



# RBC 2015 RETIREMENT MYTHS & REALITIES POLL

## Choice of retirement date: Canadian retirees

Retired - 2015

	Age				Gender	
	Total	50-59	60-69	70+	Males	Females
	(n=1011)	(n=222)	(n=601)	(n=188)	(n=596)	(n=415)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>HAD THE CHOICE (NET)</b>	68	60	74	60	71	65
I was feeling ready/will feel ready to retire - my choice	59	50	64	55	60	58
I had saved/will have saved enough money to retire comfortably	25	26	27	16	29	19
<b>DID NOT HAVE THE CHOICE (NET)</b>	43	51	38	47	42	44
Health reasons	14	20	12	13	12	17
Employer's request, e.g. downsizing	13	14	14	12	18	7
I reached/will reach mandatory retirement age	5	2	4	12	7	4
I was required/will be required as a caregiver for someone	5	7	4	4	3	8
Other	10	14	8	9	7	13

QA5. Why did you retire? / Thinking about the first time you retired, why did you retire from your primary job/ profession? / When you do retire from your primary job/ profession, what do you expect will be the reason(s)?  
Base: Retired



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## Choice of retirement date: Canadian pre-retirees

Not retired - 2015

			Age		Gender	
	Total	50-59	60-69	Males	Females	
	(n=1000)	(n=718)	(n=271)	(n=574)	(n=426)	
	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>HAD THE CHOICE (NET)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	
I was feeling ready/will feel ready to retire - my choice	67	65	73	67	68	
I had saved/will have saved enough money to retire comfortably	33	35	26	32	33	
<b>DID NOT HAVE THE CHOICE (NET)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	
I reached/will reach mandatory retirement age	11	13	6	11	12	
Health reasons	11	11	11	12	10	
Employer's request, e.g. downsizing	5	5	7	6	4	
I was required/will be required as a caregiver for someone	1	1	2	1	2	
Other	6	5	10	6	6	

QA5. Why did you retire? / Thinking about the first time you retired, why did you retire from your primary job/profession? / When you do retire from your primary job/profession, what do you expect will be the reason(s)?  
Base: Not retired