or essential needs, such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and groceries.

Participants who applied for federal income support¹, by age group and gender, May-June 2020

Participant applied for federal income support	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants				
Yes	16.0	17.2	x	x	13.8
No	84.0	82.8	x	x	86.2

x = suppressed.

¹ Federal income support includes Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Employment Insurance (EI), or other programs.

As reported by Yukon participants, only 16.0% of them have applied for federal income support including the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Employment Insurance, or other programs.

Participants who experienced job loss or reduced work hours, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participant experienced job loss or reduced work hours	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants				
Yes	32.1	32.6	31.2	39.3	24.7
No	67.9	67.4	68.8	60.7	75.3

Crowdsourcing participants were asked whether they have experienced temporary or permanent job loss or reduced work hours since the COVID-19 pandemic. Among Yukon participants who were employed prior to the shutdown, around one-third (32.1%) experienced job loss or reduced work hours.

Males were much more likely than females to have experienced job loss or reduced work hours. About 4 in 10 (39.3%) male participants reported this compared to about 1 in 4 females (24.7%)

Participants who expect to go back to previous job, business or regular work hours, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participant expects to go back to previous job, business or regular work hours	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants				
Yes	72.2	F	F	F	F
No	27.8	F	F	F	F

F = Too unreliable to be published.

Note: Only participants who responded 'yes' to above table (Participants who experienced job loss or reduced work hours), received this question.

Of those Yukon participants who responded 'yes' to the preceding survey question regarding whether they experienced job loss or reduced work hours, nearly three-quarters (72.2%) expected to go back to their previous job, business or regular work hours.

Participants' perception of people's trustworthiness, in general, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participant's perception of trustworthiness	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants				
Most people can be trusted	86.8	89.8	x	x	89.1
Most people can't be trusted	13.2	10.2	x	x	10.9

x = suppressed.

Most crowdsourcing participants expressed a high degree of trust in other people. About 7 in 8 Yukon participants (86.8%) said that, in general, 'most people can be trusted', while only 13.2% said that 'most people cannot be trusted'.

Participants' level of agreement with various statements, by age groups, May-June 2020

Participant's level of agreement with the following statements...	Strongly agree or agree			Neither agree nor disagree			Disagree or strongly disagree		
	All ages	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	All ages	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	All ages	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over
	% of responding participants								
Canadians are doing a good job cooperating and supporting one another during the COVID-19 pandemic	80.4	78.7	83.3	13.9	x	x	5.8	x	x
I will closely follow public health measures as workplaces and public spaces are reopened	89.2	86.1	94.9	x	x	x	x	x	x
My province or territory is moving too slowly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces	22.1	26.1	x	20.4	20.7	x	57.5	53.2	65.2
My province or territory is moving too quickly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces	9.9	11.1	x	30.5	31.5	x	59.5	57.4	63.4

x = suppressed.

Participants' level of agreement with various statements, by gender, May-June 2020

Participant's level of agreement with the following statements...	Strongly agree or agree			Neither agree nor disagree			Disagree or strongly disagree		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
	% of responding participants								
Canadians are doing a good job cooperating and supporting one another during the COVID-19 pandemic	80.4	75.9	84.9	13.9	x	x	5.8	x	x
I will closely follow public health measures as workplaces and public spaces are reopened	89.2	84.7	93.8	x	x	x	x	x	x
My province or territory is moving too slowly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces	22.1	30.5	13.4	20.4	x	22.7	57.5	x	63.9
My province or territory is moving too quickly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces	9.9	x	10.7	30.5	x	31.0	59.5	60.7	58.3

x = suppressed.

Crowdsourcing participants from Yukon strongly agreed or agreed with the statement that they 'will closely follow public health measures as workplaces and public spaces are reopened' (89.2%), as well as with the statement 'Canadians are doing a good job cooperating and supporting one another during the COVID-19 pandemic' (80.4%).

Conversely, disagreements were expressed by participating respondents regarding the statements: 'my province or territory is moving too slowly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces' (57.5% of responding participants disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement); and 'my province or territory is moving too quickly towards reopening workplaces and public spaces' (59.5% of responding participants disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement).

Participants' level of trust in various institutions for decisions on reopening workplaces and public spaces, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Level of trust participant has in each of the following institutions to make good decisions on reopening workplaces and public spaces.	Cannot be trusted ¹					Can be trusted ²				
	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants									
Federal government	38.3	47.9	20.9	42.7	33.9	61.7	52.1	79.1	57.3	66.1
Federal public health authorities	21.7	23.1	19.1	x	18.9	78.3	76.9	80.9	x	81.1
Participants' provincial or territorial government	35.5	39.8	27.5	39.7	31.0	64.5	60.2	72.5	60.3	69.0
Participants' provincial or territorial public health authorities	24.0	25.2	21.8	30.5	17.3	76.0	74.8	78.2	69.5	82.7
Participants' municipal government	50.9	54.2	44.9	51.9	49.9	49.1	45.8	55.1	48.1	50.1

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¹ The results reflect responses on a 5 point scale, where 1 meant "cannot be trusted at all" and 5 meant "can be trusted a lot". Responses from 1 to 3 were grouped to depict the category "Cannot be trusted".

² The results reflect responses on a 5 point scale, where 1 meant "cannot be trusted at all" and 5 meant "can be trusted a lot". Responses from 4 to 5 were grouped to depict the category "Can be trusted".

Participants' level of trust in institutions for making good decisions on reopening workplaces and public spaces, varied greatly by type of institution. While Yukon participants reported that public health authorities, both federal (78.3%) and territorial (76.0%) 'could be trusted', over half (50.9%) indicated that participants' municipal government 'could not be trusted'.

Those participants aged 55 years and older were much more likely to trust all institutions to make good decisions about reopening compared to those aged 15 to 54 years, particularly at the federal government level (79.1% vs 52.1%). Females had a higher level of trust than males across all institutions, most notably in the territorial public health authority (82.7% vs 69.5%).

Participants' level of trust in various information sources, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participant's level of trust in information source...	Cannot be trusted ¹					Can be trusted ²				
	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants									
News broadcasts	45.4	49.5	37.9	39.3	51.7	54.6	50.5	62.1	60.7	48.3
Government websites	20.1	21.7	x	x	12.8	79.9	78.3	x	x	87.2
Other non-government websites	86.0	88.9	80.6	x	83.9	14.0	11.1	19.4	x	16.1
Social media	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Family or friends	81.3	93.1	60.1	x	83.4	18.7	6.9	39.9	x	16.6

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Of the information sources for which data were available, 'government websites' was the most trusted (79.9% of responding Yukon participants), followed by 'news broadcasts' (54.6%).

Although 81.3% of responding participants reported 'family and friends' could not be trusted as an information source, 39.9% of those aged 55 and older responded that they could be trusted compared to 6.9% of those aged 15 to 54 years. Only 16.6% of females stated that 'family and friends' could be trusted as an information source; data for males was unavailable.

Participants' level of trust in businesses to protect health of employees or customers when workplaces reopen, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participants' level of trust in businesses to protect health of employees or customers when workplaces reopen	Cannot be trusted ¹					Can be trusted ²				
	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Males	Females
	% of responding participants									
To protect the health of their employees	64.2	68.6	56.0	60.3	68.2	35.8	31.4	44.0	39.7	31.8
To protect the health of their customers	57.3	60.7	50.9	51.5	63.3	42.7	39.3	49.1	48.5	36.7

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Yukon participants were asked about their trust in businesses to protect the health of employees or customers when workplaces reopen. Almost two-thirds of participating respondents (64.2%) did not trust them to protect their employees and 57.3% did not trust them to protect their customers.

Both age groups and genders reported that businesses would not protect the health of their employees as much as they would protect the health of their customers.

Participants' perception of percentage of people who will follow recommended public health measures, by age groups and gender, May-June 2020

Participant's perception of percentage of people who will follow recommended public health measures	Total	aged 15-54 yrs	aged 55 and over	Male	Female
% of responding participants					
0% to less than 40%	29.4	35.4	18.5	30.3	28.5
40% to less than 60%	43.4	46.1	38.5	x	37.9
60% to 100%	27.2	18.5	43.0	x	33.6

x = suppressed.

Crowdsourcing participants were asked what percentage of people they felt would follow recommended public health measures. Nearly 3 in 10 Yukon participants (29.4%) felt that less than 40% of people would follow recommended measures; about 2 in 10 participating respondents aged 55 and older (18.5%) felt the same way.

While nearly 2 in 7 participants (27.2%) reported they felt 60% to 100% of people would follow recommended public health measures, about 3 in 7 participants aged 55 and older (43.0%) and 1 in 3 females (33.6%) perceived that 60% to 100% of people would follow recommended measures.

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