

## Nearly one-half of women in Nova Scotia report having been sexually harassed

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- One in eight residents have been sexually harassed within the last five years, with two in ten women having experienced such an incident during that time frame
- The likelihood of experiencing sexual harassment in Nova Scotia is slightly higher than that of Atlantic Canada overall

**HALIFAX, NS March 21, 2018:** Three in ten Nova Scotia residents report having experienced sexual harassment, with nearly one-half of women in the province experiencing such an incident in their lifetime, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.**

Recently, there has been considerable public discussion on the topic of harassment. To better understand the prevalence in Nova Scotia, residents were asked when, if at all, they last experienced sexual harassment. Overall, three in ten (31%) Nova Scotians indicate that they have been sexually harassed, with one in eight (13%) having most recently experienced sexual harassment within the last five years, and two in ten (18%) having most recently experienced such an incident five years ago or more. Meanwhile, seven in ten (69%) of residents have never been sexually harassed.

At the same time, approximately one-half (48%) of women in Nova Scotia indicate that they have been sexually harassed, with two in ten (20%) women having most recently experienced sexual harassment within the last five years, and three in ten (28%) having most recently experienced such an incident five years ago or more. Meanwhile, approximately one-half (52%) of women report never having been sexually harassed.

The likelihood of experiencing sexual harassment in Nova Scotia is slightly higher than that of Atlantic Canada overall (26% of residents overall, and 41% of women).

“Although the incidence of sexual harassment reported, particularly among women, is significant, it may not be as high as some might have expected,” said Don Mills, Chairman and CEO of Corporate Research Associates. “The results nonetheless serve to underscore the ongoing need to address the long-standing societal problem.”

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**<sup>®</sup>, an independent, quarterly telephone survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a telephone sample of 384 adult Nova Scotians, conducted from February 1 to 25, 2018, with overall results accurate to within  $\pm 5.0$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.



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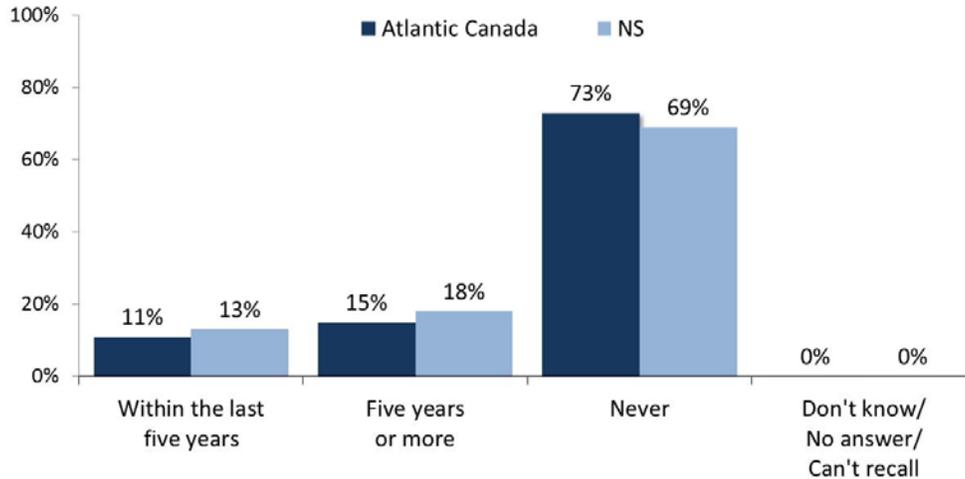
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**CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Winter 2018**  
**Nova Scotia Results**

Sample: 384 Nova Scotians (18 years plus)  
Interview Dates: February 1 to 25, 2018  
Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ± 5.0 percentage points (95% confidence level)

**Experience of Sexual Harassment**

Atlantic Canada vs. Nova Scotia



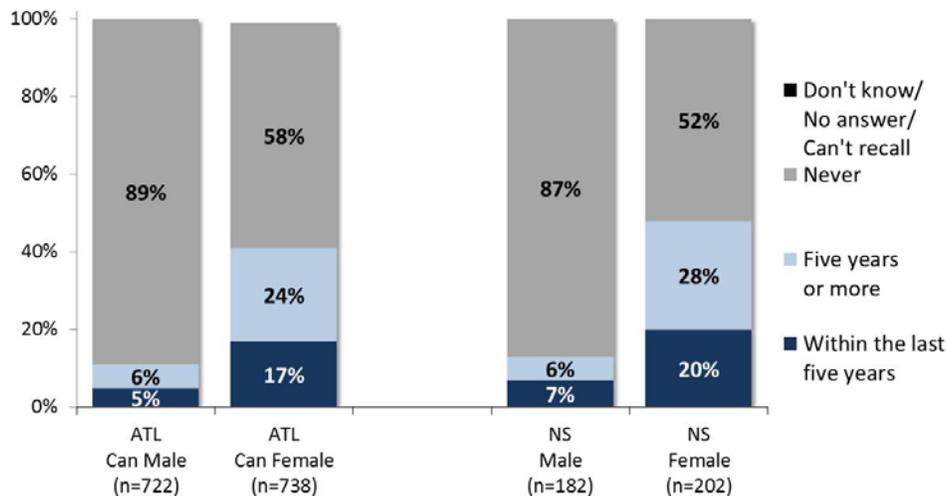
**Question:** Recently, there has been considerable public discussion on the topic of harassment. To better understand how common harassment is in our province, please indicate, when, if at all, you last experienced the following. Have you experienced sexual harassment within the last five years, five years ago, or more, or never?

**Sample Size:** (Atlantic Canada n=1460, NS=384)

**Interview Dates:** February 1 to February 28, 2018.

**Overall Margin of Sampling Error:** Atlantic Canada ±2.6 percentage points, 95% confidence level, NS ±5.0 percentage points, 95% confidence level.

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**Interview Dates:** February 1 – February 28, 2018.

**Overall Margin of Sampling Error:** ATL Male & Female ±3.6 percentage points, 95% confidence level.

NS Male ±7.3 percentage points, 95% confidence level. NS Female ±6.9 percentage points, 95% confidence level.