



# COVID-19 DISABILITY SURVEY

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## INTERIM REPORT



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Canadian Disability Participation Project  
Le projet canadien sur la participation sociale  
des personnes en situation de handicap



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SHORT REPORT FOR DATA  
COLLECTED UP TO  
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## Respondents

# 1. INFORMATION ABOUT SURVEY RESPONDENTS:

### **Total number of respondents = 553**

- 78% people who identify as a person with a disability
- 15% parents/caregivers of a child with a disability
- 15% other (e.g., roommate, family member of a person with a disability)

[Values don't add to 100% because some people identified as a person with a disability as well as a parent/other]

### **Gender**

- Respondents: 22% Men; 60% Women; 18% other/prefer not to answer/did not answer
- Children: Boy = 52%, Girl = 32%, Prefer not to answer/did not answer = 16%

### **Respondents' Age**

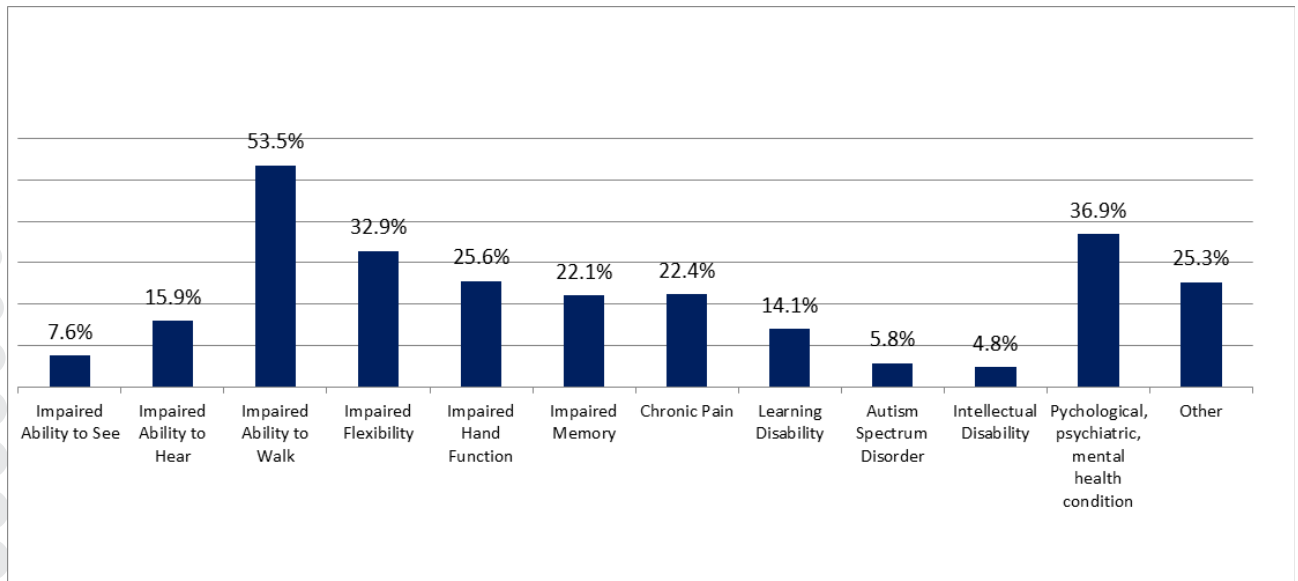
- Average age was 49 years; Range: 18-91 years

### **Children's Age**

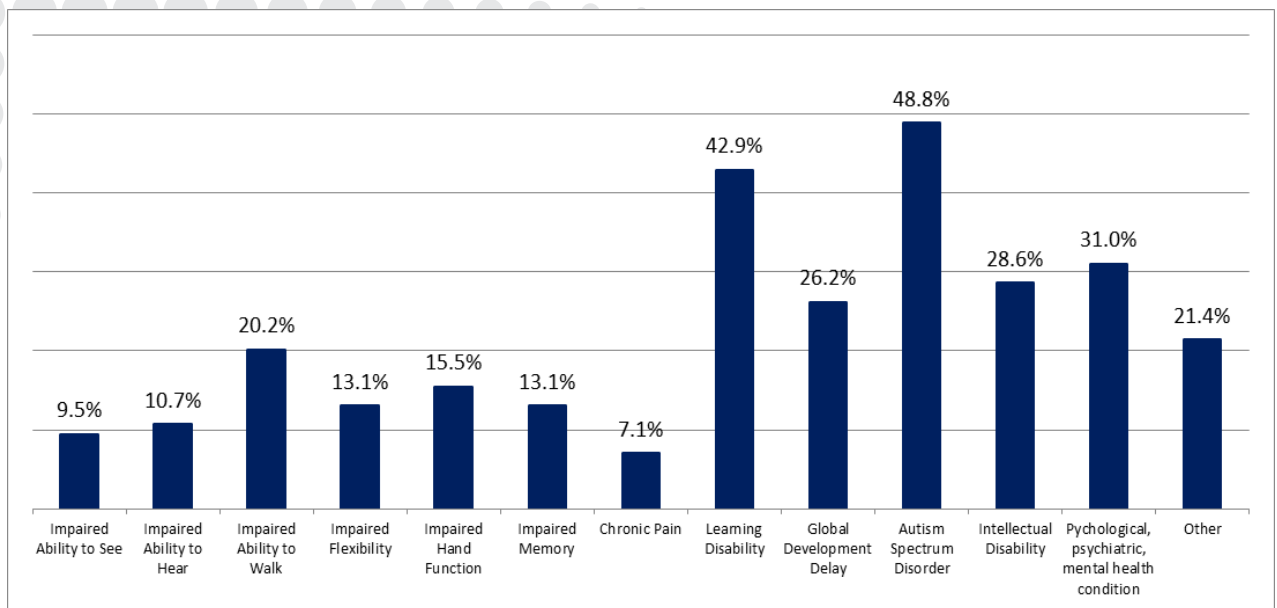
**(reported by respondents who identified as a parent/caregiver of a child with a disability)**

- Median = 13 yrs; Range 1-47 years

## TYPES OF DISABILITIES: RESPONDENTS



## TYPES OF DISABILITIES: CHILDREN

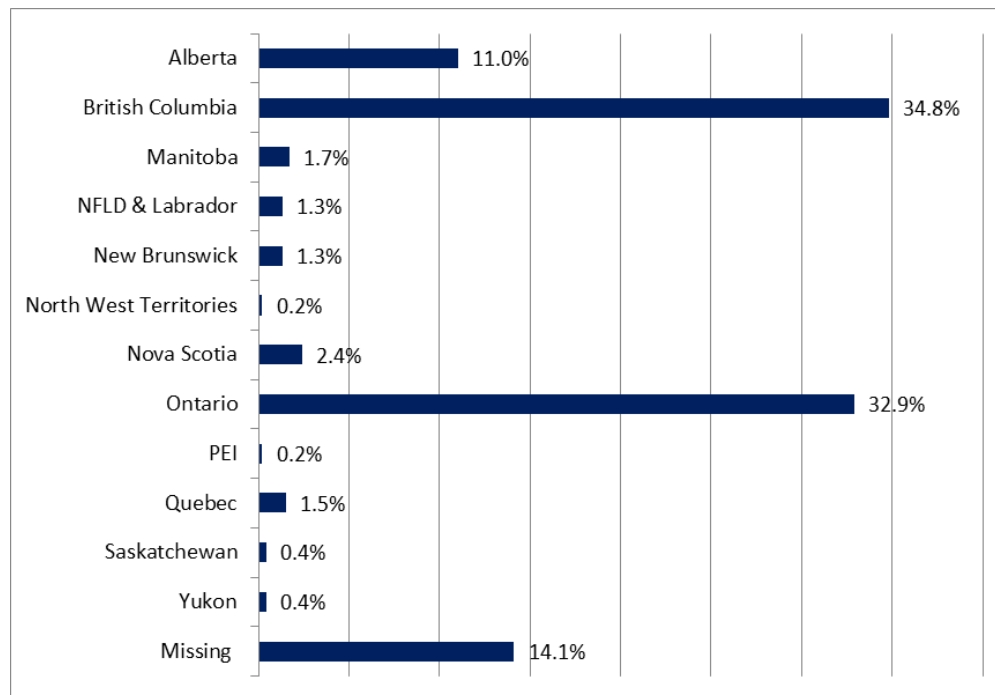


Other disabilities reported (for respondents and children):

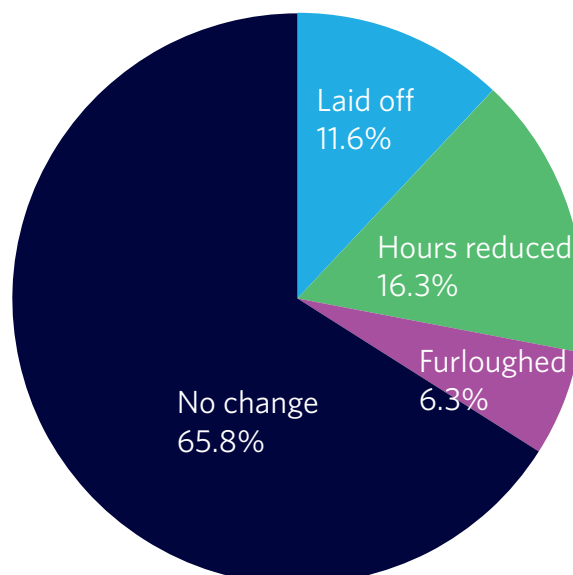
- Neurological
- Chronic fatigue and/or pain
- Digestive
- COPD
- Fibromyalgia
- ADHD
- Epilepsy
- Down's Syndrome
- Immune disorders
- Sensory impairment



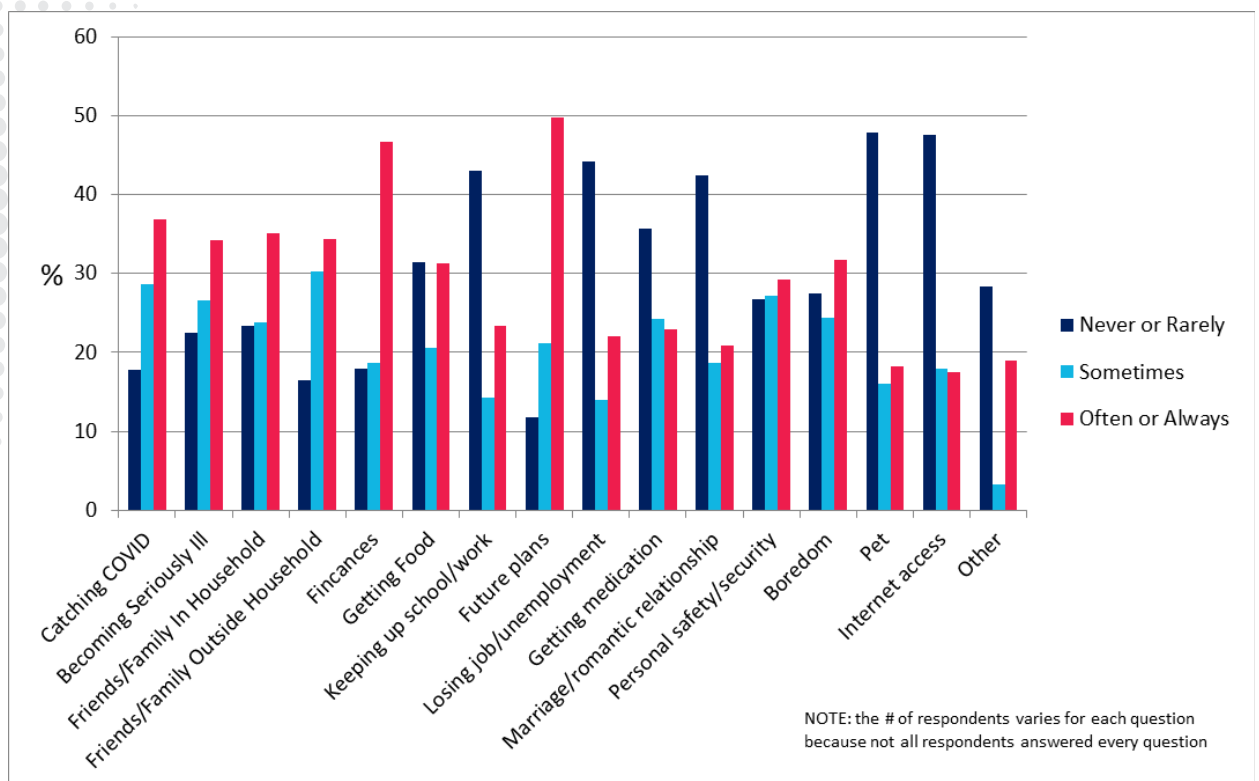
### WHICH PROVINCE OR TERRITORY DO YOU LIVE IN?



## 2. IMPACT OF COVID ON EMPLOYMENT



**IN THE PAST 7 DAYS, PLEASE INDICATE HOW OFTEN YOU HAVE FELT STRESSED OR WORRIED ABOUT THE FOLLOWING FACTORS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**



Other worries/stressors:

- Housing/ homelessness
- Suicide, loneliness, abandonment
- Social interactions
- Access to services, medical support & care
- Government support
- Child's schooling
- Death of loved ones
- General anxiety / world stability
- Transportation safety and hygiene



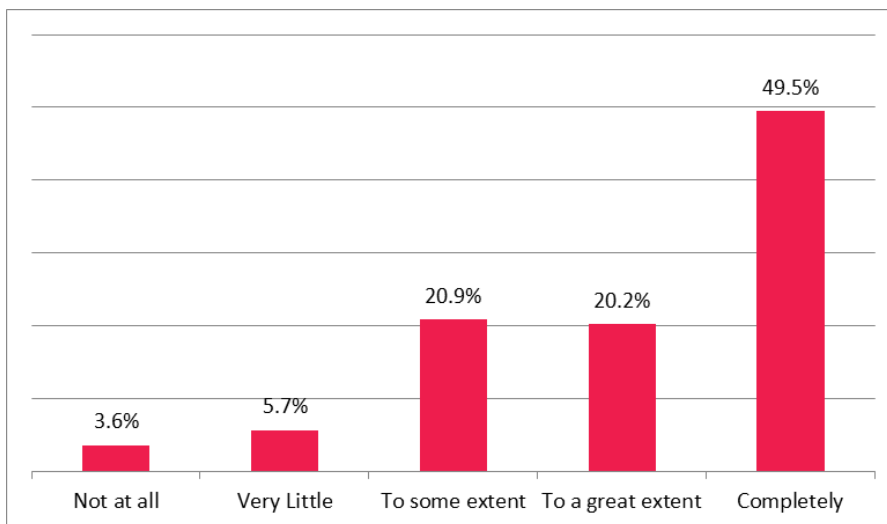
## NEEDS AND UNMET NEEDS OF CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Need	% who have this need now	% of people with the need who say that BEFORE COVID, it was met 'not at all' or 'very little'	% of people with the need who say now it's met 'not at all' or 'very little'
Housing	30.6	45.4	53.1
Attendant Care	17.7	28.9	53.9
Income Support	58.7	37.8	59.8
Assistive devices	46.7	36.7	58.5
Transportation	36.7	34.0	63.9
Specialized health care	48.7	33.0	64.8
General health care	56.0	18.6	50.4
Emotional counseling	58.3	46.0	71.9
Case management	30.9	55.4	73.1
Peer support	46.5	40.5	66.2
Rec and leisure programs	62.7	34.0	79.9
Access to food, groceries...	46.5	26.5	53.8
Internet, tech etc	33.8	25.2	31.0
Accessible websites media	27.6	26.1	33.9
Other	25.7		

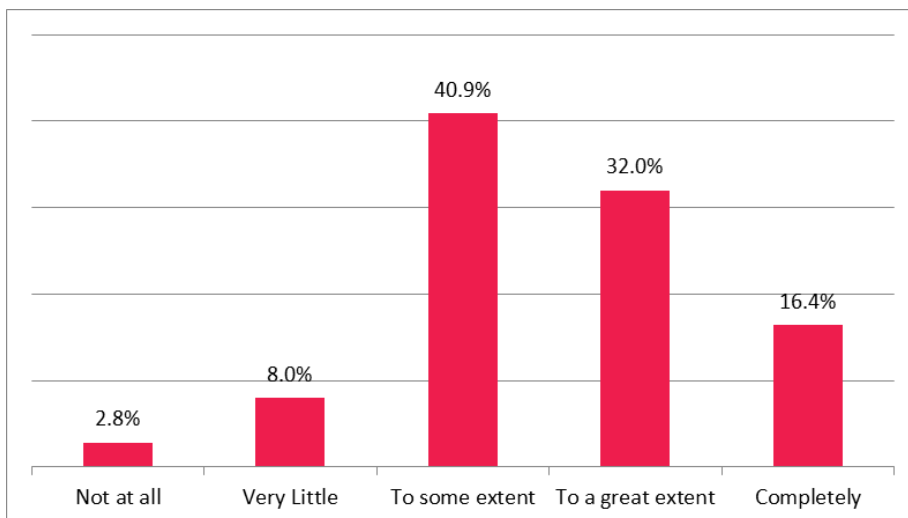
### Other needs:

- Drug / medical coverage
- Government support
- Financial planning
- Delivery of food / grocery / medicine
- Supplies of clothing / cleaning products / proper PPE & other COVID-related materials
- Household chores and personal care support
- Supporting children's needs

**TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOU ABLE TO WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (E.G. FACE MASK, GLOVES...) INDEPENDENTLY?**

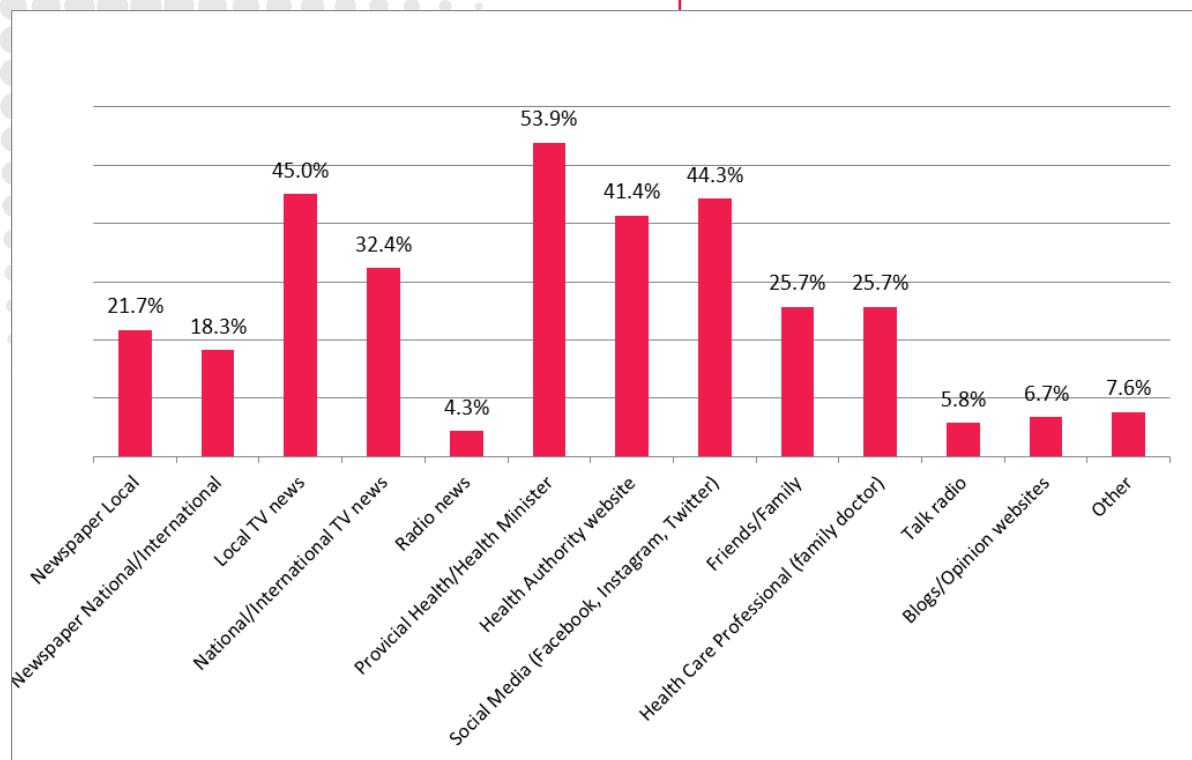


**TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOU ABLE TO PRACTICE SAFE PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME?**



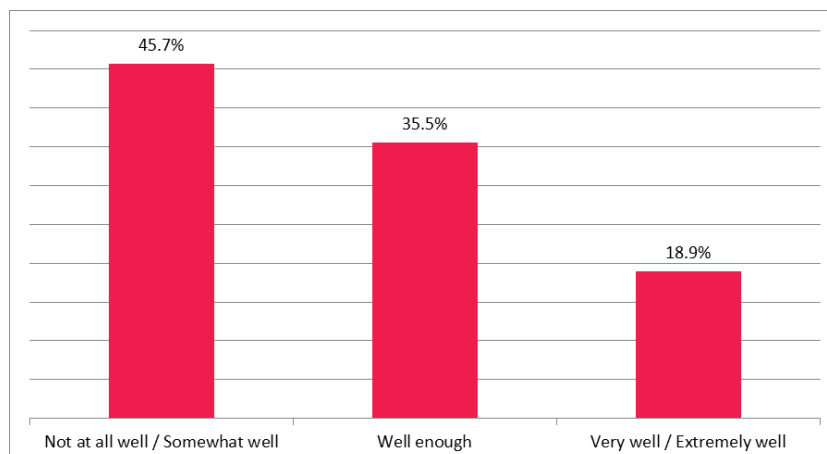


## WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?



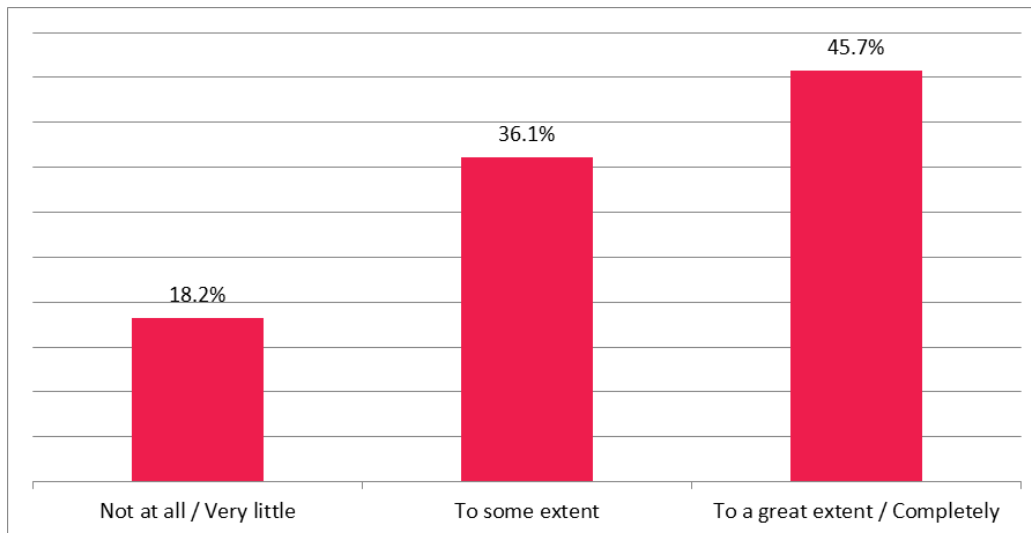
## 2. COVID IMPACT ON WELLBEING

### HOW WELL DO YOU FEEL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE COPING WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY DEMANDS AND CHANGES RELATED TO COVID-19?

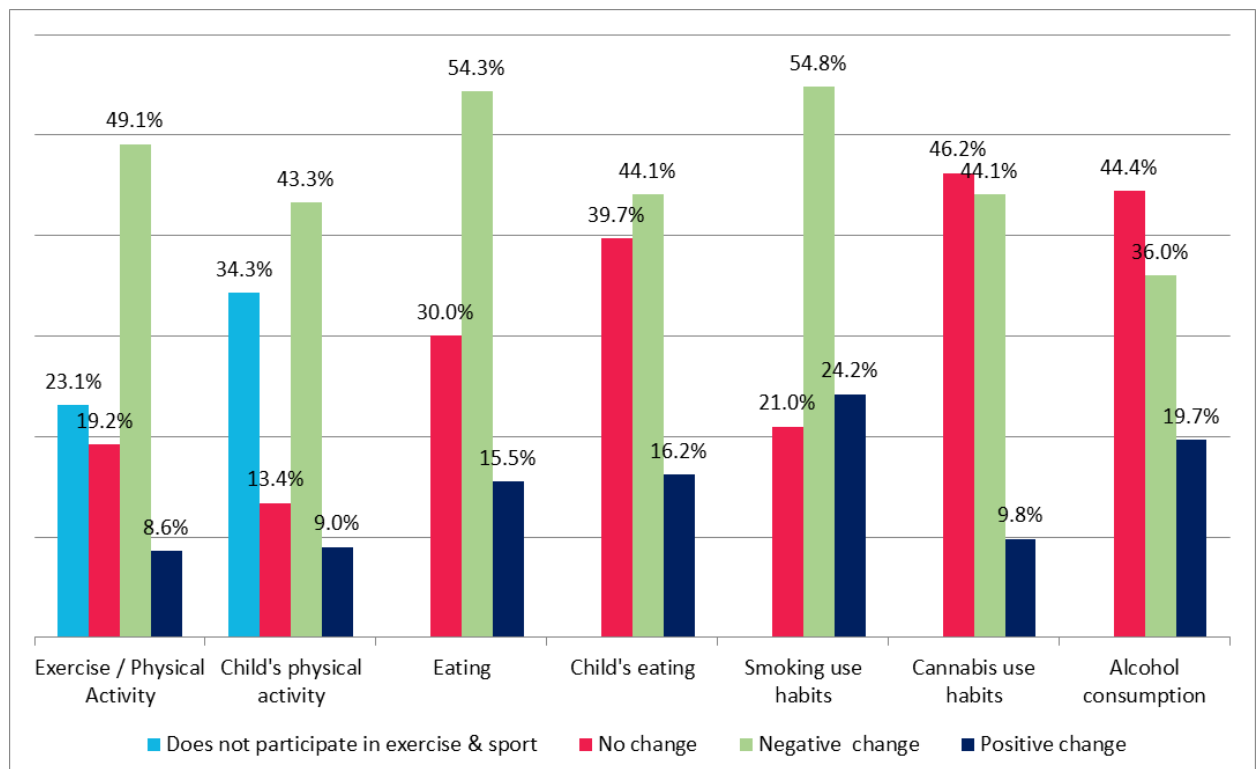




## HAS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC NEGATIVELY IMPACTED YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?



## HOW HAVE THE FOLLOWING HEALTH HABITS CHANGED SINCE THE START OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?





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