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Survey on Sexual Harassment at Work - December 6, 2017

The next few questions are about the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace. Following is the Government of Canada endorsed definition of sexual harassment – please read it carefully before clicking next.

The Code defines sexual harassment as any conduct, comment, gesture, or contact of a sexual nature that is likely to cause offence or humiliation to any employee; or that might, on reasonable grounds, be perceived by that employee as placing a condition of a sexual nature on employment or on any opportunity for training or promotion.

Given this definition, over your adult working life, how much, if any, sexual harassment have you personally experienced in a workplace? Again, here is the Government of Canada endorsed definition. The Code defines sexual harassment as any conduct, comment, gesture, or contact of a sexual nature that is likely to cause offence or humiliation to any employee; or that might, on reasonable grounds, be perceived by that employee as placing a condition of a sexual nature on employment or on any opportunity for training or promotion. Given this definition, over your adult working life, how much, if any, sexual harassment have you personally experienced?

	Working Women in Canada	Age			Region					
		18-34	35-54	55+	British Columbia	Alberta	SK / MB	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada
A significant amount	5%	4%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	4%	8%	0%
A moderate amount	12%	17%	13%	7%	13%	6%	9%	12%	18%	17%
A small amount	33%	28%	32%	37%	41%	27%	30%	31%	31%	35%
None	49%	51%	47%	49%	37%	60%	55%	52%	43%	48%
Not sure/prefer not to answer	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

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What was the outcome when you reported your experience to a superior and/or human resources department?

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The employee(s) who behaved this way were penalized/reprimanded	46%	65%	35%	52%	12%	29%	59%	48%	57%	74%
No action was taken	30%	23%	40%	15%	46%	50%	41%	14%	43%	0%
Other	19%	12%	20%	23%	39%	21%	0%	30%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	5%	0%	5%	10%	3%	0%	0%	7%	0%	26%

Among those who did report their experience.

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Why did you not report your experience in the workplace to a superior and/or human resources department? Choose all that apply.

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I feared retaliation from the person who behaved this way	27%	26%	25%	30%	29%	12%	26%	36%	27%	10%
I thought my employer would not do anything about what happened	30%	28%	34%	29%	30%	15%	23%	43%	31%	5%
I decided to leave my job because of what happened instead	5%	2%	8%	5%	6%	3%	7%	5%	6%	0%
I didn't want to lose my job	18%	10%	13%	31%	22%	12%	37%	7%	30%	18%
I felt my opportunities for future advancement would be hurt	17%	16%	19%	16%	22%	7%	20%	11%	21%	27%
I thought I might not be believed	14%	15%	13%	14%	17%	10%	26%	22%	0%	5%
I was too embarrassed	30%	44%	22%	24%	26%	10%	42%	36%	42%	5%
It wasn't a big enough deal to bother	41%	44%	46%	35%	36%	68%	44%	41%	34%	21%
It seemed like too much hassle	26%	41%	29%	10%	27%	16%	28%	46%	9%	5%
I didn't want to look like a trouble maker	34%	47%	30%	25%	28%	21%	35%	30%	45%	61%
I didn't want to be blamed for the incident	12%	12%	14%	11%	20%	11%	29%	7%	9%	5%
I thought my employer would dismiss it as unimportant	30%	36%	27%	26%	32%	17%	47%	39%	21%	5%
I didn't know how to explain the situation	22%	33%	24%	9%	17%	13%	18%	39%	0%	42%
I thought it was my fault	3%	0%	2%	6%	4%	4%	3%	0%	6%	0%
I decided to confront the person directly	14%	8%	17%	18%	12%	18%	24%	13%	15%	0%
I thought I could just get over it and move on	24%	29%	19%	23%	33%	8%	30%	34%	18%	0%
I was afraid my co-workers would find out	14%	24%	13%	5%	9%	14%	23%	20%	9%	0%
Other	4%	4%	2%	6%	9%	8%	0%	3%	0%	5%
Prefer not to answer	2%	2%	1%	4%	6%	1%	0%	0%	6%	0%

Among those who did not report their experience.

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Over the past few weeks, how closely have you followed stories related to #MeToo?

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Very closely	10%	12%	9%	8%	12%	7%	1%	8%	13%	20%
Somewhat closely	33%	25%	36%	38%	35%	30%	25%	29%	49%	26%
Not very closely	22%	23%	25%	18%	28%	27%	34%	20%	17%	11%
Not closely at all	15%	20%	12%	13%	14%	16%	15%	14%	16%	14%
Never heard of it	21%	21%	19%	23%	11%	19%	24%	29%	5%	29%