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1. The only study that provides a comprehensive sector-by-sector analysis of the reputation of more than 300 companies in Canada, conducted with more than 30,000 Canadians.

# A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT **DAVE SCHOLZ**



This year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year that Leger has measured reputation in Canada. We have analyzed the findings with our partner, McMaster University, and are pleased to report this year's results.

Overall, the past year has seen a very slight slip in reputation scores, with a combined average drop in reputation of 1 point. Much of that drop is due to crises experienced by a few companies. For example, **Desjardins**' reputation score dropped 9 points after their data privacy issues this past year. At the same time, Facebook, which was last year's big decliner due to privacy issues, was able to slow their drop this year. While they have not yet recovered, their reputation dropped by only 1 point this year.

Boeing experienced the greatest drop in reputation this year: since last year, their reputation score dropped by 32 points due to the 737 Max aircraft recalls. Our 2019 Reputation Report showed that the 737 Max crisis resulted in an immediate drop of 22 reputation points for Boeing. Unlike other companies that have been able to recover or maintain their reputation in the past year, Boeing has dropped another 10 points since the crisis, giving them an overall negative reputation score (-7).

For some companies, though, this year has been about recovery. Last year, **Canada Post**'s Reputation score dropped 18 points due to strike action in fall 2018. Most of that reputation has been recovered (+15), but not all. Recovery takes time.

**General Motors** dropped 16 points after last year's announcement of the Oshawa manufacturing plant closure. Time and a solid past reputation have helped with recovery, but they also have not recovered everything they lost yet (+10).

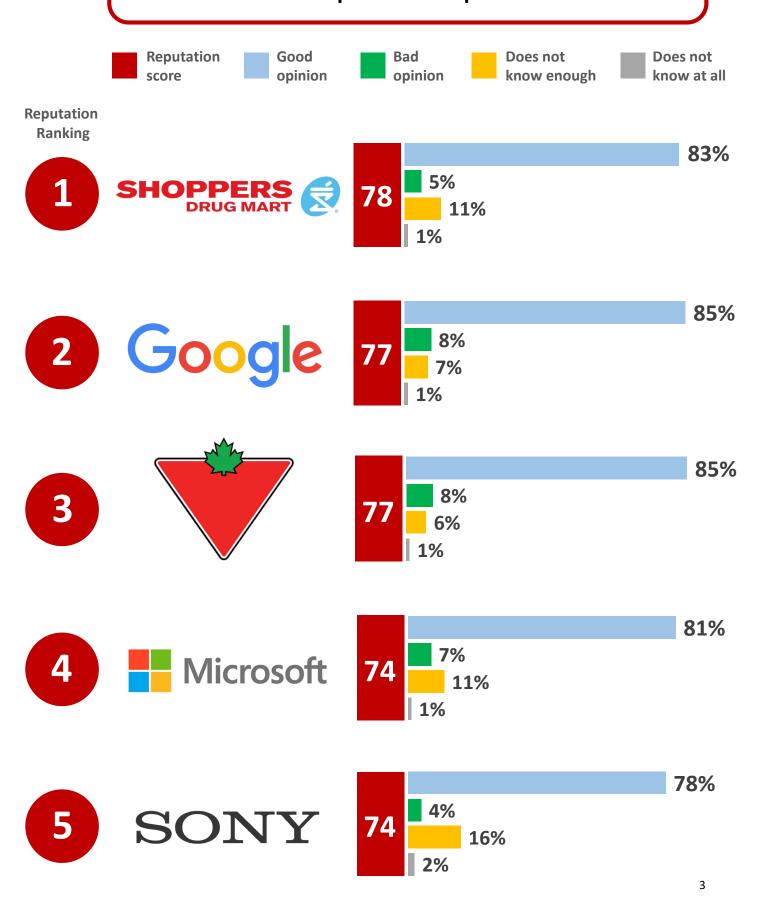
We also investigated some very interesting reputational results this year in the **Cannabis industry**. We rarely get a chance to study an entirely new business category and watch as the industry and individual companies build their reputation. In last year's report, all cannabis companies that we tracked had an average reputation score of 6 shortly after cannabis was legalized. The past year has not been great for cannabis companies and with **CannTrust**'s illegal growing and a lacklustre investment return for all companies, the industry dropped 2 points to have a cumulative reputation score of 4 in this year's report.

Right now, most eyes are on **COVID-19** and how it will affect all organizations. We will monitor companies' reactions to this crisis and its impacts on employees, customers and all stakeholders closely throughout the year. How will companies' responses impact their reputation? We'll find out in next year's Reputation study.

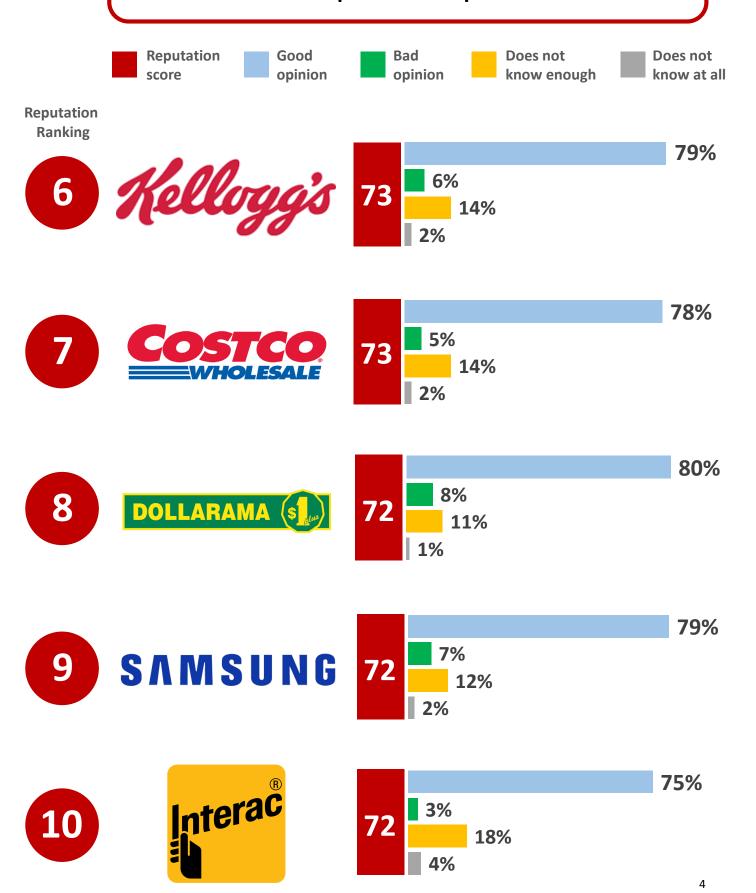
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# **Top Company by Sector**

SECTOR	COMPANY	SCORE
Drugstores	Shoppers Drug Mart	78
Web / Social Media	Google	77
Department Stores / Mass Merchandisers	Canadian Tire	77
Electronics / Technology	Microsoft	74
Food Industry	Kellogg	73
Discount Stores	Dollarama	72
Banks / Credit	Interac	72
Grocery / Convenience Stores	Sobeys	70
Shipping	FedEx	66
Bookstores / Music / Crafts	Chapters Indigo	66
Home Improvement	Home Depot	65
Restaurants	A&W	63
Automobile	Toyota	63
Entertainment	Cirque du Soleil	63
Media	CBC/Radio-Canada	62
Hospitality	Hilton	61
Insurance / Finance	CAA	57
Pharmaceutical	Jamieson	51
Transport	WestJet	50
Energy	Petro-Canada	44

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SECTOR	COMPANY	SCORE
Large Companies	Johnson & Johnson	43
Breweries	Molson Coors	43
Real Estate	RE/MAX	41
Telecommunications	Telus	34
Pulp / Wood	Cascades	33
Accounting and Management Firms	Deloitte	28
Industrial Companies	Airbus	22
Marijuana Producers	Aurora Cannabis	15
Loyalty	LoyaltyOne	4

**The Top Employers** 

Reputation **Employer Employer** Ranking Ranking Score Google Microsoft 81 40 SAMSUNG 80 9 5 80

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Reputation **Employer Employer** Ranking Score **Ranking** 6 80 **NETFLIX** 20 8 **79** 9 **79 TOYOTA** 10 **79** 

## The 100 Most Reputable Companies in Canada

1	Shoppers Drug Mart	78
2	Google	77
3	Canadian Tire	77
4	Microsoft	74
5	Sony	74
6	Kellogg	73
7	Costco Wholesale	73
8	Dollarama	72
9	Samsung	72
10	Interac	72
11	YouTube	71
12	Campbell	71
13	Sobeys	70
14	Staples	67
15	Amazon	66
16	FedEx	66
17	Chapters Indigo	66
18	<b>Home Depot</b>	65
19	Canada Post	64
20	Netflix	64
21	Purolator	64
22	Panasonic	64
23	A&W	63
24	Toyota	63
25	Cirque du Soleil	63

26	Maple Leaf Foods	62
27	CBC/Radio-Canada	62
28	McCain Foods	62
29	Honda	62
30	Hilton	61
31	Subway	60
32	Kraft Heinz	60
33	Visa	60
34	Danone	60
35	Mastercard	59
36	LG	59
37	Marriott	59
38	UPS	58
39	Sheraton	58
40	Apple	57
41	Winners	57
42	CAA	57
43	Tim Hortons	56
44	Loblaws	55
45	Mark's	55
46	General Mills	55
47	Kijiji	54
48	Dell	54
49	Michael's	53
50	Dare Foods	53

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51	Nestlé	51
52	Hewlett-Packard	51
53	Jamieson	51
54	Walmart	50
55	WestJet	50
56	Rona	49
57	Giant Tiger	49
58	IBM	49
59	Home Hardware	49
60	The Hudson Bay Company (HBC)	47
61	PayPal	46
62	Bayer	46
63	Delta	46
64	McDonald's	45
65	Petro-Canada	44
66	Esso	43
67	TD Bank	43
68	Johnson & Johnson	43
69	Molson Coors	43
70	Procter & Gamble (P&G)	43
71	Blue Cross	43
72	PepsiCo	42
73	Boston Pizza	42
74	Wendy's	42
75	RBC Royal Bank	42

<b>76</b>	Manulife	42
77	L'Oréal	42
78	Westin	42
<b>79</b>	Sun Life Financial	41
80	VIA Rail	41
81	RE/MAX	41
82	DAVIDsTEA	41
83	Scotiabank	40
84	Nissan	39
85	Subaru	39
86	Shell	38
87	Keurig	38
88	Saputo	38
89	Coca-Cola	37
90	Bank of Montreal (BMO)	37
91	Mazda	37
92	Labatt	36
93	Weston	36
94	Starbucks	35
95	Reitmans Canada Ltd	35
96	Telus	34
97	CIBC	34
98	Hyundai Auto	34
99	Instagram	33
100	eRay	22

# Methodology

#### **Study Population**

French and English speaking Canadians, aged 18 or over.

#### Questionnaire

In total, 272 companies from 29 business sectors were assessed in order to adequately represent the players in the various business sectors surveyed.

#### Sample

Each company was evaluated by approximately 2,100 respondents. To limit the duration of the questionnaire, the total number of companies grouped by sector was split into 14 blocks of 20 companies. In total, Leger conducted 30,429 interviews as part of this study.

#### **Data Collection**

The study was conducted online. Respondents were randomly selected from Leger Opinion's web panel, a panel representative of Canada's population which includes more than 400,000 members across Canada and the United States. The survey was accessible through a hyperlink and a unique access code inserted into an email that was sent to the panelists targeted for the study.

#### **Collection Period**

Data collection was conducted from December 18, 2019 to February 4, 2020.

### Weighting and Representativeness

To ensure that the sample is representative of the entire adult population of Canada, raw data was weighted according to the actual distribution of the population based on gender, age, region, level of education, the presence of children in the household and mother tongue.

The results are weighted using data from Statistics Canada's latest available census, the 2016 census.

#### **Margin of Error**

As a comparison, a probability sample of this size (n=2,100) would have a margin of error of +/-2.1% with a confidence interval of 95% (19 times out of 20).



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