

Compared to how things were before the COVID-19 pandemic, is your household's financial situation currently better, about the same or worse?



	British Columbia	GENDER		AGE			REGION					ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Fraser Valley	Northern BC	Southern BC	Vancouver Island	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Significantly better now than before the pandemic	5%	6%	5%	9%	5%	3%	5%	4%	11%	2%	6%	4%	6%	7%
Moderately better now than before the pandemic	16%	18%	14%	19%	16%	13%	17%	18%	19%	12%	13%	11%	17%	24%
About the same now as it was before the pandemic	42%	43%	41%	36%	44%	45%	40%	44%	30%	53%	42%	39%	41%	47%
Moderately worse now than before the pandemic	23%	24%	22%	23%	21%	26%	23%	20%	19%	25%	26%	29%	22%	16%
Significantly worse now than before the pandemic	10%	7%	13%	11%	10%	11%	10%	12%	15%	5%	11%	13%	12%	5%
Not sure	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	6%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, are your household expenses higher, about the same, or lower in each of the following categories?



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Housing (Rent, Mortgage)														
Higher	44%	41%	47%	56%	42%	36%	44%	45%	51%	37%	48%	47%	47%	41%
About the same	47%	47%	46%	34%	48%	56%	45%	47%	38%	55%	47%	42%	46%	48%
Lower	6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	4%	7%	5%	9%	2%	2%	5%	4%	10%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%	1%
Books														
Higher	19%	17%	21%	24%	19%	15%	18%	19%	11%	15%	27%	19%	19%	22%
About the same	58%	57%	58%	55%	58%	60%	59%	53%	58%	62%	54%	57%	57%	58%
Lower	9%	11%	7%	13%	9%	6%	10%	13%	11%	4%	6%	8%	11%	9%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%	8%	14%	19%	13%	14%	19%	18%	12%	17%	14%	11%
Newspapers and Magazines														
Higher	15%	12%	18%	18%	15%	13%	13%	15%	25%	14%	18%	13%	17%	16%
About the same	55%	55%	55%	55%	54%	56%	58%	53%	40%	53%	55%	51%	57%	57%
Lower	12%	14%	9%	13%	12%	10%	12%	13%	17%	8%	8%	12%	11%	13%
Not sure	18%	18%	18%	14%	18%	21%	16%	19%	19%	25%	18%	24%	15%	14%
Board Games														
Higher	16%	15%	16%	20%	17%	10%	17%	16%	9%	13%	15%	12%	17%	20%
About the same	54%	52%	56%	56%	54%	52%	54%	51%	53%	51%	58%	51%	55%	54%
Lower	7%	10%	5%	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	11%	7%	2%	8%	8%	6%
Not sure	23%	23%	24%	15%	21%	32%	21%	24%	26%	29%	25%	29%	20%	19%
Electronic Entertainment (Cable TV, Streaming Services)														
Higher	46%	47%	45%	49%	42%	48%	45%	47%	42%	48%	50%	45%	46%	48%
About the same	45%	44%	46%	39%	48%	47%	45%	47%	40%	42%	47%	44%	45%	46%
Lower	6%	6%	5%	9%	6%	3%	6%	4%	17%	5%	1%	7%	6%	5%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	5%	3%	1%
Transportation (Fuel for Vehicles, Transit Passes, Taxis)														
Higher	54%	55%	53%	50%	51%	60%	51%	57%	53%	59%	58%	54%	57%	50%
About the same	27%	24%	29%	29%	30%	21%	27%	28%	17%	32%	26%	31%	22%	27%
Lower	16%	18%	14%	18%	15%	15%	19%	14%	25%	9%	11%	11%	18%	22%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	6%	1%	5%	4%	3%	1%
Groceries														
Higher	75%	74%	77%	69%	75%	81%	73%	73%	64%	85%	82%	76%	74%	79%
About the same	18%	18%	17%	20%	19%	15%	19%	19%	17%	13%	15%	17%	19%	15%
Lower	5%	5%	4%	8%	3%	3%	5%	5%	17%	1%	1%	3%	5%	5%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%

At this point, how difficult is it to do each of the following in your household?



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Pay for necessities ("make ends meet")														
Very difficult	14%	9%	19%	20%	15%	9%	12%	19%	23%	10%	16%	19%	13%	11%
Moderately difficult	29%	27%	31%	36%	29%	23%	28%	27%	43%	26%	30%	36%	29%	19%
Not too difficult	33%	34%	33%	30%	35%	35%	35%	35%	21%	40%	28%	33%	34%	34%
Not difficult at all	21%	28%	15%	11%	18%	33%	22%	18%	11%	24%	23%	9%	23%	35%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Save money (for retirement or for a "rainy day")														
Very difficult	35%	28%	41%	39%	36%	31%	32%	34%	40%	36%	44%	45%	35%	24%
Moderately difficult	29%	29%	30%	35%	29%	25%	31%	30%	38%	27%	22%	29%	31%	25%
Not too difficult	21%	23%	20%	18%	22%	24%	24%	23%	13%	21%	14%	17%	22%	27%
Not difficult at all	12%	17%	7%	6%	11%	18%	11%	11%	8%	16%	17%	6%	11%	23%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	3%	4%	1%	1%
Have money for leisure (dining out, entertainment)														
Very difficult	24%	18%	30%	29%	25%	19%	22%	28%	38%	20%	24%	33%	23%	16%
Moderately difficult	32%	30%	33%	39%	30%	28%	31%	29%	38%	34%	34%	34%	32%	24%
Not too difficult	28%	30%	26%	23%	29%	31%	31%	29%	17%	27%	23%	24%	29%	34%
Not difficult at all	14%	20%	8%	7%	12%	21%	14%	12%	6%	17%	17%	6%	14%	25%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%