

# Three in four Canadians believe the RCMP has a problem with systemic racism but are divided on their confidence in the RCMP to fix it

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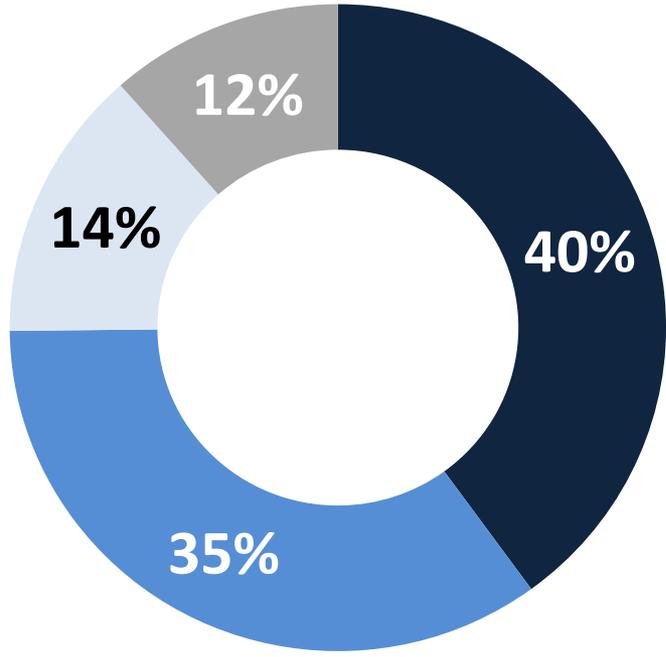
A strong majority of Canadians believe the RCMP has a problem with systemic racism, but in terms of their confidence in the RCMP to fix the problem, Canadians are divided. Canadians are also divided on whether they support or oppose “defunding the police” by diverting their municipal police budget to other city services.

- **Three in four Canadians say the RCMP has a problem with systemic racism but are divided on whether they have confidence they can fix it** – Asked for their views on systemic racism in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), four in ten Canadians say the RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and they have confidence they can fix it (40%), while 35 per cent say the RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and they do not have confidence they can fix it. Fourteen per cent say the RCMP does not have a problem with systemic racism and 12 per cent are unsure. Residents of the Prairies are more likely to say the RCMP does not have a problem with systemic racism (23%) than residents of Atlantic Canada (11%), Ontario (12%) or Quebec (nine per cent), and men are more likely to say this (19%) than women (eight per cent).
- **Canadians are divided over their support for “defunding the police” by reducing the police budget in their municipality and investing the money in other city services** – One in two Canadians oppose (30%) or somewhat oppose (20%) reducing the police budget in their municipality and investing the money in other city services, while just under one in two support (21%) or somewhat support this (25%). Four per cent are unsure. Residents of British Columbia (28% support) and Ontario (26% support) are more likely to support this than residents of Quebec (12%).

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,049 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# Systemic racism in the RCMP



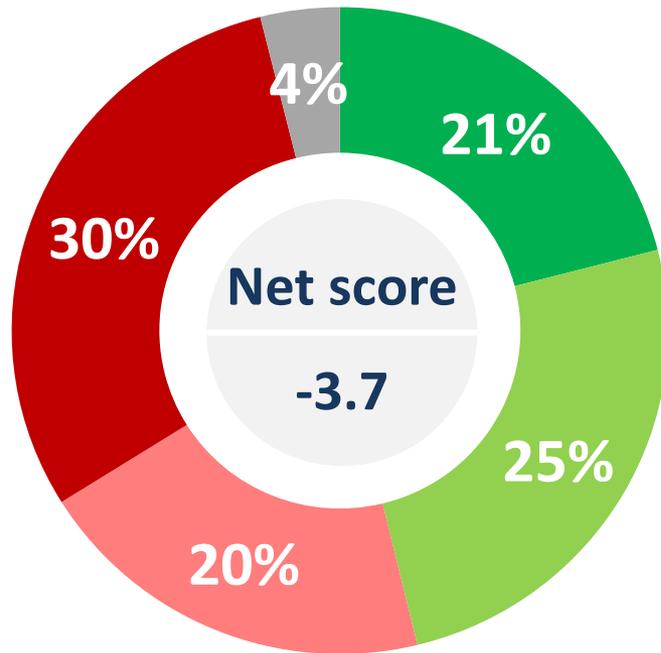
- The RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and I have confidence they can fix it
- The RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and I do not have confidence they can fix it
- The RCMP does not have a problem with systemic racism
- Unsure

The RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and I have confidence they can fix it

Demographic	Percentage
Atlantic (n=100)	42.1%
Quebec (n=252)	47.0%
Ontario (n=339)	39.8%
Prairies (n=203)	34.0%
British Columbia (n=155)	35.3%
Male (n=555)	39.3%
Female (n=494)	40.6%
18 to 34 (n=270)	36.2%
35 to 54 (n=393)	38.1%
55 plus (n=386)	44.3%

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.  
 \*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**QUESTION** – Which is closest to your views about the comments about systemic racism in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)?



■ Support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Oppose ■ Unsure

	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
Atlantic (n=100)	51.4%
Quebec (n=252)	52.5%
Ontario (n=339)	45.9%
Prairies (n=203)	56.7%
British Columbia (n=155)	46.7%
Male (n=555)	54.2%
Female (n=494)	45.8%
18 to 34 (n=270)	44.7%
35 to 54 (n=393)	53.4%
55 plus (n=386)	50.5%

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**QUESTION** – City councils across Canada have discussed calls to "defund the police" which involves reducing police budget and redirecting money to other city services including those that are aimed at the causes of crime. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose reducing the police budget in your municipality and investing the money in other city services?



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Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

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This is one (1) report of four (4).

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Element	Description
Research sponsor	The Globe and Mail
Population and Final Sample Size	1,049 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Hybrid Probability Panel (confirm with John)
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	June 28 <sup>th</sup> to July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>

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Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	11 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, real estate, China and COVID-19.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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# TABULATIONS

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			Region					Gender		Age			
			Canada 2020-07	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Which is closest to your views about the comments about systemic racism in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)? [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1049	100	252	339	203	155	555	494	270	393	386
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	The RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and I have confidence they can fix it	%	40.0	42.1	47.0	39.8	34.0	35.3	39.3	40.6	36.2	38.1	44.3
	The RCMP has a problem with systemic racism and I do not have confidence they can fix it	%	34.9	34.2	24.9	38.2	35.9	41.6	32.0	37.6	31.4	35.8	36.5
	The RCMP does not have a problem with systemic racism	%	13.6	10.5	9.4	11.9	22.9	14.8	19.2	8.3	16.4	15.6	9.9
	Not sure	%	11.5	13.2	18.6	10.1	7.2	8.3	9.4	13.5	16.0	10.6	9.3

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	Support	%	21.0	20.0	11.6	25.9	18.0	27.8	19.7	22.2	25.8	19.2	19.1
	Somewhat support	%	25.2	25.8	26.2	25.7	23.7	24.0	24.5	25.9	25.6	24.1	26.0
	Somewhat oppose	%	19.9	20.1	29.6	18.2	13.0	17.1	21.9	18.0	19.0	20.6	19.9
	Oppose	%	30.0	31.3	22.9	27.7	43.6	29.5	32.2	27.8	25.7	32.8	30.6
Unsure	%	3.9	2.8	9.7	2.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	6.1	3.9	3.4	4.4	