

"A Social History of the Dutch in Quebec"

Questionnaire for those born in Canada of Dutch Parent(s)*
who presently live in the Province of Quebec and
who have lived for most of their life in this Province

*(this includes those parent(s) 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: 20

I am - %

Male 8 - 40%

Female 12 - 60%

My age is: - %

Question 1: I am married to (live together with) a spouse of

Dutch origin 2 - 10%

English-Canadian origin 6 - 30%

French Canadian origin 7 - 35%

other origin 3 - 15%

not married 2 - 10%

Question 2: How would you describe your life in Quebec so far?

very satisfactory 14- 70%

fairly satisfactory 6 - 30%

dissatisfactory - %

Question 3: Have you ever gone to Holland as part of your education or to work there for awhile?

YES 7 - 35%

NO 13 - 65%

Question 4: Would you ever want to live in Holland?

for the rest of my life - %

for a few years 11 - 55%

never 6 - 30%

I do not know 3 - 15%

Question 5: (More than one check possible) My child(ren) is/are married to a spouse of

Dutch origin - %

English-Canadian origin - %

French Canadian origin - %

Other origin 1 - 5%

Child(ren) are not married 15 - 75%

I have no children 3 - %

blank 4 - 20%

Question 6: Where are your children living?

they all live in Quebec (including those still living at home) 15 - 75%

some of them still live in Quebec (including those still living at home) - %

none of them live in Quebec 1 - 5%

I have no children 3 - 15%

blank 1 - 5%

Question 7: The grandchild(ren) see their Dutch "Oma" and/or "Opa"

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often - %

sometimes - %

rarely - %

never - %

they do not have an Oma or Opa - %

Question 8: My child(ren) have contact with their cousins* in Canada

often 12 - 60%

sometimes 1 - 5%

rarely 4 - 20%

never - %

they do not have cousins in Canada - %

blank 3 - 15%

Question 9: My child(ren) have contact with their cousins in Holland

often - %

sometimes 4 - 20%

rarely 6 - 30%

never 3 - 15%

they do not have cousins in Holland 3 - 15%

blank 4 - 20%

Question 10: Do you have contact with your relatives in Holland?

often 6 - 30%
sometimes 7 - 35%
rarely 5 - 25%
never - %
there are no relatives left in Holland 2 - 10%

Question 11: Do you speak Dutch?

no 6 - 30%
a little bit 4 - 20%
fairly fluently 10 - 50%

Question 12: Can you write in Dutch?

no 10 - 50%
a little bit 9 - 45%
fairly well 1 - 5%

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

YES 10 - 50%
NO 10 - 50%

Question 14: Do you have a birthday calendar?

YES 11 - 55%
NO 9 - 45%

Question 15: What language do you use at home?

English 14 - 70%
French 5 - 25%
Dutch 1 - 5%
Other - %

Question 16: Do you eat some of the traditional Dutch dishes and snacks such as "boerenkool", "stamppot", "beschuit", "hagelslag", "speculaas" - %

often 6 - 30%
sometimes 12 - 60%
rarely 2 - 10%
never - %

Question 17: Do you think Canadians are treating you as their equal?

YES 20 - 100%
NO - %

Question 18: Do you plan to leave the Province of Quebec in the near future?

yes - %
may be 4 - 20%
no 15 - 75%
can't say 1 - 5%

Question 19: Do you expect your future to be good?

YES 19 - 95%
NO 1 - 5%

Question 20: What is your level of education?

elementary school - %
high school 4 - 20%
university 16 - 80%

Question 21: If you have a religion, is it different from your parents?

YES 1 - 5%
NO 13 - 65%
My parents have a religion, but I do not. 1 - 5%
My parents do not have a religion, but I do. 2 - 10%
Neither my parents nor I have a religion. 3 - 15%

Question 22: My friends in Canada are

mostly of Canadian origin 10 - 50%
mostly of Dutch origin - %
mostly from another ethnic group 2 - 10%
a mix of all the above 8 - 40%

Question 23: Do you speak Dutch with your parents?

often 6 - 30%
sometimes 4 - 20%
rarely 7 - 35%
never 1 - 5%
I don't speak Dutch 2 - 10%

Question 24: Do your children speak Dutch?

fluently - %
a little bit 3 - 15%
not at all 14 - 70%
blank 3 - 15%

Question 25: Do you belong to any Dutch organizations in Canada?

YES - %
NO 20 - 100%

Question 26: Do you read any Dutch books, newspapers or periodicals or follow the news via the Internet?

often - %
sometimes 2 - 10%
rarely 7 - 35%
never 11 - 55%

Question 27: How many times have you been to Holland since 1980?

1x: 20% 2x: 5% 3x: 5% 4x: 15% 5x: 15% 6x: 10% 7x: 10% blank 20%

Question 28: How long, on average, was each visit?

1 week 5% 2 weeks 30% 3 weeks 25% 4 weeks 20% blank 20%

Question 29: Did you go - %

alone?
with members of your family?
sometimes alone, sometimes with members of the family - %

Question 30: Has your Dutch background ever helped or hampered you in procuring employment.?

helped 4 - 20%
hampered - %
neither 11 - 55%
I do not know 5 - 25%

Question 31: How do you describe yourself:

Canadian 7 - 35%
Dutch-Canadian 7 - 35%
Québécois 1 - 5%
Dutch-Québécois 4 - 20%
Other 1 - 5%

Question 32: Would you say that you were brought up

about the same as friends and neighbours 10 - 50%
quite differently 10 - 50%

Question 33: Would you say that you are bringing up (or have brought up) your children with the aim to maintain certain Dutch values and traditions?

very much so 4 - 20%
somewhat 11 - 55%
not at all 1 - 5%
blank 4 - 20%

Question 34: Are you glad or sorry that your parent(s) left Holland?

glad 7 - 35%
sorry - %
indifferent 13 - 65%

Question 35: (More than one answer possible) How do you consider your Dutch background?

It interests me 17 - 85%
I am ashamed of it - 0%
I am indifferent about it - 0%
I talk about it in derisive terms - 0%
I consider it an asset 17 - 85%

Question 36: Do you follow any Dutch customs at home, e.g. : celebrating St. Nicholas, baking "oliebollen" on New Year's Eve?

often 3 - 15%
sometimes 12 - 60%
rarely 4 - 20%
never 1 - 5%
