

# Annual Satisfaction Surveys

---

2021 Summary



# Annual Satisfaction Surveys

Each year, six annual satisfaction surveys are conducted throughout February and March to gauge the public’s understanding of the gaming, liquor, and cannabis industries in Alberta as well as AGLC’s performance in serving Albertans. An independent market and social research firm, Advanis, administered and analyzed the surveys on behalf of AGLC and report that the survey methodology is robust and statistically significant. The surveys provide results for performance measures that are published in AGLC’s annual report and associated business plan.

## Surveys and objectives

### 1. Survey of Albertans

### 2. Social responsibility

### 3. Charitable gaming licensees

### 4. Gaming retailers

### 5. Liquor licensees and registered liquor agencies

### 6. Cannabis licensees

#### Objectives

Tracks Albertans’ level of satisfaction with how the legal gaming, liquor and cannabis business is run in Alberta, as well as the awareness level of responsible gambling, drinking and cannabis use.	Determines the incidence of Albertans who gamble and drink alcohol responsibly.	Measures levels of satisfaction with services provided by AGLC to charitable gaming licensees.	Measures levels of satisfaction with services provided by AGLC to gaming retailers, which includes licensed premises with VLTs, casinos and lottery ticket retailers.	Measures levels of satisfaction with services provided by AGLC to liquor licensees and registered liquor agencies which includes licensing, product and pricing, and customs and excise programs.	Measures levels of satisfaction of the services provided by AGLC to cannabis licensees which includes account representatives, cannabis call centre, albertacannabis.org and delivery services.
Reviews Albertans’ confidence that AGLC responsibly manages gaming, liquor and cannabis revenues to deliver benefits to Albertans.	Assess Albertans’ awareness of harm reduction programs related to gambling and drinking.				
Tracks Albertans’ perceptions of AGLC.	Collects data to build a structure of what is considered responsible cannabis use; this data is used to develop programs to promote responsible cannabis use.				

## Methodology summary

	1. Survey of Albertans	2. Social responsibility	3. Charitable gaming licensees	4. Gaming retailers	5. Liquor licensees and registered liquor agencies	6. Cannabis licensees
<b>Timing (2021)</b>	Feb. 10 – Mar. 19	Feb. 10 – Mar. 19	Feb. 11 – Apr. 1	Feb. 11 – Apr. 1	Feb. 11 – Apr. 1	Feb. 11 – Apr. 1
<b>Sample size</b>	1,010 <sup>1</sup> (1,004 in 2020)	1,106 <sup>1</sup> (1,104 in 2020)	1,130 (1,610 in 2020)	1,199 (1,178 in 2020)	1,532 (1,257 in 2020)	328 (247 in 2020)
<b>Total invited</b>			2,924	3,615 vlts: 788 Casino: 28 LTC: 2,799	9,576 Licensees: 8,848 Agencies: 728	590
<b>Average duration (in minutes)</b>	14 (18 in 2020)	11 (11 in 2020)	2 (2 in 2020)	7 (9 in 2020)	7 (8 in 2020)	5 (7 in 2020)
<b>Total questions</b>	58 (59 in 2020)	53 (53 in 2020)	8 (7 in 2020)	20 (19 in 2020)	35 (35 in 2020)	16 (15 in 2020)
<b>% participated</b>	21% (14% in 2020)	21% (16% in 2020)	39% (37% in 2020)	34% (33% in 2020)	16% (13% in 2020)	56% (61% in 2020)
<b>Method</b>	Random Digit Dialing (RDD <sup>2</sup> ) (including cell phone numbers, consisting of Alberta residents)	RDD (including cell phone numbers, consisting of Alberta residents)	Online survey (phone follow up)	Online survey (phone follow up)	Online survey (phone follow up)	Online survey (phone follow up)
<b>Margin of error</b>	95% confidence level +/- 3.1%	95% confidence level +/- 2.9%	95% confidence level +/- 2.3%	95% confidence level +/- 2.3%	95% confidence level +/- 2.3%	95% confidence level +/- 3.6%

### Limitations

<sup>1</sup> Quotas were established to ensure a good distribution across age, gender, and location within the province. The 2021 sample was weighted to match the population distribution based on the most recent census data available from Statistics Canada, established in 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Advanis utilized a RDD methodology to sample among the population of Alberta for the purpose of this research. Although RDD is considered the most effective way to achieve a sample that is representative of the population, it also has some limitations:

- Due to the sensitivity of the topics covered in the questionnaire, respondents may be influenced through Social Desirability Bias which is that incidences of responsible gambling and alcohol usage is self-reported, and respondents tend to answer in such a way that makes them look favourable to the interviewer. As such, it is possible that the incidence of problem gambling and alcohol consumption is under-reported. The impact of Social Desirability Bias in survey responses is not measurable.
- While Albertans were contacted in a randomized manner, only those who agreed to participate in the survey are included in the sample. Among those Albertans contacted 21% (Survey of Albertans) and 21% (Social responsibility) took part in the research.

## Methodology details

### **Responsible gamblers**

The responsible gamblers calculation is completed by Advanis using responses to the following questions in the Social Responsibility Survey that are based on the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI):

*Thinking of the last 12 months:*

- *Have you bet more than you could really afford to lose?*
- *Have you needed to gamble with larger amounts of money to get the same feeling of excitement?*
- *Have you gone back on another day to try to win back the money you lost?*
- *Have you borrowed money or sold anything to gamble?*
- *Have you felt that you might have a problem with gambling?*
- *Has gambling caused you any health problems, including stress or anxiety?*
- *Have people criticized your betting or told you that you had a gambling problem, whether or not you thought it was true?*
- *Has your gambling caused any financial problems for you or your household?*
- *Have you felt guilty about the way you gamble or what happens when you gamble?*

The answers for each question are totalled to provide an overall score. The higher the score the greater the risk that gambling is a problem. Answers are coded on a scale of zero (respondent never engages in specified behaviour) to three (respondent always engages). Respondents are considered to gamble responsibly if their overall score is two or less.

### **Responsible drinkers**

The responsible drinkers calculation is completed by Advanis using responses to the following questions in the Social Responsibility Survey that are based on Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines developed by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse:

- *Do you drink beer, wine, coolers, or other alcoholic beverages?*

If answered yes:

- *On average, how many days per week do you drink alcohol? And "on a typical day, how many drinks do you consume?"*

Respondents are considered to consume alcohol responsibly if they meet the following criteria:

- Female: two or less drinks per day, or 10 or less drinks per week (calculated by multiplying the number of drinks per day, by the number of days per week on which alcohol is consumed).
- Male: three or less drinks per day, or 15 or less drinks per week (calculated by multiplying the number of drinks per day, by the number of days per week on which alcohol is consumed).

### ***Stakeholder satisfaction index***

The stakeholder satisfaction index is calculated by AGLC and is determined using an average of the satisfied responses from a series of questions asked in the surveys of charitable gaming licensees, gaming retailers, liquor licensees and registered liquor agencies, and cannabis licensees. The questions are focused on satisfaction related to response time, knowledge of employees, courtesy of employees, access to information, online services, ease of access to services, contact frequency, training materials and overall service.

### ***Reputation index***

The reputation index is calculated by averaging six separate dimensions (emotional appeal, financial performance, vision and leadership, workplace, social responsibility, and products and services), each comprised of questions directed to Albertans, AGLC employees and AGLC stakeholders based on trust, confidence, responsibility, and satisfaction. The employee engagement metric used within the calculation is based on questions in AGLC's employee engagement survey (note: 2018 survey results are most recent results available).