

# COVID-19 Experiences and Impact Survey

Voices of Albertans, May-June 2020

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**Alcohol & cannabis use**

# Key findings

A photograph showing a man and a young child from the back, both wearing white face masks. The man is on the left, and the child is on the right. They appear to be outdoors in a bright, sunny environment.

- 14% of Albertans report using cannabis more often now than before the pandemic
- Over one-quarter (28%) said they are using alcohol more often now than before the pandemic

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A photograph showing a man and a young child from the chest up. Both are wearing white surgical face masks. The man is on the left, looking towards the right. The child is on the right, looking towards the left. They appear to be outdoors in a bright, slightly blurred background.

# Understanding the perspectives – Cannabis use

**Albertans were more likely to increase their use of cannabis during the pandemic if they...**

- Have been negatively impacted by delaying accessing healthcare

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# Understanding the perspectives – Alcohol use



**Albertans were more likely to increase their use of alcohol during the pandemic if they...**

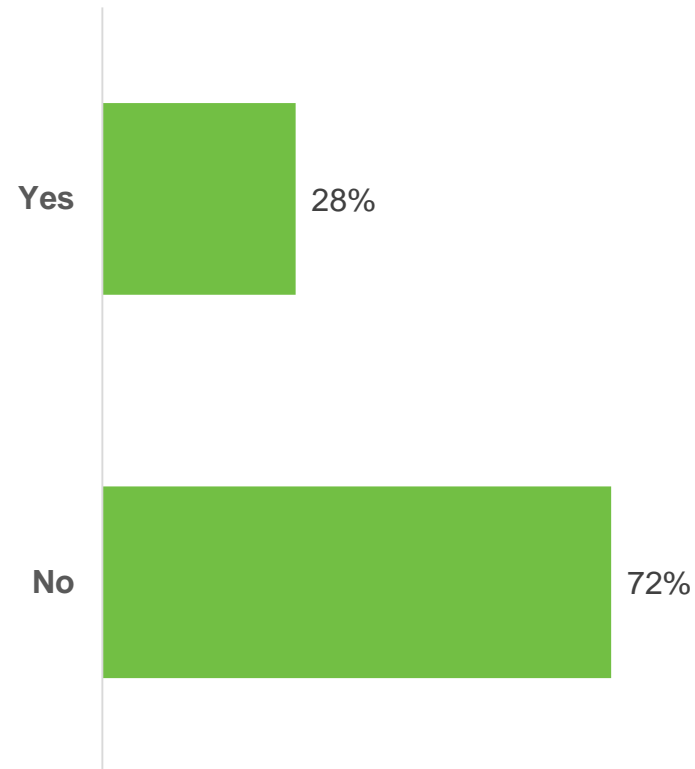
- Live in a rural area
- Identify as a man
- Have health problems
- Experience sleeping difficulties
- Have not been able to properly grieve for a family member or friend who died

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# **Alcohol and Cannabis Use Question Level Results**

# Have you used cannabis in the past 12 months?

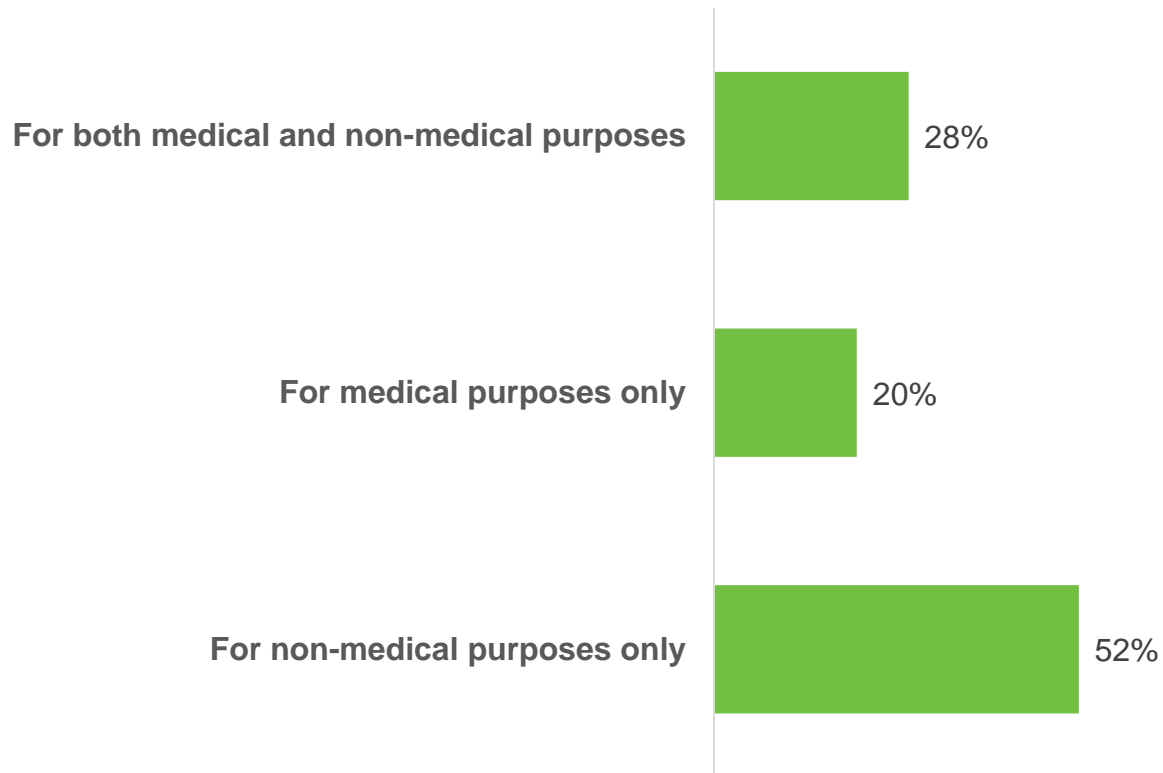


Base: All respondents (N=9,886). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# In the past 12 months, have you used cannabis for any of the following?



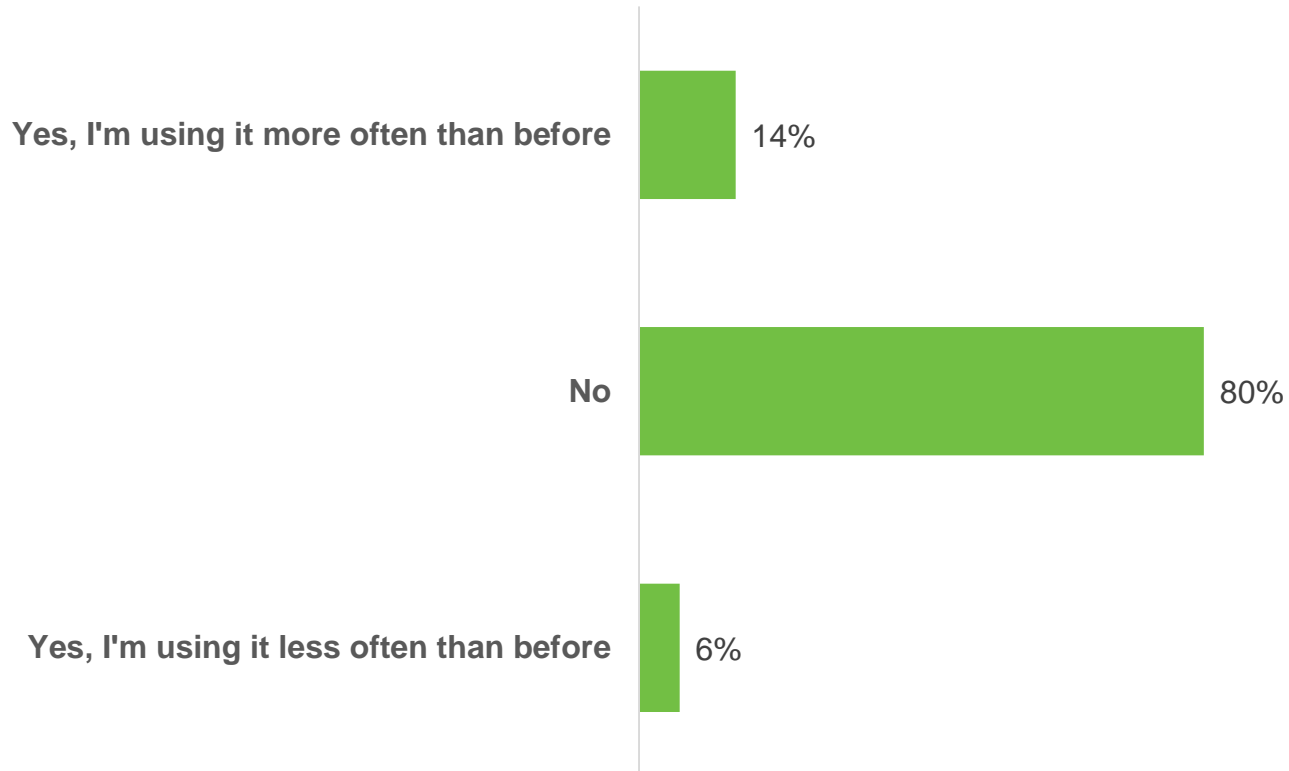
Base: Respondents who used cannabis in the past 12 months (N=2,189). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# Has your use of cannabis changed since March 2020?

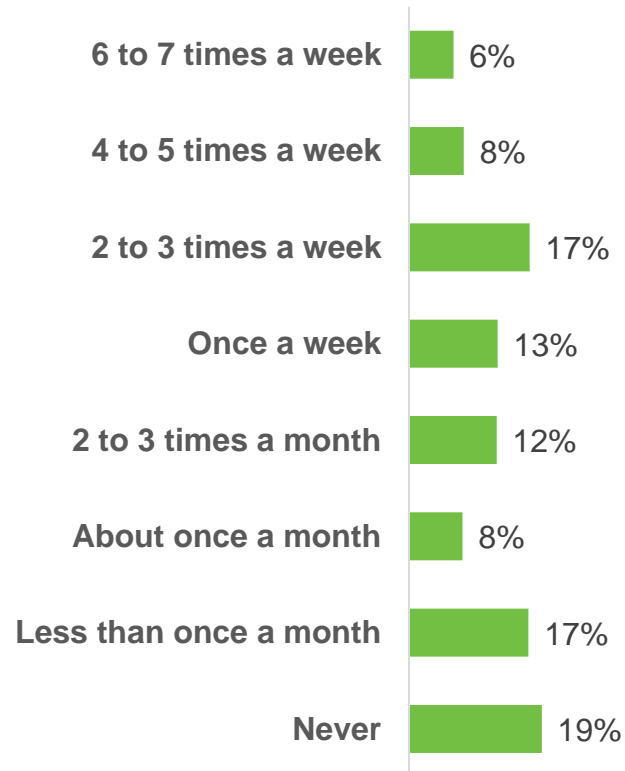


Base: All respondents (N=6,241). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# On average, over the last year, how often did you drink alcohol?

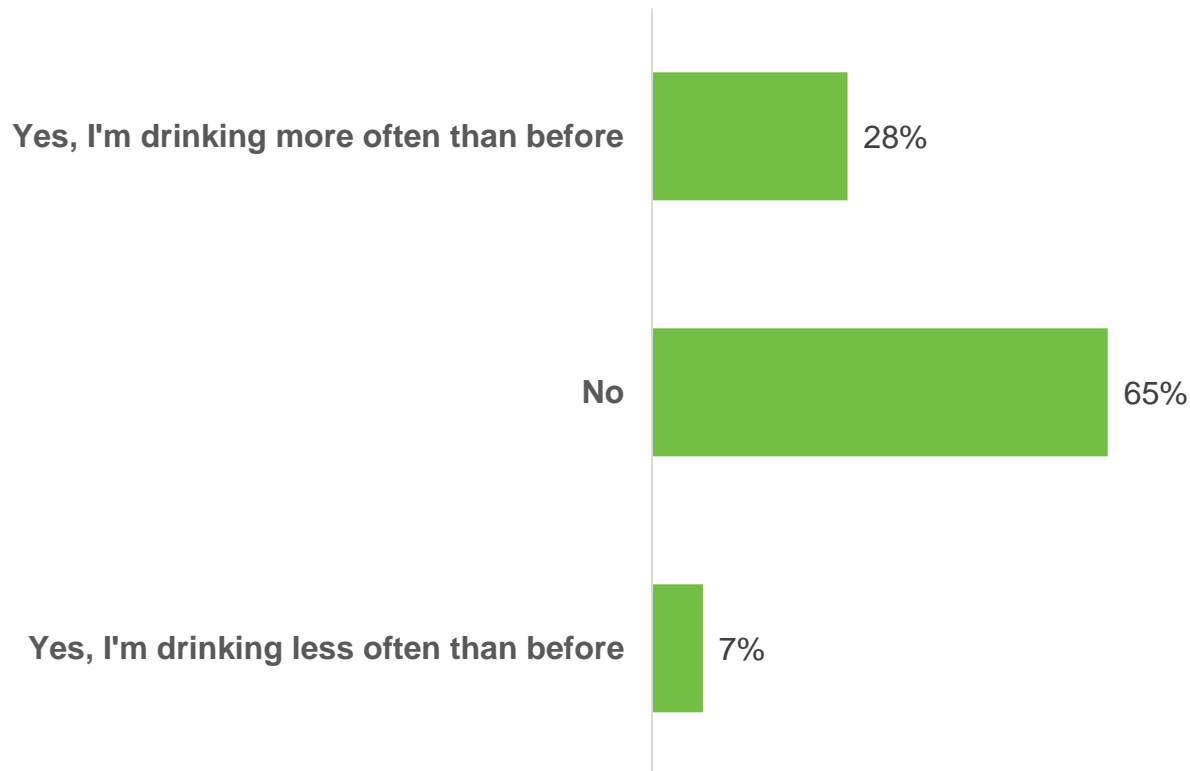


Base: All respondents (N=9,793). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# Has your alcohol consumption changed since March 2020?



Base: All respondents (N=9,694). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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