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This survey was conducted using the Random Digit Dialing method of contacting households. With this method, every household with telephone service had a chance of being selected. Households without telephones could not participate, nor could women who did not speak English or French. Only 1% of the female population of the ten provinces live in households without telephone service; in approximately 3% of the households contacted, there was a non-response due to language.

From the approximately 19,000 eligible households contacted, 12,300 interviews were obtained, a response rate of 54%. Non-response occurred for a variety of reasons including refusals, language, and unavailability of the woman selected for the interview. Most non-response occurred before the respondent was contacted. Among those households where a respondent was contacted (13,500), the response rate was 91 %.

Estimates of proportions of the female population of Canada 18 years of age and over produced from this survey are expected to be within 1.2% of the true proportion 19 times out of 20. Estimates of proportions of subpopulations will have wider confidence intervals.