Discrimination before and since the start of the pandemic

Discrimination rate of the population 15 years or older, before and since the start of the pandemic¹



Just over a third (38.2%) of respondents aged 15 or older reported having experienced discrimination at some point before or since the pandemic.

1. Refers approximately to the period between January 2015 and February 2021.

Among those who reported having experienced discrimination, **race and ethnicity were the most frequently cited reasons** and the only ones that increased since the start of the pandemic.





^{1.} Respondents could provide more than one reason for discrimination.

Ethnic and racial discrimination¹ by group, before and since the start of the pandemic



During the pandemic, the relative risk of **ethnic or racial discrimination increased most among Asian groups**. In the first year of the pandemic, **the Chinese population was 10 times more likely to report being a victim of ethnic or racial discrimination** than the population not designated as a visible minority.

1. Relative to the population not designated as a visible minority.

• This infographic is based on data from the General Social Survey – Social Identity, which were collected from August 2020 to February 2021 among persons 15 years of age or older residing in Canada's 10 provinces.

• Data on discrimination were collected for the periods "in the five years before the pandemic" and "since the start of the pandemic." Since the first case of COVID-19 in Canada was identified in January 2020 and data collection ended in February 2021, the period "since the start of the pandemic" roughly coincides with the first year of the pandemic.

Source: Statistics Canada, General Social Survey - Social Identity.

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