



RESULTS OF SAVE OUR STREETS/RESEARCH CO. PROVINCE-WIDE SURVEY (SEPT. 9-12)

- The online survey of a representative sample 1,200 British Columbians was conducted from September 9 to 12 by Research Co.
- The survey has a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.
- The Interior includes the Thompson-Okanagan and Kootenay regions.
- Northern B.C. includes the Nechako, Northeast and North Coast regions
- The Lower Mainland includes communities from Whistler to Hope, as well as the Sunshine Coast.

CRIME / PUBLIC SAFETY		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
The level of criminal activity in my community has increased in the past four years.		55%	52%	59%	64%	65%	69%
Crime and violence are impacting the quality of life in my community.		74%	74%	70%	75%	81%	80%
I fear for my own safety in my community.		50%	54%	39%	40%	39%	48%
I fear for the safety of my family in my community.		57%	60%	49%	48%	67%	50%
There are areas of my community I avoid because I fear for my safety.		58%	56%	58%	58%	72%	69%
I think crimes go unreported in the province.		88%	86%	90%	94%	93%	94%
Why do you think crimes go unreported in British Columbia?	Lack of confidence in the justice system	68%	65%	71%	76%	85%	61%
	Reporting is too much of a hassle for victims	50%	49%	61%	48%	36%	39%
	Lack of confidence in the police	47%	48%	47%	43%	46%	39%
	Fear of retribution	38%	37%	41%	37%	54%	30%
ADDICTION		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
The current situation related to the use of prescription and non-prescription opioid drugs is a major problem .		67%	65%	72%	70%	71%	57%
Addiction to opioids is a health issue		82%	82%	86%	77%	68%	84%
I agree with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions' proposed guideline for involuntary treatment : i.e., individuals "suffering from a mental disorder that seriously impairs (their) ability to react appropriately to (their) environment or to associate with others," individuals who "require psychiatric treatment in or through a designated facility" and individuals who are "not suitable as voluntary patients."		75%	75%	75%	79%	79%	68%

RETAIL		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
I think these problems have increased in B.C. in the past three years.	Shoplifting	67%	65%	71%	67%	74%	69%
	Random vandalism, such as broken windows	60%	57%	66%	65%	62%	64%
	Acts of Violence against employees	45%	44%	46%	49%	55%	34%
	Employees leaving customer-facing positions because they fear for their safety	44%	43%	44%	47%	48%	39%
All levels of government should do more to prevent:	Acts of violence against employees	87%	87%	89%	84%	95%	83%
	Random vandalism	85%	84%	84%	85%	96%	83%
	Employees leaving consumer-facing positions	83%	82%	85%	81%	88%	91%
	Shoplifting	81%	80%	81%	82%	91%	91%
Retail crime makes products more expensive.		80%	79%	82%	82%	89%	91%
RESPONSIBILITY		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
Who is most responsible for dealing with crime and public safety?	Provincial government	40%	41%	40%	37%	48%	23%
	My municipal government	27%	28%	26%	24%	10%	23%
	Federal government	23%	21%	20%	28%	28%	41%
The justice system in B.C. does not achieve the appropriate balance between the rights of offenders and those of victims.		61%	56%	71%	74%	71%	72%
The justice system is not doing enough to respond to addiction and mental health issues in my community.		66%	62%	80%	77%	67%	63%
They federal government is not doing enough to respond to addiction and mental health issues in my community.		66%	61%	78%	74%	72%	66%
The provincial government is not doing enough to respond to addiction and mental health issues in my community.		61%	56%	78%	69%	67%	61%
My municipal government is not doing enough to respond to addiction and mental health issues in my community.		60%	56%	77%	69%	52%	60%
The police are not doing enough to respond to addiction and mental health issues in my community.		49%	48%	54%	52%	45%	49%

RESPONSIBILITY (Cont'd)		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
What is to blame for the current situation regarding crime and public safety in your community?	Addiction / Mental health issues	88%	87%	92%	89%	93%	86%
	Poverty / Inequality	81%	82%	81%	80%	81%	75%
	Gangs / The illegal drug trade	79%	81%	78%	75%	88%	66%
	Inadequate court system	76%	75%	82%	78%	85%	66%
	Bad economy / Unemployment	72%	75%	69%	61%	68%	75%
	Lack of values / Improper education for youth	69%	69%	68%	66%	76%	80%
	Insufficient policing / Lack of resources to combat crime	67%	67%	68%	68%	69%	64%
APPROACHES – CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
Support for modifying the bail system to ensure repeat offenders remain in custody while awaiting trial		87%	85%	88%	91%	100%	86%
Support for establishing harsher penalties , including incarceration for individuals convicted of multiple offenses		87%	84%	87%	94%	100%	89%
Support for increased police presence in areas of your community where drugs are being sold illegally		86%	85%	88%	90%	93%	89%
Support for the federal government re-deploying police forces to Canada's ports to tackle transnational organized crime		85%	84%	83%	89%	91%	89%
Support for new legislation to allow for confiscating assets of people convicted of drug trafficking offences		83%	81%	84%	88%	89%	86%
Support for the provincial government providing financial support to businesses affected by crime, antisocial behaviour or civil disorder, such as shoplifting, graffiti or vandalism		70%	69%	68%	74%	73%	66%
APPROACHES – PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DRUGS		British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
Support for investing in new and enhanced facilities for the care of people experiencing mental health problems		83%	80%	91%	89%	95%	89%
Support for launching more education and awareness campaigns about drug use		83%	81%	86%	85%	89%	81%
Support for creating more spaces for drug rehabilitation		81%	78%	89%	87%	88%	91%

APPROACHES – PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DRUGS (Cont'd)	British Columbia	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	The Interior	Prince George / Cariboo	Northern BC
Support for providing available housing units to individuals who are committed to entering and concluding a detoxification and recovery program	79%	76%	85%	82%	85%	83%
Support for reducing the prescription of opioids by medical professionals	77%	77%	75%	75%	91%	65%
Support for allowing people addicted to opioids, who have been charged with relatively minor crimes, to avoid fines and incarceration if they voluntarily enter and conclude a detoxification and recovery program	73%	70%	80%	76%	78%	69%
Support for establishing a publicly available “data dashboard” , showing real-time statistics related to individuals in treatment, as well as the number and location of available beds.	73%	72%	71%	73%	71%	83%
Support for establishing “safe supply” programs , where alternatives to opioids can be prescribed by health professionals	63%	65%	69%	60%	58%	48%
Support for setting up more “harm reduction” strategies, such as legal supervised injection sites	53%	55%	52%	44%	52%	37%
Support for decriminalizing all drugs for personal use	38%	43%	30%	25%	28%	20%