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ENGLISH

Moving on to another topic...

- 121C. In your opinion, at what point in human development should the law protect human life? Should it be...? READ LIST – CODE ONE ONLY

- 01 - From conception on
- 02 - After three months of pregnancy
- 03 - After six months of pregnancy, or
- 04 - From the point of birth

VOLUNTEERED

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- 122C. Some states in the U.S. have “informed consent” laws concerning abortion. These laws require that, before a woman has an abortion procedure, her physician must provide her with certain information such as details on the stages of foetal development including an ultrasound scan, the possible complications and side effects following an abortion, and alternatives to abortion. Do you support or oppose similar laws in Canada for women considering abortion?

- 01 - Yes, support
- 02 - No, oppose

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99 - DK/NA

- 123C. When it comes to the funding of abortions, which of the following three opinions is closest to your own? READ AND ROTATE – CODE ONE ONLY

- 01 – Paying for abortions should be a private responsibility, either out-of-pocket or using Blue Cross or other private health care plans
- 02 – Abortions should be financed using tax dollars but only in medical emergencies, such as a threat to the mother’s life or in cases of rape or incest
- 03 – Abortions should always be paid using the tax-funded health care system

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- 124C. In Canada some politicians would like to legalize euthanasia. By euthanasia we mean intentionally ending another person’s life, in cases where the person is sick, dying or disabled. At the same time, studies show most Canadians do not have good access to palliative care at the end of their lives. Palliative care offers effective pain management and comfort care for the dying, so as to alleviate suffering. If you had the choice, at the end of your life, which would you prefer: palliative care or euthanasia?

- 01 – Palliative care
- 02 - Euthanasia

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03 – It depends

04 – Refused

99 - DK/NA

FRENCH

Passons a une autre sujet

121C. À votre avis, à quel moment du développement humain le droit devrait-il protéger la vie humaine ? Est-ce que ce devrait être... ? LIRE LA LISTE – CODER UNE MENTION SEULEMENT

- 01 – Dès la conception
 - 02 – Après trois mois de grossesse
 - 03 – Après six mois de grossesse, ou
 - 04 – À partir de la naissance
- NON SUGGÉRÉ
99 - NSP/PR

122C. Dans certains États des États-Unis, il existe des lois sur le « consentement éclairé » concernant l'avortement. Ces lois exigent qu'avant qu'une femme subisse un avortement, son médecin doit lui fournir des renseignements comme des précisions sur le stade du développement du fœtus à l'aide d'une échographie, sur les complications et les effets secondaires possibles d'un avortement et sur les solutions autres que l'avortement. Est-ce que vous êtes favorable ou opposé à ce que le Canada adopte des lois semblables pour les femmes qui envisagent un avortement?

- 01 – Oui, favorable
 - 02 - Non, opposé
- NON SUGGÉRÉ
99 - NSP/PR

123C. Lorsqu'il s'agit du financement des avortements, laquelle des opinions suivantes se rapproche le plus de la vôtre ?
LIRE EN ROTATION – CODER UNE MENTION SEULEMENT

- 01 – Le paiement d'un avortement devrait être une responsabilité personnelle, soit en payant soi-même ou en recourant à la Croix-Bleue ou à un autre régime d'assurance-maladie privé
 - 02 – Les avortements devraient être couverts à même les impôts, mais seulement s'ils sont effectués en cas d'urgence médicale, comme si la vie de la mère est en danger ou en cas de viol ou d'inceste
 - 03 – Les avortements devraient toujours être payés à même le système de soins de santé
- NON SUGGÉRÉ
99 - NSP/PR

124C. Au Canada, certains membres de la classe politique souhaiteraient légaliser l'euthanasie. Par euthanasie, j'entends mettre fin intentionnellement à la vie d'une autre personne, dans des situations où cette personne est malade, mourante ou est atteinte d'invalidité. Simultanément. Des études montrent que la plupart des Canadiens n'ont pas facilement accès à des soins palliatifs en fin de vie. Les soins palliatifs offrent une prise en charge de la douleur et assurent le confort des personnes en fin de vie, afin de leur apporter un soulagement de la douleur. Si vous aviez le choix, à la fin de votre vie, préféreriez-vous des soins palliatifs ou l'euthanasie ?

- 01 – Des soins palliatifs
 - 02 – L'euthanasie
- NON SUGGÉRÉ
03 – Cela dépend
04 – Refus
99 – NSP/PR

121C. In your opinion, at what point in human development should the law protect human life?

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| | TOTAL | ATL. PROV QUE. ONT. RIES B. C. | | | TOR. MTL. VAN. MAN. SASK. ALB. CAN. EXCL. QUE. | | | | 100K 1 M+ 5K- 1M 100K 5K | | Less Than | | | | | | | | |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | | |
| TOTAL | 2023 | 150 | 492 | 775 | 338 | 268 | 325 | 236 | 139 | 72 | 60 | 206 | 1531 | 832 | 456 | 490 | 246 | 72 | |
| UNWEIGHTED TOTAL | 2023 | 253 | 500 | 540 | 490 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 123 | 125 | 125 | 240 | 1523 | 757 | 429 | 495 | 342 | 73 | |
| From conception on | 28 | 37 | 26 | 27 | 36 | 23 | 27 | 28 | 21 | 31 | 38 | 38 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 31 | 32 | 24 | |
| After three months of pregnancy | 20 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 18 | 37 | |
| After six months of pregnancy, or | 9 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 6 | |
| From the point of birth | 33 | 32 | 34 | 32 | 28 | 38 | 32 | 31 | 35 | 32 | 29 | 27 | 32 | 32 | 36 | 32 | 31 | 23 | |
| DK/NA | 10 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | Full Time Makr | | | | | | | Household Income | | | | | | | Education | | | | LANG. AT HOME |
| | Time | Home | Unem | Reti | ----- | ----- | ----- | Less \$30K | 30K- | 60K- | 80K- | 100K+ | more | Less H. S. | H. S. | Comm Col I | Some Uni v | Uni v Deg. | Eng. Fre. Othr |
| TOTAL | 2023 | 921 | 181 | 100 | 80 | 406 | 306 | 501 | 348 | 250 | 384 | 159 | 273 | 585 | 230 | 752 | 1473 | 446 | 91 |
| UNWEIGHTED TOTAL | 2023 | 863 | 168 | 96 | 75 | 526 | 333 | 508 | 332 | 236 | 364 | 193 | 286 | 554 | 218 | 746 | 1478 | 458 | 76 |
| From conception on | 28 | 27 | 28 | 40 | 32 | 29 | 36 | 27 | 31 | 29 | 19 | 30 | 28 | 32 | 34 | 23 | 29 | 24 | 37 |
| After three months of pregnancy | 20 | 20 | 25 | 19 | 26 | 16 | 21 | 21 | 25 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 13 |
| After six months of pregnancy, or | 9 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| From the point of birth | 33 | 33 | 35 | 28 | 32 | 34 | 30 | 35 | 27 | 32 | 40 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 37 | 33 | 36 | 25 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GENDER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FEDERAL VOTE |
| TOTAL | Male | | | Female | | | 18-29 | | | 30-44 | | | 45-59 | | | 60+ | | | |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | | |
| TOTAL | 2023 | 977 | 1046 | 392 | 549 | 567 | 475 | 163 | 155 | 80 | 269 | 606 | 364 | 556 | 348 | 145 | 199 | 323 | |
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| From conception on | 28 | 24 | 33 | 28 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 29 | 33 | 25 | 29 | 29 | 25 | 30 | 25 | 24 | 27 | 34 | |
| After three months of pregnancy | 20 | 21 | 19 | 27 | 22 | 18 | 16 | 27 | 14 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 14 | |
| After six months of pregnancy, or | 9 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 6 | |
| From the point of birth | 33 | 35 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 32 | 26 | 31 | 32 | 37 | 34 | 35 | 32 | 37 | 39 | 34 | 28 | |
| DK/NA | 10 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 18 | |

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| TOTAL | 2023 | 575 | 409 | 179 | 665 |
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| From conception on | 28 | 100 | - | - | - |
| After three months of pregnancy | 20 | - | 100 | - | - |
| After six months of pregnancy, or | 9 | - | - | 100 | - |
| From the point of birth | 33 | - | - | - | 100 |
| DK/NA | 10 | - | - | - | - |

122C. Some states in the U.S. have "informed consent" laws concerning abortion. These laws require that, before a woman has an abortion procedure, her physician must provide her with certain information such as details on the stages of foetal development including an ultrasound scan, the possible complications and side effects. Do you support or oppose similar laws in Canada for women?

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| | PROV | QUE. | ONT. | RIES | B. C. | TOR. | MTL. | VAN. | MAN. | SASK. | ALB. | QUE. | 1 M+ | - 1M | 100K | 5K | | |
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| Yes, support | 65 | 64 | 67 | 61 | 73 | 62 | 62 | 61 | 56 | 65 | 73 | 76 | 64 | 63 | 63 | 67 | 70 | 69 |
| No, oppose | 30 | 31 | 28 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 32 | 33 | 39 | 30 | 22 | 18 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 28 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 |

| | EMPLOYMENT | | | | | | HOUSEHOLD INCOME | | | | | | EDUCATION | | | | LANG. AT HOME | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|----------|------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------|-------|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | Full Time | | Part Time | | Home Makr | | Less \$30K | | 30K- \$60K | | 60K- \$80K | | 80K- 100K more | | Less H. S. | | Comm | Some | Uni v | Eng. | Fre. | Othr |
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| Yes, support | 65 | 66 | 73 | 61 | 59 | 63 | 66 | 71 | 68 | 64 | 62 | 55 | 69 | 72 | 65 | 60 | 64 | 67 | 64 | | | |
| No, oppose | 30 | 30 | 22 | 34 | 36 | 28 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 33 | 33 | 36 | 24 | 23 | 30 | 36 | 30 | 28 | 29 | | | |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | | | |

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| | Male | | Female | | 18- 29 | | 30- 44 | | 45- 59 | | 60+ | | Eu- rope | | 0thr | | Pri - | Pub - | Hs - | hld | Li b. | Con. | NDP | Bl oc | Gre. | Que. | Unde |
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| Yes, support | 65 | 67 | 63 | 70 | 67 | 61 | 64 | 62 | 63 | 69 | 61 | 64 | 59 | 72 | 64 | 67 | 70 | 59 | | | | | | | | | |
| No, oppose | 30 | 28 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 27 | 31 | 33 | 29 | 34 | 32 | 37 | 24 | 31 | 29 | 25 | 29 | | | | | | | | | |
| DK/NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 12 | | | | | | | | | |

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| No, oppose | 30 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 41 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

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| DK/NA | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | - | | | |
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| Abortions should always be paid using the tax funded health care system | 30 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 26 | 29 | | 22 | 30 | 27 | 36 | 36 | | 21 | 23 | 28 | 28 | 36 | 28 | 37 | 15 | |
| DK/NA | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | |
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| DK/NA | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | | | |

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| Palliative care | 44 | 47 | 36 | 47 | 50 | 41 | | 49 | 38 | 44 | 50 | 57 | 48 | 47 | 44 | 42 | 45 | 44 | 43 |
| Euthanasia | 44 | 42 | 49 | 43 | 41 | 47 | | 43 | 45 | 42 | 40 | 35 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 45 | 45 | 46 | 45 |
| It depends | 6 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 7 | | 3 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 |

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| It depends | 6 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 6 | | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 4 | | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 11 | - |
| Refused | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | * | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 |

| | GENDER | | | | | | AGE | | | | | | IMMIGRANT | | | | UNION MEMBER | | | | FEDERAL VOTE | | | |
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| TOTAL WEIGHTED | 2023 | 977 | 1046 | 392 | 549 | 567 | 475 | 163 | 155 | 80 | 269 | 606 | 364 | 556 | 348 | 145 | 199 | 323 | | | | | | |
| UNWEIGHTED TOTAL | 2023 | 978 | 1045 | 185 | 519 | 644 | 630 | 162 | 128 | 83 | 261 | 569 | 359 | 578 | 330 | 139 | 174 | 362 | | | | | | |
| Palliative care | 44 | 40 | 47 | 42 | 41 | 41 | 51 | 44 | 53 | 42 | 43 | 43 | 46 | 48 | 44 | 34 | 41 | 37 | | | | | | |
| Euthanasia | 44 | 48 | 41 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 36 | 41 | 37 | 45 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 43 | 45 | 54 | 47 | 45 | | | | | | |
| It depends | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |
| DK/NA | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 | | | | | | |

124C. In Canada some politicians would like to legalize euthanasia. By euthanasia we mean intentionally ending another person's life, in cases where the person is sick, dying or disabled. At the same time, studies show most Canadians do not have good access to palliative care at the end of their lives. Palliative care offers effective pain management and comfort care for the dying, so as to alleviate suffering.

If you had the choice, at the end of your life, which would you prefer?

| LAW SHOULD PROTECT HUMAN LIFE | | | | | |
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| | TOTAL | FROM CONCEPT. | AFTER 3 MONTHS | AFTER 6 MONTHS | AFTER BIRTH |
| TOTAL WEIGHTED | 2023 | 575 | 409 | 179 | 665 |
| UNWEIGHTED TOTAL | 2023 | 602 | 382 | 163 | 669 |
| Palliative care | 44 | 59 | 39 | 32 | 39 |
| Euthanasia | 44 | 32 | 54 | 53 | 50 |
| It depends | 6 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Methodology

The results are based on omnibus questions placed on an Envirionics' FOCUS CANADA survey, conducted with a representative sample of adult Canadians between September 24 and October 21, 2008.

Question design

The questions were designed by senior Envirionics researchers in conjunction with representatives from Life Canada. The questions were pre-tested as part of the overall survey, prior to being finalized.

Sample selection

The sampling method was designed to complete approximately 2,020 interviews within households randomly selected across Canada. The sample is drawn in such a way that it represents the Canadian population with the exception of those Canadians living in the Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut, or in institutions (armed forces barracks, hospitals, prisons).

The sampling model relies on the stratification of the population by 10 regions (Atlantic Canada, Metropolitan Montreal, the rest of Quebec, the Greater Toronto Area, the rest of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the rest of British Columbia) and by four community sizes (1,000,000 inhabitants or more, 100,000 to 1,000,000 inhabitants, 5,000 to 100,000 inhabitants, and under 5,000 inhabitants). The final sample was distributed as follows.

Sample distribution

| | 2006 Census* % | Weighted N=2,023 | Unweighted N=2,023 | Margin of Error |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| CANADA | 100 | 2,023 | 2,023 | +/- 2.2% |
| Atlantic Canada | 8 | 150 | 253 | +/- 6.2% |
| Quebec | 24 | 492 | 500 | +/- 4.4% |
| Ontario | 38 | 775 | 540 | +/- 4.2% |
| Manitoba | 4 | 72 | 125 | +/- 8.8% |
| Saskatchewan | 3 | 60 | 125 | +/- 8.8% |
| Alberta | 10 | 206 | 240 | +/- 6.3% |
| British Columbia | 13 | 268 | 240 | +/- 6.3% |

* Canadians aged 18 years or over in 2006, excluding those in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon

Envirionics uses a sampling method in which sample is generated using the RDD (random digit dialling) technique. Samples are generated using a database of active phone ranges. These ranges are made up of a series of contiguous blocks of 100 contiguous phone numbers and are revised three to four times per year after a thorough analysis of the most recent edition of an electronic phonebook. Each number generated is processed through an appropriate series of validation procedures before it is retained as part of a sample. Each number generated is looked up in a recent electronic phonebook database to retrieve geographic location, business indicator and "do not call" status. The postal code for listed numbers is verified for accuracy and compared against a list of valid codes for the sample stratum. Non-

listed numbers are assigned a “most probable” postal code based on the data available for all listed numbers in the phone exchange. This sample selection technique ensures that both unlisted numbers and numbers listed after the directory publication are included in the sample.

Telephone interviewing

Interviewing for this survey was conducted at Envirronics’ central facilities in Toronto and Montreal. Field supervisors were present at all times to ensure accurate interviewing and recording of responses. Ten percent of each interviewer’s work was unobtrusively monitored for quality control in accordance with the standards set out by the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association (MRI). A minimum of five calls were made to a household before classifying it as a “no answer.” From within each household contacted, respondents 18 years of age and older were screened for random selection using the “most recent birthday” method. The use of this technique produces results that are as valid and effective as enumerating all persons within a household and selecting one randomly.

Completion results

A total of 2,023 interviews were completed between September 24 and October 21, 2008. A sample of this size will produce a sampling error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is greater for results pertaining to regional or socio-demographic subgroups of the total sample.

The effective response rate for the survey is five percent.¹ This is calculated as the number of responding participants (completed interviews, disqualifications and over-quota participants – 2,141), divided by unresolved numbers (e.g., busy, no answer – 11,026) plus non-responding households or individuals (e.g., refusals, language barrier, missed callbacks – 26,052) plus responding participants (2,141) [R/(U+IS+R)]. The disposition of all contacts is as follows.

¹ This response rate calculation is based on a new formula recently developed by MRIA in consultation with the Government of Canada (Public Works and Government Services).

Completion results

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total sample dialled | 47,380 |
| UNRESOLVED NUMBERS (U) | 11,026 |
| Busy | 464 |
| No answer | 3,766 |
| Answering machine/voicemail | 6,796 |
| RESOLVED NUMBERS (Total minus Unresolved) | 36,354 |
| OUT OF SCOPE (Invalid/non-eligible) | 8,161 |
| Non-residential | 684 |
| Not-in-service | 6,678 |
| Fax/modem | 799 |
| IN SCOPE NON-RESPONDING (IS) | 26,052 |
| Refusals – household | 14,370 |
| Refusals – respondent | 7,109 |
| Language barrier | 1,512 |
| Callback missed/respondent not available | 2,624 |
| Break-offs (interview not completed) | 437 |
| IN SCOPE RESPONDING (R) | 2,141 |
| Disqualified | 0 |
| Quota filled | 118 |
| Completed | 2,023 |
| RESPONSE RATE [R / (U + IS + R)] | 5% |