

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%	5%	5%	10%	4%	2%	5%	5%	11%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%
Moderately better now than before the pandemic	16%	17%	16%	20%	16%	13%	17%	18%	16%	16%	14%	8%	16%	16%
About the same now as it was before the pandemic	33%	35%	31%	27%	31%	39%	34%	35%	23%	35%	29%	33%	38%	35%
Moderately worse now than before the pandemic	29%	30%	28%	27%	29%	30%	28%	25%	30%	31%	32%	32%	22%	35%
Significantly worse now than before the pandemic	16%	13%	19%	13%	18%	16%	15%	15%	16%	14%	22%	23%	17%	11%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	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	49%	47%	50%	57%	49%	42%	47%	48%	51%	46%	56%	53%	49%	57%
About the same	43%	46%	41%	33%	42%	51%	45%	42%	40%	42%	40%	39%	44%	41%
Lower	4%	4%	4%	7%	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%	8%	1%	6%	4%	2%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	0%
Books														
Higher	21%	21%	22%	22%	21%	21%	22%	20%	21%	18%	21%	21%	15%	29%
About the same	49%	51%	48%	47%	49%	51%	47%	47%	58%	58%	52%	48%	52%	49%
Lower	10%	10%	10%	17%	9%	6%	11%	14%	2%	6%	6%	9%	11%	11%
Not sure	20%	18%	21%	14%	21%	23%	20%	19%	19%	19%	22%	21%	22%	11%
Newspapers and Magazines														
Higher	16%	17%	14%	10%	16%	19%	16%	16%	12%	18%	13%	14%	12%	29%
About the same	46%	47%	46%	45%	46%	47%	46%	40%	54%	45%	47%	47%	49%	41%
Lower	13%	13%	13%	18%	13%	10%	15%	18%	9%	6%	12%	15%	15%	16%
Not sure	25%	23%	27%	26%	25%	25%	23%	26%	26%	31%	28%	24%	24%	14%
Board Games														
Higher	13%	13%	12%	17%	15%	7%	14%	13%	7%	13%	9%	8%	13%	22%
About the same	46%	47%	44%	45%	47%	45%	45%	45%	63%	45%	42%	41%	45%	46%
Lower	10%	10%	10%	15%	10%	7%	10%	14%	7%	8%	9%	15%	12%	14%
Not sure	32%	30%	33%	23%	28%	41%	30%	28%	23%	33%	40%	37%	29%	17%
Electronic Entertainment (Cable TV, Streaming Services)														
Higher	48%	45%	50%	52%	52%	41%	50%	42%	53%	40%	47%	33%	44%	64%
About the same	43%	46%	40%	39%	39%	50%	41%	49%	40%	55%	39%	60%	48%	27%
Lower	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%	2%	9%	5%	5%	8%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Transportation (Fuel for Vehicles, Transit Passes, Taxis)														
Higher	73%	68%	77%	66%	73%	77%	72%	69%	81%	70%	77%	67%	68%	76%
About the same	17%	21%	13%	22%	17%	13%	16%	23%	14%	18%	15%	23%	20%	16%
Lower	8%	9%	8%	10%	7%	8%	9%	6%	5%	10%	5%	9%	9%	6%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Groceries														
Higher	83%	79%	87%	74%	82%	91%	82%	80%	86%	87%	86%	77%	77%	87%
About the same	13%	17%	9%	22%	12%	8%	14%	16%	9%	9%	13%	21%	20%	8%
Lower	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	0%	2%	2%	5%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%

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	15%	13%	17%	20%	16%	10%	15%	12%	12%	21%	13%	21%	18%	5%
Moderately difficult	33%	30%	37%	36%	37%	28%	32%	46%	35%	24%	37%	35%	34%	25%
Not too difficult	34%	35%	34%	30%	32%	39%	35%	27%	40%	36%	33%	33%	30%	48%
Not difficult at all	16%	21%	11%	13%	12%	23%	16%	15%	12%	19%	16%	11%	16%	22%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Save money (for retirement or for a "rainy day")														
Very difficult	41%	35%	48%	41%	45%	37%	39%	42%	32%	48%	47%	52%	37%	35%
Moderately difficult	30%	31%	28%	30%	32%	26%	30%	34%	37%	21%	27%	24%	32%	36%
Not too difficult	19%	21%	18%	21%	15%	22%	21%	14%	18%	18%	15%	17%	18%	18%
Not difficult at all	8%	11%	4%	6%	5%	11%	6%	9%	9%	10%	8%	6%	9%	11%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	0%
Have money for leisure (dining out, entertainment)														
Very difficult	29%	25%	33%	28%	33%	25%	27%	33%	28%	31%	33%	38%	23%	22%
Moderately difficult	37%	37%	36%	43%	37%	31%	37%	36%	33%	39%	36%	36%	40%	41%
Not too difficult	25%	25%	24%	24%	22%	28%	27%	20%	33%	19%	19%	21%	24%	24%
Not difficult at all	8%	12%	5%	5%	5%	15%	7%	9%	5%	11%	11%	5%	11%	13%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%