

Canadians experiencing food insecurity

during the COVID-19 pandemic, May 2020

Household food insecurity exists when there is a compromise in **the quality or quantity of food consumed** or there is reduced **food intake and disrupted eating patterns**.

Between May 4 and 10, Statistics Canada collected the second iteration of the Canadian Perspectives Survey Series (CPSS), a new online web panel survey. This infographic presents the results of the questions on food insecurity in the provinces during the pandemic.

15% of Canadians reported living in a food-insecure household



Canadians living with children are more likely to be in a food-insecure household

Canadians living with children:

19%



No children in the household:

12%



28%

of those who were absent from work because of a business closure, layoff or personal circumstances due to COVID-19 lived in a food-insecure household

Note: Studies on the CPSS sample have found that the survey underrepresents certain populations, some of which are more vulnerable to food insecurity. These include people with lower education, those who are divorced, widowed or separated, and those who rent their dwelling.

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