# National Opinion Survey 

## Fielded March - April 2021

## Methods and Reporting

> Automated phone survey (IVR) fielded March $17^{\text {th }}$ - April $13^{\text {th }}, 2021$ to landline and mobile phones (RDD)
> Sample of 6537 Canadian residents (18+) is statistically weighted down to a proportional sample of 3096 and matches the nested composition of Canada by gender, age and region as per most recently available Census data
> Margin of error = +/- 1.8\%, 19 times out of 20
> Some charts and tables might not total $100 \%$ due to rounding
> All figures are percent (\%) unless indicated otherwise
> All research conducted by Stratcom

## Canadian vote intention

## Summary of findings

> The federal Liberals, with 33\% support among decided voters, lead by 3\% over the Conservatives who have $30 \%$ support. The NDP is third with $16 \%$ support followed by the Green Party at 7\% and the Bloc Quebecois with 6\%.
> The Liberals and NDP are receiving more support from women over men, with women supporting the Liberals $10 \%$ more so than men and the NDP 5\% more so than men. Men support the Conservatives $14 \%$ more so than women.
> When it comes to age, the three main parties have very similar support from those 18 to 34 years of age - 27\% Liberal, 26\% Conservative, 25\% NDP. Liberals and Conservatives are statistically tied in their support from those 35 to 49 years old ( $31 \%$ and $32 \%$ respectively). For those 50 to 64 the Liberals are winning over the Conservatives by $3 \%$, while those 65 and older favour the Liberals by 10\% over Conservatives.

## Canadian vote intention

## Summary of findings

> The Liberals are winning with urban voters (by $10 \%$ ) compared to the Conservatives who are winning with suburban voters (by $3 \%$ ) and rural voters (by $9 \%$ ).
> Regionally, the Liberals lead in Atlantic Canada (4\% over Conservatives), Ontario (7\% over Conservatives) and Quebec ( $10 \%$ over the Bloc Quebecois). The Conservatives are winning in Manitoba and Saskatchewan ( $23 \%$ over Liberals) and Alberta ( $30 \%$ over Liberals). BC is a statistical tie between Conservatives (30\%) and Liberals (29\%) and is the region where the NDP and the Green Party have their highest support ( $22 \%$ and $13 \%$ respectively).
> Looking at raw vote intent shows $14 \%$ of Canadians are still undecided who to vote for. Women make up slightly more of those undecided (+4\%), as do those 35 to 49 years of age and those living in Atlantic Canada.

## Federal Vote Intent

(Decided voters only)

■ Mar-Apr 2021 ■ Election 2019


## Federal Vote Intent (regional tracking to 2019 election)

|  | Total Sample | Atlantic |  | Quebec |  | Ontario |  | MB/SK |  | Alberta |  | BC |  |
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|  |  | April <br> 2021 | Election $2019$ | April <br> 2021 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Election } \\ 2019 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Election } \\ & 2019 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Election } \\ & 2019 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Election } \\ 2019 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | April 2021 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Election } \\ 2019 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Liberal Party | 33.1 | 35.2 | 40.9 | 35.2 | 34.2 | 38.0 | 41.4 | 24.6 | 19.1 | 20.3 | 13.7 | 28.8 | 26.1 |
| Conservative Party | 30.2 | 31.5 | 28.6 | 15.3 | 16.0 | 31.2 | 33.2 | 47.4 | 54.5 | 50.1 | 69.2 | 30.1 | 34.0 |
| New Democratic Party | 15.9 | 16.9 | 15.8 | 9.4 | 10.7 | 16.7 | 16.8 | 17.1 | 20.2 | 19.7 | 11.5 | 22.0 | 24.4 |
| Green Party | 7.4 | 8.1 | 12.4 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 13.0 | 12.4 |
| Bloc Quebecois | 6.4 |  |  | 25.2 | 32.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 7.1 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 7.8 | 2.1 | 6.6 | 2.4 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 3.1 |

## Federal Vote Intent (decided voters only) (by gender and age)

|  | Total | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 |
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|  | $65+$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sample size | 2548 | 1245 | 1252 | 733 | 600 | 676 |
| Liberal Party | 33.1 | 28.7 | 38.2 | 26.5 | 31.1 | 36.2 |
| Conservative Party | 30.2 | 37.6 | 23.3 | 26.4 | 32.0 | 32.6 |
| New Democratic Party | 15.9 | 12.9 | 18.4 | 25.0 | 18.0 | 10.2 |
| Green Party | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Bloc Quebecois | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 7.6 |
| Other | 7.1 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 6.9 |  |

Federal Vote Intent
(decided voters only) (by area and region)

|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
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| Sample size | 2548 | 1129 | 764 | 563 | 177 | 646 | 960 | 173 | 275 | 317 |
| Liberal Party | 33.1 | 35.5 | 31.3 | 27.3 | 35.2 | 35.2 | 38.0 | 24.6 | 20.3 | 28.8 |
| Conservative Party | 30.2 | 25.7 | 34.1 | 35.8 | 31.5 | 15.3 | 31.2 | 47.4 | 50.1 | 30.1 |
| New Democratic Party | 15.9 | 19.5 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 16.9 | 9.4 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 19.7 | 22.0 |
| Green Party | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 13.0 |
| Bloc Quebecois | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 8.4 |  | 25.2 |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 7.1 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 10.7 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.9 | 6.1 |

## Importance of public services

## Summary of findings

> Half of Canadians see public services as more important now than before the COVID-19 pandemic ( $50 \%$ ). Only $9 \%$ of Canadians see public services as less important now and $33 \%$ view public services the same as they did before COVID.
> $83 \%$ of Canadians say public services are more important or as important as before COVID.

- This is highest amongst federal Liberal and NDP voters (64\% and 60\% respectively), followed by Bloc voters (50\%), Green voters (48\%) and Conservative voters (38\%).
- For those still undecided, almost half see public services as more important now than they did before COVID-19 (49\%).


## Opinion on the importance of public services



## Opinion on the importance of public services

(by gender, age and vote intent)

|  | Total Sample | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | 65+ | Liberal voters | CP <br> voters | $\begin{gathered} \text { NDP } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Green voters | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BQ} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Undecided voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| More important now | 50.4 | 48.3 | 53.0 | 48.0 | 46.1 | 52.6 | 55.8 | 63.8 | 38.1 | 60.3 | 47.9 | 50.4 | 48.7 |
| Less important now | 8.7 | 11.8 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 14.8 | 4.0 | 9.2 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| The same as before | 32.5 | 33.4 | 31.7 | 35.8 | 36.5 | 31.5 | 24.5 | 25.0 | 39.9 | 32.3 | 36.9 | 37.8 | 29.7 |
| Don't know | 8.4 | 6.4 | 9.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 13.2 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 16.6 |

# Opinion on the importance of public services (by area and region) 

|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample size | 3096 | 1339 | 930 | 698 | 239 | 771 | 1175 | 208 | 317 | 386 |
| More important now | 50.4 | 53.9 | 50.5 | 45.6 | 49.9 | 48.3 | 53.7 | 49.4 | 42.4 | 51.9 |
| Less important now | 8.7 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 10.5 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 13.3 | 10.1 |
| The same as before | 32.5 | 31.4 | 34.7 | 34.9 | 36.0 | 33.0 | 30.3 | 36.3 | 39.4 | 28.0 |
| Don't know | 8.4 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 10.4 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 10.0 |

## Increasing Canadian deficit

## Summary of findings

> Almost three quarters of Canadians are concerned about Canada's increased deficit (74\%), with $44 \%$ of them very concerned.
> There is a 11 point gender gap amongst those who are very concerned about the increased deficit ( $50 \%$ men to $39 \%$ women) and three-quarters of Conservative voters are very concerned (75\%).
> Looking at total concern over an increased pandemic deficit, Conservative voters rate highest (92\% total concern) followed by Bloc voters (84\%), undecided voters (74\%), Liberals (65\%), Greens ( $66 \%$ ) and then NDP voters ( $60 \%$ ).

## Concern about Canada's increased deficit



## Concern about Canada's increased deficit

 (by gender, age and vote intent)|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Sample } \end{gathered}$ | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | ${ }^{65+}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Liberal } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{CP} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NDP } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Green voters | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BQ} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Undecided voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| Very concerned | 44.4 | 50.1 | 39.4 | 41.9 | 45.6 | 46.6 | 43.8 | 26.2 | 74.6 | 24.5 | 30.5 | 50.5 | 38.9 |
| Somewhat concerned | 29.8 | 25.4 | 34.4 | 29.5 | 28.1 | 30.1 | 31.9 | 38.7 | 17.7 | 35.4 | 35.1 | 33.9 | 34.8 |
| Somewhat unconcerned | 14.4 | 13.1 | 15.2 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 13.7 | 21.5 | 4.1 | 23.5 | 20.6 | 11.9 | 11.9 |
| Not concerned at all | 7.4 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 13.7 | 11.4 | 2.6 | 5.3 |
| Don't know | 4.0 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 9.2 |
| Total concerned | 74.3 | 75.5 | 73.8 | 71.4 | 73.8 | 76.6 | 75.8 | 64.9 | 92.2 | 59.9 | 65.5 | 84.3 | 73.7 |
| Total unconcerned | 21.7 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 23.7 | 22.1 | 19.9 | 20.7 | 31.0 | 6.2 | 37.2 | 32.0 | 14.5 | 17.1 |

## Concern about Canada's increased deficit

## (by area and region)

|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1339 | 930 | 698 | 239 | 771 | 1175 | 208 | 317 | 386 |
| Very concerned | 44.4 | 41.8 | 43.6 | 51.2 | 39.0 | 42.3 | 42.6 | 54.6 | 55.8 | 42.8 |
| Somewhat concerned | 29.8 | 31.2 | 30.8 | 27.0 | 32.3 | 32.9 | 30.4 | 22.7 | 23.1 | 29.7 |
| Somewhat unconcerned | 14.4 | 15.5 | 15.9 | 11.9 | 15.7 | 16.3 | 14.2 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 15.3 |
| Not concerned at all | 7.4 | 8.9 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 7.6 |
| Don't know | 4.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Total concerned | 74.3 | 73.0 | 74.4 | 78.1 | 71.3 | 75.3 | 73.0 | 77.3 | 78.9 | 72.5 |
| Total unconcerned | 21.7 | 24.3 | 22.4 | 17.6 | 24.1 | 21.2 | 23.1 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 22.9 |

## Pandemic tax

## Summary of findings

- A majority of Canadians somewhat or strongly support the idea of a pandemic tax on large Canadian corporations whose earnings were strong throughout the pandemic (61\%).
> Looking at those who strongly support a pandemic tax, it is most pronounced amongst 18 to 34 year olds ( $37 \%$ ) and those living in urban areas ( $37 \%$ ). Opposition is strongest amongst males ( $20 \%$ strongly oppose) and those 35 to 49 years of age ( $19 \%$ strongly oppose).
> Undecided voters' total support for such a tax is $59 \%$, and, while still high, the only voting group less supportive is Conservative voters (46\% total support).


## Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?



Q4. Some people have proposed that large Canadian corporations whose earnings have been strong throughout the pandemic should pay a pandemic tax to help offset the costs of public services during the crisis. Others say it's wrong to penalize corporate success. Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?

## Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?

(by gender, age and vote intent)

| e | Total Sample | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | 65+ | Liberal voters | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{CP} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NDP } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Green voters | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BQ} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Undecided voters |
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| mple size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| Strongly support | 34.2 | 33.2 | 35.1 | 37.1 | 32.5 | 32.8 | 34.2 | 37.9 | 22.8 | 51.9 | 46.7 | 36.8 | 26.1 |
| Somewhat support | 26.8 | 23.9 | 29.8 | 24.8 | 23.8 | 29.2 | 29.8 | 31.0 | 23.5 | 27.2 | 24.1 | 28.6 | 32.8 |
| Somewhat oppose | 14.9 | 16.7 | 13.2 | 14.1 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 15.7 | 13.9 | 20.2 | 10.8 | 11.5 | 16.9 | 15.2 |
| Strongly oppose | 15.0 | 19.5 | 10.7 | 16.6 | 19.3 | 14.6 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 27.5 | 5.0 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 9.7 |
| Don't know | 9.0 | 6.7 | 11.2 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 16.1 |
| Total support | 61.0 | 57.1 | 64.9 | 61.9 | 56.3 | 62.0 | 63.9 | 68.9 | 46.3 | 79.1 | 70.8 | 65.4 | 58.9 |
| Total oppose | 30.0 | 36.2 | 23.9 | 30.7 | 34.3 | 29.8 | 24.3 | 22.1 | 47.7 | 15.8 | 21.7 | 28.9 | 24.9 | pandemic should pay a pandemic tax to help offset the costs of public services during the crisis. Others say it's wrong to penalize corporate success. Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?

## Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?

(by area and region)

|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1339 | 930 | 698 | 239 | 771 | 1175 | 208 | 317 | 386 |
| Strongly support | 34.2 | 36.7 | 32.9 | 32.8 | 36.5 | 33.0 | 36.0 | 32.3 | 29.0 | 35.4 |
| Somewhat support | 26.8 | 25.9 | 29.0 | 27.1 | 32.2 | 28.2 | 26.8 | 28.2 | 24.4 | 21.8 |
| Somewhat oppose | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.6 | 17.0 | 9.7 | 17.9 | 13.7 | 15.1 | 16.9 | 14.4 |
| Strongly oppose | 15.0 | 13.8 | 17.1 | 15.5 | 11.3 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 17.0 | 23.3 | 17.9 |
| Don't know | 9.0 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 10.0 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 10.5 |
| Total support | 61.0 | 62.7 | 61.9 | 59.9 | 68.7 | 61.2 | 62.7 | 60.5 | 53.4 | 57.2 |
| Total oppose | 30.0 | 28.8 | 31.7 | 32.5 | 21.0 | 30.9 | 27.3 | 32.1 | 40.2 | 32.3 | pandemic should pay a pandemic tax to help offset the costs of public services during the crisis. Others say it's wrong to penalize corporate success. Do you support or oppose a corporate pandemic tax?

## Income inequality

## Summary of findings

> When asked about growing income inequality during COVID-19, 44\% of Canadians say they are very concerned, while another 32\% say they are somewhat concerned (total concern 75\%).
> Again, there is an almost 10 point gender divide with $48 \%$ of women very concerned about growing income inequality compared to $39 \%$ of men. Half of those aged 18 to 34 are very concerned about income inequality ( $51 \%$ ).
> An overwhelming majority of federal Liberal (81\%), NDP (89\%), Green (85\%) and Bloc ( $84 \%$ ) voters are concerned about income inequality. $77 \%$ of undecided voters are also concerned, as are $63 \%$ of Conservative voters.

## Concern about income inequality in Canada



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# Concern about income inequality in Canada 

 (by gender, age and vote intent)|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Sample } \end{gathered}$ | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | 65+ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Liberal } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CP } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | NDP voters | Green voters | $\begin{gathered} \text { BQ } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Undecided voters |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| Very concerned | 43.7 | 39.0 | 47.8 | 50.9 | 39.1 | 41.9 | 41.4 | 44.5 | 28.6 | 66.5 | 62.3 | 45.8 | 41.9 |
| Somewhat concerned | 31.7 | 30.8 | 33.2 | 27.2 | 31.2 | 34.8 | 34.3 | 36.4 | 34.2 | 22.7 | 23.0 | 38.4 | 34.9 |
| Somewhat unconcerned | 11.8 | 14.7 | 9.1 | 10.3 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 18.1 | 5.2 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.3 |
| Not concerned at all | 7.6 | 11.3 | 3.9 | 7.7 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 15.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 4.5 |
| Don't know | 5.1 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 8.4 |
| Total concerned | 75.4 | 69.8 | 81.0 | 78.2 | 70.4 | 76.8 | 75.7 | 81.0 | 62.8 | 89.2 | 85.3 | 84.2 | 76.8 |
| Total unconcerned | 19.5 | 26.0 | 13.0 | 18.0 | 23.6 | 19.0 | 17.4 | 14.3 | 34.0 | 7.4 | 11.7 | 12.6 | 14.8 |

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## Concern about income inequality in Canada

 (by area and region)|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
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| Very concerned | 43.7 | 47.1 | 40.9 | 41.5 | 43.5 | 44.1 | 46.9 | 32.9 | 43.2 | 39.7 |
| Somewhat concerned | 31.7 | 30.2 | 34.4 | 32.9 | 32.6 | 34.0 | 30.0 | 36.0 | 28.1 | 32.3 |
| Somewhat unconcerned | 11.8 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 10.5 | 13.4 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 13.9 |
| Not concerned at all | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 9.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.8 | 14.9 | 12.9 | 8.7 |
| Don't know | 5.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 5.4 |
| Total concerned | 75.4 | 77.4 | 75.3 | 74.4 | 76.1 | 78.2 | 76.8 | 68.9 | 71.3 | 72.0 |
| Total unconcerned | 19.5 | 18.8 | 20.6 | 20.4 | 18.4 | 17.7 | 16.9 | 26.7 | 25.5 | 22.6 |

## Paid sick days

## Summary of findings

> More than a year into the pandemic a large majority of Canadians strongly or somewhat agree that government should make all employers provide paid sick days for all employees (83\%).
> When it comes to intensity of opinion, $62 \%$ of Canadians show strong support for paid sick days, whereas the proportion who strongly oppose paid sick days are in the single digits (7\%).
> Strong support for paid sick days declines with age, with $71 \%$ of those 18 to 34 strongly supporting, compared to $50 \%$ of those 65 years of age and older.
> There is an almost 10 point difference in support between urban and rural ( $86 \%$ total support in urban areas compared to $77 \%$ in rural areas).

## Paid sick days

## Summary of findings

> Federal NDP voters are most supportive of paid sick days (94\%) followed closely by Liberals ( $91 \%$ ) and Greens ( $89 \%$ ). There is also a strong majority of undecided voters supporting government-mandated paid sick days (86\%).
> Support is very high in all regions of Canada with more than $80 \%$ of those in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and BC in favour of paid sick days. In Alberta over three-quarters support the government mandating paid sick days for all employees (77\%).

## Agree/disagree that governments should make all employers provide paid sick days for all employees



Q6. The COVID 19 pandemic has shown the need for paid sick days, so that sick workers stay home and don't spread disease. Do you agree or disagree that governments should make all employers provide paid sick

# Agree/disagree that governments should make all employers provide paid sick days for all employees 

(by gender, age and vote intent)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Sample } \end{aligned}$ | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | 65+ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Liberal } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { voters }}{\mathrm{CP}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NDP } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Green } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { BQ } \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Undecided } \\ & \text { voters } \end{aligned}$ |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| Strongly agree | 61.7 | 55.1 | 67.8 | 71.0 | 64.4 | 58.3 | 50.3 | 70.2 | 42.1 | 80.4 | 73.5 | 60.4 | 62.9 |
| Somewhat agree | 21.4 | 23.0 | 20.6 | 17.2 | 17.0 | 23.7 | 29.2 | 20.7 | 27.3 | 13.5 | 15.5 | 24.5 | 22.9 |
| Somewhat disagree | 7.7 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 9.9 | 10.2 | 4.2 | 14.1 | 3.2 | 6.4 | 12.2 | 5.2 |
| Strongly disagree | 6.6 | 9.5 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 2.5 | 14.7 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 3.3 |
| Don't know | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 5.6 |
| Total agree | 83.1 | 78.1 | 88.3 | 88.2 | 81.3 | 82.0 | 79.5 | 90.9 | 69.4 | 93.9 | 89.0 | 84.9 | 85.8 |
| Total disagree | 14.3 | 19.5 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 15.8 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 6.7 | 28.8 | 5.0 | 9.5 | 14.1 | 8.6 |

Q6. The COVID 19 pandemic has shown the need for paid sick days, so that sick workers stay home and don't spread disease. Do you agree or disagree that governments should make all employers provide paid sick days for all employees?

## Agree/disagree that governments should make all employers provide paid sick days for all employees

(by area and region)

|  | Total <br> Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample size | 3096 | 1339 | 930 | 698 | 239 | 771 | 1175 | 208 | 317 | 386 |
| Strongly agree | 61.7 | 66.3 | 59.6 | 55.3 | 62.6 | 63.3 | 64.1 | 51.9 | 55.3 | 60.8 |
| Somewhat agree | 21.4 | 20.0 | 24.4 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 22.5 | 19.3 | 27.9 | 21.7 | 21.5 |
| Somewhat disagree | 7.7 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 11.8 | 9.3 | 8.5 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| Strongly disagree | 6.6 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 13.7 | 8.3 |
| Don't know | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Total agree | 83.1 | 86.3 | 84.0 | 76.7 | 84.9 | 85.8 | 83.4 | 79.8 | 77.0 | 82.3 |
| Total disagree | 14.3 | 11.3 | 14.2 | 21.2 | 13.0 | 11.8 | 13.6 | 16.6 | 21.0 | 15.2 |

## Economic and social policy change

## Summary of findings

> For many Canadians the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed big problems in our society. When asked if we need major changes to the economy and social policies or a return to the status quo pre-pandemic, a majority of Canadians believe we need major changes ( $53 \%$ ).

- Another $21 \%$ of Canadians are not sure and only one-quarter ( $26 \%$ ) think we should return to prepandemic economic and social policies.
> Support for major economic and social policy change amongst women is at $59 \%$, compared to $48 \%$ of men who support major change.
- A majority of all age groups support major change as do residents of Quebec, Ontario and BC. In other regions there is a strong plurality of support ranging from $43 \%$ to $49 \%$.
> A majority of undecided voters support major change (53\%). Of all voting groups only Conservative voters do not have a majority of support for major change (37\%).


## Opinion on economy and social policy

Canada needs to make major changes in the economy and social policy
53.4

Canada does not need to make major changes in the economy and social policy


Q7. Some people believe the pandemic has revealed big problems in our society, and we will need to make major changes in the economy and social policies. Others say the economy and social policies worked well before the COVID 19 pandemic and there is no need for major changes. Which is closer to your view?

## Opinion on economy and social policy

(by gender, age and vote intent)

|  | Total Sample | Male | Female | 18 to 34 | 35 to 49 | 50 to 64 | 65+ | Liberal voters | $\underset{\text { voters }}{\mathrm{CP}}$ | NDP voters | Green voters | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BQ} \\ \text { voters } \end{gathered}$ | Undecided voters |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1474 | 1559 | 883 | 743 | 816 | 654 | 844 | 769 | 404 | 187 | 163 | 435 |
| Canada needs to make major changes in the economy and social policy | 53.4 | 47.7 | 58.7 | 57.4 | 52.2 | 52.8 | 50.1 | 53.5 | 37.4 | 72.7 | 71.8 | 66.9 | 53.2 |
| Canada does not need to make major changes in the economy and social policy | 26.0 | 35.0 | 17.9 | 22.0 | 28.6 | 27.4 | 26.8 | 23.9 | 44.8 | 10.2 | 16.1 | 19.5 | 17.0 |
| Not sure | 20.6 | 17.4 | 23.4 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 19.8 | 23.1 | 22.6 | 17.8 | 17.1 | 12.1 | 13.6 | 29.8 |

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## Opinion on economy and social policy

 (by area and region)|  | Total Sample | Urban | Suburban | Rural | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | MB/SK | Alberta | BC |
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| Sample size | 3096 | 1339 | 930 | 698 | 239 | 771 | 1175 | 208 | 317 | 386 |
| Canada needs to make major changes in the economy and social policy | 53.4 | 57.6 | 51.2 | 50.1 | 49.2 | 62.0 | 52.9 | 46.1 | 42.6 | 53.0 |
| Canada does not need to make major changes in the economy and social policy | 26.0 | 24.2 | 29.4 | 27.2 | 27.0 | 19.7 | 27.2 | 29.2 | 35.3 | 24.8 |
| Not sure | 20.6 | 18.2 | 19.4 | 22.7 | 23.7 | 18.3 | 19.8 | 24.7 | 22.1 | 22.2 |

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