



Calgary



# Street Harassment Survey Report

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# Background & Methodology



# Background & Objectives

## Project Background

In December 2020, City Council passed a notice of motion to address street harassment in Calgary. Currently, there are no provincial laws against street harassment in Alberta, nor does Calgary have a bylaw that broadly addresses street harassment. Council directed City Administration to review current public safety bylaws and identify gaps with respect to how The City addresses street harassment. Administration is to report back to Council with their findings and recommendations no later than Q1 2022.

In addition to targeted internal and external stakeholder management, The City's project team commissioned Leger to conduct a survey of Calgary's general population to understand Calgarians' perceptions of and experiences with street harassment in order to inform a recommendation for addressing street harassment in Calgary.

## Research Objectives

- Measure feelings of safety on city streets and in public spaces
- Understand knowledge of street harassment and what Calgarians consider as being street harassment
- Identify the incidence and frequency of street harassment
- Understand personal experiences with street harassment (e.g., type of harassment, when it happens, where it happens, etc.)
- Understand experiences witnessing street harassment
- Determine the impact on quality of life and activities avoided to reduce the chances of street harassment
- Understand perceived effectiveness of measures to reduce street harassment including a potential bylaw



## Data Collection

- Telephone interviews were conducted with a randomly selected sample of n=504 Calgarians, aged 18 years or older, from September 23 to October 3, 2021. The survey was conducted by Leger.
- The survey sample included numbers from both landlines (31% of completed surveys) and cell phones (69%) to obtain a random and statistically representative sample of Calgarians.
- Average length of the interview was 17 minutes.
- Certain subgroups of the population are not represented in the survey due to the methodology, including those not able to complete a telephone survey (e.g., those not fluent in English, those with cognitive disabilities) and those without a phone (e.g., Calgarians experiencing homelessness, those who do not own a phone for other reasons). Calgarians under the age of 18 are also not included in this research, as surveying minors was outside the scope of this project.

## Analysis

- Data were weighted by age, gender and quadrant based on the latest City census in order to ensure results are statistically representative of adult Calgarians in terms of these three demographics.
- The margin of error (MOE) for the total sample is  $\pm 4.4\%$ , 19 times out of 20. The MOE increases for subgroups of the total sample. The MOE for males is  $\pm 6.3\%$ , 19 times out of 20 and for females it is  $\pm 6.2\%$ , 19 times out of 20.
- Results were analyzed and reported by gender (male and female). Notable significant differences among other subgroups with sufficient sample sizes have been detailed in the analysis of the report. Note that results for certain subgroups cannot be reported due to low incidence rates among the general population and subsequently very small sample sizes (e.g., Calgarians identifying as a non-traditional gender, people of specific ethnicities). Additionally, for some subgroups (e.g. LGBTQ2S+, those who wear religious dress), differences might not register as statistically significant as a result of small sample sizes. Research with larger sample sizes for these subgroups could reveal statistically significant differences.

# Summary of Findings



## Key Takeaways

- Calgarians tend to be only somewhat informed about street harassment, suggesting there's room to increase awareness of the topic and its impacts on citizens.
- While the majority of Calgarians overall think several behaviours should 'always' be considered street harassment; some segments of the population differ in terms of what they think should 'always', 'sometimes' or 'never' be considered street harassment. This suggests Calgarians have varying perceptions of what constitutes street harassment, supporting the need for an educational campaign to raise awareness of the issue.
- While Calgarians tend to feel safe on Calgary's streets and in public spaces, street harassment affects citizens overall and is disproportionately experienced by certain segments of the population such as females, racialized or Indigenous persons, people who wear clothing or symbols that indicate their religion, and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Most Calgarians acknowledge that some people are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment.
- Street harassment has a moderate to major negative impact on the quality of life for nearly half of Calgarians. Some citizens, particularly females, often avoid certain activities (e.g. walking outside/in public places when it's dark out, going somewhere alone) specifically to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment.
- While a majority of Calgarians think a bylaw would be at least somewhat effective in reducing street harassment, more Calgarians think physical measures (e.g. more lighting in public spaces, increased police presence) and program-related initiatives (e.g. education campaigns) are/would be effective. Perceived effectiveness of some measures vary across some segments of the population.

## Key Findings – All Respondents

**When asked how often various behaviours should be considered as street harassment, the majority said most should ‘always’ be considered street harassment.**

- The majority of Calgarians say the following should ‘always’ be considered street harassment:
  - Unwanted physical contact (73%),
  - Unwanted sexual attention (70%),
  - Unwanted comments about a person’s ethnicity or race (69%),
  - Being followed (67%),
  - Unwanted comments about a person’s religion (65%),
  - Unwanted comments about a person’s physical appearance (63%), and
  - Unwanted comments about a person’s gender (63%).
- The behaviours most likely to be considered street harassment ‘sometimes’ (i.e. depending on the situation) are unwanted conversation (70%) and being asked for money (55%).

**After being read a definition of street harassment, the majority of Calgarians said they’re informed about the topic, although mostly only ‘somewhat’ informed.**

- Respondents were read the following definition of street harassment: “Any unwelcomed comments, gestures, and actions directed at a person on a street or in a public space because of their actual or perceived gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, or religion and that are disrespectful, demeaning, alarming, and/or insulting.” Based on this definition, two-thirds (66%) of Calgarians said they’re informed about the topic (12% ‘very’ and 54% ‘somewhat’).



## Key Findings – All Respondents (cont'd)

**Although the majority of Calgarians feel safe on Calgary's streets and in public spaces, around half have ever experienced street harassment in Calgary and the majority of these people have experienced it in the past year.**

- Nearly nine-in-ten Calgarians (86%) feel safe (40% 'very' and 46% 'somewhat').
- Around one-half (53%) of Calgarians have ever experienced street harassment in Calgary and among them, three-in-five (61%) most recently experienced it in the past year and one-quarter (26%) experience it monthly or more frequently. One-quarter (26%) say they've experienced more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 while around two-in-five (38%) have experienced it about as much as before the pandemic.
- Among Calgarians who have experienced street harassment in the past three years, around two-in-five (43%) say it most often happened equally during the daytime and after dark, one-third (35%) most often experienced it during the daytime and one-fifth (20%) after dark.

**The majority of Calgarians have ever witnessed street harassment in Calgary and two-thirds of these people have witnessed it in the past year.**

- Three-in-five Calgarians (62%) have ever witnessed street harassment in Calgary, with 67% of them last witnessing it in the past year and 40% saying they've witnessed it more since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 and another 31% witnessing it as much as before the pandemic.

## Key Findings – All Respondents (cont'd)

**Nearly two-thirds of Calgarians agree that street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary while the vast majority agree that some people in Calgary are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment.**

- Nearly two-thirds (63%) of Calgarians agree that street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary.
- Most Calgarians agree that some people in Calgary are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment (91%) and that it's everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment (92%).
- Four-in-five (79%) agree The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment.

**Regardless of whether or not they've personally experienced street harassment, it has a moderate to major negative impact on the quality of life for nearly one-half of Calgarians.**

- Nearly one-half (45%) of Calgarians say street harassment has a moderate (28%) or major (17%) negative impact on their quality of life. The most common way in which it has a negative impact is on one's emotional or mental state (50% of those for whom street harassment has at least a minor negative impact on their quality of life).

**The most common activity often avoided to specifically reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment is walking outside or being in public places when it's dark out.**

- Just over one-half (55%) of Calgarians avoid walking outside or being in public places when it's dark out in order to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment.



## Key Findings – All Respondents (cont'd)

**When asked for suggestions for what The City could do to make public spaces safer and prevent street harassment, Calgarians mentioned both police/enforcement-related and program/initiative ideas.**

- Nearly one-half (45%) of Calgarians suggested measures that involve increasing police presence/foot patrols and other ideas related to police and/or enforcement.
- Around one-third (36%) suggested programs or initiatives such as more lighting (17%) and education awareness campaigns (17%).

**When read a list of specific measures that could be taken to reduce street harassment, the majority thought each is or would be effective, although relatively fewer think a bylaw would be effective.**

- The majority think the following measures are/would be effective in reducing street harassment:
  - More lighting in public spaces (90%),
  - Working with school boards to educate youth about street harassment (87%),
  - Emergency buttons that alert security or 9-1-1 (86%),
  - Increased police presence on streets and in public places (86%),
  - Visible security cameras (85%),
  - A police non-emergency helpline (82%),
  - A safe walk program (81%),
  - A campaign to educate people about street harassment (78%), and
  - A bylaw to address street harassment (69%).

## Key Findings - Females

### Females differ from males in perceptions of and experience with street harassment.

- Females are less likely than males to feel safe (83% vs. 89%, respectively), particularly 'very' safe (35% vs. 44%), and more likely to think street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary (68% vs. 57%).
- Females are more likely than males to think the following should 'always' be considered street harassment:
  - Being followed (73% vs. 60%, respectively),
  - Unwanted comments about a person's physical appearance (71% vs. 54%),
  - Unwanted comments about a person's religion (72% vs. 57%),
  - Unwanted comments about a person's ethnicity or race (74% vs. 63%),
  - Unwanted physical contact (78% vs. 68%), and
  - Unwanted comments about a person's gender (68% vs. 58%).
- Females are much more likely than males to have experienced unwanted comments about their physical appearance (64% vs. 24%), unwanted sexual attention (63% vs. 15%), and unwanted comments about their gender (29% vs. 10%).
- Females are more likely than males to avoid certain activities in order to reduce the chances of street harassment:
  - Going somewhere alone (66% vs. 25%, respectively),
  - Being in areas where there are few people (61% vs. 26%),
  - Walking outside or being in public places when it's dark out (69% vs. 41%),
  - Taking the bus and/or C-Train at certain times (58% vs. 34%),
  - Going downtown (50% vs. 34%),
  - Visiting certain areas of the city outside of downtown (47% vs. 35%), and
  - Going to public parks (28% vs. 18%).
- Females are more likely than males to think a bylaw to address street harassment would be effective (74% vs. 62%, respectively) and that a campaign to educate people about street harassment would be effective (83% vs. 72%).



# Key Findings – Racialized/Indigenous Persons

**Calgarians who identify as a racialized or Indigenous person are more likely to experience and witness street harassment and more so since the beginning of the pandemic.**

- Racialized or Indigenous persons are more likely than other Calgarians to:
  - Agree it's everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment (98% vs. 91%, respectively),
  - Personally experience street harassment monthly or more often (41%\* vs. 22%),
  - Have experienced street harassment in the past month (41%\* vs. 24%),
  - Have experienced more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic (50%\* vs. 21%),
  - Have witnessed street harassment (74% vs. 62%),
  - Have witnessed more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic (54%\* vs. 36%), and
  - Have experienced being asked for money (98%\* vs. 87), unwanted comments about their religion (30%\* vs. 7%), and unwanted comments about their ethnicity or race (64%\* vs. 16%).
- Those who identify as a racialized or Indigenous person are less likely to believe that unwanted comments about one's gender (53% vs. 69% others) or religion (56% vs. 69% others) should 'always' be considered harassment and more likely to think unwanted comments about a person's gender is 'sometimes' harassment (23% vs. 13% others).

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.



## Key Findings – Religious Dress

**Calgarians who wear religious dress (i.e. clothing or other symbols of one's religion) are more likely than others to have experienced certain types of street harassment and more harassment since the beginning of the pandemic.**

- Those who wear religious dress\* are more likely than others to:
  - Agree The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment (90% vs. 78%, respectively),
  - Have experienced more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic (55% vs. 22%),
  - Have experienced unwanted comments about their religion (40% vs. 8%) and their ethnicity or race (57% vs. 22%),
  - Have experienced street harassment in a public park (55% vs. 32%), and
  - Say that street harassment has a major negative impact on their quality of life (60% vs. 43%).

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.



## Key Findings – LGBTQ2S+

### Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* differ from other Calgarians on a few of the measures in this survey.

- Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are more likely than other Calgarians to think that unwanted physical contact (86% vs. 72%, respectively) and unwanted comments about a person's gender (82% vs. 63%) should 'always' be considered harassment.
- Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are less likely than others to agree they would know what to say or do if they experienced street harassment (62% vs. 80%, respectively) and more likely than others to have ever personally experienced street harassment (84% vs. 49%) and/or witnessed it (85% vs. 60%).
- Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are less likely than other Calgarians to think an increased police presence on streets and in public places is/would be effective (70% vs. 88%, respectively) and more likely than others to say a safe walk program is/would be effective (92% vs. 80%).

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# Detailed Results





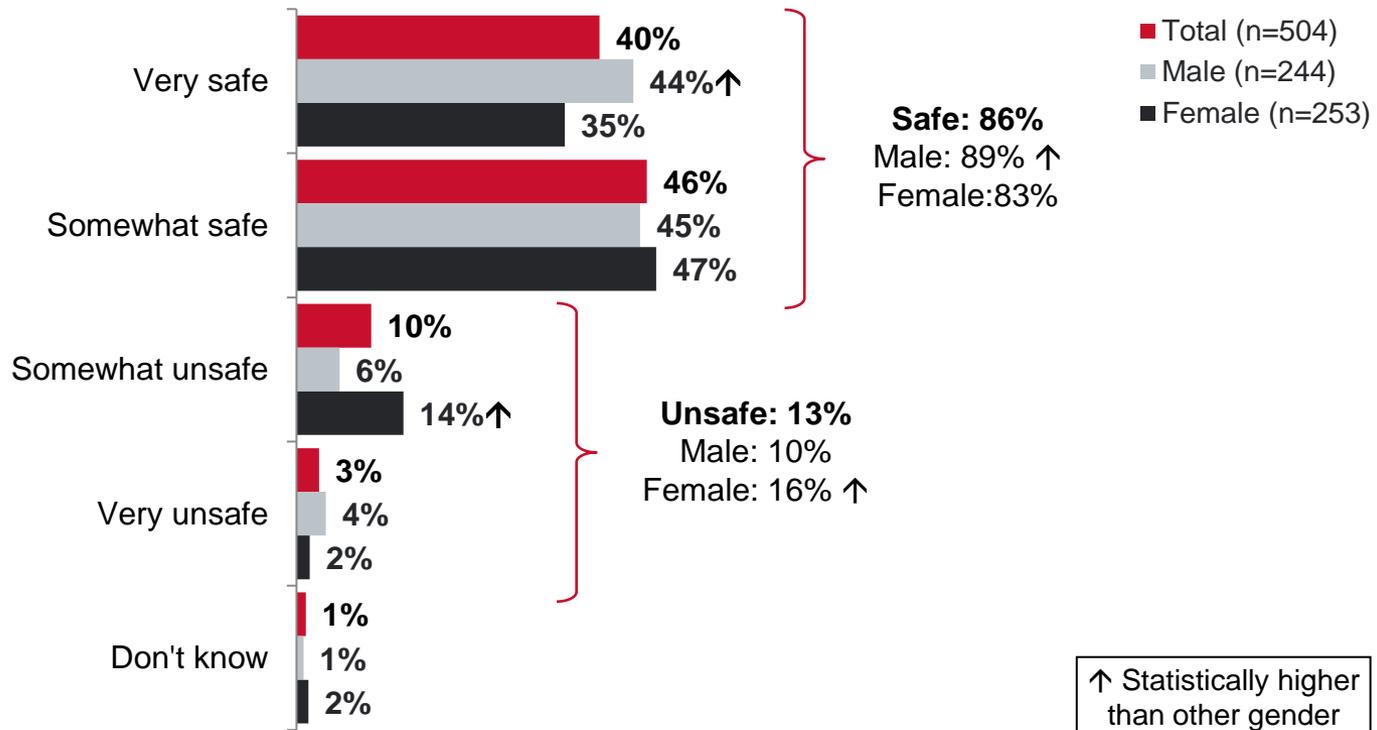
## Awareness and Attitudes



# Feelings of Safety in Streets and Public Spaces

Over eight-in-ten (86%) Calgarians feel safe on Calgary’s streets and in public places. Those who are more likely to feel unsafe include females (16% vs. 10% of males), residents of the Southeast and Northeast (17% and 20% vs. 7% Southwest and 10% Northwest). Those with a disability\* are less likely to feel safe (71% vs. 87% without) and 18 to 34 years old are less likely to report feeling ‘very safe’ compared to Calgarians aged 35 to 64 and 65 or older (29% vs. 46% and 43%, respectively).

**Feeling Safe When on Calgary Streets and in Public Spaces**



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Q1. Overall, how safe or unsafe do you feel on Calgary’s streets and in public spaces?

Base: All respondents (n=504)

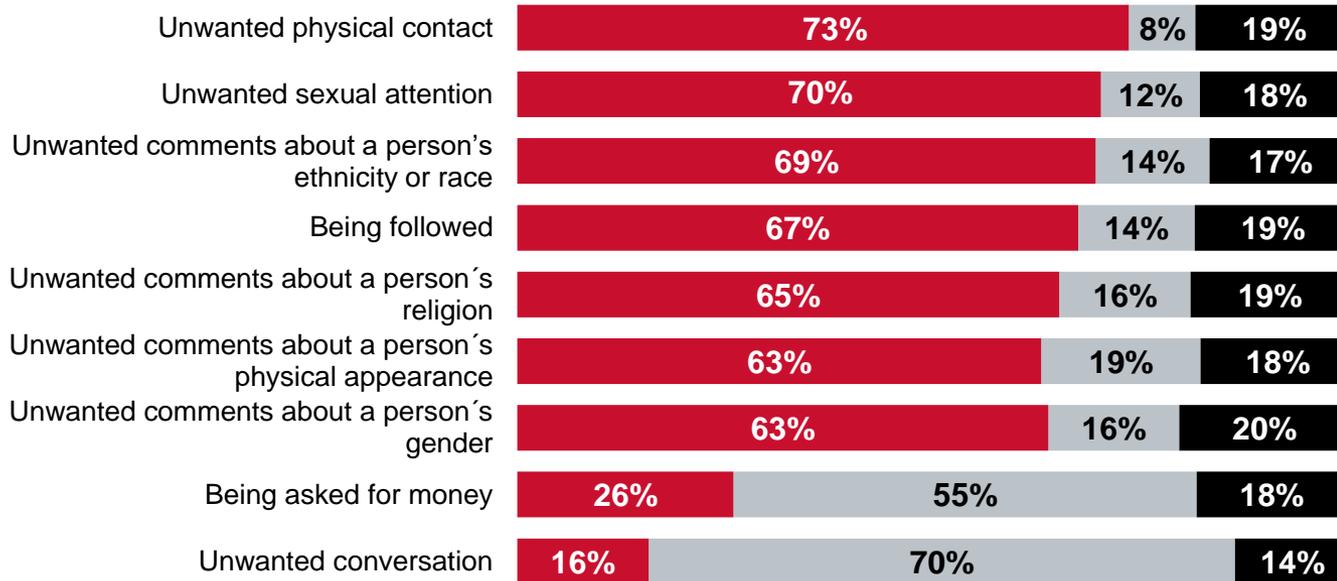


# Situations Considered Street Harassment

The majority of Calgarians agree that the various behaviours should 'always' be considered street harassment, with the exception of being asked for money and unwanted conversation. Interactions that are the most subjectively considered harassment, meaning the largest portion say they should 'sometimes' be considered harassment, are unwanted conversation and being asked for money. With the exceptions of unwanted sexual attention, being asked for money and unwanted conversation, females are more likely than males to think the various behaviours described should 'always' be considered street harassment. (continued on next slide)

## When it Should be Considered Street Harassment

■ Always ■ Sometimes ■ Never ■ Don't know



Total n=504	Always	
	Male n=244	Female n=253
73%	68%	78%↑
70%	66%	72%
69%	63%	74%↑
67%	60%	73%↑
65%	57%	72%↑
63%	54%	71%↑
63%	58%	68%↑
26%	24%	27%
16%	13%	18%

Note: 3% and lower not labelled

↑ Statistically higher than other gender

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q2. For each one, please tell me if you think it should always, sometimes, or never be considered street harassment when it happens on a street or in a public place...

Base: All respondents (n=504)

## Situations Considered Street Harassment (cont'd)

Males are more likely than females to think the following behaviours should 'sometimes' be considered street harassment:

- Unwanted comments about a person's physical appearance (24% vs. 14%, respectively)
- Unwanted comments about a person's religion (20% vs. 12%)
- Being followed (18% vs. 11%)
- Unwanted comments about a person's ethnicity (17% vs. 10%)
- Unwanted physical contact (10% vs. 4%)

Younger Calgarians are more likely than their older counterparts to think being followed should 'always' be considered street harassment (68% 18 to 34 and 71% 35 to 64 vs. 55% 65 or older). Those aged 18 to 34 are much less likely to consider being asked for money to 'always' be a form of street harassment (13% vs. 32% 35 to 64 and 31% 65 or older) and more likely to think it's 'sometimes' harassment (65% vs. 52% 35 to 64 and 47% 65 or older). Younger Calgarians are more likely than those 65 or older to think unwanted conversation should 'sometimes' be considered street harassment (71% 18 to 34 and 74% 35 to 64 vs. 58% 65 or older).

Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are more likely to think that unwanted physical contact (86% vs. 72% others) and unwanted comments about a person's gender (82% vs. 63% others) should 'always' be considered harassment.

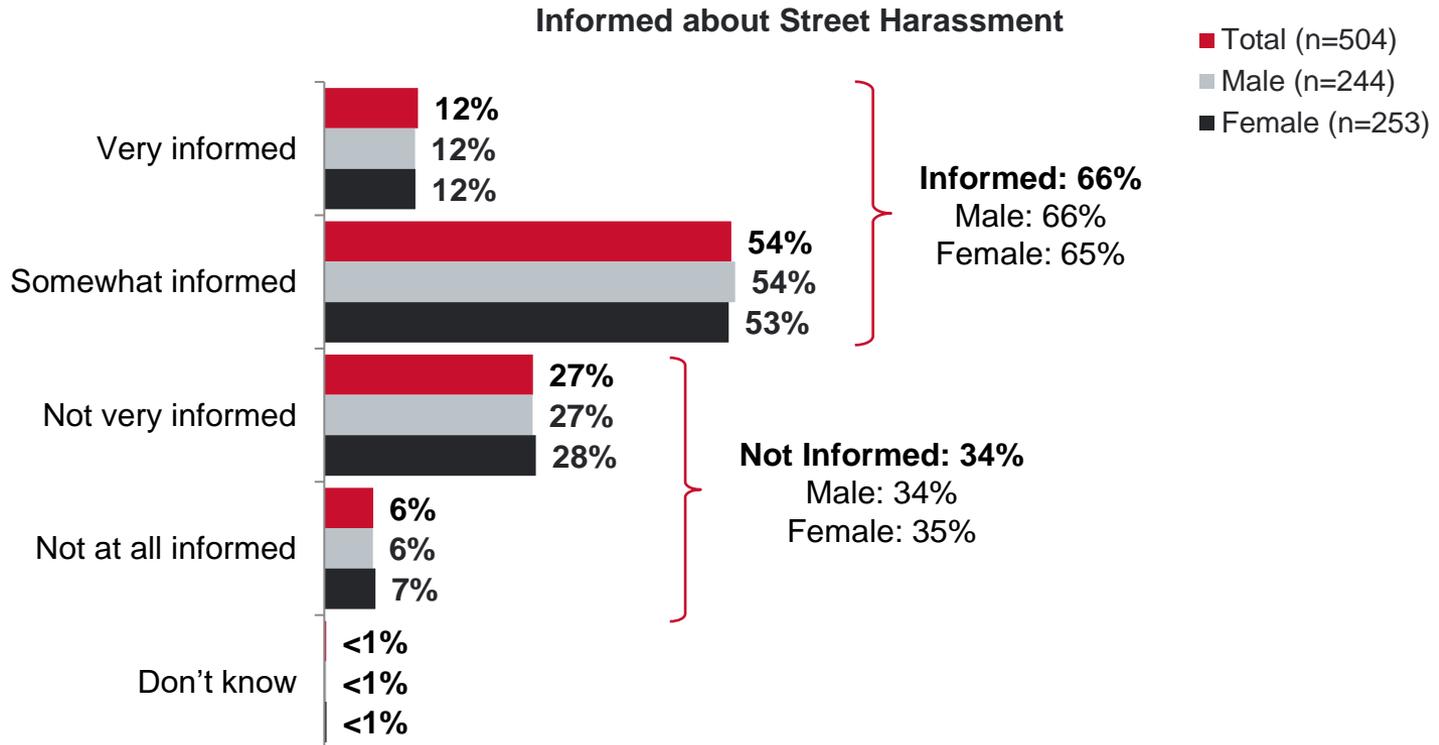
Those who identify as a racialized or Indigenous person are less likely to believe that unwanted comments about one's gender (53% vs. 69% others) or religion (56% vs. 69% others) should 'always' be considered harassment and more likely to think unwanted comments about a person's gender is 'sometimes' harassment (23% vs. 13% others).

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.



# Being Informed About Street Harassment

Two-thirds (66%) of Calgarians feel informed on the topic of street harassment, although few (12%) report feeling ‘very informed’, suggesting there is an opportunity to educate Calgarians on the topic of street harassment. Those who wear religious dress\* are more likely than those who don’t to feel ‘very informed’ about street harassment (24% vs. 11%, respectively).



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q3. For the rest of this survey, ‘street harassment’, is defined as “any unwelcomed comments, gestures, and actions directed at a person on a street or in a public space because of their actual or perceived gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, or religion and that are disrespectful, demeaning, alarming, and/or insulting.” How informed are you about the topic of street harassment?

Base: All respondents (n=504)



# Perceptions about Street Harassment

The majority of Calgarians agree it is everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment (92%) and that some people in Calgary are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment (91%). Females are more likely than males to agree that street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary. Those 18 to 34 years of age are more likely than older Calgarians to agree The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment (85% vs. 76% 35 to 64 and 74% 65 or older). They are also more likely than seniors to agree street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary (70% vs. 54% 65 or older). (continued on next slide)

### Agreement Levels

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

It is everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment



Some people in Calgary are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment



The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment



I would know what to say or do if I experienced street harassment myself



I would know what to say or do if I witnessed street harassment of another person



Street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary



Note: 3% and lower not labelled

Agree (Strongly/Somewhat)		
Total n=504	Male n=244	Female n=253
92%	90%	94%
91%	89%	92%
79%	76%	82%
79%	82%	78%
76%	80%	74%
63%	57%	68%↑

↑ Statistically higher than other gender

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

Base: All respondents (n=504)

## Perceptions about Street Harassment (cont'd)

Calgarians who identify as being of Asian descent are more likely than those who identify as 'Canadian' or of European descent to agree The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment (90% vs. 77% and 77%, respectively). They are less likely to agree that some people in Calgary are more at risk than others (82% vs. 94% Canadian and 94% European descent).

Racialized or Indigenous persons are more likely than other Calgarians to agree it's everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment (98% vs. 91%, respectively).

Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are less likely to agree they would know what to say or do if they experienced street harassment (62% vs. 80% others).

Those who wear religious dress\* are more likely than others to agree The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment (90% vs. 78%, respectively).

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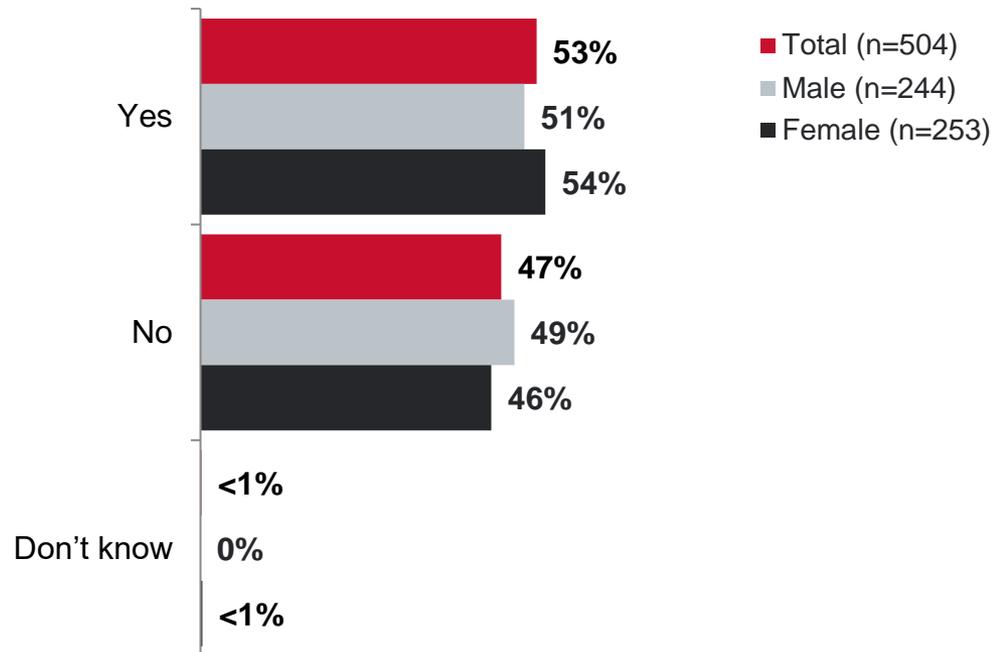
## Personal Experiences with Street Harassment



# Personally Experienced Street Harassment

Around one-half (53%) of Calgarians have ever experienced street harassment in Calgary. Those who are more likely to have experienced street harassment are younger Calgarians (69% 18 to 34 vs. 50% 35 to 64 vs. 32% 65 or older) and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* (84% vs. 49% others).

Have Personally Experienced Street Harassment



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q5. Have you ever personally experienced street harassment in Calgary, meaning you were the target of it?

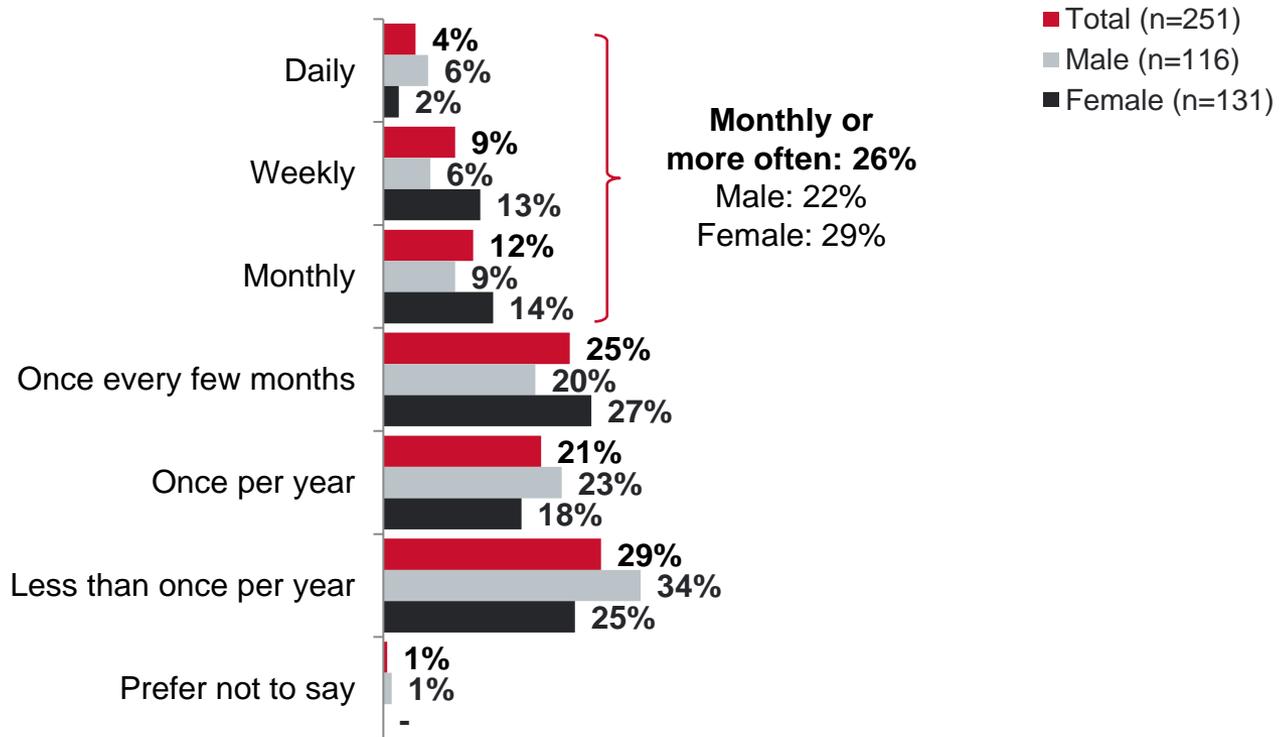
Base: All respondents (n=504)



# Frequency of Experiencing Street Harassment

Of those who have personally experienced street harassment, about one-quarter (26%) experience it monthly or more often. Those more likely to experience street harassment monthly or more often include 18 to 34 year olds (35% vs. 19% 35 to 64 and 15% 65 or older) and racialized or Indigenous persons\* (41% vs. 22% others).

Frequency of Personally Experiencing Street Harassment



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Q6. Approximately how often do you experience street harassment?

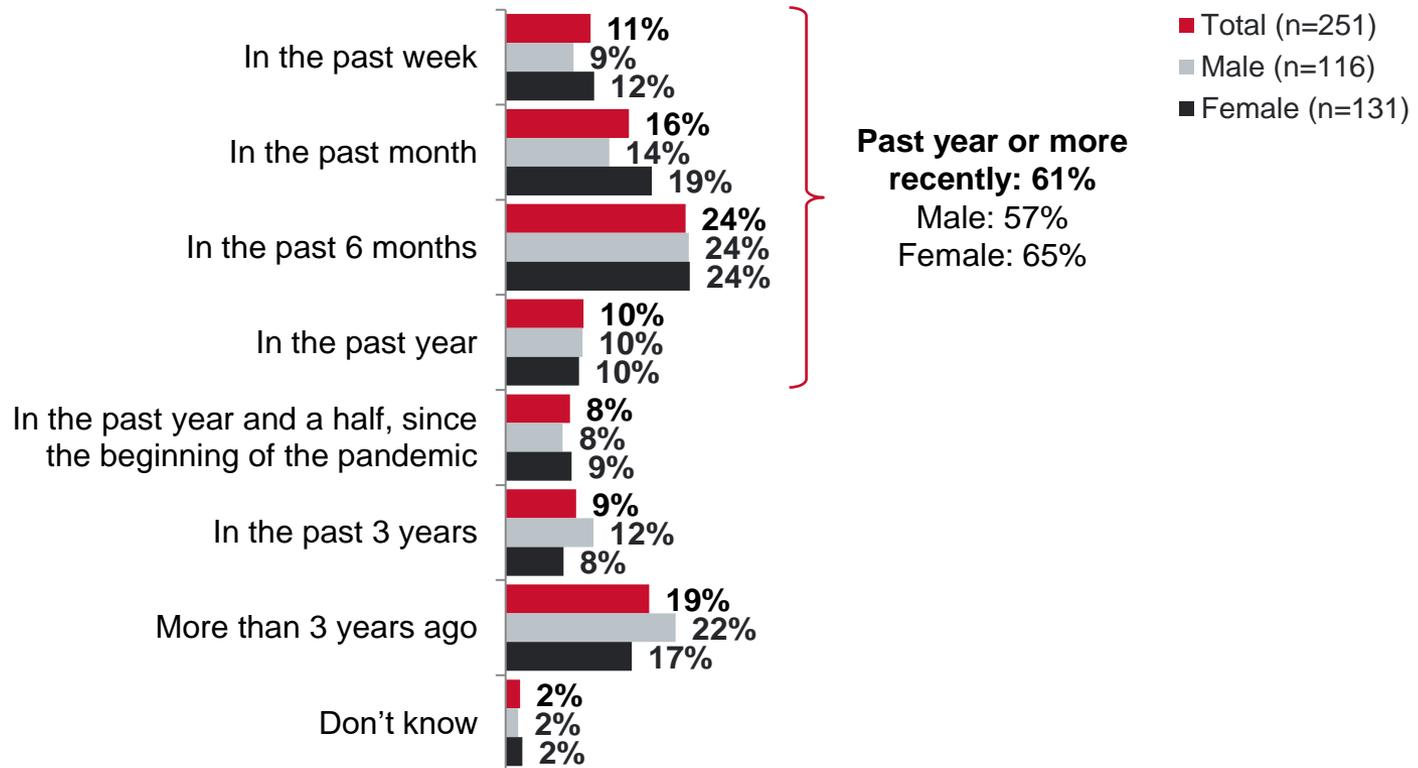
Base: Those who have personally experienced street harassment (n=251)



# Last Time Experiencing Street Harassment

Of those who have personally experienced street harassment, three-in-five (61%) have experienced it in the past year. Regarding more recent experiences with street harassment, those aged 18 to 34 are more likely than older Calgarians to have experienced it in the past month (40% vs. 17% 35 to 64 and 20% 65 or older). Racialized or Indigenous persons\* are also more likely than others to have experienced street harassment in the past month (41% vs. 24%, respectively).

**Last Time Experienced Street Harassment**



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q7. When was the last time you personally experienced street harassment in Calgary?

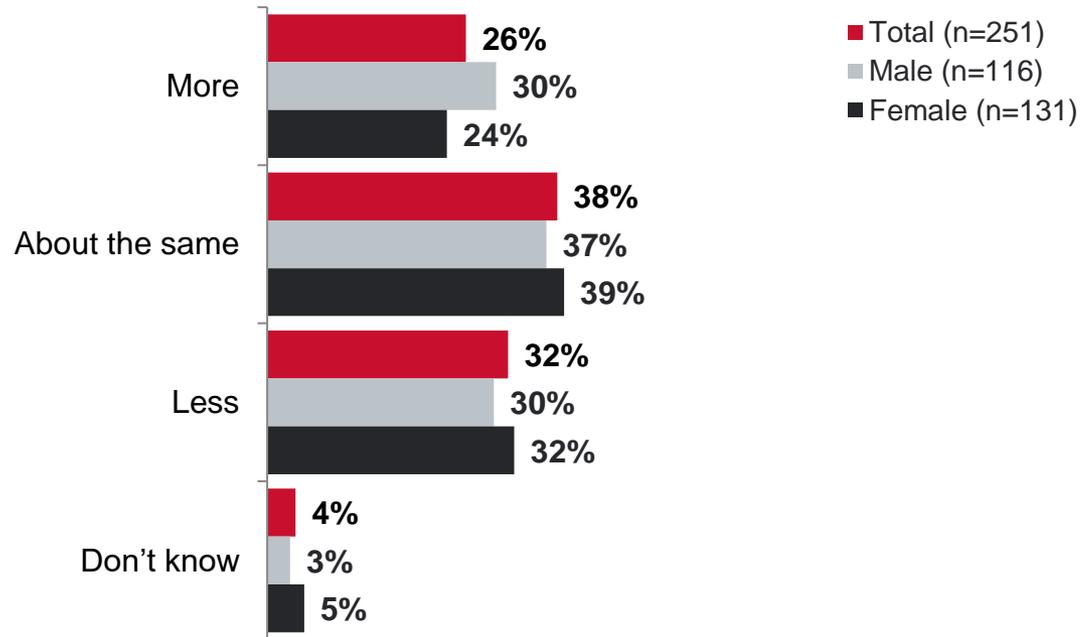
Base: Those who have personally experienced street harassment (n=251)



# Changes in Personal Experiences of Street Harassment Since Pandemic

Of those who have personally experienced street harassment, it is mixed between those who have experienced more street harassment (26%), about the same (38%), or less (32%) since the pandemic began in March 2020. Calgarians who identify as being of Asian descent\* are more likely than those who identify as ‘Canadian’ or of European descent to say they’ve experienced more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic (43% vs. 21% and 14%, respectively). Racialized or Indigenous persons\* are more likely to have experienced more street harassment (50% vs. 21% others), as are those who wear religious dress\* (55% vs. 22% others).

**Changes in Experiencing Street Harassment Since Beginning of Pandemic**



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q10. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, have you personally experienced more, less, or about the same amount of street harassment as before the pandemic?

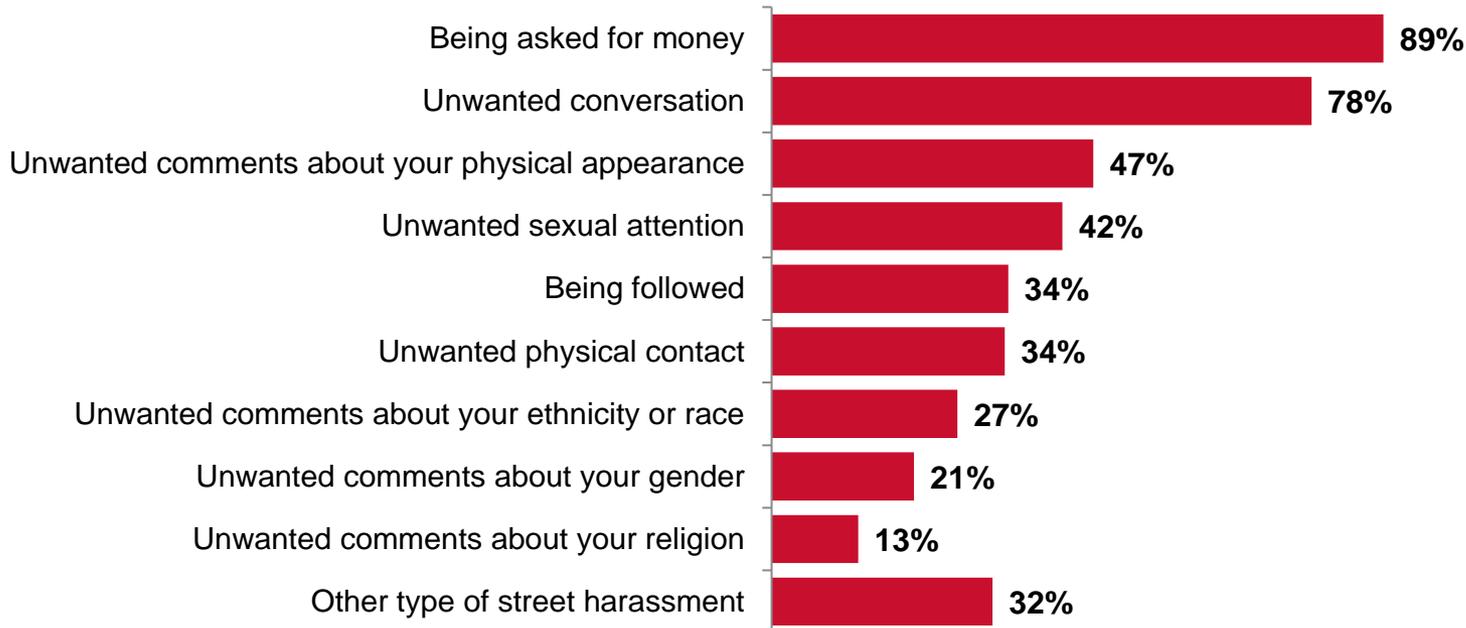
Base: Those who have personally experienced street harassment (n=251)



# Types of Street Harassment Experienced

Among those who have experienced street harassment in the past three years, the most common types of street harassment experienced are being asked for money (89%) and unwanted conversation (78%). Females are more likely to have experienced unwanted comments about their physical appearance, unwanted sexual attention, and unwanted comments about their gender. (continued on next slide)

Types of Street Harassment Experienced in the Past 3 Years



	Male <i>n=87</i>	Female <i>n=105</i>
Being asked for money	85%	92%
Unwanted conversation	75%	81%
Unwanted comments about your physical appearance	24%	64%↑
Unwanted sexual attention	15%	63%↑
Being followed	31%	38%
Unwanted physical contact	35%	33%
Unwanted comments about your ethnicity or race	28%	28%
Unwanted comments about your gender	10%	29%↑
Unwanted comments about your religion	13%	13%
Other type of street harassment	37%	25%

↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q12. Which of the following types of street harassment have you personally experienced in Calgary in the past 3 years?

Base: Have personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years (n=196)



## Types of Street Harassment Experienced (cont'd)

Those aged 18 to 34 years are more likely than those 35 to 64 (sample size of those 65 or older is too small to report results) to have experienced the following types of street harassment:

- Unwanted sexual attention (55% vs. 36%, respectively)
- Being followed (47% vs. 25%)
- Unwanted comments about their physical appearance (61% vs. 40%)
- Unwanted comments about their religion (20% vs. 7%)

Racialized or Indigenous persons\* are more likely than other Calgarians to have experienced being asked for money (98% vs. 87%, respectively), unwanted comments about their religion (30% vs. 7%) and unwanted comments about their ethnicity or race (64% vs. 16%).

Those who wear religious dress\* are more likely than other Calgarians to have experienced unwanted comments about their religion (40% vs. 8%, respectively) and their ethnicity or race (57% vs. 22%).

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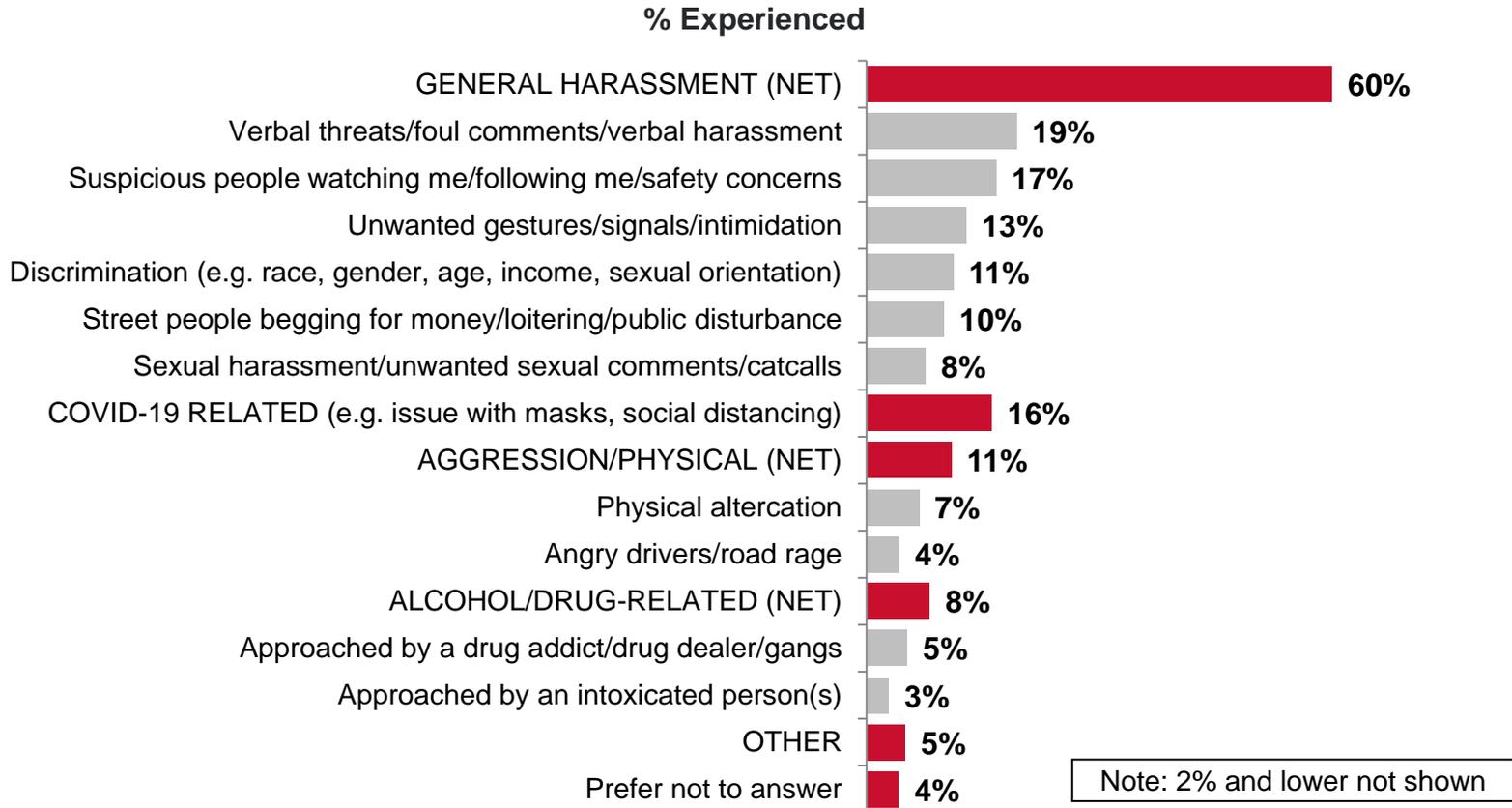
Q12. Which of the following types of street harassment have you personally experienced in Calgary in the past 3 years?

Base: Have personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years (n=196)



# Other Types of Street Harassment Experienced

Among those who have experienced other types of street harassment (other than those listed on the previous slide), the most common types of harassment are verbal threats/harassment, being watched/followed, and COVID-19 related harassment.



Q12. Which of the following types of street harassment have you personally experienced in Calgary in the past 3 years?

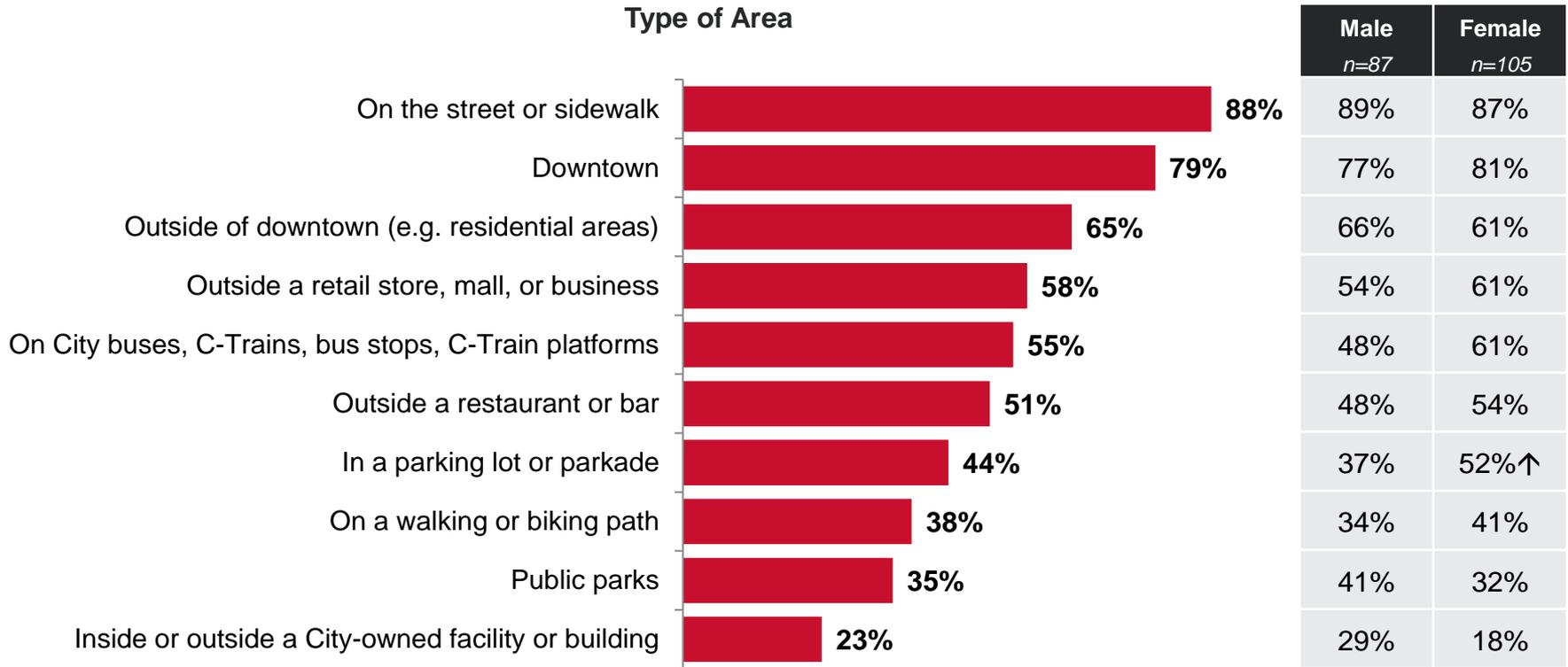
Base: Have personally experienced another type of street harassment other than those listed (n=55)



# Areas Where Experienced Street Harassment

Among those who have experienced street harassment in the past three years, more Calgarians have experienced street harassment downtown (79%) than outside of downtown (65%). Areas where street harassment is most experienced is on the street or sidewalk (88%), outside a retail store, mall, or business (58%), and on City buses, C-Trains, bus stops, and/or C-Train platforms (55%). Females are more likely to have experienced harassment in a parking lot or parkade. (continued on next slide)

Type of Area



↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q13. For each of the following areas, please tell me if it's a place you've personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years.

Base: Have personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years (n=196)



# Areas Where Experienced Street Harassment (cont'd)

Among those who have experienced street harassment in the past three years, those aged 18 to 34 years are more likely than those 35 to 64 (sample size of those 65 or older is too small to report results) to have experienced it:

- Downtown (85% vs. 78%, respectively)
- Outside a restaurant or bar (63% vs. 46%)
- Outside a retail store, mall or business (64% vs. 57%)
- On City buses, C-Trains, bus stops and/or C-Train platforms (71% vs. 46%)
- In a parking lot or parkade (50% vs. 45%)

Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are more likely than other Calgarians to have experienced street harassment on the street or sidewalk (98% vs. 86%, respectively) while those who wear religious dress\* are more likely than others to have experienced it in a public park (55% vs. 32%, respectively).

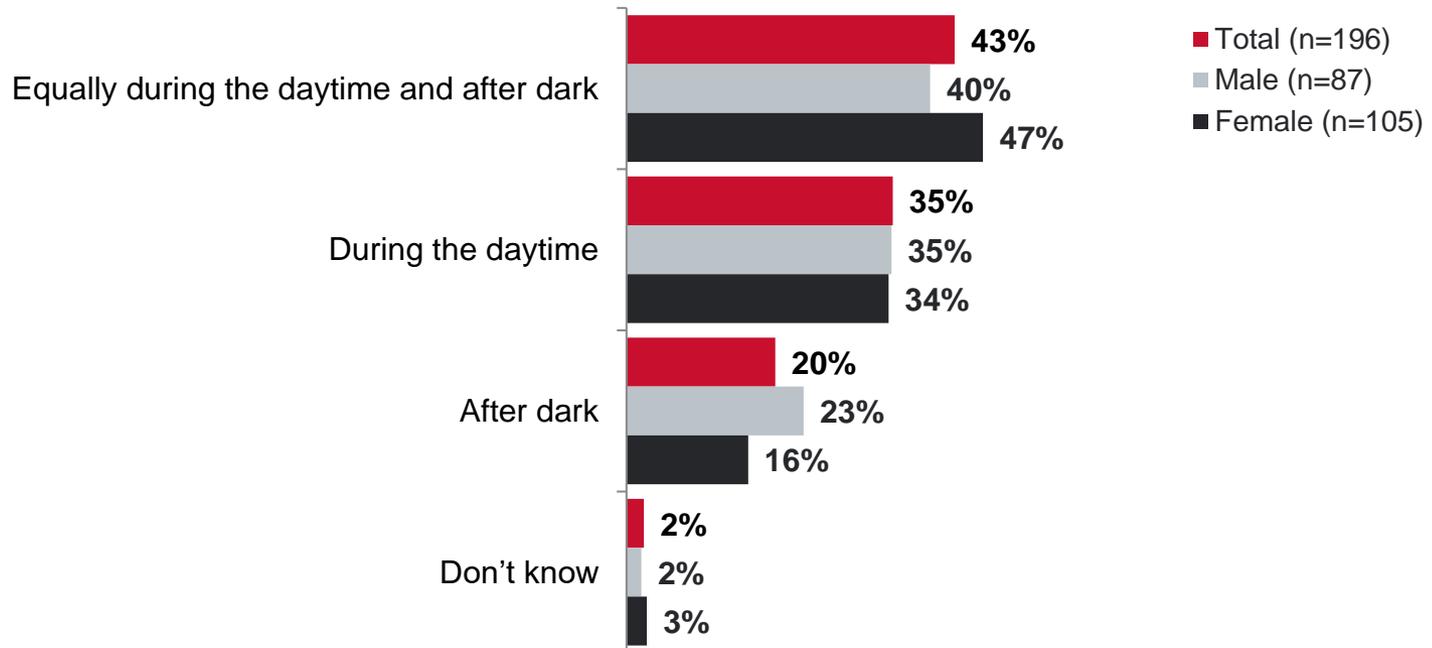
\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.



# Time of Day Experienced Street Harassment

Among those who have experienced street harassment in the past three years, the time of day harassment is experienced is fairly mixed between ‘equally during the daytime and after dark’ (43%), ‘during the daytime’ (35%), and ‘after dark’ (20%). Calgarians aged 18 to 34 years are more likely than their older counterparts to experience street harassment after dark (28% vs. 13% 35 to 64 and 7% 65 or older\*) and less likely to experience it during the daytime (22% vs. 40% 35 to 64 vs. 72% 65 or older\*). Those between the ages of 18 and 64 are more likely than older Calgarians to experience it equally during the daytime and after dark (47% 18 to 34 and 46% 35 to 64 vs. 13% 65 or older\*).

**Time of Day Street Harassment Most Often Experienced**



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q14. In terms of the street harassment you've personally experienced in the past 3 years, would you say it most often happened...?

Base: Have personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years (n=196)



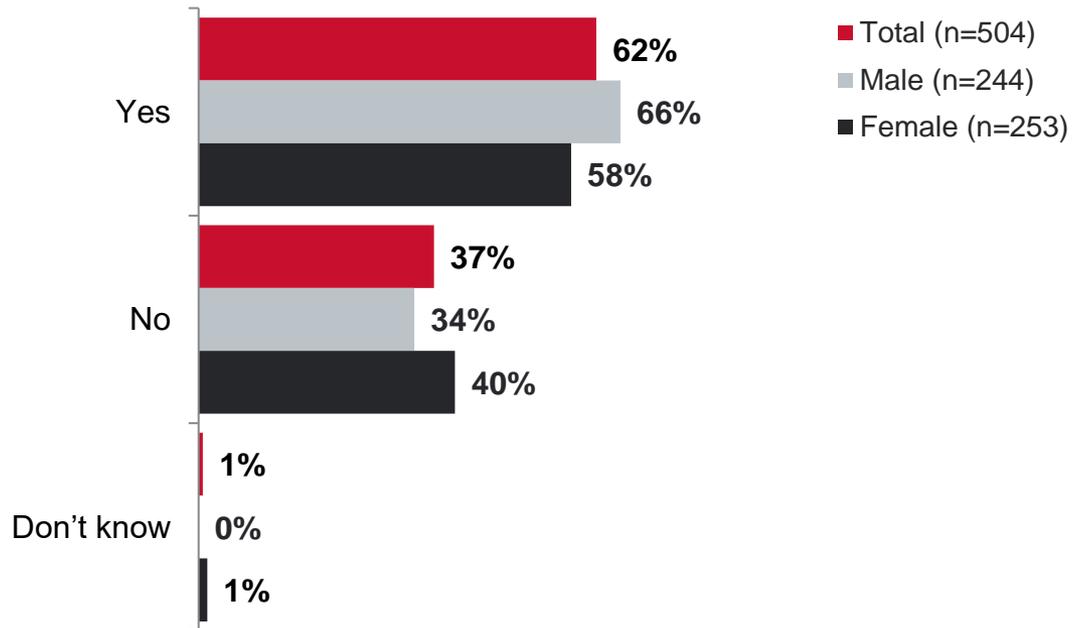
## Experiences Witnessing Street Harassment



# Incidence of Witnessing Street Harassment

About three-in-five (62%) Calgarians have ever witnessed street harassment in Calgary. Younger Calgarians are more likely to have witnessed street harassment (72% 18 to 34 vs. 62% 35 or 64 vs. 48% 65 or older). Other subgroups more likely to have witnessed it are racialized or Indigenous persons (74% vs. 62% others) and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* (85% vs. 60% others).

Have Witnessed Street Harassment



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q8. Have you ever witnessed street harassment in Calgary, meaning you saw someone else being harassed?

Base: All respondents (n=504)



# Last Time Witnessing Street Harassment

Of those who have witnessed street harassment, about two-thirds (67%) have witnessed it in the past year. Regarding more recent experiences witnessing street harassment, those aged 18 to 34 years are more likely older Calgarians to have witnessed street harassment in the past month (40% vs. 26% 35 to 64 and 23% 65 or older).



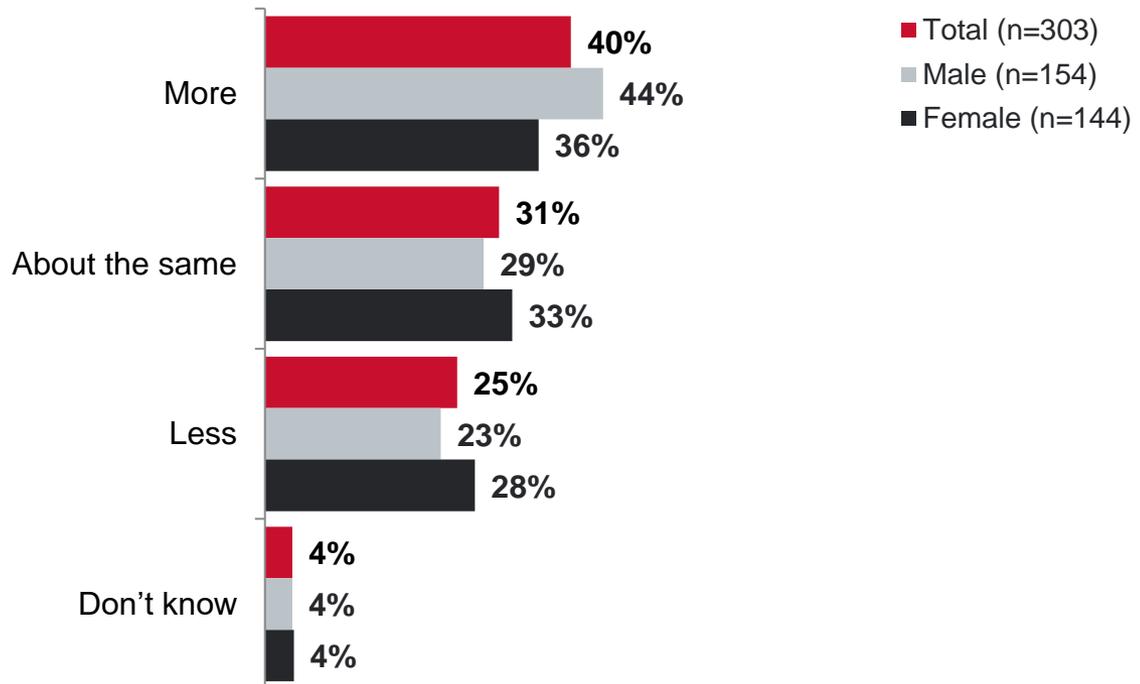
Q9. When was the last time you witnessed street harassment in Calgary?  
 Base: Those who have witnessed street harassment (n=303)



# Changes in Witnessing Street Harassment Since Pandemic

Of those who have witnessed street harassment, it is mixed between whether they have witnessed more street harassment (40%), about the same (31%), or less (25%) since the pandemic began in March 2020. Racialized or Indigenous persons\* are more likely than others to have witnessed more street harassment since the beginning of the pandemic (54% vs. 36%, respectively).

**Changes in Witnessing Street Harassment Since the Beginning of the Pandemic**



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q11. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, would you say you've witnessed more, less, or about the same amount of street harassment as before the pandemic?

Base: Those who have witnessed street harassment (n=303)



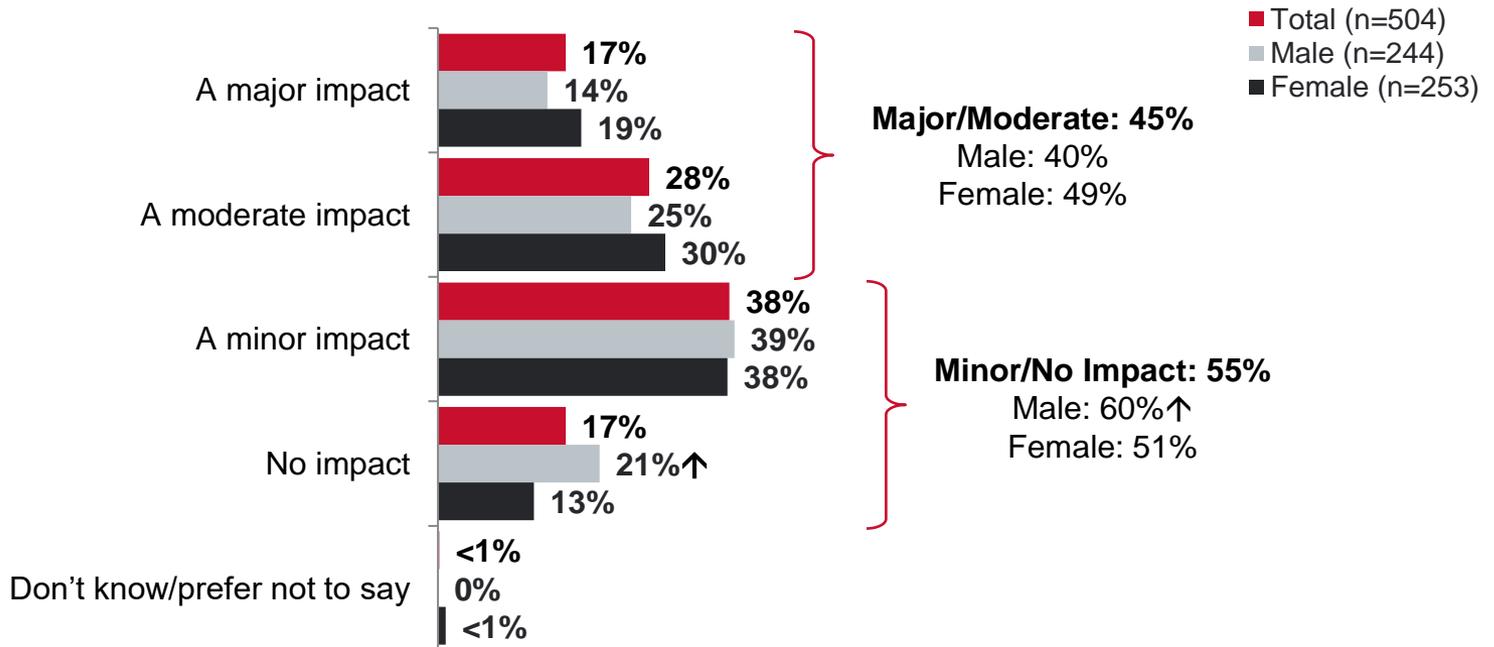
## Impact on Quality of Life



# Impact of Street Harassment on Quality of Life

Almost one-in-five (17%) Calgarians state that street harassment has a major negative impact on their quality of life. Calgarians aged 18 to 34 are more likely than older Calgarians to say it has a moderate to major negative impact (54% vs. 42% 35 to 64 and 36% 65 or older). Residents of the Northeast are more likely than those of the Southwest and Northwest to say it has a major negative impact on their quality of life (29% vs. 13% and 13%, respectively), as are those who wear religious dress\* compared to others (60% vs. 43%, respectively). Those of Asian descent are more likely than those who say they're 'Canadian' or of European descent to say it has a major negative impact on their quality of life (31% vs. 11% and 9%, respectively).

Extent of Negative Impact on Quality of Life



\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q15. To what extent, if any, does street harassment have a negative impact on your quality of life in Calgary, whether or not you have personally experienced it?

Base: All respondents (n=504)

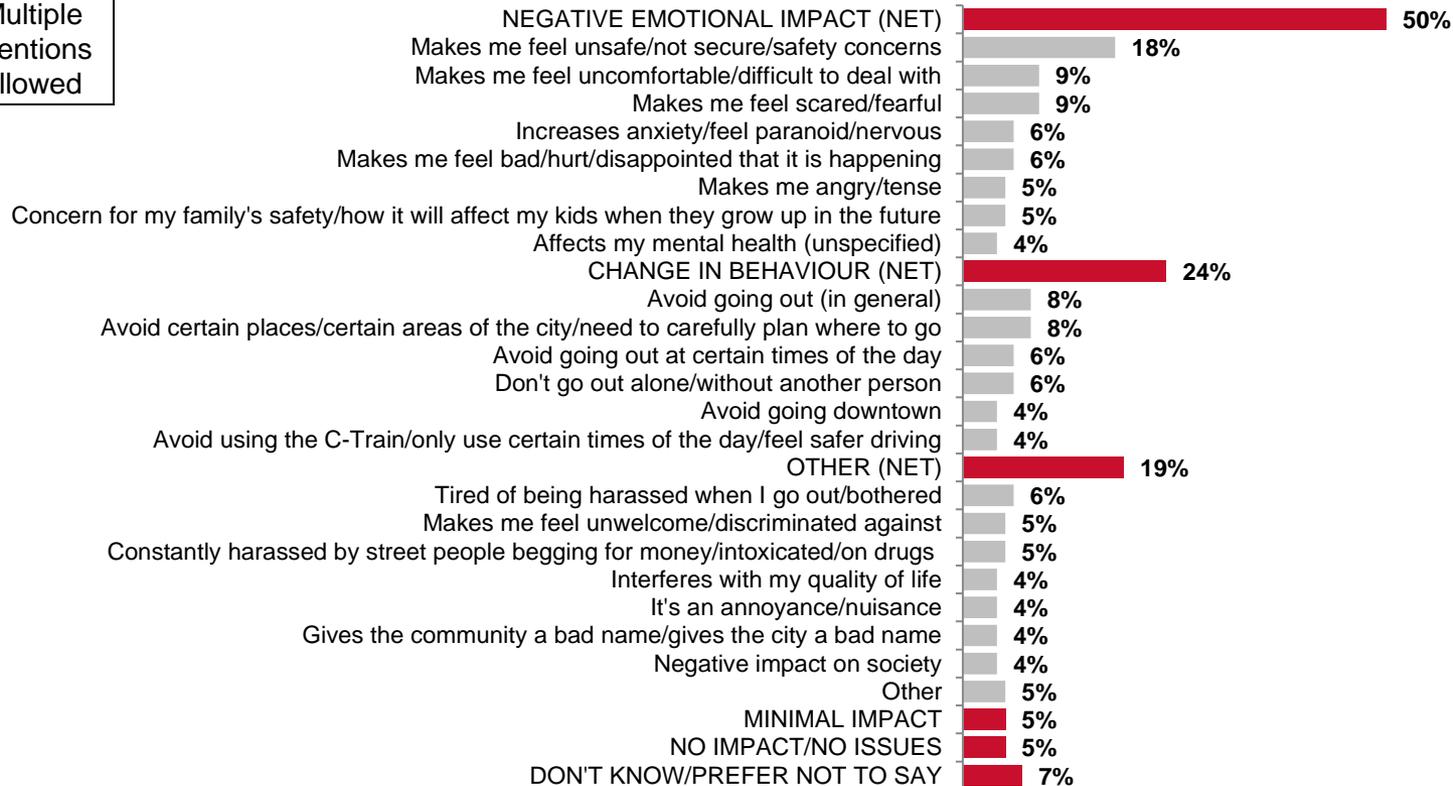


# Negative Impacts of Street Harassment on Quality of Life

The top ways street harassment has a negative impact on Calgary's lives is by making them feel unsafe (18%), making them feel uncomfortable (9%), or making them feel scared or fearful (9%). Females and those whose primary transportation is not driving themselves are more likely to report that harassment makes them feel unsafe. Additionally, females are more likely to change their behaviour, including not going out alone because of street harassment.

Multiple mentions allowed

### % Mentioned



Note: 3% and lower not shown

	Male	Female
	n=189	n=216
NEGATIVE EMOTIONAL IMPACT (NET)	47%	52%
Makes me feel unsafe/not secure/safety concerns	11%	24%↑
Makes me feel uncomfortable/difficult to deal with	12%	7%
Makes me feel scared/fearful	7%	10%
Increases anxiety/feel paranoid/nervous	6%	5%
Makes me feel bad/hurt/disappointed that it is happening	7%	6%
Makes me angry/tense	4%	6%
Concern for my family's safety/how it will affect my kids when they grow up in the future	6%	4%
Affects my mental health (unspecified)	4%	5%
CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR (NET)	18%	28%↑
Avoid going out (in general)	5%	10%
Avoid certain places/certain areas of the city/need to carefully plan where to go	9%	5%
Avoid going out at certain times of the day	5%	7%
Don't go out alone/without another person	3%	9%↑
Avoid going downtown	3%	5%
Avoid using the C-Train/only use certain times of the day/feel safer driving	2%	5%
OTHER (NET)	21%	16%
Tired of being harassed when I go out/bothered	4%	8%
Makes me feel unwelcome/discriminated against	6%	4%
Constantly harassed by street people begging for money/intoxicated/on drugs	6%	4%
Interferes with my quality of life	4%	5%
It's an annoyance/nuisance	6%	2%
Gives the community a bad name/gives the city a bad name	5%	3%
Negative impact on society	4%	4%
Other	6%	4%
MINIMAL IMPACT	4%	5%
NO IMPACT/NO ISSUES	5%	4%
DON'T KNOW/PREFER NOT TO SAY	8%	6%

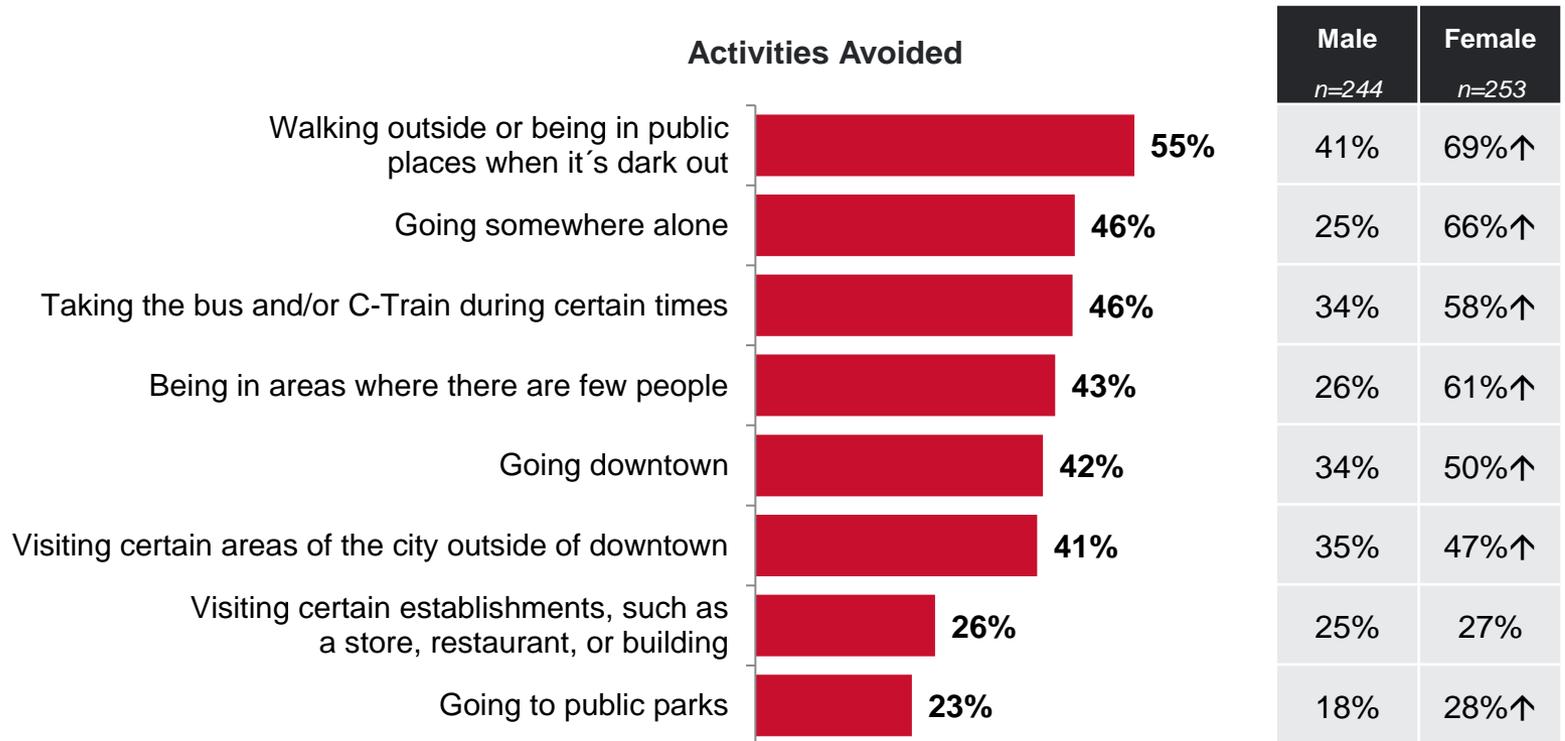
↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q16. In what way does street harassment have a negative impact on your quality of life? (Open-ended response)  
 Base: Those for whom street harassment has at least a minor negative impact on their quality of life (n=411)



# Activities Avoided to Reduce Chances of Street Harassment

The top activities avoided to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment are being outside or in public places when it's dark (55%), going somewhere alone (46%), or taking the bus and/or C-Train during certain times (46%). Females are more likely to avoid all activities except for visiting certain establishments such as a store or restaurant, suggesting that they significantly change their behaviours to avoid street harassment. (continued on next slide)



↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q17. Which of the following, if any, do you often avoid specifically to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment?

Base: All respondents (n=504)



## Activities Avoided to Reduce Chances of Street Harassment (cont'd)

Calgarians aged 18 to 34 years are more likely than those 35 to 64 and 65 or older to avoid going somewhere alone (57% vs. 42% and 38%, respectively) and taking the bus and/or C-Train during certain times (56% vs. 42% and 40%, respectively). They, along with those 65 or older, are more likely than 35 to 64 year olds to avoid walking outside or being in public places when it's dark outside in order to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment (61% 18 to 34 and 63% 65 or older vs. 47% 35 to 64). Younger Calgarians are also more likely than those aged 35 to 64 to avoid visiting certain areas outside of downtown (50% 18 to 34 vs. 36% 35 to 64).

Calgarians who identify as being of Asian descent\* are more likely than those who identify as 'Canadian' or of European descent to say they avoid going somewhere alone (59% vs. 40% and 44%, respectively) and being in areas where there are few people (58% vs. 39% and 43%, respectively).

Residents of the Southeast and the Northeast are more likely than those of the Northwest to avoid going to public parks in order to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment (27% and 30% vs. 16%, respectively).

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Q17. Which of the following, if any, do you often avoid specifically to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment?

Base: All respondents (n=504)



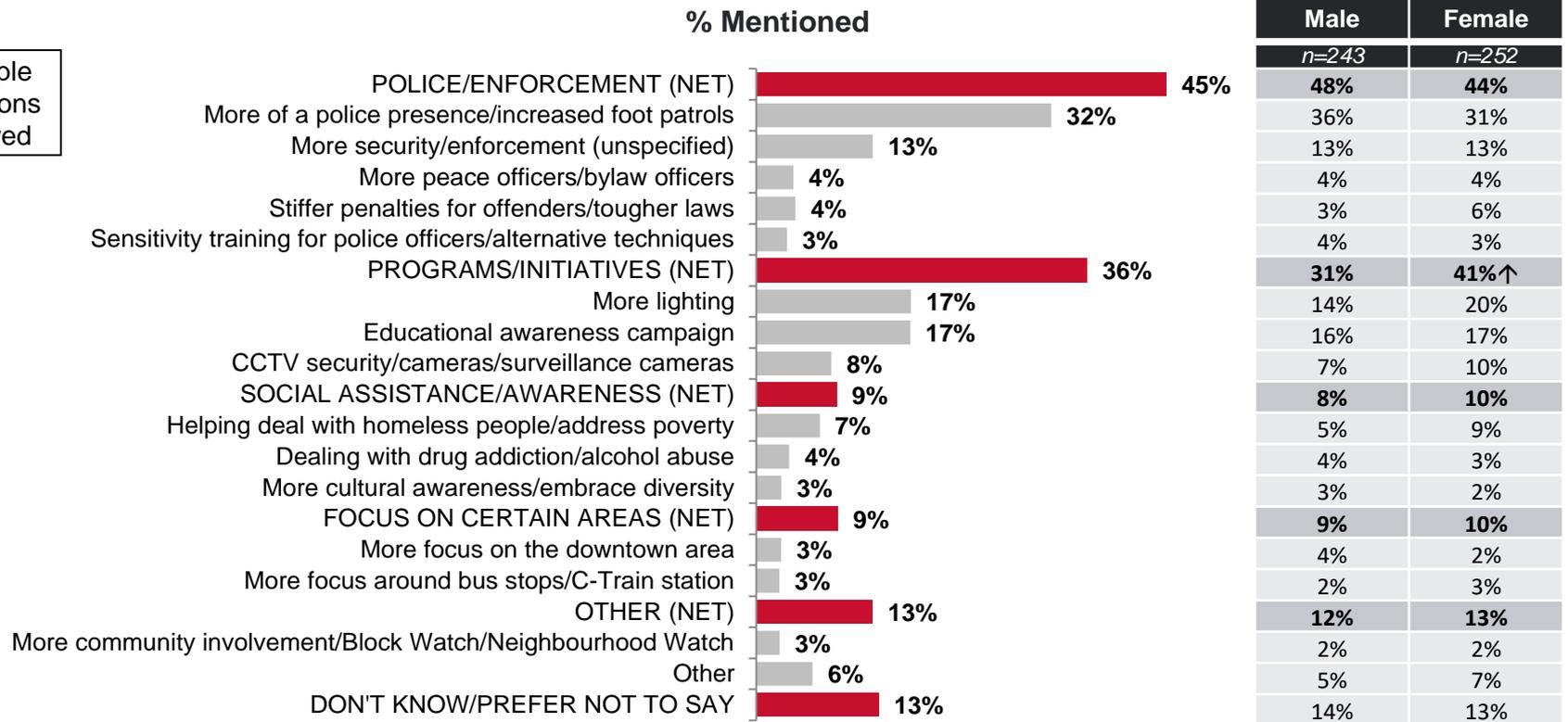
## Measures to Reduce Street Harassment



# Suggestions for Reducing Street Harassment

When asked what the City could do to make public spaces safer and reduce the chances of street harassment, the top mentions were an increased police presence (32%), more lighting (17%), and an educational awareness campaign (17%). Females were more likely to mention programs or initiatives in general. Those 35 years of age or older were more likely to mention an increased police presence (35% 35 to 64 and 44% 65 or older vs. 22% 18 to 34), while 18 to 34 year olds were more likely than those 35 to 64 to mention an educational awareness campaign (24% vs. 12%, respectively).

Multiple mentions allowed



Note: 3% and lower not shown

↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q18. In your opinion, what could The City do to make public spaces safer and prevent street harassment? (Open-ended response)  
 Base: All respondents, excluding those who refused (n=502)

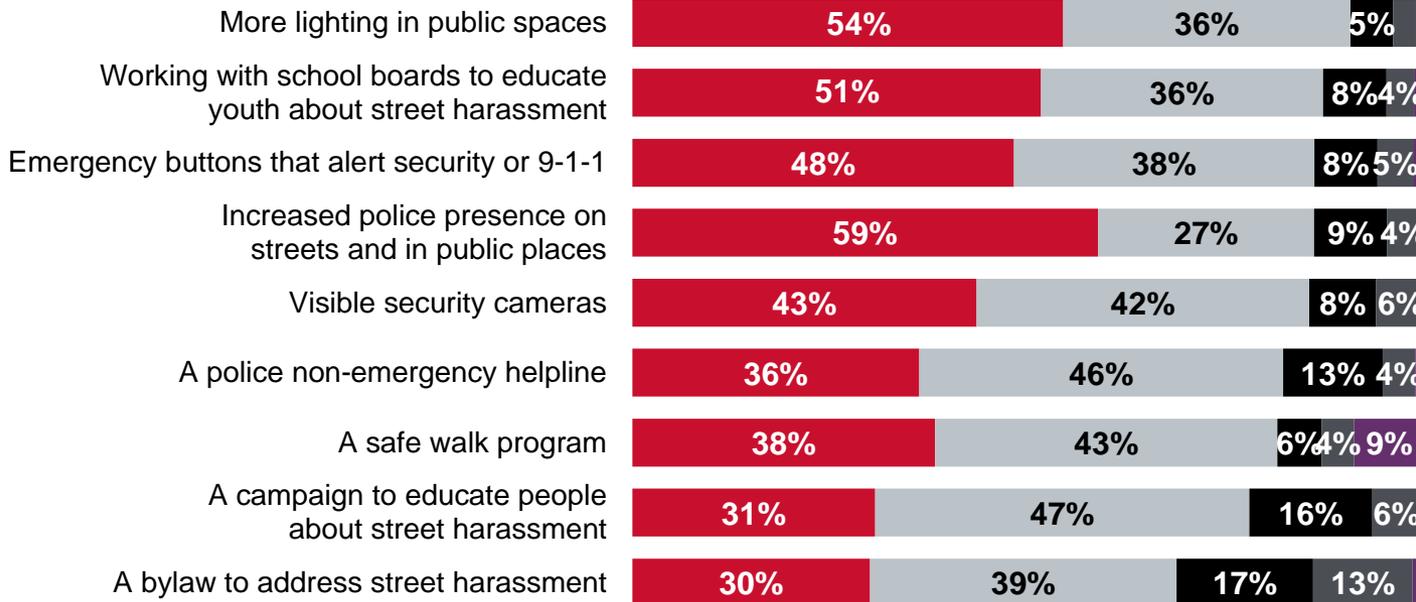


# Perceived Effectiveness of Measures to Reduce Street Harassment

Measures perceived to be the most effective in reducing street harassment are more lighting in public spaces (90% effective), working with school boards to educate youth (87%), emergency buttons that alert security or 9-1-1 (86%), and an increased police presence (86%). Females are more likely than males to think more lighting in public spaces, visible security cameras, a campaign to educate people about street harassment and a bylaw to address street harassment would be effective measures. (continued on next slide)

## Perceived Effectiveness

■ Very effective ■ Somewhat effective ■ Not very effective ■ Not at all effective ■ Don't know



	Effective (Very/Somewhat)		
	Total n=504	Male n=244	Female n=253
More lighting in public spaces	90%	87%	94%↑
Working with school boards to educate youth about street harassment	87%	84%	89%
Emergency buttons that alert security or 9-1-1	86%	84%	88%
Increased police presence on streets and in public places	86%	86%	87%
Visible security cameras	85%	81%	89%↑
A police non-emergency helpline	82%	78%	85%
A safe walk program	81%	79%	82%
A campaign to educate people about street harassment	78%	72%	83%↑
A bylaw to address street harassment	69%	62%	74%↑

Note: 3% and lower not labelled

↑ Statistically higher than other gender

Q19. How effective do you think each of the following measures are or would be in reducing street harassment?  
Base: All respondents (n=504)

# Perceived Effectiveness of Measures to Reduce Street Harassment (cont'd)

Those aged 65 or older are more likely than 18 to 34 years olds and those between the ages of 35 and 64 to think increased police presence on streets and in public places (95% vs. 79% and 87%, respectively) and visible security cameras (94% vs. 83% and 83%) are/would be effective in reducing street harassment. They are less likely than younger Calgarians to think a safe walk program is/would be effective (71% vs. 86% 18 to 34 and 82% 35 to 64). Those 18 to 34 are more likely than older Calgarians to think a campaign to educate people about the issue (85% vs. 75% 35 to 64 and 73% 65 or older) is/would be effective. They are also more likely to think a bylaw to address street harassment is/would be effective (79% vs. 64% 35 to 64 and 61% 65 or older).

Calgarians who identify as being of Asian descent are more likely than those who identify as 'Canadian' or of European descent to think the following measures are/would be effective:

- A safe walk program (89% vs. 82% and 79%, respectively)
- A campaign to educate people about street harassment (88% vs. 76% and 75%)
- A bylaw to address street harassment (86% vs. 67% and 59%)

Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community\* are less likely than other Calgarians to think an increased police presence on streets and in public places is/would be effective (70% vs. 88% others) and more likely to say a safe walk program is/would be effective (92% vs. 80% others).

\*Caution: Small sample size, interpret directionally.

Q19. How effective do you think each of the following measures are or would be in reducing street harassment?

Base: All respondents (n=504)

# Demographics





# Demographics

## Gender

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Male	48%	100%	-
Female	50%	-	100%
Other	1%	-	-
Prefer not to say	<1%	-	-

## Quadrant

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Southwest	29%	29%	30%
Southeast	22%	21%	22%
Northwest	30%	29%	29%
Northeast	19%	20%	19%

## Primary Transportation

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Drive a vehicle	82%	85%	81%
Transit such as the LRT or bus	10%	8%	10%
Walking	3%	2%	3%
Bicycle	2%	3%	2%
Uber, taxi, or other	1%	-	1%
Other	2%	2%	3%
Prefer not to say	<1%	<1%	-

## Live in Downtown

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Yes	8%	11%	5%
No	92%	89%	95%
Don't know	<1%	1%	-



# Demographics

## Age

	Total	Single-family	Multi-family
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
18 to 19 years	3%	2%	3%
20 to 24 years	8%	10%	7%
25 to 34 years	21%	20%	21%
35 to 44 years	21%	21%	22%
45 to 54 years	17%	17%	16%
55 to 64 years	11%	10%	12%
65 to 74 years	13%	13%	14%
75 and older	6%	7%	5%

## LGBTQ2S+

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Yes	9%	7%	9%
No	89%	91%	90%
Don't know	1%	1%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%

## Racialized or Indigenous Person

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Yes	17%	19%	14%
No	77%	75%	79%
Don't know	4%	3%	5%
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	1%

## Disability

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Yes – myself	9%	10%	7%
Yes – someone in my household	11%	12%	8%
No	82%	79%	86%
Prefer not to say	<1%	-	1%



# Demographics

## Ethnicity

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Caucasian/White	41%	38%	44%
Canadian/French Canadian	17%	17%	17%
Western European	10%	10%	9%
British	9%	12%	7%
South Asian	8%	8%	8%
East or Southeast Asian	8%	9%	7%
Southern or Eastern European	7%	8%	6%
Aboriginal/First Nations/Métis	3%	3%	3%
West Asian or Middle Eastern	3%	4%	2%
African	3%	2%	4%
Central/South American or Caribbean	3%	2%	4%
Other	1%	2%	-
Don't know	<1%	1%	-

## Religious Dress

	Total	Male	Female
<i>n=</i>	504	244	253
Yes	12%	14%	10%
No	88%	86%	89%
Don't know	<1%	<1%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	1%

# Appendix: Questionnaire





# Questionnaire

The City of Calgary  
Street Harassment Survey

**Methodology**

- 15-minute telephone survey
- 2 open ends

**Sample Plan**

- A random sample of 500 Calgarians who are 18 years of age or older
- Minimum of 60% cell phone sample

**Quotas**

Age	Target	Gender	Target	Quadrant	Target
18-34	32.30%	Female	50.60%	NE	19.40%
35-54	37.90%	Male	49.40%	NW	29.60%
55+	29.80%			SE	21.70%
				SW	29.30%

**Analysis**

- Results shown by total and gender (male, female)
- Callout any differences by age, quadrant, minority groups where relevant

**Introduction**

Hello, my name is [FIRST NAME] and I'm calling from Leger Research, a national public opinion research company, on behalf of The City of Calgary. Today we are conducting a survey about addressing street harassment in Calgary and we'd like to include your views, in order to help make the city a safer place for everyone.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please be assured that your responses will remain confidential, and you will not be personally identified. Any personal information collected is under the authority of the Freedom of Information Protection and Privacy Act, Section 33(c), and is used solely for the review and improvement of City of Calgary programs and services. If you have questions about the collection or use of your information, please contact a City of Calgary Research Coordinator at 403-268-3617 and specifically mention the "2021 Street Harassment Survey" or send a letter to The City of Calgary, Mail code 8305, P.O. Box 2100, Station M, Calgary, AB Canada T2P 2M5.

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF CREDIBILITY IS AN ISSUE OR IF RESPONDENT HAS A CONCERN SAY: If you wish to talk to a City official about this survey, we encourage you to contact The City at 311 and specifically mention the "2021 Street Harassment Survey" City Staff would be happy to address your concerns.)

2021 Street Harassment Survey

**INTRO**

Before we get started, we recognize that harassment can be a topic that may be difficult to talk about or bring up certain feelings or experiences. If you wish to end the survey at any point or would like additional support, please let me know.

[MAKE NUMBER AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SURVEY, READ TO RESPONDENT ONLY IF ASKED FOR RESOURCES]

Distress Centre 24-hour Crisis Line: 403-266-4357

**SCREENERS**

**Q51**

Do you currently reside within Calgary's city limits?

Yes	CONTINUE
No	THANK & TERMINATE

**Q52**

Are you 18 years of age or older?

Yes	CONTINUE
No. May I please speak with someone in the household who is?	SKIP BACK TO INTRO.
No. Not qualified / available	THANK & TERMINATE

**Q53**

[PROGRAMMER NOTES: TRACK AGE QUOTAS]

And which of the following age groups do you belong to?, Just stop me when I get to your age group.

- 18 to 19 ~~YCS~~
- 20 to 24 ~~YCS~~
- 25 to 34 ~~YCS~~
- 35 to 44 ~~YCS~~
- 45 to 54 ~~YCS~~
- 55 to 64 ~~YCS~~
- 65 to 74 ~~YCS~~
- 75 and older
- Refused [DO NOT READ]

**D1**

[PROGRAMMER NOTES: TRACK GENDER QUOTAS]

Record Gender (DO NOT ASK, PICK BASED ON VOICE)

- Male
- Female

**Q54**

[PROGRAMMER NOTES: TRACK QUADRANT QUOTAS]

Can you tell me which quadrant of the city you live in?



# Questionnaire (cont'd)

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(WAIT FOR RESPONSE – READ LIST TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)	Notes
Southwest	
Southeast	
Northwest	
Northeast	
Don't know / Refusal (DO NOT READ)	THANK & TERMINATE

**Q55**

As you may or may not be aware, Calgary's downtown includes the downtown core, the Beltline, East Village, Chinatown, Eau Claire and Downtown West.

Based on this definition, do you live downtown?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF ASKED FOR SPECIFIC STREETS THAT DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF DOWNTOWN USE THIS: Calgary's Centre City is bounded by the Bow River and Prince's Island Park to the north; the Elbow River, including Fort Calgary, The Saddledome and Stampede Grounds to the east; 17th Avenue to the south; and, 14th Street to the west.)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**A. AWARENESS, ATTITUDES & SATISFACTION**

**Q1**

Overall, how safe or unsafe do you feel on Calgary's streets and in public spaces? Do you feel...

- READ LIST**
- Very unsafe
  - Somewhat unsafe
  - Somewhat safe
  - Very safe
  - Don't know [DO NOT READ]
  - Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**Q2**

I will now describe a number of different situations to you. For each one, please tell me if you think it should always, sometimes, or never be considered street harassment when it happens on a street or in a public place...

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE	Always	Sometimes	Never	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say
Unwanted sexual attention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unwanted physical contact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unwanted conversation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being followed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Being asked for money	<input type="radio"/>					
Unwanted comments about a person's gender	<input type="radio"/>					
Unwanted comments about a person's physical appearance	<input type="radio"/>					
Unwanted comments about a person's religion	<input type="radio"/>					
Unwanted comments about a person's ethnicity or race	<input type="radio"/>					

**DEFINITION**

For the rest of this survey, 'street harassment', is defined as "any unwelcomed comments, gestures, and actions directed at a person on a street or in a public space because of their actual or perceived gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, or religion and that are disrespectful, demeaning, alarming, and/or insulting."

Also, when I say 'The City of Calgary' or 'The City', I'm referring to the Municipal government, including Council and Administration. [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF ASKED, Administration refers to City employees opposed to the Mayor and Councillors.]

**Q3**

How informed are you about the topic of street harassment? Would you say you are...

- READ LIST**
- Not at all informed
  - Not very informed
  - Somewhat informed
  - Very informed
  - Don't know [DO NOT READ]
  - Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**Q4**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements... **READ SCALE FOR FIRST ITEM,**

**REPEAT ONLY IF NEEDED**

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say
Street harassment is a serious problem in Calgary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
The City needs to do more to prevent street harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
Some people in Calgary are more at risk than others of experiencing street harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
I would know what to say or do if I witnessed street harassment of another person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				



# Questionnaire (cont'd)

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I would know what to say or do if I experienced street harassment myself	<input type="radio"/>						
It is everyone's responsibility to help prevent street harassment	<input type="radio"/>						

C. EXPERIENCES

Q5

Have you ever personally experienced street harassment in Calgary, meaning you were the target of it?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q6

[BASE='YES' TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT AT Q5]  
Approximately how often do you experience street harassment?

- READ LIST**
- Daily
  - Weekly
  - Monthly
  - Once every few months
  - Once per year
  - Less than once per year
  - Don't know [DO NOT READ]
  - Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q7

[BASE='YES' TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT AT Q5]  
When was the last time you personally experienced street harassment in Calgary? Stop me when I get to your category. Was it... [STOP WHEN REACHED THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER]

- In the past week
- In the past month
- In the past 6 months
- In the past year
- In the past year and a half, since the beginning of the pandemic
- In the past 3 years
- More than 3 years ago
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q8

Have you ever witnessed street harassment in Calgary, meaning you saw someone else being harassed?

- Yes
- No

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- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q9

[BASE='YES' TO WITNESSED STREET HARASSMENT AT Q8]  
When was the last time you witnessed street harassment in Calgary? Stop me when I get to your category. Was it... [STOP WHEN REACHED THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER]

- In the past week
- In the past month
- In the past 6 months
- In the past year
- In the past year and a half, since the beginning of the pandemic
- In the past 3 years
- More than 3 years ago
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**REMIND IF NECESSARY:** Street harassment is defined as "any unwelcomed comments, gestures, and actions directed at a stranger on a street or in a public space because of their actual or perceived gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, or religion and that are disrespectful, demeaning, alarming, and/or insulting."

Q10

[BASE='YES' TO EVER PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT AT Q5]  
Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, have you personally experienced more, less, or about the same amount of street harassment as before the pandemic?

- [DO NOT READ]
- More
- Less
- About the same
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q11

[BASE='YES' TO EVER WITNESSED STREET HARASSMENT AT Q8]  
Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, would you say you've witnessed more, less, or about the same amount of street harassment as before the pandemic?

- [DO NOT READ]
- More
- Less
- About the same
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q12

[BASE='YES' TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT IN THE PAST 3 YEARS OR MORE RECENTLY AT Q7]



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Which of the following types of street harassment have you personally experienced in Calgary in the past 3 years? As a reminder, "personally experienced" means it happened to you.

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE	DO NOT READ Yes	DO NOT READ No	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say
Unwanted sexual attention	o	o	o	o
Unwanted physical contact	o	o	o	o
Unwanted conversation	o	o	o	o
Being followed	o	o	o	o
Being asked for money	o	o	o	o
Unwanted comments about your gender	o	o	o	o
Unwanted comments about your physical appearance	o	o	o	o
Unwanted comments about your religion	o	o	o	o
Unwanted comments about your ethnicity or race	o	o	o	o
Another type of street harassment? (please specify)				

Q13

[BASE='YES' TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT IN THE PAST 3 YEARS OR MORE RECENTLY AT Q7]

For each of the following areas, please tell me if it's a place you've personally experienced street harassment in the past 3 years. What about...

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE WITHIN HEADERS	DO NOT READ Yes	DO NOT READ No	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say
<b>Area of City</b> [HEADER-DO NOT READ]				
In downtown (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF ASKED, downtown includes the downtown core, the Beltline, East Village, Chinatown, Eau Claire and Downtown West. FOR SPECIFIC STREETS THAT DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF DOWNTOWN: Calgary's Centre City is bounded by the Bow River and Prince's Island Park to the north; the Elbow River, including Fort Calgary, The Saddledome and Stampede Grounds to the east; 17th Avenue to the south; and, 14th Street to the west.)	o	o	o	o
Outside of downtown, such as in residential areas	o	o	o	o
<b>Type of Area</b> [HEADER-DO NOT READ]				
Outside a restaurant or bar	o	o	o	o
Outside a retail store, mall, or business	o	o	o	o
On City buses, CTrains, bus stops, and/or CTrain platforms	o	o	o	o
Public parks	o	o	o	o
Inside or outside a City-owned facility or building such as a recreation centre, library, etc.	o	o	o	o
On the street or sidewalk	o	o	o	o

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On a walking or biking path	o	o	o	o
In a parking lot or parkade	o	o	o	o

Q14

[BASE='YES' TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING STREET HARASSMENT IN THE PAST 3 YEARS OR MORE RECENTLY AT Q7]

And in terms of the street harassment you've personally experienced in the past 3 years, would you say it most often happened...

READ LIST

- During the daytime
- After dark, or
- Equally during the daytime and after dark
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

C. QUALITY OF LIFE

Q15

[ASK ALL]

To what extent, if any, does street harassment have a negative impact on your quality of life in Calgary, whether or not you have personally experienced it? Does it have...

- No impact
- A minor impact
- A moderate impact
- A major impact
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q16

[BASE='MINOR', 'MODERATE', OR 'MAJOR' IMPACT AT Q15]

In what way does street harassment have a negative impact on your quality of life?

[OPEN END]

- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q17

[ASK ALL]

Which of the following, if any, do you often avoid specifically to reduce the chances of experiencing street harassment? Do you often avoid [INSERT FIRST ITEM]? What about... [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE WITHIN HEADERS	DO NOT READ Yes	DO NOT READ No	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say



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Walking outside or being in public places when it's dark out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going somewhere alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting certain areas of the city outside of downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being in areas where there are few people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting certain establishments, such as a store, restaurant, or building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to public parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking the bus and/or <b>CTrain</b> during certain times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

D. IMPROVEMENTS

Q18

In your opinion, what could The City do to make public spaces safer and prevent street harassment?

[OPEN END]

Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

Q19

How effective do you think each of the following measures are or would be in reducing street harassment? **READ SCALE, REPEAT ONLY IF NEEDED**

READ LIST - RANDOMIZE	Not at all effective	Not very effective	Somewhat effective	Very effective	DO NOT READ Don't know	DO NOT READ Prefer not to say
Emergency buttons that alert security or 9-1-1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
More lighting in public spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
A safe walk program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
Visible security cameras	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
Working with school boards to educate youth about street harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
A police non-emergency helpline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
A bylaw to address street harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
Increased police presence on streets and in public places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
A campaign to educate people about street harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				

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J. DEMOGRAPHICS

We are almost finished, I am now going to ask you some demographic questions that allow us to group responses and to sort the information we collect. All your responses will be held in strict confidence and will not be attributed to you.

Q20

What is your primary mode of transportation in Calgary whether you are working, commuting to work or school, or otherwise traveling around the city?

- Drive a motor vehicle or as a passenger in a private vehicle [CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: DOES NOT INCLUDE UBER, TAXI, OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION FOR HIRE]
- Transit such as the bus or **CTrain**
- Drive a motorcycle
- Uber, taxi, or other transportation for hire
- Bicycle
- Walking
- Electric scooter
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know [DO NOT READ]
- Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

QD2 – Ethnicity

[MULTI SELECT – ACCEPT UP TO 2 RESPONSES]

As you know, Canadians come from many different ethnic backgrounds. What is your main ethnic background?

**IF NECESSARY:** Ethnic background refers to where your family is from and is usually determined based on common ancestry or cultural origin

**DO NOT READ LIST – PROBE TO CLARIFY ONLY IF NECESSARY  
ACCEPT UP TO 2 RESPONSES**

- 1 Canadian/French Canadian
- 2 Caucasian/White
- 3 British (English, Scottish, Welsh, or Irish)
- 4 Western European (from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, or other)
- 5 Southern or Eastern European (from Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, former Soviet Republics, or other)
- 6 South Asian (Punjabi, Indian, Tamil, Sri Lankan, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Nepalese)
- 7 East or Southeast Asian (from China, Hong Kong, Japan, North or South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, or other)
- 8 West Asian or Middle Eastern (from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, or other)
- 9 African
- 10 Central/South American or Caribbean (from Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela, Barbados, Jamaica, or other)
- 11 Aboriginal/First Nations/Métis
- 95 Other (Specify)



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Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**QD3 – Visible Minority**

Do you consider yourself a racialized person or Indigenous person?

**DO NOT READ LIST**

Yes  
No  
Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**QD4 – LGBTQ2S**

Do you consider yourself to be a member of the LGBTQ2S community?

**IF NEEDED:** LGBTQ2S stands for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer or questioning, or two spirit

**DO NOT READ LIST**

Yes  
No  
Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**QD5 – Disability**

[MULTISELECT]

Do you or a member of your household have a disability?

**DO NOT READ LIST**

Yes – myself  
Yes – someone in my household  
No  
Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**QD6 – Religious Dress**

Do you wear any cultural or religious dress that may indicate your culture or religion? This can include things like clothing, headwear, symbols, etc.

**DO NOT READ LIST**

Yes  
No  
Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**QD7 - Gender**

What is your gender?

**INTERVIEWER – DO NOT READ EXCEPT TO CLARIFY:** Gender refers to the gender that a person internally feels and/or the gender a person publicly expresses in their daily life, including at work, while shopping, or accessing other services, in their home or in the broader community.

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**DO NOT READ LIST EXCEPT TO CLARIFY**

Male  
Female  
Other – please specify  
Don't know [DO NOT READ]  
Prefer not to say [DO NOT READ]

**INT99. This completes the survey. Thank you very much for taking the time to provide feedback.**