



# Government of Alberta Report Card

April 2026



# Methodology



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Online survey among Alberta residents 18 years of age or older: n= 1,003.

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



## When

Data collection from April 3-6, 2026.

Where available, results are compared to previous waves of research.



## Margin of Error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=1,003 yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 3.1\%$  (19 times out of 20) for the total Alberta sample.



## Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, region, and education** in order to ensure a representative sample of the population of Alberta.

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## Significant Differences

↑ / ↓ indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion than the previous wave.

Data in **green** / **red** indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion relative to the total.

Note that the October 2025 wave of research was conducted on a sample of eligible voters only. Take caution interpreting wave over wave comparisons.



## Rounded Data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.



## Questions

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Some **key highlights** from the omnibus **include...**

#### **The UCP continues to widen their lead over the NDP in April 2026**

- If a provincial election were held today, the United Conservative Party would capture 53% of the vote vs. 36% for the Alberta NDP.
- UCP support is highly concentrated outside of the two major cities (64% vs 47% in Calgary and 48% in Edmonton), though it exceeds NDP support in all regions of the province (41% Calgary and Edmonton, 25% Other Alberta).
- Federal Liberal (74%) and NDP voters (91%) overwhelming support the provincial NDP, while most federal Conservative voters (90%) would support the UCP in a provincial election.

#### **Approval for Premier Danielle Smith has returned to a level consistent with January 2025 after trending downwards throughout 2025, while NDP leader Nenshi has faced significant favourability declines since October 2025**

- Smith's approval in April 2026 sits at 46% after significant increases relative to October 2025 (38%).
- Conversely, Nenshi has experienced significant decreases in approval since October 2025, and now sits as 35% approval after falling 8 percentage points since October. His disapproval ratings are also up significantly, increasing from 37% in October 2025 to 48% in April 2026.
- Smith has also seen a relative recovery in terms of opinion change, as her NET change score (*improved opinion – worsened opinion*) increased by 9 points in April 2026 to -23 from -32 in October 2025. Conversely, Nenshi's NET change score fell by 12 points from -7 in October 2025 to -19 in April 2026.

#### **New Federal NDP leader Avi Lewis appears to have little positive impact on increasing provincial NDP support**

- Only 9% of Alberta residents report that Avi Lewis being the leader of the federal NDP makes them more likely to vote NDP in the next provincial election, while 41% report no impact, and 36% are less likely to vote NDP.
- Lewis' impact is relatively modest among NDP supporters; 19% report they are more likely to vote NDP provincially with Avi Lewis leading the federal NDP, while more than six-in-ten (62%) report no impact and only 8% report being less likely.
- Most UCP voters see Lewis as a disincentive to voting NDP; 59% report they are less likely to vote for the provincial NDP with Lewis leading the federal NDP, while 33% report no impact and only 4% report being more likely to vote NDP.

#### **A majority believe Alberta is on the wrong track, with clear splits along political divisions**

- A majority (56%) say Alberta is on the wrong track vs. 37% right direction, with no notable change since January 2026.
- Perceptions are highly polarized by vote intention: UCP voters are largely positive (61% right direction), while NDP voters are overwhelmingly negative (85% wrong track).
- Sentiment also varies by demographic, with men being more likely to believe that Alberta is headed in the right direction (46% vs 28% for women) vs. women who are more likely to believe it is on the wrong track (63% vs 49% for men).

Some **key highlights** from the omnibus **include...**

**Healthcare is again the top issue despite significant declines since January 2026, with economic and political concerns following closely behind**

- Healthcare is the top issue in terms of both total importance (30%) and being the most important (18%), though it has declined significantly since January 2026 (27% most important).
- Inflation/rising interest rates (25% total; 13% most), economy (21% total; 11% most), and provincial nationalism/separatism (16% total; 9% most) are also prominent issues.
- Outside of healthcare falling in importance, the importance of other top issues has held relatively consistent since January.
- NDP voters place elevated importance on healthcare and provincial nationalism/separatism, while UCP voters emphasize inflation/rising interest rates, the economy, and energy/pipelines.

**Issue-specific approval of the UCP government remains relatively weak despite improvements in some areas since January 2026**

- Approval is sub-50% across all issues except for energy/pipelines (51%), with relatively stronger performance only on wildfire response (47%) and preparedness (44%), transportation and roads (42%), and managing relations with the federal government (41%). All other specific areas have approval of 40% or lower.
- Disapproval outweighs approval on most issues, particularly when it comes to important economic issues such as healthcare, economy, and housing prices/affordability.
- Despite relatively modest issue-specific approval ratings overall; ratings for education, the opioid crisis, and healthcare are up since January 2026 while disapproval ratings for crime/safety, the opioid crisis, healthcare and housing prices/affordability are also down.

**Support for an Alberta Pension Plan remains limited, with little change over the past year**

- 55% of Alberta residents oppose an Alberta Pension plan, while only 30% support it, and 15% are unsure. These results are consistent with results collected in May 2025.
- Support is strongest outside of the two major cities (37%) and among men (36%) and those aged 35-54 (37%).
- NDP voters overwhelmingly oppose the plan (89%), while a slight majority of UCP voters are supportive (52%).

Some **key highlights** from the omnibus **include...**

**The Alberta public are highly cautious of deficits, and have a strong preference for reduced spending**

- More than one-third (37%) say deficits should be limited even if it means reducing spending, while a further 27% would prefer a balanced budget as soon as possible. Only one-quarter (25%) believe deficits are acceptable to maintain services and investments.
- NDP voters are more accepting of deficits (46%), while UCP voters favour limiting spending (44%) or fully balancing budgets (32%).

**The Alberta government is much more likely to be perceived as overspending rather than underinvesting**

- More than four-in-ten (43%) say the government is spending too much and running too large a deficit, exceeding those who say spending is about right (28%) or too low (13%).
- NDP voters are more likely to believe the Alberta government is not spending or investing enough (23%), while UCP voters are more likely to believe spending is about right (43%).

**A majority favour a balanced fiscal approach over more extreme measures**

- A majority (54%) prefer balancing taxes, deficits, and services; far outweighing the support for any single-priority approach.
- Smaller segments prioritize keeping taxes low (15%), reducing deficits (12%), or maintaining or expanding services (11%).
- NDP voters emphasize maintaining or expanding public services (22%), while UCP voters are more likely to prioritize keeping taxes low (20%).

**Most Alberta residents would prefer a balance of saving resources revenues to balance budgets and using those revenues to invest in more services**

- 53% support a balanced approach, while 21% prefer saving revenues to balance the budget and 19% prefer investing the revenues for more services now.
- UCP voters are more likely to prefer saving the revenues to balance the budget (27%) and less likely to prefer investing the revenue in services (15%).

**Support for Alberta separating to become its own country is up in April 2026, but remains concentrated among specific groups**

- 64% would prefer Alberta to remain part of Canada, down 7 pts. from January 2026, while 23% support independence, an increase of 5 pts. from January 2026. Support for joining the USA held consistent at (6%).
- 95% of NDP voters would prefer to remain part of Canada, while UCP voters are split between remaining part of Canada (40%) and independence (41%).
- Just over half (54%) of residents are concerned about separatist sentiment, consistent with January 2026.

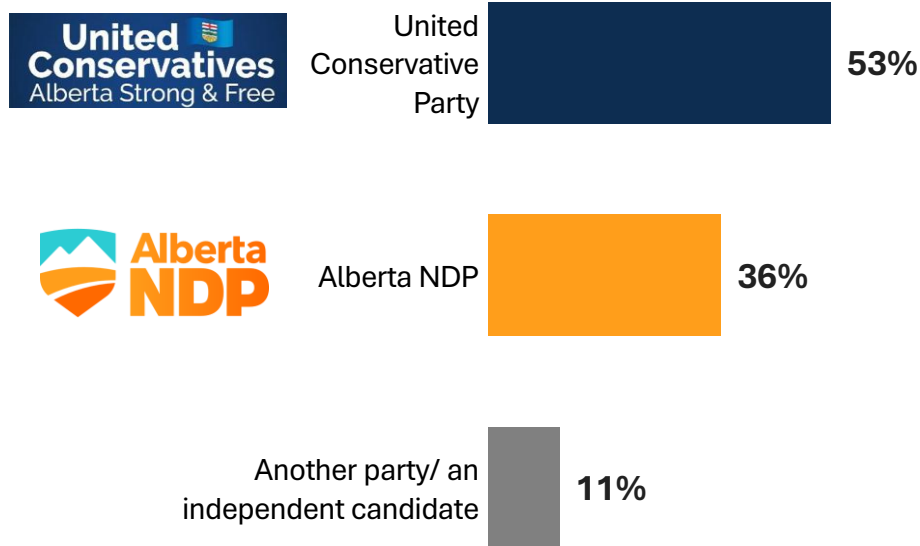
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Detailed **Results** - Voting Intentions &  
Party Leader Approval

# Provincial Voting Intentions (Among Decided Voters)

**Q.** If an Alberta Provincial election were held here in Alberta tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n= 858 ; Unweighted: n= 856)



GENDER		AGE			REGION			FEDERAL VOTE		
Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	Liberal	Conser- vative	NDP
56%	50%	51%	55%	52%	47%	48%	64%	13%	90%	2%
32%	40%	38%	35%	35%	41%	41%	25%	74%	6%	91%
12%	10%	11%	10%	13%	12%	11%	10%	13%	4%	6%

% Statistically significantly higher than total

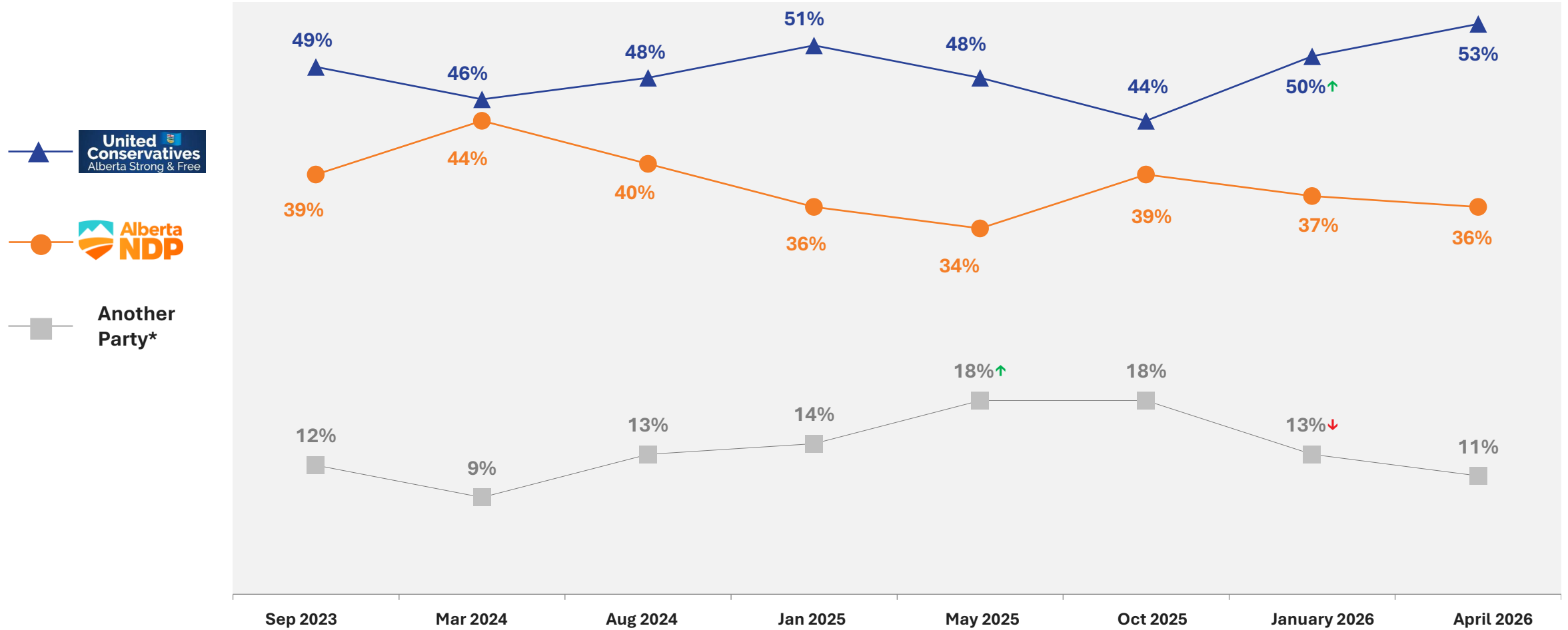
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# Provincial Voting Intentions Over Time (Among Decided Voters)

**Q.** If an Alberta Provincial election were held here in Alberta tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n= 858 ; Unweighted: n= 856)

\*Note: Minor parties were shown as individual options in survey prior to April 2026 and have been retroactively aggregated as a NET for comparison purposes. Take caution interpreting changes.

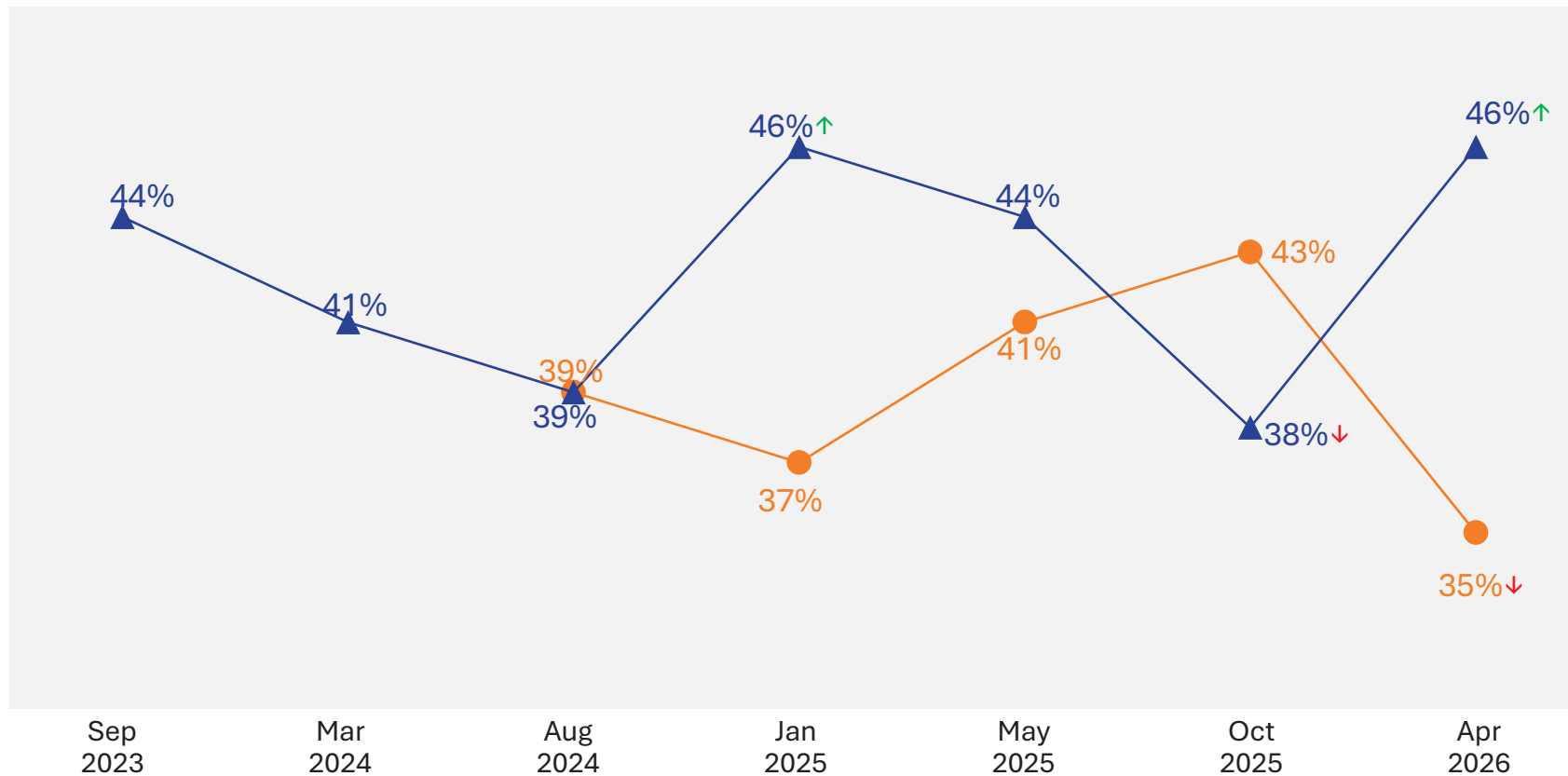


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# Current Leader Approval Rating

**Q.** Thinking of each of the following provincial party leaders, would you say you generally approve or disapprove of the way each has performed in their job?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



—●— Nenshi

—▲— Smith

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## Change in Opinion of Leaders

**Q.** Over the past six months, has your opinion of each of the following leaders improved, stayed the same, or worsened?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



**Danielle Smith –  
United Conservative Party**

Apr 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024
19%	15%	18%↓	22%↑	17%
42%	47%↑	40%	35%	35%
-23↑	-32↓	-22	-13	-18

Improved	Worsened	NET Change
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**Naheed Nenshi –  
Alberta NDP**

Apr 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024
11%↓	15%	16%	16%	19%
30%↑	22%↓	27%	25%	21%
-19↓	-7	-11	-9	-2

Improved	Worsened	NET Change
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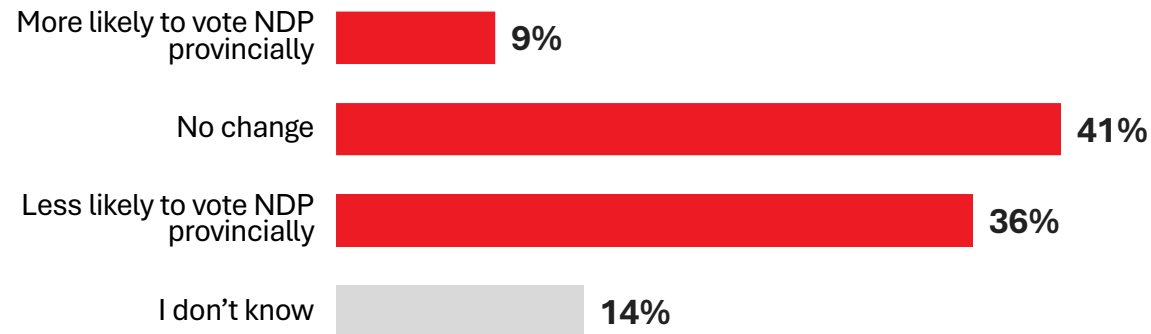
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## Impact of New Federal NDP Leader Avi Lewis on Provincial NDP Support

**Q.** Last weekend the federal NDP elected a new leader, Avi Lewis. Several of Lewis’ policies have generated some controversy, including his proposals to scale back Canada’s energy sector in order to transition to a greener more sustainable economy. Does the election of Avi Lewis as leader of the federal NDP make you more likely, less likely or not change the likelihood of voting for Naheed Nenshi and the provincial NDP in the next provincial election?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

### Does the election of Avi Lewis as leader of the federal NDP make you more likely, less likely or not change the likelihood of voting for Naheed Nenshi and the provincial NDP in the next provincial election?



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
More likely to vote NDP provincially	9%	10%	7%	14%	9%	4%	8%	11%	6%	19%	4%
No change	41%	39%	42%	41%	35%	47%	44%	36%	42%	62%	33%
Less likely to vote NDP provincially	36%	40%	33%	25%	43%	38%	35%	34%	41%	8%	59%

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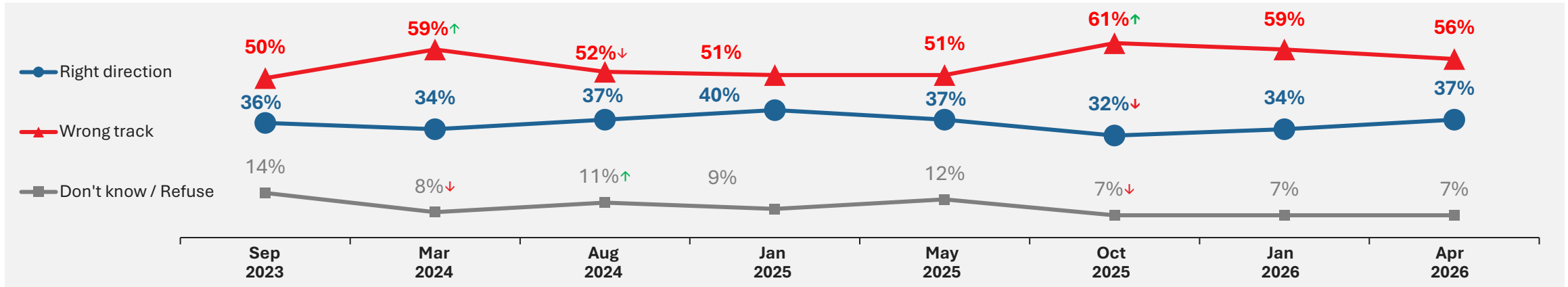
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Detailed Results – Issues Overview

# Current Trajectory of Alberta

**Q.** Taking everything into account how do you feel things are going these days in Alberta? Are things going in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



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	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
<b>NET Right direction</b>	<b>37%</b>	46%	28%	37%	35%	39%	32%	39%	40%	13%	61%
Strongly right direction	9%	12%	6%	6%	12%	8%	8%	9%	10%	3%	17%
Somewhat right direction	28%	34%	22%	30%	23%	31%	25%	30%	30%	10%	44%
<b>NET Wrong Track</b>	<b>56%</b>	49%	63%	54%	60%	55%	60%	55%	54%	85%	34%
Somewhat wrong track	27%	24%	29%	30%	28%	22%	28%	26%	26%	27%	20%
Strongly wrong track	30%	25%	35%	23%	31%	34%	32%	29%	28%	58%	13%

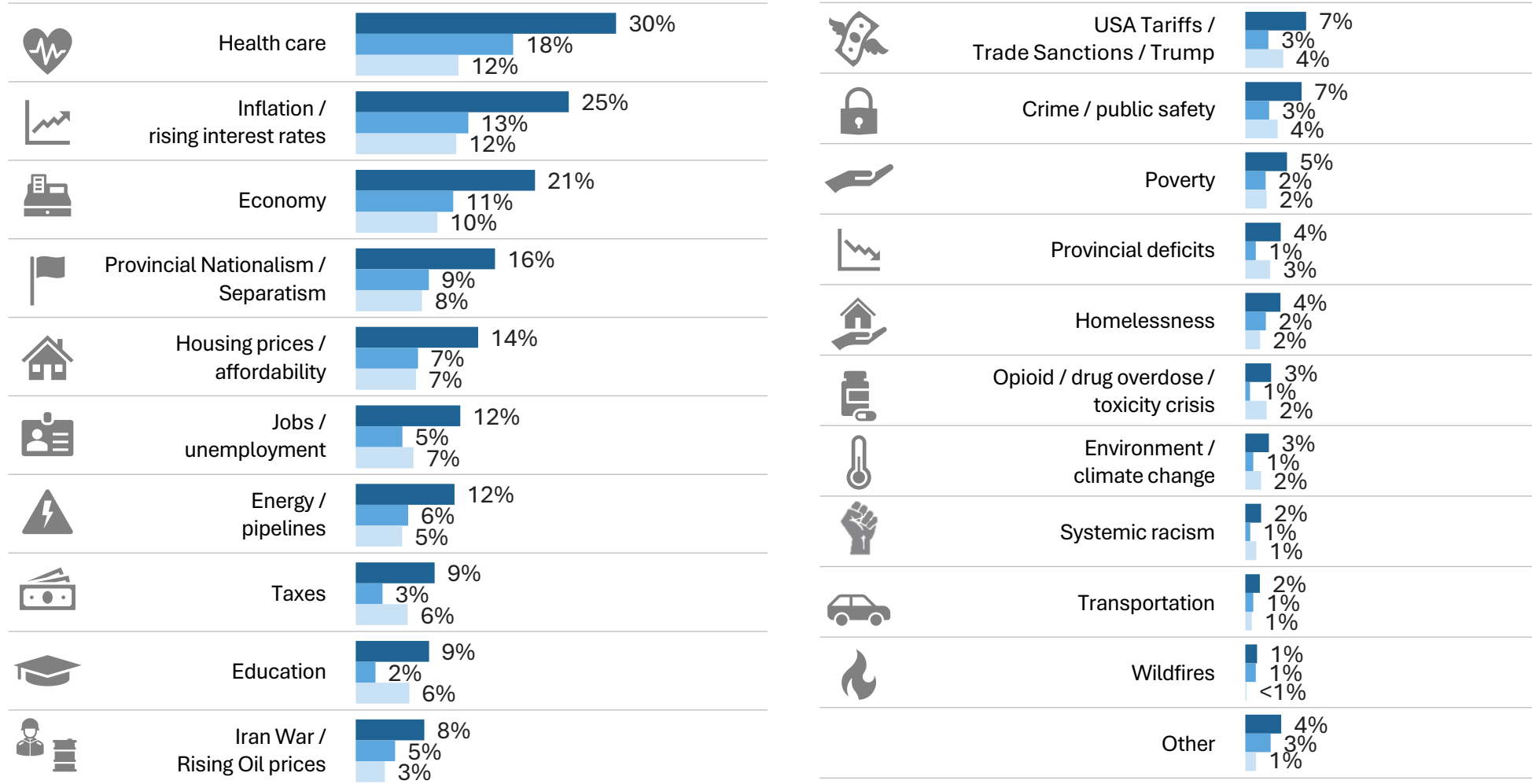
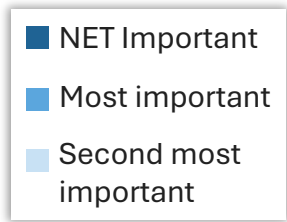
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# Alberta Issues – Total Importance: Aided

**Q.** In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today? What is the second most important issue?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

\*'Not sure' (1%) responses not shown.



# Alberta Issues – Most Important: Aided – Tracker

**Q.** In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

\*'Not sure' (1%) responses not shown.

	Apr 2026	Jan 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
Health care	<b>18%↓</b>	27%↑	17%	17%	18%	20%	20%	17%
Inflation / rising interest rates	<b>13%</b>	10%	11%	10%↓	15%	17%	20%	22%
Economy	<b>11%</b>	11%	12%	13%	11%	14%	11%	11%
Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	<b>9%</b>	11%↑	7%	8%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Housing prices / affordability	<b>7%</b>	6%	8%	8%↓	12%	13%	14%	13%
Energy / pipelines	<b>6%</b>	6%	4%↓	8%	5%↑	3%	3%	4%
Jobs / unemployment	<b>5%</b>	4%	6%	5%	7%↑	4%	5%	3%
Iran War / Rising Oil prices	<b>5%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Taxes	<b>3%</b>	3%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	5%
Crime / public safety	<b>3%</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%

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	Apr 2026	Jan 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
USA Tariffs/ Trade Sanctions / Trump	<b>3%</b>	3%	3%	5%↓	8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homelessness	<b>2%</b>	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Poverty	<b>2%</b>	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Education	<b>2%</b>	3%↓	11%↑	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Provincial deficits	<b>1%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildfires	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%↓	4%↑	1%	1%
Transportation	<b>1%</b>	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	-
Environment / climate change	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Systemic racism	<b>1%</b>	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis	<b>1%↓</b>	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Other	<b>3%</b>	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

## Top 6 Alberta Issues – Demographic Breakdown

**Q.** In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today? What is the second most important issue?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003).

### TOP 6 ALBERTA ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (Apr 2026)

	AGE	18-34	35-54	55+		PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT	NDP	UCP
Health care		13%	17%	24%	Health care		31%	11%
Inflation / rising interest rates		14%	17%	8%	Inflation / rising interest rates		10%	17%
Economy		11%	9%	14%	Economy		7%	15%
Provincial Nationalism / Separatism		4%	6%	14%	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism		13%	7%
Housing prices / affordability		7%	9%	5%	Housing prices / affordability		7%	6%
Energy / pipelines		5%	4%	9%	Energy / pipelines		1%	12%

### TOP 6 ALBERTA ISSUES – TOP 2 MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (Apr 2026)

	AGE	18-34	35-54	55+		PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT	NDP	UCP
Health care		21%	28%	40%	Health care		49%	19%
Inflation / rising interest rates		27%	30%	18%	Inflation / rising interest rates		20%	30%
Economy		21%	18%	24%	Economy		15%	26%
Provincial Nationalism / Separatism		10%	13%	25%	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism		27%	12%
Housing prices / affordability		14%	18%	11%	Housing prices / affordability		13%	13%
Jobs / unemployment		22%	10%	7%	Jobs / unemployment		10%	13%

Statistically significantly higher than total

Statistically significantly lower than total

# Approval Rating of Current Government on Issues

**Q.** Do you think Danielle Smith and the United Conservative Party have done a good job or a bad job handling each of the following issues in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



**Approval Rate**



**Disapproval Rate**

	<b>Apr 2026</b>	Jan 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
Energy / pipelines	<b>51%</b>	50%↑	42%↓	48%	48%↑	42%	40%	42%
Response to wildfire evacuations	<b>47%</b>	48%↑	42%	n/a	52%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Wildfire Emergencies	<b>44%</b>	41%	37%↓	43%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation & roads	<b>42%</b>	39%	39%	39%	39%	40%	37%	37%
Managing relations with the Federal Government	<b>41%</b>	38%	36%	38%	41%↑	33%	34%	36%
Environment / climate change	<b>40%</b>	38%	33%	38%	38%	35%	37%	35%
Relations between provincial and municipal governments in Alberta	<b>39%</b>	35%	31%	34%	35%	32%	33%	34%
Economy	<b>38%</b>	37%	33%↓	39%	37%	34%	34%	36%
Crime / public safety	<b>38%</b>	34%	31%	34%	33%	32%	31%	30%
Preparing for USA tariffs / trade sanctions	<b>38%</b>	35%	33%↓	39%	38%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Education	<b>37%↑</b>	32%↑	24%↓	36%	33%	31%	33%	35%
Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples / First Nations	<b>35%</b>	36%	33%	34%	34%	34%	34%	32%

	<b>Apr 2026</b>	Jan 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
Energy / pipelines	<b>34%</b>	35%↓	40%	37%	32%	34%	35%	34%
Response to wildfire evacuations	<b>30%</b>	32%↓	37%	n/a	28%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Wildfire Emergencies	<b>30%</b>	35%↓	41%↑	35%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation & roads	<b>41%</b>	44%	45%	43%	39%	39%	41%	36%
Managing relations with the Federal Government	<b>45%</b>	49%	51%	50%↑	43%↓	49%	48%	43%
Environment / climate change	<b>37%</b>	40%↓	47%	42%	41%	40%	42%	41%
Relations between provincial and municipal governments in Alberta	<b>44%</b>	48%	52%	48%	43%	45%	42%↑	36%
Economy	<b>50%</b>	50%	55%↑	50%	46%	49%	49%↑	42%
Crime / public safety	<b>43%↓</b>	50%	52%	47%	45%	48%	47%	47%
Preparing for USA tariffs / trade sanctions	<b>45%</b>	45%	49%	47%↑	38%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Education	<b>53%</b>	58%↓	68%↑	49%	48%	49%	47%	43%
Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples / First Nations	<b>37%</b>	37%	40%	40%↑	33%	32%	33%	33%

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## Approval Rating of Current Government on Issues (Continued)

**Q.** Do you think Danielle Smith and the United Conservative Party have done a good job or a bad job handling each of the following issues in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



Approval Rate



Disapproval Rate

	Apr 2026	Jan 2026	Oct 2025	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
Jobs / unemployment	<b>34%</b>	31%	28%↓	34%	35%	34%	35%	35%
Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	<b>34%</b>	30%	28%↓	33%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Government spending / Provincial budget	<b>34%</b>	33%	28%↓	37%	36%	33%	30%	n/a
Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis	<b>33%↑</b>	25%	26%	29%	28%	25%	22%	22%
Taxes	<b>33%</b>	36%↑	31%	34%	31%	29%	29%	33%
Systemic racism	<b>32%</b>	31%	28%	31%	29%	27%	27%	25%
Provincial deficits	<b>32%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health care system	<b>31%↑</b>	24%	26%	30%	28%	25%	29%	30%
Cleaning up orphaned or abandoned oil and gas wells	<b>28%</b>	27%	23%	25%	27%	24%	27%	26%
Housing prices / affordability	<b>28%</b>	23%	22%	26%↑	22%	20%	20%	20%
Poverty	<b>26%</b>	23%	21%	24%	25%	22%	20%	22%
Iran War / Rising Oil prices	<b>26%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homelessness	<b>24%</b>	21%	21%	22%	22%	20%	20%	20%

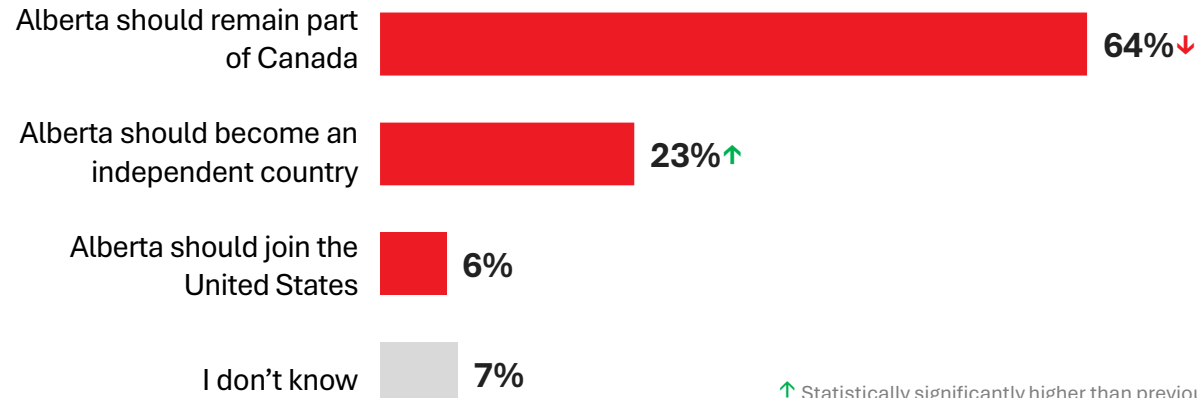
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Jobs / unemployment	<b>48%</b>	50%	56%↑	50%	45%	45%	45%↑	40%
Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	<b>53%</b>	52%	55%	50%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Government spending / Provincial budget	<b>53%</b>	53%	58%↑	49%	45%	46%	44%	n/a
Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis	<b>46%↓</b>	53%	56%↑	48%	46%	48%	51%	47%
Taxes	<b>53%</b>	49%↓	54%	49%	49%	52%	52%↑	44%
Systemic racism	<b>38%</b>	38%	43%	39%	34%	36%	36%	38%
Provincial deficits	<b>53%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health care system	<b>58%↓</b>	67%	65%↑	59%	59%	60%	57%	53%
Cleaning up orphaned or abandoned oil and gas wells	<b>42%</b>	41%	45%	42%	39%	38%	39%	39%
Housing prices / affordability	<b>54%↓</b>	60%	63%↑	57%	59%	59%	61%	58%
Poverty	<b>53%</b>	58%	61%↑	54%	53%	52%	55%	52%
Iran War / Rising Oil prices	<b>43%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homelessness	<b>55%</b>	59%	63%↑	57%	54%	57%	58%↑	53%

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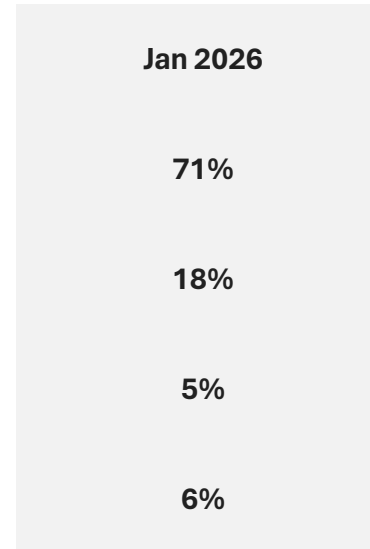
# Preferences on Alberta's Sovereignty

**Q.** Which of the following best reflects your view?

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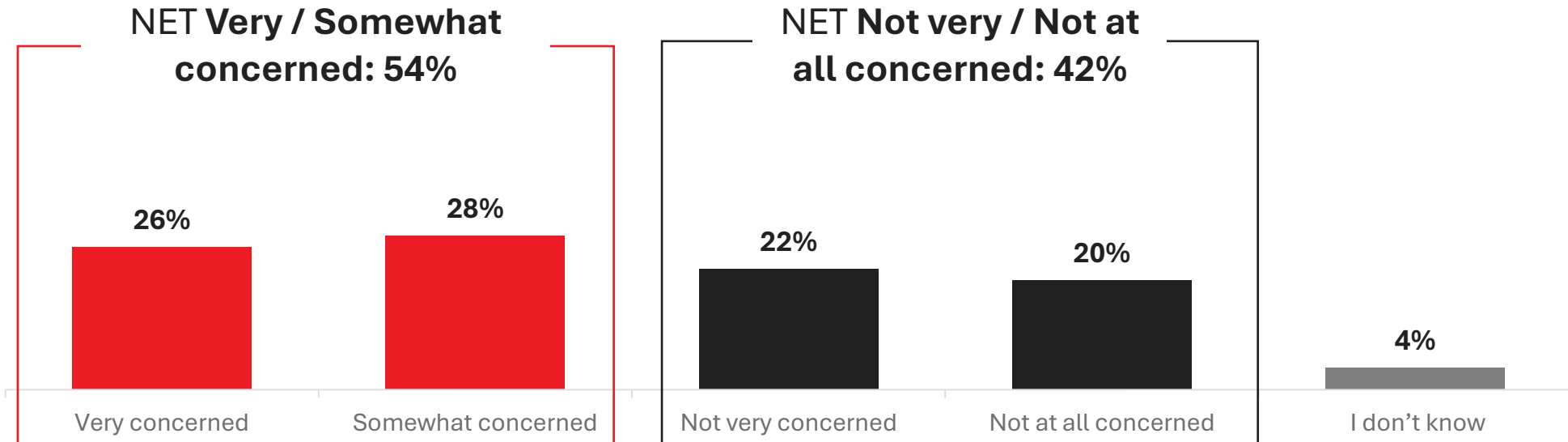
	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Alberta should remain part of Canada	64%	58%	70%	59%	61%	72%	66%	70%	55%	95%	40%
Alberta should become an independent country	23%	30%	17%	23%	26%	21%	23%	18%	30%	5%	41%
Alberta should join the United States	6%	7%	5%	6%	9%	2%	6%	5%	6%	1%	9%

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## Concern Regarding Separatist Movements in Alberta

**Q.** How concerned, if at all, are you about separatist movements gaining influence in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
NET Very / Somewhat concerned	<b>54%</b>	50%	59%	56%	50%	57%	53%	57%	53%	77%	37%
NET Not very / Not at all concerned	<b>42%</b>	47%	36%	35%	48%	40%	44%	37%	43%	21%	60%

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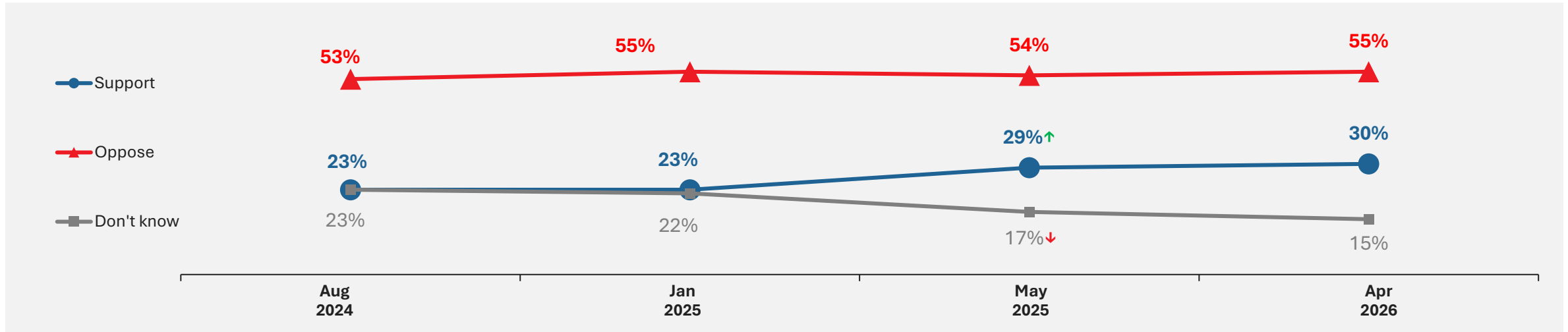
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Detailed **Results** – Issues Spotlight:  
Pensions, Budgets, and Finances

# Support for Proposed Alberta Pension Plan

**Q.** Do you believe that the Alberta government should create a new Provincial Pension Plan to replace the Canada Pension Plan for Albertans?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



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	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Support	30%	36%	24%	28%	37%	25%	28%	25%	37%	6%	52%
Oppose	55%	52%	57%	47%	53%	62%	57%	59%	48%	89%	31%
Don't know	15%	12%	18%	25%	10%	13%	15%	16%	14%	5%	17%

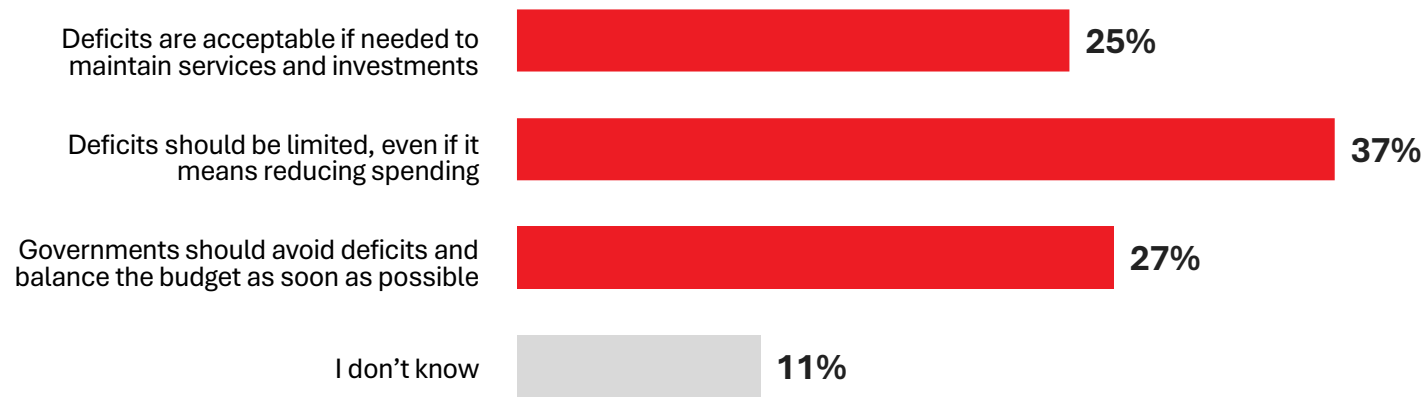
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# General Perception of Government Budget Deficits

**Q.** Governments sometimes run budget deficits (spending more than they collect in revenue) to fund services or respond to economic challenges. Which comes closest to your view?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

## Which comes closest to your view?



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Deficits are acceptable...	25%	24%	27%	27%	26%	23%	26%	25%	25%	46%	17%
Deficits should be limited...	37%	38%	36%	36%	36%	39%	38%	37%	37%	33%	44%
...avoid deficits and balance the budget..	27%	30%	24%	17%	28%	33%	25%	26%	29%	15%	32%

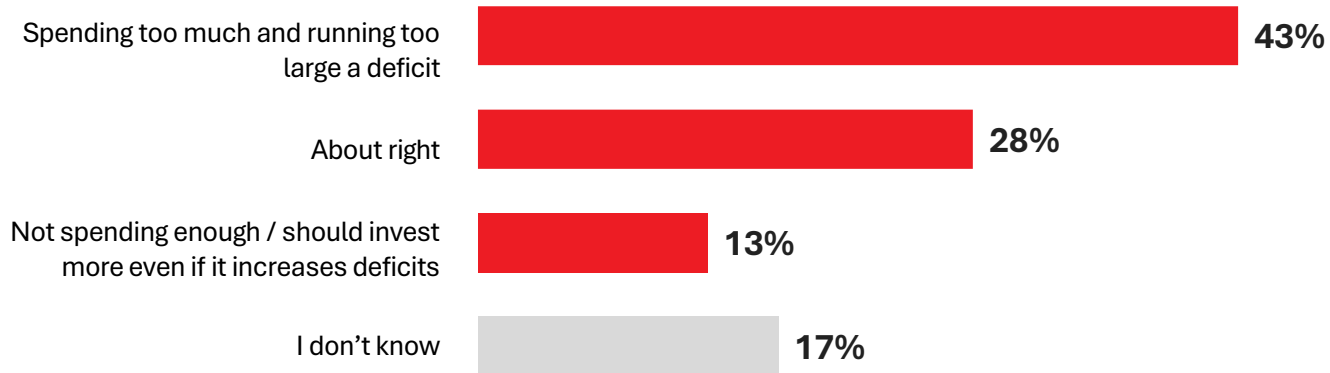
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# Perception of Alberta Government Spending and Deficit

**Q.** Thinking about the Alberta government today, do you think it is:

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

## Thinking about the Alberta government today, do you think it is:



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Spending too much	43%	43%	42%	28%	47%	50%	45%	42%	41%	42%	40%
About right	28%	34%	22%	31%	28%	26%	27%	29%	29%	18%	43%
Not spending enough	13%	12%	14%	18%	10%	11%	12%	12%	13%	23%	6%

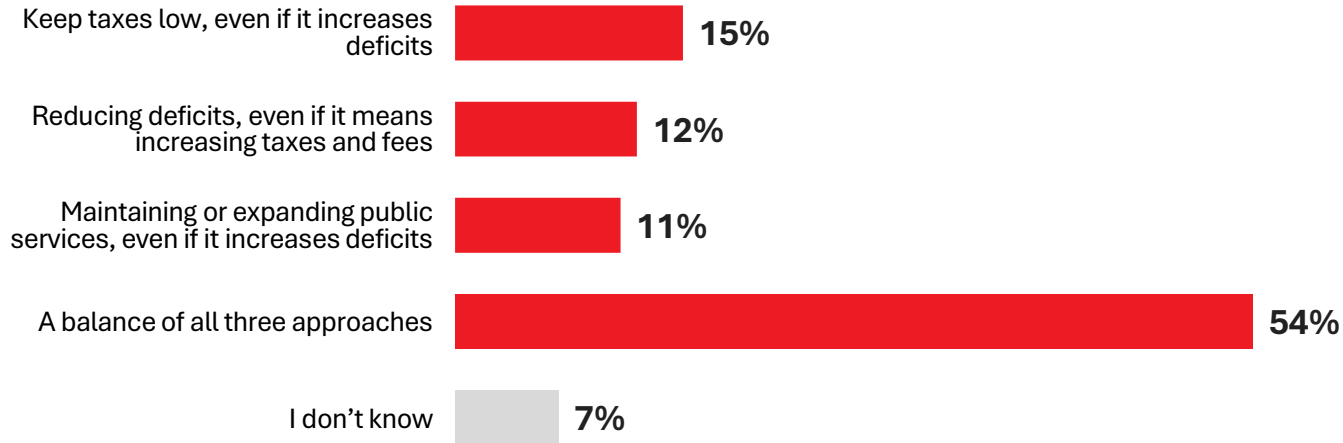
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# Public Priorities Regarding Deficits, Taxes, and Public Services

**Q.** If you had to choose, which is more important right now?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

**If you had to choose, which is more important right now?**



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Keep taxes low	15%	16%	15%	22%	17%	9%	16%	15%	15%	12%	20%
Reducing deficits	12%	19%	6%	17%	10%	11%	13%	11%	13%	12%	13%
Maintaining or expanding public services	11%	11%	12%	15%	12%	7%	13%	10%	11%	22%	5%
A balance	54%	48%	60%	31%	58%	69%	51%	54%	58%	48%	57%

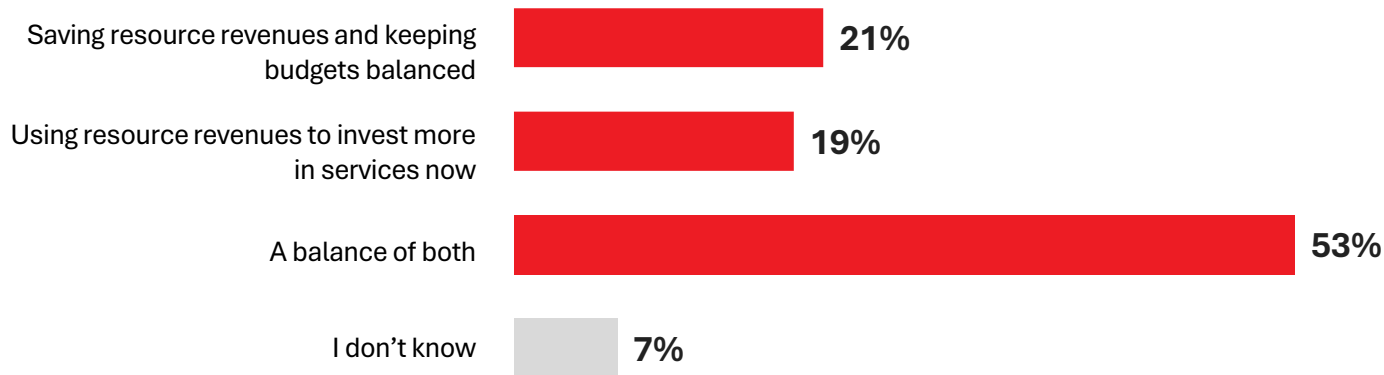
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# Public Priorities Regarding Alberta's Finances

**Q.** When it comes to Alberta's finances, which is more important?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

## When it comes to Alberta's finances, which is more important?



	Total	GENDER		AGE			REGION			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	CGY	EDM	Other AB	NDP	UCP
Saving resource revenues and keeping budgets balanced	21%	27%	14%	22%	20%	20%	21%	21%	20%	17%	27%
Using resource revenues to invest more in services now	19%	22%	17%	25%	21%	13%	18%	23%	17%	23%	15%
A balance of both	53%	46%	61%	39%	55%	64%	56%	47%	58%	55%	54%

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Sample Profile

## Sample Profile

AB Residents (Unweighted Base n=1,003; Weighted Base n=1,003 unless noted otherwise)

### Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Men	456	494
Women	547	509

### Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18-34	213	287
35-54	277	359
55+	513	357

### Region

	Unweighted	Weighted
Calgary	332	348
Edmonton	320	338
Rest of AB	351	317

### Federal Vote Intention

	Unweighted	Weighted
	<i>n=872</i>	<i>n=888</i>
Liberal Party	365	326
Conservative Party	412	449
NDP	58	41

### Provincial Vote Intention

	Unweighted	Weighted
	<i>n=856</i>	<i>n=858</i>
UCP	403	454
NDP	365	307

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