Report

British Columbia Provincial Polling

Week of September 23rd, 2024





BACKGROUND



Leger monitors constituents' views of BC government performance, party leadership, and voter intentions to keep a pulse on provincial political sentiment.

As the 2024 BC provincial election draws near, Leger plans to repeatedly administer this survey on a weekly basis to provide upto-date polling and insights related to the upcoming election.

METHODOLOGY



- Results are based on online research conducted among BC residents 18 years of age and older, September 20-23, 2024.
- The most recent wave was conducted among a sample of 1,001.
 - No margin of error can be associated with a nonprobability sample, but for comparative purposes, a probability sample of this size would have a margin of error of +/-3.1%, 19 times out of 20.
- The data was statistically weighted according to Canadian Census figures for age, gender, region, and education within the Province.
- Where available, results are compared to the previous wave's results using green/red coloured arrows.
- Where relevant, subgroup results are compared against the total (excluding the subgroup in question) using green/red coloured text.

DASHBOARD OF KEY METRICS



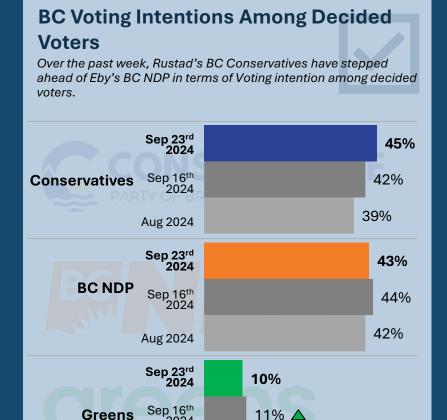
Leader Favourability Ratings

Approval ratings reveal that Eby remains in a relatively strong position favourability-wise. Despite producing strong polling results for his party, BC Conservative leader John Rustad continues to sit well behind Eby in favourability. That said, Rustad has passed Green Party leader Furstenau in favourability as of this week.









8%

Aug 2024

Key Findings

- Momentum for the BC Conservative Party (45%) continues to build. The party has jumped ahead of the BC NDP (43%) in voting intention among decided voters, while the Greens (10%) sit in a distant third place.
- More than eight in ten (85%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, with nearly two-thirds (62%) indicating that they will "definitely vote."
- More than three-quarters (77%) of decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while less than one in five (15%) indicate they are likely to do so.
- · Premier David Eby continues to have the highest approval rating (45%) ahead of Rustad (37%) and Furstenau (34%) as of September 23rd.
- 38% of BC residents believe that things in the province are going in the right direction, while 54% believe that things in the province are on the wrong track.
- Housing affordability remains the top issue in BC, followed by health care, inflation/rising interest rates, and the economy.





PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS

(Among Decided Voters)



BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau

Another party / an independent candidate



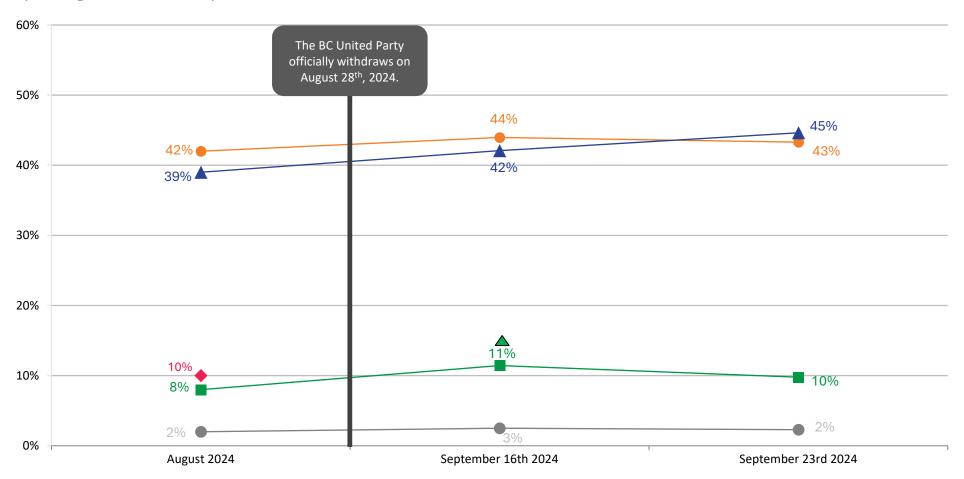
The Conservative Party of BC has passed the NDP in voting intention among decided voters and currently leads the incumbent government by 2 percentage points.

The BC Greens continue to hold stable in a distant third place.



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

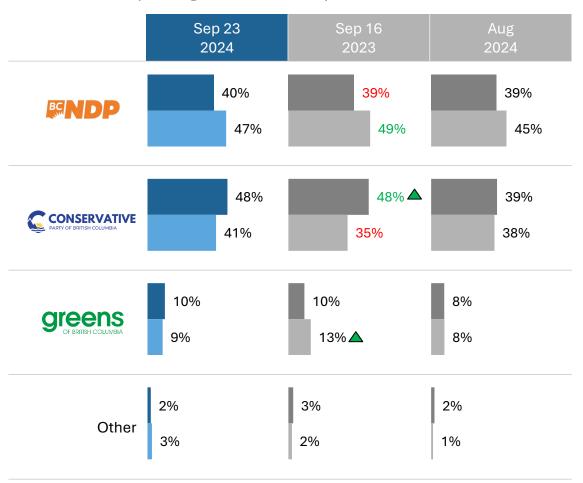
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PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X

GENDER (Among Decided Voters)



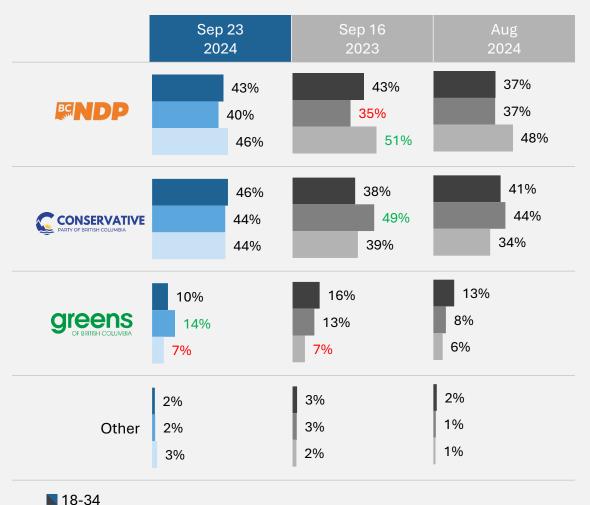


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PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X

AGE (Among Decided Voters)

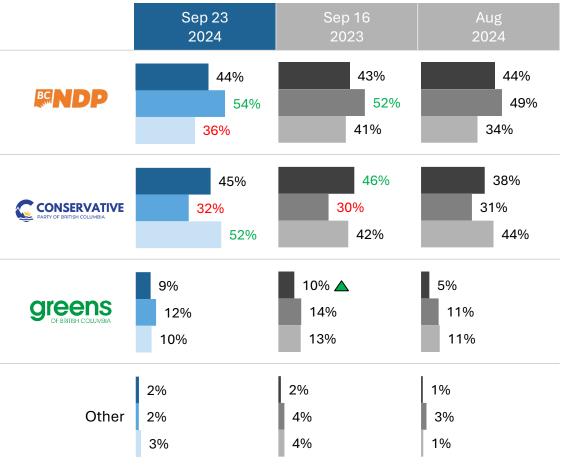


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Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.

PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X





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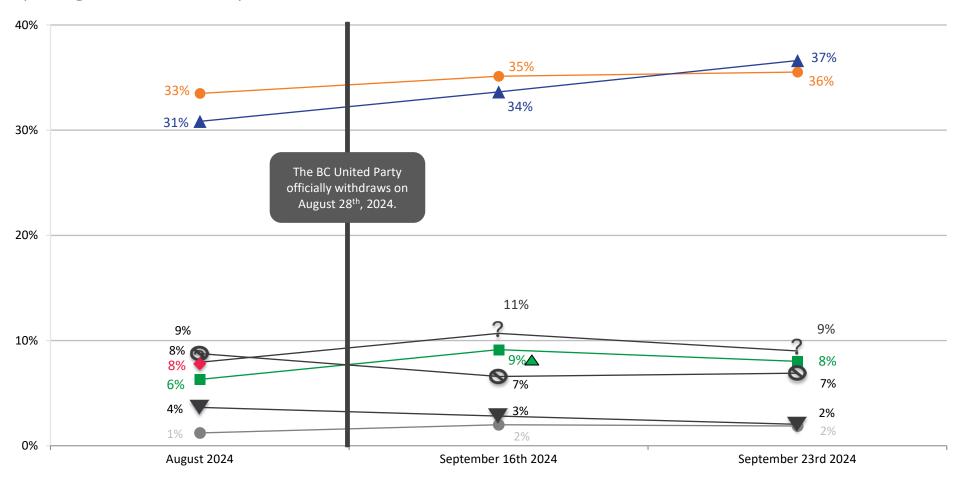
Base: Decided voters (September 23 2024: Weighted: n=821; Unweighted: n=826) (September 16 2024: Weighted: n=800;

Unweighted: n= 814) (August 2024: Weighted: n= 797; Unweighted: n= 828)



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

(Among Total BC Residents)

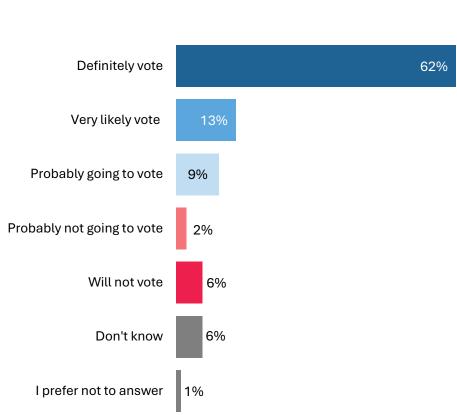






LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

(Among Total BC Residents)



	(Sep 23 rd 2024)		Sep 16 th
NDP (n=385)	Conservative (n=329)	Green (n=86)	2024 Total
74%	71%	60%	62%
13%	16%	18%	13%
8%	9%	14%	9%
2%	1%	2%	4%
1%	1%	-	6%
1%	1%	6%	5%
-	1%	1%	1%
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Provincial Voting Intention

Consistent with the previous wave, more than eight in ten (85%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, while nearly two-thirds indicate that they will "definitely vote."



LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

(Demographic Breakdown)

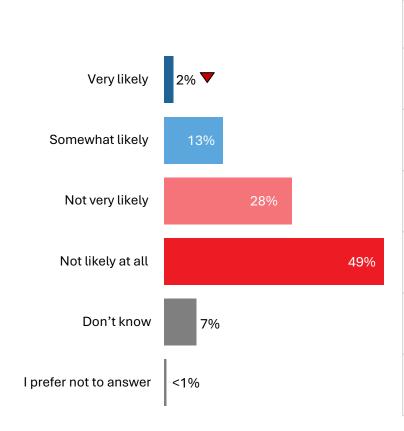
			Region			Age		Ge	nder
	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)
(NET) Probably vote	85%	83%	89%	86%	75%	83%	93%	88%	82%
Definitely vote	62%	59%	73%	61%	39%	61%	78%	67%	57%
Very likely vote	13%	13%	10%	17%	22%	11%	10%	12%	14%
Probably going to vote	9%	11%	6%	8%	14%	11%	5%	9%	10%
(NET) Probably not/will not vote	8%	8%	6%	9%	13%	9%	4%	7%	9%
Probably not going to vote	2%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	<1%	2%	2%
Will not vote	6%	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	4%	4%	7%
Don't know	6%	7%	4%	5%	10%	7%	2%	4%	7%
I prefer not to answer	1%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	1%	<1%	1%	1%

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LIKELIHOOD OF SWITCHING VOTE

(Among Decided Voters)



Provincial Voting Intention (Sep 23rd 2024)

	(OCP 20 2024)		Sep 16 th 2024
NDP (n=385)	Conservative (n=329)	Green (n=86)	Total
3%	1%	3%	5%
12%	12%	19%	13%
32%	24%	32%	28%
45%	57%	36%	48%
7%	7%	9%	6%
1%	<1%	1%	<1%

More than three-quarters (77%) of decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while just less than one in five (15%) indicate they are likely to do so; consistent with the previous wave's results.

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LIKELIHOOD OF SWITCHING VOTE

(Demographic Breakdown)

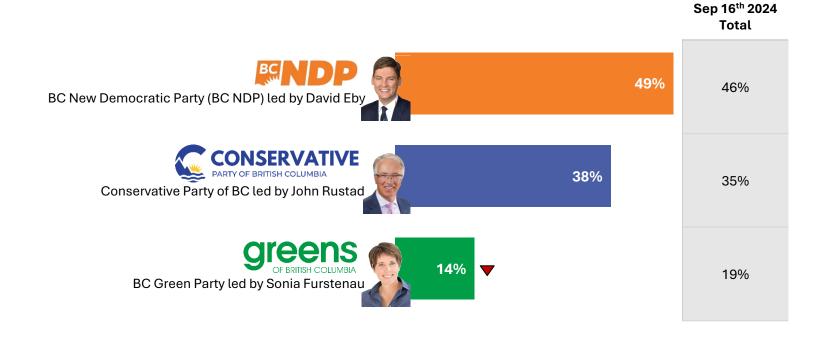
			Region			Age		Ge	nder
	Total (n=814)	Metro Vancouver (n=403)	Vancouver Island (n=167)	Other BC (n=256)	18-34 (n=159)	35-54 (n=281)	55+ (n=386)	Men (n=421)	Women (n=405)
(NET) Likely	15%	15%	10%	18%	28%	15%	8%	13%	18%
Very likely	2%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Somewhat likely	13%	14%	8%	15%	24%	13%	7%	10%	16%
(NET) Not likely	77%	75%	85%	76%	66%	78%	83%	81%	73%
Not very likely	28%	30%	26%	28%	32%	32%	23%	32%	25%
Not likely at all	49%	45%	59%	48%	34%	46%	59%	49%	49%
Don't know	7%	9%	5%	6%	4%	7%	9%	6%	8%
I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%

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PERCEIVED BEST FIT AS PREMIER

(Among Total BC Residents)



Just under half of BC residents believe BC NDP leader David Eby would make the best premier, while less than four in ten cite Conservative Party leader John Rustad as the best potential premier.

BC Residents are less likely to cite Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau as the best potential premier relative to the previous wave.

[▲] Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

▼ Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.



PERCEIVED BEST FIT AS PREMIER

(Demographic Breakdown)

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	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	49%	50%	57%	41%	47%	49%	49%	47%	50%	
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	38%	37%	31%	42%	34%	37%	41%	40%	35%	
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	14%	13%	12%	18%	20%	14%	10%	13%	15%	

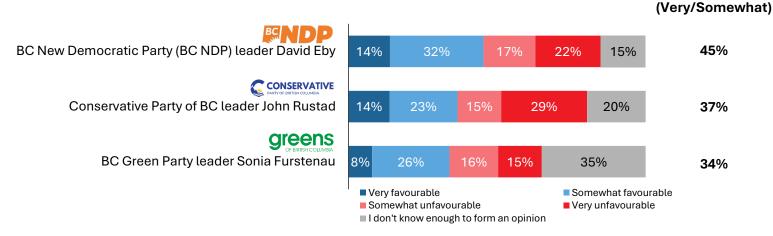
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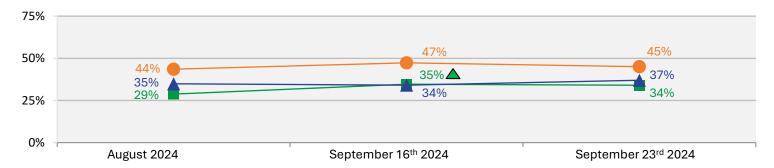
PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Among Total BC Residents)

Full Favourability Breakdown for September 23rd 2024



Favourability Tracking Over Time (% Favourable – Very/Somewhat)



Below are several of the main Party leaders active in this election. For each one please indicate the impression you have of them. If you do not know enough about the individual to have an opinion, please select that option.

Aug 2024 wording: 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: BC residents (September 23 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001) (September 16 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001) (August 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001)

Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.
 Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.

% Favourable

Premier David Eby continues to have the highest approval rating for the week of September 23^{rd,} with 45% favourability.

Furstenau and Rustad both received favourability ratings of just above one-third.

Results are consistent with the previous wave.





PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age			Gender	
% Favourable (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	45%	48%	54%	36%	46%	40%	49%	45%	46%	
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	37%	36%	31%	41%	38%	37%	36%	41%	32%	
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	34%	34%	41%	30%	32%	33%	36%	36%	32%	

			Region			Age	Ge		nder
% Unfavourable (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	39%	37%	37%	45%	30%	41%	45%	47%	32%
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	44%	44%	53%	37%	33%	43%	50%	45%	42%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	31%	30%	33%	32%	27%	34%	32%	40%	23%

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CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

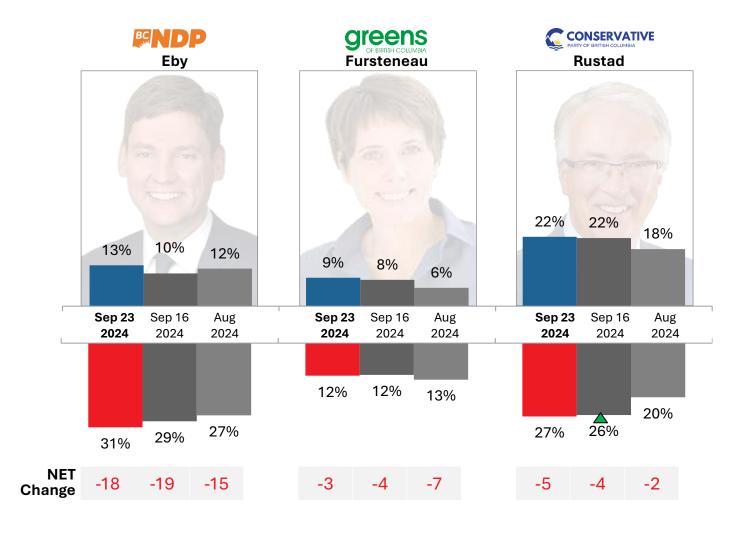
(Among Total BC Residents)

Improved

Vorsened

Despite having the highest leader favourability overall, BC NDP leader David Eby continues to experience the largest NET negative difference in favourability over the last six months.

Rustad and Fursteneau have experienced much milder NET negative differences in favourability.





CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region		Age			Gender		
% Improved	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)	
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	22%	21%	22%	23%	19%	21%	25%	25%	20%	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	13%	14%	17%	8%	13%	13%	12%	14%	11%	
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	9%	8%	14%	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	

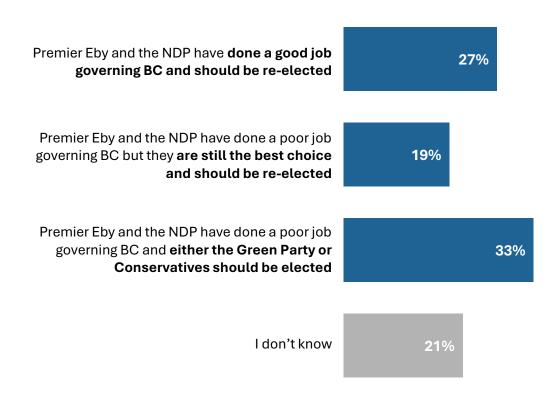
			Region		Age			Gender		
% Worsened	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)	
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	27%	27%	33%	22%	19%	25%	32%	30%	23%	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	31%	28%	31%	34%	24%	29%	36%	36%	25%	
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	12%	11%	11%	13%	11%	13%	11%	14%	10%	

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PERCEPTION OF EBY GOVERNMENT

(Among Total BC Residents)



Just above a quarter of BC residents believe Premier Eby and the NDP have done a good job governing BC and should be re-elected, while a further one in five report that the NDP has done a poor job governing BC, but they are still the best choice and should be re-elected



PERCEPTION OF EBY GOVERNMENT

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age		Ge	nder
	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a good job governing BC and should be re-elected	27%	27%	39%	20%	25%	23%	31%	29%	25%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC but they are still the best choice and should be reelected	19%	20%	17%	17%	22%	20%	15%	17%	21%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC and either the Green Party or Conservatives should be elected	33%	30%	31%	41%	26%	33%	38%	40%	27%
I don't know	21%	23%	13%	22%	26%	24%	16%	15%	27%

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CURRENT TRAJECTORY OF BC

(Among Total BC Residents)

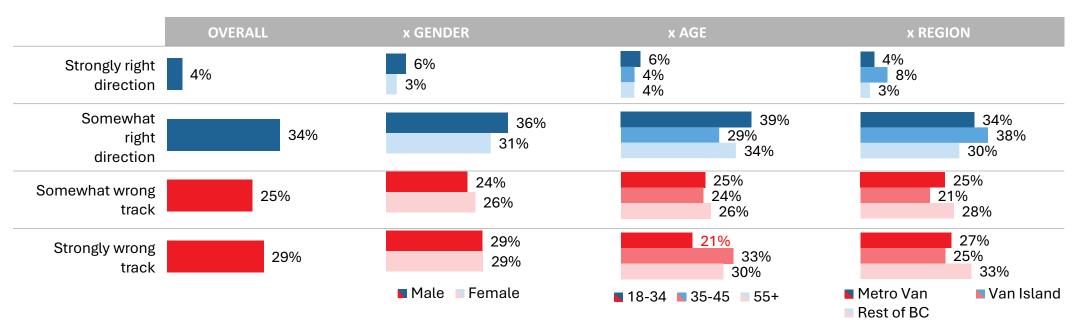
RIGHT DIRECTION

38% of BC residents believe that **things in the province are going in the right direction,** consistent with results from the week of September 16th (37%) and August 2024 (39%).



54% of British Columbians believe that **things in the province are off on the wrong track**, consistent with results from the week of September 16th (55%) and August 2024 (53%).

8% of BC residents report that **they "don't know" or simply refuse to answer,** consistent with last wave (8%).



54%

8%

38%

BC ISSUES - MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED - TRACKER

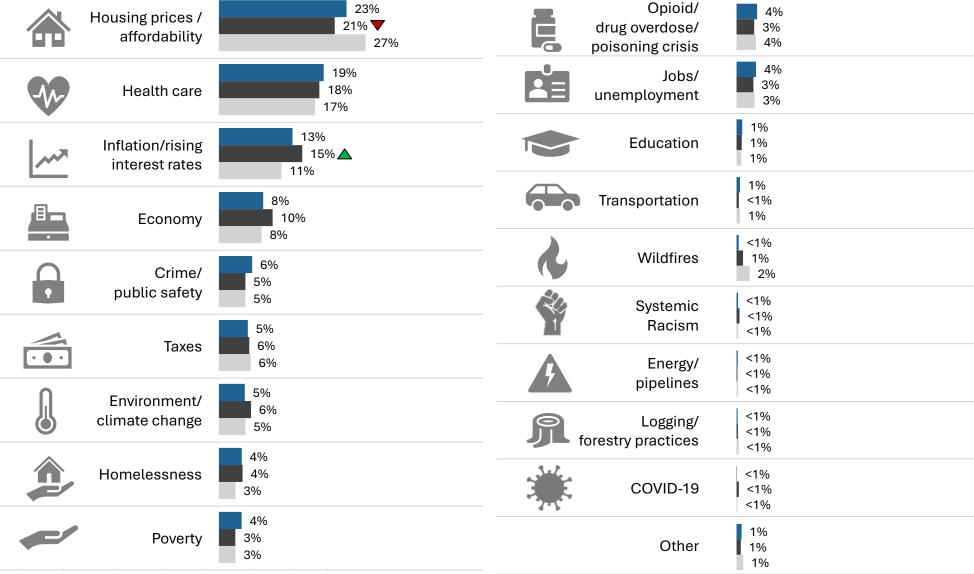




Housing affordability remains the top issue in BC, followed by health care, inflation/rising interest rates, and the economy. Results for all issues are consistent with those from the week of September 16th.

Sep 23rd 2024
Sep 16th 2024
Aug 2024



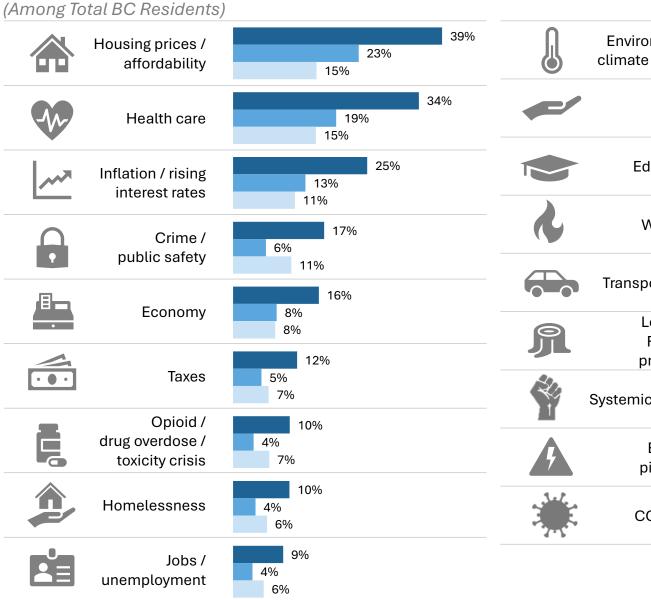


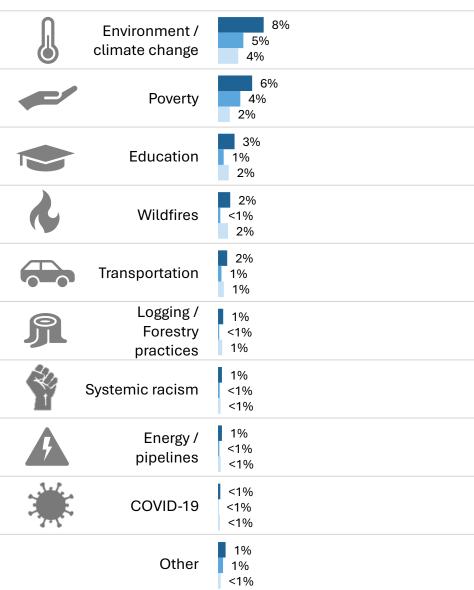
BC ISSUES - TOTAL IMPORTANCE: AIDED





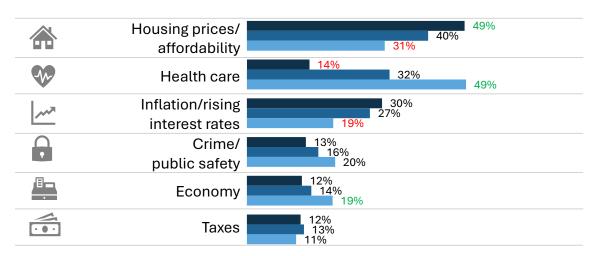
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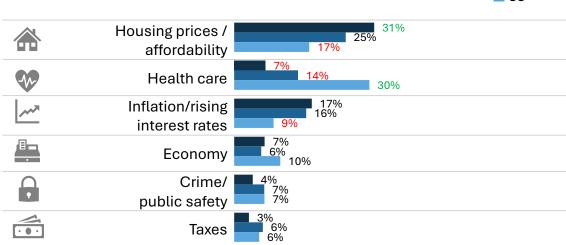
TOP 6 BC ISSUES - TOTAL IMPORTANCE:

AIDED x AGE (Sep 23rd 2024)



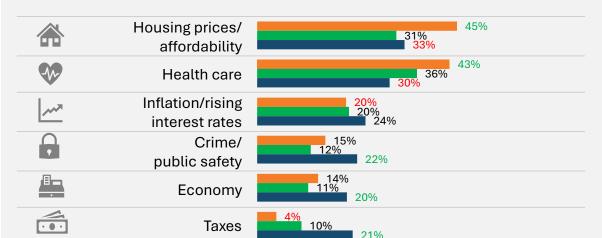
TOP 6 BC ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT:

AIDED x AGE (Sep 23rd 2024)



TOP 6 BC ISSUES – TOTAL IMPORTANCE:

AIDED x VOTING INTENTION (Sep 23rd 2024)



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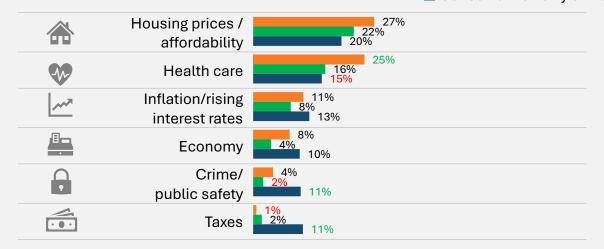
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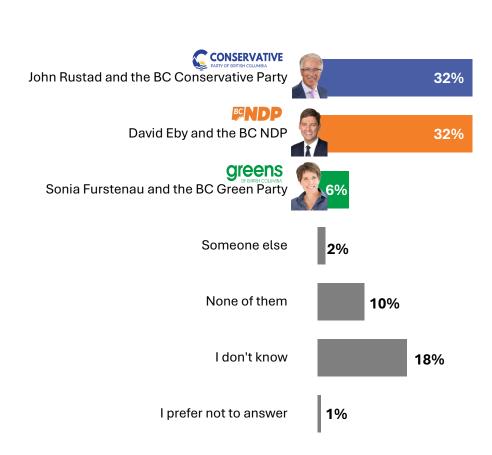






PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Among Total BC Residents)



Provincial Voting Intention (Sep 23rd 2024)

	(Sep 23 rd 2024)		Sep 16 th 2024
NDP (n=385)	Conservative (n=329)	Green (n=86)	Total
2%	82%	5%	29%
80%	3%	9%	30%
3%	2%	54%	8%
1%	1%	2%	1%
5%	5%	22%	9%
8%	7%	7%	21%
-	-	-	1%

BC residents are split on which party has the best plan to address their priority issues, with the Conservative Party and BC NDP each receiving just less than one-third of the total.



PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region		Age			Gender		
	Total (n=1,001)	Metro Vancouver (n=501)	Vancouver Island (n=195)	Other BC (n=305)	18-34 (n=208)	35-54 (n=352)	55+ (n=441)	Men (n=478)	Women (n=523)	
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	32%	31%	26%	36%	31%	33%	32%	37%	27%	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	32%	32%	41%	26%	30%	27%	36%	31%	32%	
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	6%	5%	9%	7%	8%	6%	5%	8%	5%	
Someone else	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	
None of them	10%	11%	6%	9%	6%	10%	11%	9%	10%	
Don't know	18%	19%	15%	18%	22%	21%	14%	14%	23%	
I prefer not to answer	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	





WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents according to gender, region, age, and voting intention (among decided voters) before and after weighting.

	WEIGHTED	UNWEIGHTED
Gender	n=1,001	n=1,001
Male	487	478
Female	514	523
Region	n=1,001	n=1,001
Metro Vancouver	536	501
Vancouver Island	174	195
Rest of BC	291	305
Age	n=1,001	n=1,001
18 – 34	264	208
35 – 54	318	352
55+	419	441
Voting Intention	n=821	n=826
BC NDP	356	385
BC Green Party	80	86
Conservative Party of BC	367	329





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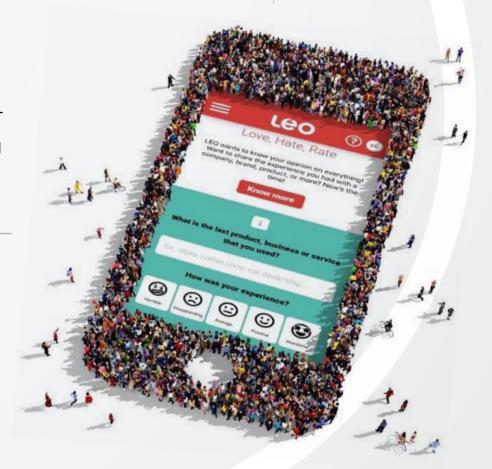
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