

DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN COUPLES

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



There were 8.6 million married or common-law couples in Canada in 2021.

AMONG PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING WITH A SPOUSE OR PARTNER IN 2022:
COMPARED WITH BEFORE THE PANDEMIC...

18% felt that the number of disagreements with their spouse or partner about parenting tasks had **increased**



while 5% felt the number of disagreements had **decreased**

17% felt that the number of disagreements about money had **increased**



while 4% felt the number of disagreements had **decreased**

14% felt that the number of disagreements about household chores had **increased**



while 5% felt the number of disagreements had **decreased**

9% felt that the number of disagreements about having children had **increased**



while 4% felt the number of disagreements had **decreased**

After the pandemic began, couples faced new decisions about how they would respond to changing circumstances.



AMONG PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING WITH A SPOUSE OR PARTNER IN 2022:
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC...



43% had disagreements with their spouse or partner about parenting decisions related to the pandemic¹

38% had disagreements about respecting physical distancing and public health guidelines

20% had disagreements about vaccination against COVID-19

Note: 1. Among spouses or partners with at least one child.

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Social Survey – Well-being and Family Relationships, 2022, Census of Population, 2021.

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