

REPORT

**Alberta Pension Plan** 

National & Alberta Omni Report



**DATE** 2024-01-19

# Methodology



#### Method

Online survey of n=1,012 Alberta respondents 18 years of age or older:

- with quotas in place to generate a demographically representative sample that aligns with Statistics Canada estimates.



#### When

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



### Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=1,012 yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 3.1\%$  (19 times out of 20) for the total Alberta sample.



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#### Weighting

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



#### **Significant differences**

Data in green indicate a significantly higher proportion than data in red within the same subgroup. Conversely, data in red indicate a significantly lower proportion than data in green within the same subgroup. For trending results, data in green with

For trending results, data in green with adjacent ↑ or red with adjacent ↓ indicate a significantly higher or lower result than the previous wave.



#### **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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A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.



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2021 CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION	<b>(%</b>	F	<b>+NDP</b>	B	PPC	
<b>LEGER SURVEY</b> Published in <i>Le Journal de Montréal</i> and The National Post/Postmedia September 18, 2021	33%	32%	19%	7%	6%	2%
<b>OFFICIAL RESULTS</b> 2021 <b>Canadian</b> Federal Election*	33.7%	32.6%	17.8%	7.7%	5.0%	2.3%





# **Key Highlights**

From January 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, we surveyed Albertans to know more about their perspectives on the Alberta's government's plan to withdraw Alberta from the Canadian Pension Plan and replace it with a new provincial pension plan, as well as the Canadian Pension Plan itself.

#### Some of the key highlights of our survey include...

- Support for Alberta's separation from the CPP in Alberta has decreased since October 2023 (down 5 points), due primarily to decreased support among UCP supporters.
- 69% of Albertans reported that they are familiar with the UCP's proposed plan to withdraw Alberta from the CPP and create Alberta's own pension plan, down slightly (2 points) since October 2023. This could be due to the decreased proportion of Albertans who indicate they are informed about how much they will receive from their CPP payments (compared to October 2023).
- Overall, Albertans appear to feel less informed of the UCP's plan when it comes to the Alberta Pension Plan than they did 3-months ago. Which is impacting their support, particularly among UCP supporters.

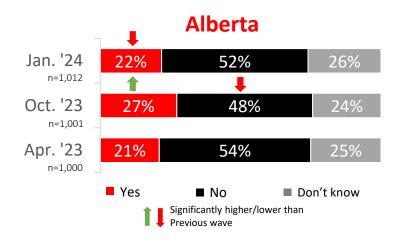




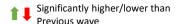


## **Support for New Alberta Provincial Pension Plan**

**Q3.** Do you believe that the Alberta government should create a new Provincial Pension Plan to replace the Canada Pension Plan for Albertans?



Provincial Voting	Co	United Conservatives Alberta Strong & Free			Alberta NDP			
Intention	Apr 23	Oct 23	Jan 24	Apr 23	Oct 23	Jan 24		
Unweighted n=	323	368	382	426	434	413		
Yes	33%	54%	40%	8%	6%	4%		
No	39%	19%	26%	80%	82%	86%		
Don't know	28%	28%	34%	11%	12%	10%		





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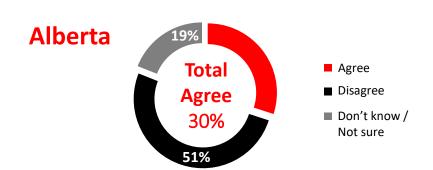
ALBERTA		Age		Kids	in HH		Region	
Jan. 2024	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	Calgary	Edmonton	Other
Unweighted n=	183	352	477	265	743	338	324	350
Yes	24%	25%	17%	30%	18%	24%	18%	24%
No	46%	48%	61%	39%	58%	53%	56%	47%
Don't know	30%	27%	22%	31%	24%	23%	27%	29%



### Strength of Agreement with UCP's Plan to Create APP

**Q4.** How strongly do you agree or disagree with the UCP's proposed plan to withdraw Alberta from the CPP and create Alberta's own pension plan – Alberta Pension Plan?

Base: All Albertans (n=1,012)



Provincial Voting Intention	Total A	Alberta	United ST Conservatives Alberta Strong & Free		Alberta	
	Oct 23	Jan 24	Oct 23	Jan 24	Oct 23	Jan 24
Unweighted n=	1,001	1,012	368	382	434	413
(NET) Agree	32%	30%	62%	51%	9%	9%
Strongly agree	14%	11%	29%	21%	3%	1% 👢
Somewhat agree	18%	19%	33%	29%	6%	7%
(NET) Disagree	50%	51%	19%	26%	86%	85%
Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	11%	12%	12%	7% 👢
Strongly disagree	38%	41%	8%	14% 👚	74%	78%
Don't know / Not sure	18%	19%	19%	23%	5%	6%

Significantly higher/lower than Previous wave



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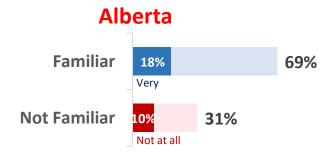
ALBERTA		Age			Kids in HH		Region		
ALBERTA	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	Calgary	Edmonton	Other	
Unweighted n=	183	352	477	265	743	338	324	350	
(NET) Agree	36%	31%	23%	37%	27%	31%	25%	33%	
Strongly agree	7%	14%	10%	13%	10%	11%	7%	15%	
Somewhat agree	29%	17%	13%	24%	17%	20%	18%	18%	
(NET) Disagree	41%	48%	63%	39%	56%	49%	56%	48%	
Somewhat disagree	11%	9%	10%	7%	11%	11%	10%	9%	
Strongly disagree	30%	39%	52%	32%	45%	39%	46%	39%	
Don't know / Not sure	23%	21%	15%	24%	17%	19%	19%	19%	



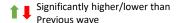
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Base: All Albertans (n=1,012)



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machaion	Oct 23	Jan 24	Oct 23	Jan 24	Oct 23	Jan 24
Unweighted n=	1,001	1,012	368	382	434	413
(NET) Familiar	71%	69%	77%	70%	78%	82%
Very familiar	22%	18%	21%	17%	30%	27%
Somewhat familiar	49%	51%	56%	53%	48%	55% 👚
(NET) Not familiar	29%	31%	23%	30%	22%	18%
Not very familiar	19%	20%	17%	20%	18%	13% 🔱
Not at all familiar	10%	10%	6%	10% 👚	5%	4%





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Base: All Albertans (n=1,012)

ALBERTA		Age		Kids	in HH		Region	
	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	Calgary	Edmonton	Other
Unweighted n=	183	352	477	265	743	338	324	350
(NET) Familiar	59%	65%	81%	64%	71%	73%	68%	66%
Very familiar	16%	16%	23%	18%	19%	24%	17%	14%
Somewhat familiar	44%	50%	58%	47%	52%	49%	51%	52%
(NET) Not familiar	41%	35%	19%	36%	29%	27%	32%	34%
Not very familiar	23%	23%	15%	26%	18%	17%	22%	23%
Not at all familiar	17%	11%	4%	10%	11%	10%	10%	11%



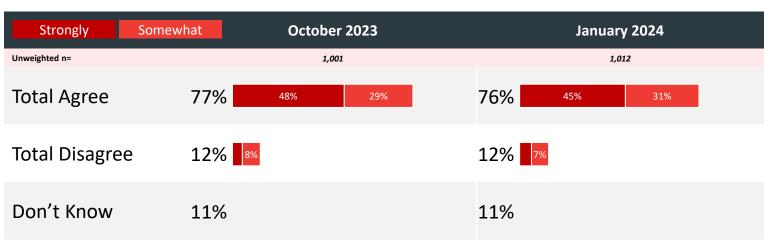


## **CPP is Important Part of Retirement Plan**

**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans

#### STATEMENT: CPP WILL BE / IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY RETIREMENT

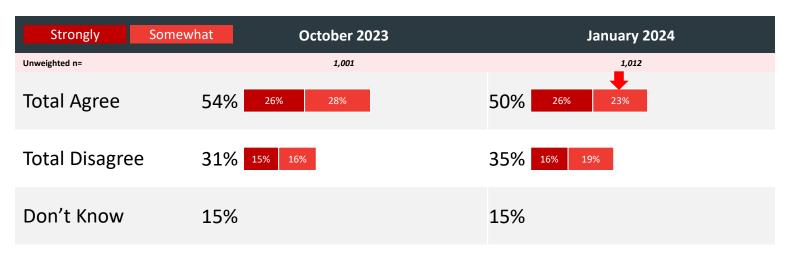


## Feel Informed About How Much Received from CPP Payments

**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans

#### STATEMENT: I AM INFORMED ABOUT HOW MUCH I WILL RECEIVE FROM MY CPP PAYMENTS



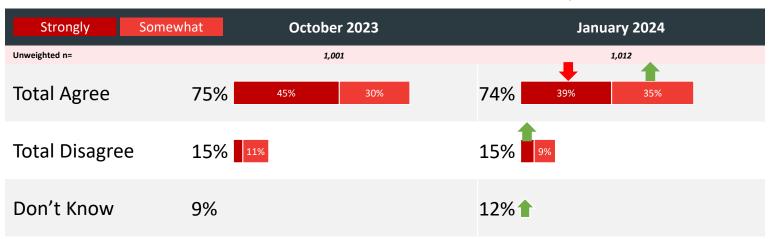


## Important that CPP Payments are Distributed in Equitable Manner

**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans

#### STATEMENT: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CPP PAYMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER FOR ALL CANADIANS



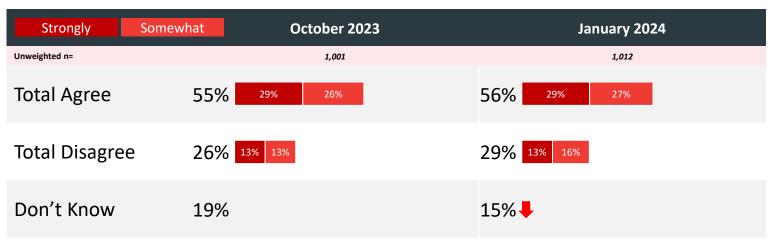


### **Provinces Who Commit More to CPP Should Get More**

**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans

STATEMENT: RESIDENTS OF PROVINCES WHO COMMIT MORE TO THE CPP SHOULD RECEIVE A HIGHER CPP PAYMENT — AND THOSE PROVINCES THAT CONTRIBUTE LESS SHOULD RECEIVE LESS



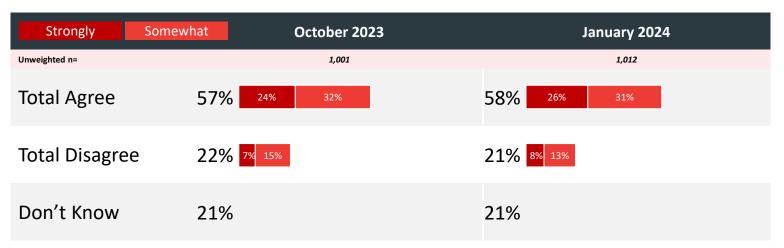


## **CPP is Well-Managed Pension Fund**

**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans

#### STATEMENT: THE CPP IS A WELL-MANAGED PENSION FUND



### **Total Agreement with Statements About the CPP**



Q1(a-e). Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans (n=1,012)

Alberta		Age			Region	
% Agree (Somewhat/Strongly)	18-34	35-54	55+	Calgary	Edmonton	Other
Unweighted n=	183	352	477	338	324	350
It is important that CPP payments are distributed in an equitable manner for all Canadians	65%	73%	81%	73%	76%	72%
CPP will be/is an important part of my retirement	55%	80%	90%	78%	74%	77%
Residents of provinces who commit more to the CPP should receive a higher CPP payment. – and those provinces that should contribute less should receive less	53%	58%	55%	61%	52%	54%
I am informed about how much I will receive from my CPP payments	29%	35%	82%	57%	48%	43%
The CPP is a well-managed pension fund	49%	50%	73%	63%	61%	48%

# **Agreement with Statements About the CPP – Alberta Residents**



**Q1.** Thinking of your future or current retirement plans, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)?

Base: All Albertans (n=1,012)

TOTAL ALBERTA	Total	Provincial Vot	ing Intention
% Agree (Somewhat/Strongly)	Total	United Stonservatives Alberta Strong & Free	Alberta NDP
Unweighted n=	1,012	382	413
CPP will be/is an important part of my retirement	76%	75%	84%
It is important that CPP payments are distributed in an equitable manner for all Canadians	74%	64%	90%
The CPP is a well-managed pension fund	58%	46%	78%
Residents of provinces who commit more to the CPP should receive a higher CPP payment.  — and those provinces that should contribute less should receive less	56%	72%	43%
I am informed about how much I will receive from my CPP payments	50%	49%	59%

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# Detailed Methodology





# **Unweighted Sample**

The table below presents the Albertan Profile of respondents before weighting.

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	Alberta Unweighted n=1,001
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Age	
18-34	183
35-54	352
55+	477
Kids in Household	
Yes	265
No	743
Region	
Calgary	338
Edmonton	324
Other	350

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