

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	ETHNICITY				VOTE IN 2020 PROVINCIAL ELECTION			HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL SITUATION DURING PANDEMIC				
		Indigenous / First Nation	European	East Asian	South Asian	BC NDP	BC Liberals	BC Green	Significantly better	Moderately better	About the same	Moderately worse	Significantly worse
Significantly better now than before the pandemic	5%	9%	4%	3%	10%	6%	7%	6%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Moderately better now than before the pandemic	16%	15%	13%	17%	24%	18%	17%	22%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
About the same now as it was before the pandemic	42%	24%	45%	49%	22%	42%	49%	31%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Moderately worse now than before the pandemic	23%	29%	22%	20%	29%	23%	17%	27%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Significantly worse now than before the pandemic	10%	18%	13%	7%	12%	8%	9%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not sure	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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%	47%	42%	37%	61%	42%	46%	48%	51%	38%	35%	60%	67%
About the same	47%	44%	52%	49%	27%	51%	45%	36%	42%	46%	58%	34%	31%
Lower	6%	6%	4%	8%	10%	5%	6%	9%	7%	13%	4%	4%	2%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	6%	2%	2%	3%	6%	0%	3%	3%	1%	0%
Books													
Higher	19%	24%	18%	12%	29%	17%	17%	28%	40%	13%	16%	23%	24%
About the same	58%	53%	62%	61%	44%	62%	60%	44%	49%	64%	64%	48%	54%
Lower	9%	15%	6%	10%	15%	8%	9%	14%	9%	16%	7%	12%	7%
Not sure	14%	9%	14%	17%	12%	12%	15%	14%	2%	8%	13%	17%	15%
Newspapers and Magazines													
Higher	15%	18%	13%	10%	25%	16%	14%	27%	40%	14%	11%	16%	24%
About the same	55%	50%	57%	60%	47%	58%	60%	42%	49%	60%	63%	48%	40%
Lower	12%	9%	11%	12%	15%	12%	10%	9%	7%	17%	9%	14%	12%
Not sure	18%	24%	19%	18%	12%	15%	15%	22%	5%	9%	17%	21%	25%
Board Games													
Higher	16%	21%	13%	12%	27%	15%	16%	23%	47%	16%	11%	16%	22%
About the same	54%	53%	57%	54%	46%	58%	56%	50%	44%	58%	62%	43%	46%
Lower	7%	3%	5%	10%	8%	7%	7%	8%	5%	12%	6%	10%	5%
Not sure	23%	24%	25%	24%	19%	20%	21%	19%	5%	13%	21%	31%	27%
Electronic Entertainment (Cable TV, Streaming Services)													
Higher	46%	59%	47%	37%	51%	45%	45%	52%	51%	36%	40%	59%	64%
About the same	45%	32%	46%	53%	41%	47%	48%	34%	40%	55%	53%	33%	29%
Lower	6%	3%	4%	6%	8%	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%	5%	7%	4%
Not sure	3%	6%	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	6%	0%	2%	2%	1%	4%
Transportation (Fuel for Vehicles, Transit Passes, Taxis)													
Higher	54%	65%	56%	50%	54%	52%	56%	47%	51%	41%	51%	67%	68%
About the same	27%	18%	26%	26%	27%	30%	27%	23%	28%	33%	30%	20%	18%
Lower	16%	15%	16%	20%	17%	15%	16%	23%	21%	24%	17%	12%	13%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	6%	0%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Groceries													
Higher	75%	85%	78%	73%	78%	75%	76%	69%	60%	63%	73%	88%	94%
About the same	18%	9%	18%	17%	17%	20%	18%	23%	28%	28%	21%	7%	4%
Lower	5%	3%	4%	7%	3%	2%	6%	5%	12%	7%	4%	4%	2%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%

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



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<i>Pay for necessities ("make ends meet")</i>													
Very difficult	14%	26%	13%	7%	20%	12%	13%	11%	19%	6%	6%	15%	60%
Moderately difficult	29%	50%	25%	29%	46%	27%	27%	33%	37%	28%	20%	45%	25%
Not too difficult	33%	18%	35%	39%	22%	35%	31%	39%	12%	30%	46%	31%	11%
Not difficult at all	21%	6%	25%	22%	12%	23%	27%	16%	33%	35%	27%	9%	2%
Not sure	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
<i>Save money (for retirement or for a "rainy day")</i>													
Very difficult	35%	53%	36%	21%	41%	30%	32%	38%	33%	13%	20%	55%	88%
Moderately difficult	29%	21%	26%	37%	34%	30%	30%	28%	28%	34%	32%	32%	9%
Not too difficult	21%	24%	22%	27%	17%	25%	19%	23%	14%	28%	32%	10%	1%
Not difficult at all	12%	0%	14%	12%	8%	13%	18%	9%	26%	24%	15%	2%	0%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
<i>Have money for leisure (dining out, entertainment)</i>													
Very difficult	24%	41%	24%	16%	32%	21%	24%	22%	21%	9%	12%	33%	78%
Moderately difficult	32%	26%	28%	33%	44%	30%	31%	34%	35%	31%	30%	43%	15%
Not too difficult	28%	29%	30%	34%	20%	31%	26%	38%	19%	35%	37%	20%	5%
Not difficult at all	14%	0%	16%	16%	3%	16%	19%	3%	26%	25%	19%	2%	1%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%