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#### Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted from March 30 to March 31, 2020, among 1,000 adults in Canada.

The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region.

The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

Governments across the world have been passing extraordinary laws to deal with the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. How closely have you followed stories related to the economic impact of COVID-19?

- Three-in-five Canadians (60%) are following stories related to the economic impact of COVID-19 “very closely”, and more than a third (35%) are following “moderately closely.”
- Only one-in-twenty Canadians (5%) are following stories related to the economic impact of COVID-19 “not too closely” or “not closely at all.”

From what you have seen, read or heard about the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?

- Almost two thirds of Canadians (64%) are “very worried” (32%) or “moderately worried” (also 32%) about losing their income.
- The proportion of Canadians who are “very worried” about losing their income is higher among women (36%), Canadians aged 18-to-34 (39%), Albertans (38%), those in the middle-income bracket (35%) and those with a university degree (also 35%).

From what you have seen, read or heard about the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, how do you think it will impact you personally?

- Practically seven-in-ten Canadians (69%) “definitely” (37%) or “probably” (32%) expect to lose some income due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The proportion of Canadians who “definitely” expect to lose some income is higher among women (40%), Canadians aged 35-to-54 (42%), Ontarians (40%), those in the middle-income bracket (40%) and those with a university degree (39%).

All things considered, how much confidence do you have that you would be able to pay all your expenses—such as mortgage, bills, or rent—in the next two months?

- Practically seven-in-ten Canadians (69%) have “complete confidence” or “moderate confidence” that they would be able to pay their expenses.
- More than one-in-four Canadians (26%) express “not much confidence” or “no confidence at all” in achieving this.

- The groups that are more likely to express "not much confidence" or "no confidence at all" in being able to pay all their expenses in the next two months are women (30%), Canadians aged 18-to-34 (also 30%), Albertans and Atlantic Canadians (each at 32%) and those in the lower-income bracket (35%).

*As you may know, the Government of Italy has suspended all mortgage and rent payments in the country because of the COVID-19 outbreak, while the Government of France has cancelled all rent and utility payments. Thinking about this do you think the Government of Canada should immediately halt all rent, mortgage, and utility payments?*

- More than seven-in-ten Canadians (72%) think the Government of Canada should immediately halt all rent, mortgage, and utility payments, while fewer than one-in-five (17%) disagree.
- Support for a halt is strong among all demographics, but is particularly high among women (73%), Canadians aged 18-to-34 (80%), Albertans (79%) and those in the lower-income bracket (35%).
- Backing for this measure is exactly the same (72%) across the three annual household income brackets.

*Should Canadian banks and financial institutions be allowed to charge interest to homeowners who defer their mortgage because of a loss of income related to COVID-19 outbreak?*

- More than three-in-five Canadians (64%) believe banks and financial institutions should not be allowed to charge interest in these cases, while fewer than three-in-ten (32%) believe the practice is warranted.
- Support for this measure is strong among all demographics, but is particularly high among women (69%), Canadians aged 55 and over (70%), residents of Manitoba and Saskatchewan (72%) and those in the higher-income bracket (68%).

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