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In your own opinion, based on what you've seen, read or heard, do you think the overall poverty situation in Canada today is ...

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Base: All respondents	1515	200	150	120	525	400	120	488	675	335	750	765
	Weighted 1515	198	136	106	572	380	123	511	578	413	742	773
Better than it was 5 years ago	10%	7%	11%	11%	12%	7%	11%	14%	8%	9%	13%	7%
About the same	29%	29%	29%	39%	32%	21%	36%	31%	28%	28%	32%	27%
Worse than it was 5 years ago	60%	61%	58%	48%	55%	72%	53%	53%	63%	63%	54%	65%
(DK/NS)	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	0	1%	1%

In general, do you think poor people in Canada today became that way?

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Mainly because of their own choices and actions	30%	30%	37%	28%	36%	18%	30%	38%	26%	25%	35%	25%
Mainly through no fault of their own	51%	49%	41%	54%	45%	65%	51%	44%	57%	52%	47%	55%
A combination of both	18%	18%	21%	17%	18%	16%	19%	17%	16%	21%	16%	19%
(DK/NS)	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%

Overall, what kind of a job do you think governments in general are doing to address the issue of poverty in Canada? Do you think they are currently doing

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Too much to help poor people in this country	5%	5%	7%	13%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	7%	3%
About the right amount	25%	26%	31%	28%	27%	22%	19%	28%	22%	27%	30%	21%
Not enough to help poor people in this country	68%	68%	61%	58%	67%	73%	76%	65%	71%	68%	62%	75%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

*Who should be MAINLY responsible for helping poor people in Canada?
Do you think the primary responsibility should lie with (READ LIST) ?*

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Governments	50%	47%	39%	49%	51%	56%	48%	49%	51%	50%	50%	50%
The business sector	6%	7%	4%	7%	5%	10%	3%	7%	6%	5%	7%	6%
Church and religious groups	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Charitable organizations and community associations	11%	16%	12%	11%	12%	9%	11%	15%	11%	8%	11%	12%
Poor people themselves and their families	14%	13%	22%	16%	14%	12%	15%	16%	12%	15%	17%	12%
All of them equally	15%	15%	19%	15%	16%	11%	18%	11%	16%	18%	12%	18%
None of them	0	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0	1%	0	0
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	0	1%	0	1%	2%	1%	1%

And which specific level of government do you think should be MAINLY responsible for helping poor people in Canada?

		Region						Age			Gender	
	Total	BC	Alberta	Sask/ Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	18 to 34	35 to 54	55+	Male	Female
Base: Think governments are MAINLY responsible for helping poor	758	95	59	56	271	220	57	240	345	167	374	384
Weighted	760	93	53	52	292	211	58	251	297	207	373	386
The federal government	48%	51%	47%	67%	42%	45%	71%	38%	54%	53%	50%	46%
The provincial governments	39%	41%	40%	30%	42%	40%	22%	45%	35%	35%	37%	40%
The municipal governments	11%	5%	14%	2%	14%	13%	7%	15%	9%	9%	11%	11%
(DK/NS)	2%	3%	-	-	2%	3%	-	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%

Overall, do you support or oppose this type of program?

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Strongly support	58%	70%	63%	62%	54%	52%	60%	58%	59%	56%	59%	56%
Somewhat support	26%	20%	22%	22%	25%	32%	27%	28%	23%	27%	24%	28%
Somewhat oppose	7%	5%	5%	6%	9%	8%	7%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%
Strongly oppose	8%	4%	8%	8%	12%	7%	6%	7%	9%	9%	9%	8%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0	-	0	0	1%	0	1%
Top2Box (Support)	84%	90%	86%	84%	79%	85%	87%	87%	81%	83%	83%	84%
Low2Box (Oppose)	16%	9%	13%	14%	20%	15%	13%	13%	18%	15%	16%	15%

In your own opinion, based on what you've seen, read or heard, do you think the overall poverty situation in Canada today is ...

	Total	EDUCATION				INCOME		
		<HS	HS	Some Post-Sec	University	<\$30K	\$30K to \$59K	\$60K +
Base: All respondents	1515	213	345	544	409	383	576	447
Weighted	1515	223	345	532	412	399	572	433
Better than it was 5 years ago	10%	10%	13%	8%	10%	7%	9%	14%
About the same	29%	31%	29%	29%	29%	25%	29%	33%
Worse than it was 5 years ago	60%	59%	56%	62%	60%	66%	62%	52%
(DK/NS)	1%	0	2%	1%	1%	2%	0	1%

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Weighted	1515	223	345	532	412	399	572	433
Mainly because of their own choices and actions	30%	32%	35%	29%	25%	21%	31%	34%
Mainly through no fault of their own	51%	52%	45%	52%	54%	61%	50%	45%
A combination of both	18%	15%	18%	18%	19%	17%	18%	19%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%

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Too much to help poor people in this country	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%
About the right amount	25%	19%	34%	23%	25%	18%	26%	31%
Not enough to help poor people in this country	68%	75%	60%	71%	68%	77%	68%	62%
(DK/NS)	1%	0	0	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

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Governments	50%	55%	46%	50%	51%	57%	49%	48%
The business sector	6%	6%	5%	5%	8%	4%	7%	6%
Church and religious groups	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Charitable organizations and community associations	11%	8%	14%	13%	9%	8%	13%	11%
Poor people themselves and their families	14%	17%	17%	14%	12%	12%	13%	17%
All of them equally	15%	10%	15%	15%	17%	16%	14%	16%
None of them	0	1%	-	0	0	1%	0	-
(DK/NS)	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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	Total	<HS	HS	Some Post-Sec	University	<\$30K	\$30K to \$59K	\$60K +
Base: Think governments are MAINLY responsible for helping poor	758	119	160	266	212	219	280	211
Weighted	760	123	157	267	212	228	279	207
The federal government	48%	52%	50%	43%	51%	50%	51%	42%
The provincial governments	39%	35%	36%	42%	39%	36%	36%	46%
The municipal governments	11%	9%	12%	13%	9%	9%	11%	12%
(DK/NS)	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	0

Overall, do you support or oppose this type of program?

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Strongly support	58%	54%	63%	61%	51%	49%	63%	60%
Somewhat support	26%	23%	25%	25%	29%	29%	24%	25%
Somewhat oppose	7%	10%	6%	5%	10%	8%	7%	7%
Strongly oppose	8%	12%	7%	8%	9%	14%	6%	7%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	0	0
Top2Box (Support)	84%	77%	88%	86%	80%	77%	87%	86%
Low2Box (Oppose)	16%	22%	12%	13%	19%	22%	13%	14%

In your own opinion, based on what you've seen, read or heard, do you think the overall poverty situation in Canada today is ...

	Total	EMPLOYMENT STATUS							
		Full-time	Part-time	Self-employed	Un-employed	Retired	Student	Not in workforce /homemaker	Other
Base: All respondents	1515	675	148	158	51	236	112	112	23
Weighted	1515	647	145	148	48	283	114	108	21
Better than it was 5 years ago	10%	11%	11%	16%	8%	7%	9%	8%	-
About the same	29%	32%	23%	28%	22%	31%	25%	24%	26%
Worse than it was 5 years ago	60%	56%	65%	54%	68%	61%	62%	66%	74%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	-

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Base: All respondents	1515	675	148	158	51	236	112	112	23
Weighted	1515	647	145	148	48	283	114	108	21
Mainly because of their own choices and actions	30%	33%	30%	40%	17%	24%	27%	24%	10%
Mainly through no fault of their own	51%	49%	54%	42%	63%	54%	52%	54%	67%
A combination of both	18%	17%	15%	17%	14%	19%	20%	20%	18%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	2%	1%	6%	2%	1%	3%	5%

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Too much to help poor people in this country	5%	7%	6%	6%	2%	3%	6%	3%	-
About the right amount	25%	25%	25%	27%	22%	27%	25%	26%	15%
Not enough to help poor people in this country	68%	67%	68%	65%	75%	69%	67%	72%	85%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	-	-

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The business sector	6%	7%	7%	6%	-	5%	6%	5%	3%
Church and religious groups	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	-	1%	-
Charitable organizations and community associations	11%	12%	12%	10%	7%	9%	16%	14%	-
Poor people themselves and their families	14%	16%	11%	16%	6%	14%	13%	10%	5%
All of them equally	15%	13%	16%	19%	11%	17%	11%	20%	14%
None of them	0	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	5%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	-	1%	-	2%	-	-	-

And which specific level of government do you think should be MAINLY responsible for helping poor people in Canada?

	Total	EMPLOYMENT STATUS							
		Full-time	Part-time	Self-employed	Un-employed	Retired	Student	Not in workforce /homemaker	Other
Base: Think governments are MAINLY responsible for helping poor	758	324	77	69	37	118	60	56	17
Weighted	760	311	75	65	35	143	61	53	15
The federal government	48%	50%	48%	48%	53%	54%	29%	34%	63%
The provincial governments	39%	37%	40%	39%	34%	32%	51%	59%	25%
The municipal governments	11%	12%	11%	13%	5%	9%	18%	8%	6%
(DK/NS)	2%	1%	1%	-	9%	5%	2%	-	5%

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Weighted	1515	647	145	148	48	283	114	108	21
Strongly support	58%	61%	57%	60%	46%	53%	53%	53%	62%
Somewhat support	26%	24%	27%	26%	30%	28%	31%	26%	17%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%	9%	5%	7%	7%	8%	9%	5%
Strongly oppose	8%	7%	7%	9%	15%	10%	7%	11%	17%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	-	-
Top2Box (Support)	84%	85%	84%	86%	76%	81%	84%	79%	78%
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In your own opinion, based on what you've seen, read or heard, do you think the overall poverty situation in Canada today is ...

		HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION						
	Total	Married/ common-law w/ kids	Married/ common-law w/o kids	Single w/ children	Single w/o kids live w/ family/parents	Single w/o kids live w/ roommate	Live alone	Other
Base: All respondents	1515	629	268	116	104	71	282	39
Weighted	1515	598	276	112	112	70	301	40
Better than it was 5 years ago	10%	10%	10%	8%	16%	6%	10%	11%
About the same	29%	28%	28%	24%	33%	29%	33%	25%
Worse than it was 5 years ago	60%	61%	62%	66%	49%	60%	57%	64%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	0	2%	2%	5%	0	-

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Mainly because of their own choices and actions	30%	30%	27%	27%	43%	30%	27%	23%
Mainly through no fault of their own	51%	50%	55%	57%	39%	55%	51%	53%
A combination of both	18%	18%	17%	14%	16%	13%	21%	21%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%

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About the right amount	25%	25%	26%	18%	32%	28%	23%	34%
Not enough to help poor people in this country	68%	67%	69%	76%	60%	67%	71%	61%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	0	-	1%	1%	1%	-

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The business sector	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Church and religious groups	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0	2%
Charitable organizations and community associations	11%	12%	11%	10%	16%	12%	9%	6%
Poor people themselves and their families	14%	15%	14%	17%	15%	12%	12%	13%
All of them equally	15%	16%	13%	12%	10%	12%	20%	14%
None of them	0	-	2%	-	-	-	0	-
(DK/NS)	1%	0	1%	2%	-	-	2%	3%

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And which specific level of government do you think should be MAINLY responsible for helping poor people in Canada?

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Base: Think governments are MAINLY responsible for helping poor	758	307	137	61	52	39	141	20
Weighted	760	293	142	58	56	39	149	22
The federal government	48%	47%	55%	59%	25%	33%	53%	46%
The provincial governments	39%	40%	35%	29%	57%	50%	35%	32%
The municipal governments	11%	12%	10%	10%	16%	13%	8%	22%
(DK/NS)	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%	4%	-

Overall, do you support or oppose this type of program?

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Strongly support	58%	59%	60%	60%	53%	51%	55%	52%
Somewhat support	26%	26%	27%	17%	35%	29%	25%	34%
Somewhat oppose	7%	8%	6%	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%
Strongly oppose	8%	7%	7%	14%	3%	12%	12%	5%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	-
Top2Box (Support)	84%	85%	87%	77%	88%	79%	80%	86%
Low2Box (Oppose)	16%	14%	13%	22%	12%	19%	19%	14%