

COVID-19 MARITIME FAMILY SURVEY 2: PRELIMINARY RESULTS (March/April 2021)



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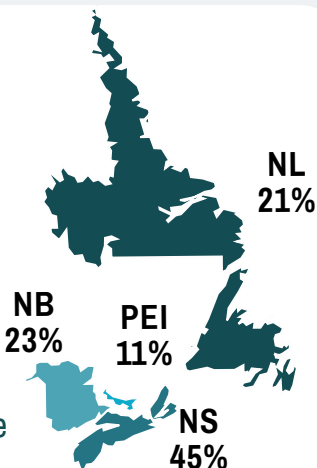
RESPONDENTS

The survey was open to families with children aged 0-8 years from March 9th - April 5th, 2021.

87% said that they were mothers.

73% said that they had a full-time job.

Respondents said that their child/children were attending child care or Pre-primary (64%) and/or school (46%).



COVID-19 Risk

23%

said that they had at least one person who was at an increased risk of illness from COVID-19 in their household.

59%

of participants working part-time or full-time jobs said that they were required to work outside of the home.

46%

said that they felt that their employment put them at an increased risk for COVID-19.

65%

said that they had to keep their children home from child care due to COVID-19 symptoms.

66%

of participants who indicated they had self-isolated said that they did so because they were awaiting COVID-19 test results.



The vast majority of respondents said that they followed the restrictions and guidelines for physical distancing.



Family Life and Wellbeing

Families indicated that they spent more time:

Playing together (58%)



Cooking together (47%)



Using screens together (61%)



46%

said that they felt closer to each other as a family.

Parents mental health and wellbeing was impacted by the pandemic. Many indicated that they:

Felt disconnected (71%)



Had less time for self-care (71%)



Felt less rested (77%)



Felt worried (69%)



Had more family tension/quarrels (42%)

Child Development

Parents indicated that their children's development was impacted by the pandemic in the following ways:

Almost half of respondents felt that their children's social and emotional development was negatively impacted by the pandemic.



More than two thirds of respondents said that their children's language, communication, and physical development was not impacted by the pandemic.

Thank you to all families who participated.

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