

"A Social History of the Dutch in Quebec"

Questionnaire for those born in
"het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden"*,
who presently live in the Province of Quebec, and who
for most of the time since their emigration to Canada
have lived in this Province

*(this includes those who were born in the former Dutch Indies, Surinam,
and the Dutch Antilles when they were still part of "het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden",
whose upbringing was in the Dutch culture and who emigrated to Canada from Holland)

Questionnaire Results

Total respondents: 30

I am

Male: 14 - 47%
Female: 16 - 53%

Question 1: How many years have you been in Canada?

High: 56; Low: 3 and 11, Average: 39

Question 2: Are you a Canadian citizen?

YES: 20 - 67%
NO: 10 - 33%
3 & 11 both NO, but 56 also NO, as well as 44 and 38

Question 3: Since when?

Average number of years before Canadian Citizenship was taken out: 12

Question 4: Do you plan to become a Canadian citizen.?

YES: 3 - 33%
NO: 6 - 66%

Question 5: (More than one check possible) My child(ren) are married to (live together with) a spouse of

Dutch origin: 2 - 7%
English-Canadian origin: 11 - 37%
French Canadian origin: 7 - 23%
Other origin: 12 - 40%
Child(ren) not married: 10 - 33%
I have no children: 4 - 13%

Question 6: Are your children living in Quebec?

all of them: 10 - 33%
some of them: 11 - 37%
none of them: 5 - 17%
I have no children: 4 - 13%

Question 7: How do you feel about your life in Canada?

Unfortunately, there was an error in the response setup of the internet questionnaire.

Question 8: Except for possible holidays, would you like to spend the rest of your life in Canada?

YES: 27 - 90%
NO: 2 - 7%
blank: 1 - 3%

Question 9: How do you feel about your life in Quebec?

very satisfied: 18 - 60%
fairly satisfied: 12 - 40%
dissatisfied: 0 - 0%

Question 10: Are you glad or sorry you left Holland?

glad: 22 - 73%
sorry: 4 - 13%
blank: 4 - 13%

Question 11: Do you think you would feel at home if you went back to Holland?

YES: 9 - 30%
NO: 20 - 67%
blank: 1 - 3%

Question 12: Are you ever homesick for Holland?

often: 0 - 0%
sometimes: 12 - 40%
never: 18 - 60%

Question 13: If you celebrate family birthdays and anniversaries do you maintain certain Dutch traditions?

YES: 26 - 86%
NO: 4 - 13%

Question 14: Do you have a birthday calendar?

YES: 25 - 83%
NO: 5 - 17%

Question 15: I read most frequently in

English: 20 - 67%
French: 2 - 7%
Dutch: 1 - 3%
all of these equally: 7 - 23%
other

Question 16: The language I use at home most frequently is

English: 20 - 67%
French: 4 - 13%
Dutch: 6 - 20%
other

Question 17: Do you still eat some of the traditional Dutch dishes and snacks such as "boerenkool", "stamppot", "beschuit", "hagelslag", "speculaas"

often: 12 - 40%
sometimes: 14 - 47%
never: 4 - 13%

Question 18: Do you think Canadians are treating you as their equal?

YES: 28 - 93%
NO: 2 - 7%

Question 19: Do you expect that this country will have a good future?

YES: 28 - 93%
NO: 2 - 7%

Question 20: Do you expect your future to be good?

YES: 27 - 90%
NO: 3 - 10%

Question 21: I received my education?

mostly in Holland: 12 - 40%
partly in Holland and partly in Canada: 15 - 50%
partly in another country and partly in Canada: 0 - %
some of it Holland, some of it in another country, and some of it in Canada: 2- 7%
mostly in Canada: 0 - %
blank: 1 - 3%

Question 22: What was your level of education upon arrival in Canada?

elementary school: 4 - 13%
high school: 10 - 33%
university: 16 - 53%

Question 23: What is your level of education now?

elementary school: 1 - 3%
high school: 6 - 20%
university: 23 - 76%

Question 24: If you professed a specific religion in Holland has that changed?

YES: 8 - 27%
NO: 14 - 47%
no religion: 8 - 26%

Question 25: My friends in Canada are

mostly Canadian: 9 - 30%
mostly Dutch: 4 - 13%
mostly from another ethnic group: 0 - %
a mix of all the above: 16 - 53%
blank: 1 - 4%

Question 26: Do you belong to any Dutch organizations in Canada?

YES: 11 - 37%
NO: 19 - 63%

Question 27: Do you belong to any Dutch organizations in Holland?

YES: 1 - 3%
NO: 29 - 97%

Question 28: Do you read any Dutch newspapers or periodicals or follow Dutch news via the Internet?

often: 8 - 27%
sometimes: 20 - 67%
never: 2 - 6%

Question 29: Since 1980, on how many occasions have people visited you from Holland?

less than 10: 33% 10+: 33% 20+: 17% 40+: 7% blank: 10%

Question 30: What was the average duration of the visits?

1 week: 4 - 13%
2 weeks: 12 - 40%
3 weeks: 9 - 30%
more: 3 - 10%
blank: 2 - 7%

Question 31: How many times have you been back to Holland since 1980?

less than 10: 33% 10+: 40% 20+: 17% 30+: 10%

Question 32: How long, on average, was each visit?

1 week: 4 - 13%
2 weeks: 7 - 23%
3 weeks: 13 - 43%
more: 5 - 17%
blank: 1 - 4%

Question 33: Did you go

alone?: 2 - 7%
with members of your family?: 6 - 20%
sometimes alone, sometimes with members of the family?: 21 - 70%
blank: 1 - 3%

Question 34: Has your Dutch background ever helped or hampered you in procuring employment.?

helped: 7 - 23%
hampered: 0 - %
neither: 19 - 63%
I do not know: 4 - 14%

Question 35: How do your children consider your Dutch background?

More than one answer possible

It interests them: 19 - 63%
They are ashamed of it: 0 - %
They are indifferent about it: 1 - 3%
They talk about it in derisive terms: 0 - %
They consider it an asset for themselves: 16 - 53%

Question 36: Would you say that you brought your children up with the aim to maintain Dutch values and traditions?

very much so: 8 - 27%
somewhat: 17 - 57%
not at all: 1 - 3%
blank: 4 - 13%

Question 37: Do you follow any Dutch customs at home, e.g. : celebrating St. Nicholas, baking "oliebollen" on New Year's Eve?

often: 10 - 33%
sometimes: 14 - 47%
never: 5 - 17%
blank: 1 - 3%
