

Awareness of the role of Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act, 2023

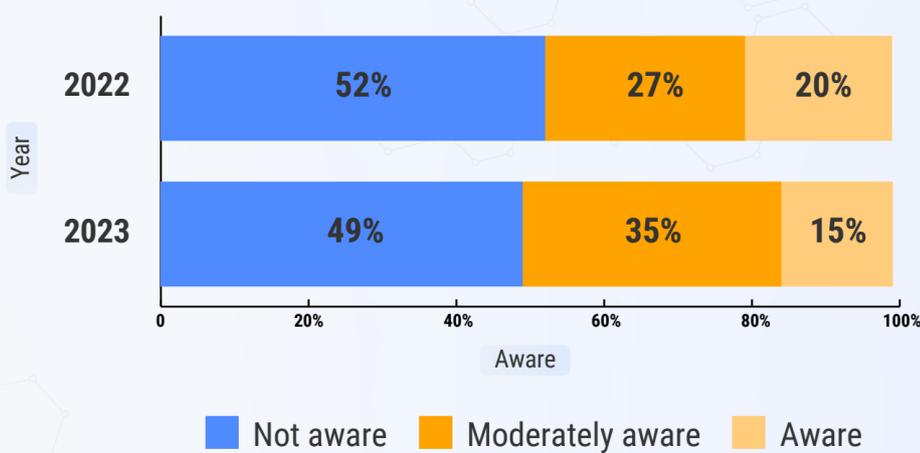
Key findings from the 2023 National Justice Survey¹



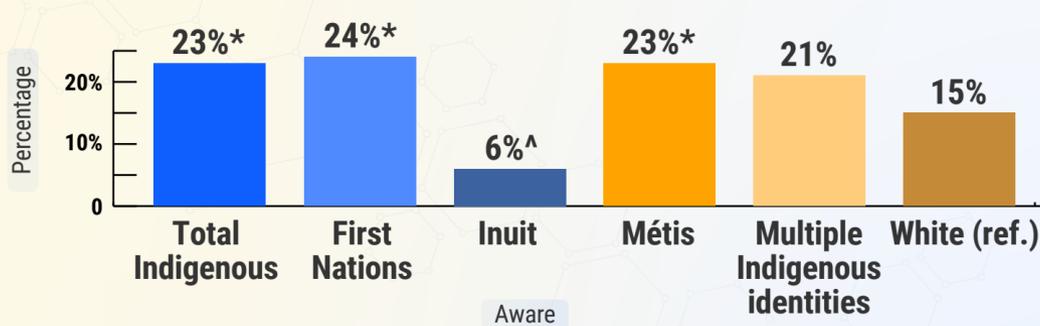
What is the National Justice Survey?

The National Justice Survey (NJS) is an annual national public opinion research study conducted by Justice Canada, collecting the views, perceptions and knowledge of people living in Canada on important justice-related issues.

The percentage of respondents who are **aware of the role of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)** decreased slightly from 2022 and 2023, while the percentage of respondents who are **moderately aware** increased.²



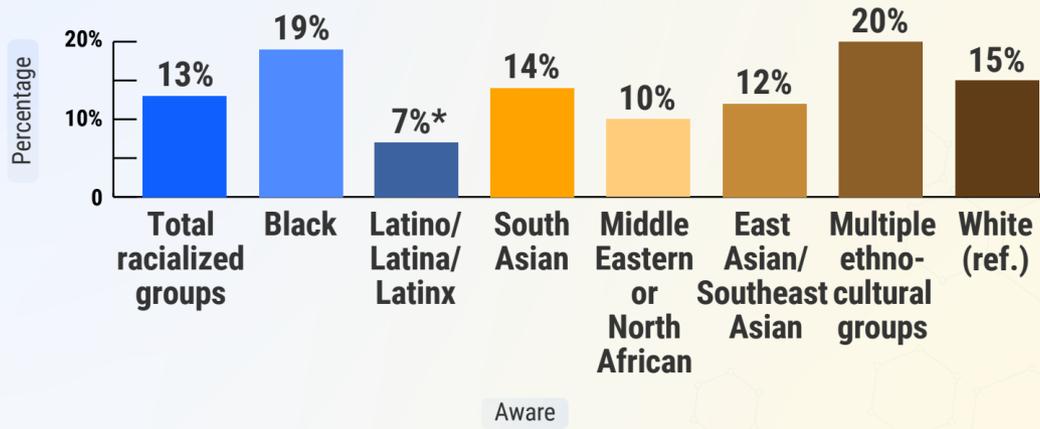
In 2023, Indigenous people—specifically First Nations people and Métis—were **more likely** to report being **aware** of the role of the YCJA than White people.



^ Caution: Small sample size (≤ 50). Statistical testing not performed when $n < 30$ since statistical assumptions are not met.

* Symbol indicates a significant difference from the reference category (White) at $p < .05$.

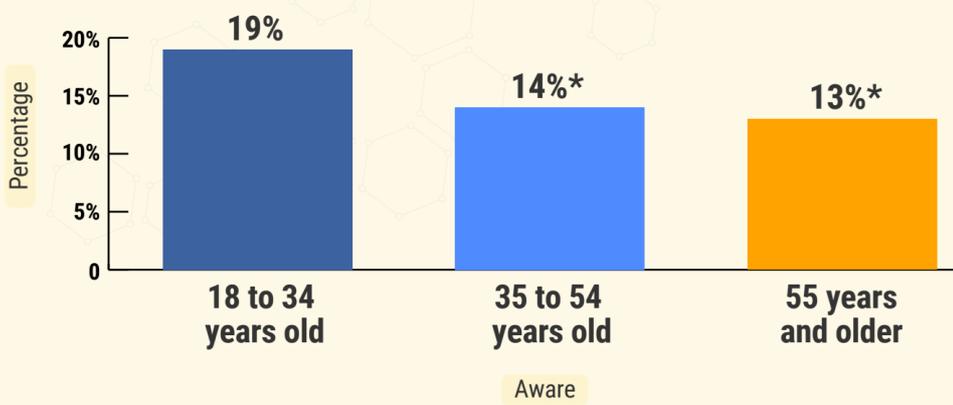
Racialized people reported similar levels of awareness as White people, except for Latinx people, who were **less likely** to report being **aware** of the role of the YCJA.



Total racialized groups include Black, East Asian/Southeast Asian, Latino/Latina/Latinx, Middle Eastern or North African, more than one ethno-cultural group and White.

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Younger respondents aged 18 to 34 years old were **more likely** to report being **aware** of the role of the YCJA than older respondents aged 35 to 54 and 55 or older.



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Awareness levels varied across Canada

Respondents from the Prairies, Ontario and the Atlantic region were **more likely** to report being **aware** of the role of the YCJA than respondents from British Columbia and Quebec.

- British Columbia: 12%
- Territories: 14%^
- Prairies: 17%*
- Ontario: 18%*
- Quebec: 10%
- Atlantic: 20%*



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* Symbol indicates a significant difference from respondents from both British Columbia and Quebec at $p < .05$.

Source: 2023 National Justice Survey, <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/njs-snj.html>.

¹ Although all data points are presented, only statistically significant findings are noted. Percentages reported were weighted based on 2021 Canadian Census estimates. Graphs presented may not add to 100% as "Don't know" responses are not displayed.

² Questions on awareness of the role of the YCJA were asked on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is "not at all aware" and 5 is "very aware." In this infographic, the term "aware" refers to a rating of 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale, while the term "moderately aware" refers to a rating of 3 on a 5-point scale, and "not aware" refers to a rating of 1 or 2 on a 5-point scale.