# Report

# British Columbia Provincial Polling

Week of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, October 3-7, 2024.
- The most recent wave was conducted among a sample of 1,002.
  - No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability 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.
- Some charts and tables may not add to 100% due to rounding.

# DASHBOARD OF KEY METRICS



#### **Leader Favourability Ratings**

Approval ratings continue to show that Eby remains in a relatively strong position favourability-wise.

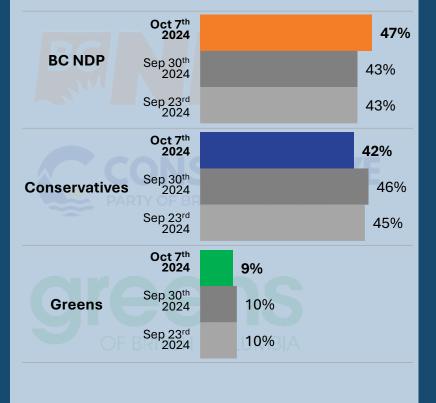






#### **BC Voting Intentions Among Decided Voters**

The BC NDP has regained the lead in voting intention among decided voters and sit 5 percentage points ahead of The Conservative Party.



#### **Key Findings**

- The BC NDP (47%) has regained the lead in voting intention among decided voters over The Conservative Party of BC (42%) for a 5 point lead.
- This reversal of fortunes is directly the result of the drop in the Conservative vote among 18-34 year-olds (47% to 38%) and women (42% to 34%)
- Just less than nine in ten (87%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, with nearly two-thirds (65%) indicating that they will "definitely vote."
- Eight in ten (80%) decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while just above one in ten (14%) indicate they are likely to do so. However, Conservative voters are more entrenched in their choice than NDP voters at this point.
- Premier David Eby continues to have the highest individual favourability rating (46%) and best fit as premier (48%) rising a couple points while Rustad has stayed stagnant (38% for both).
- BC Residents whose top issue is healthcare are more likely to believe that Eby and the NDP have the best plan to deal with their priority issue (40%), while those whose top issue is economy are more likely to believe Rustad and the BC Conservatives have the best plan to address their priority issue (56%).





#### **PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS**

(Among Decided Voters)







Another party / an independent candidate



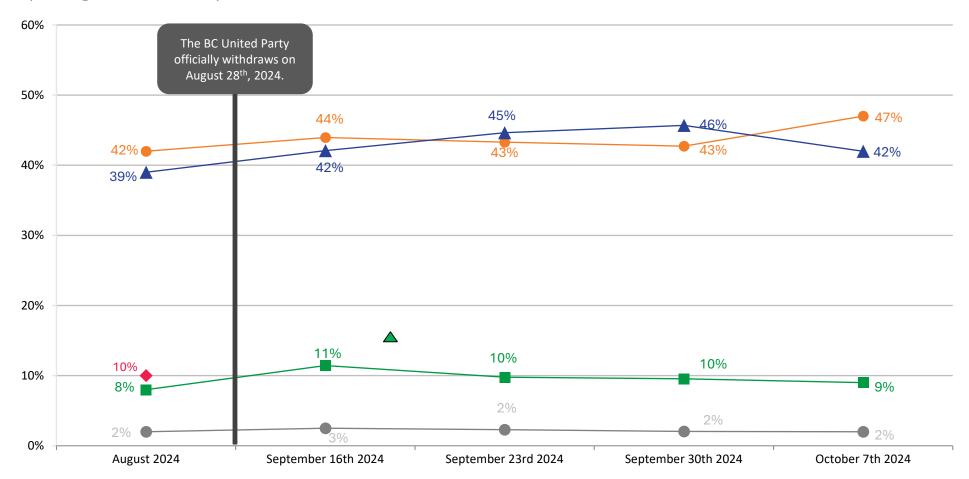
The BC NDP has regained the lead in voting intention among decided voters over The Conservative Party of BC. The incumbent government now sits 5 percentage points ahead of the Conservative Party.

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



#### PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

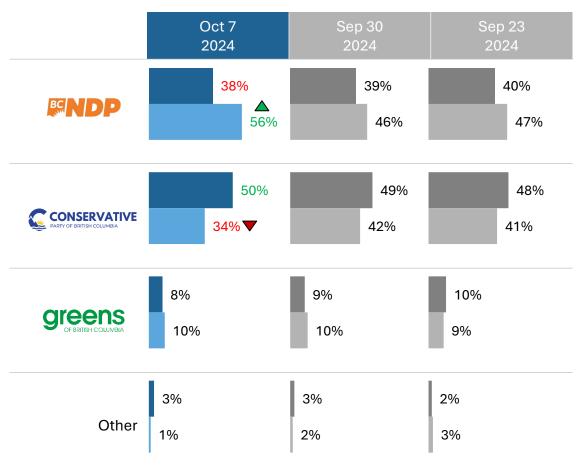
(Among Decided Voters)





#### PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X

#### **GENDER** (Among Decided Voters)



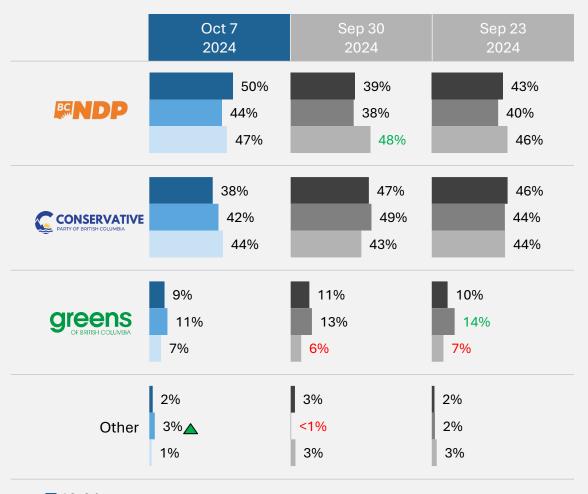


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Base: Decided voters (October 7 2024: Weighted: n= 857; Unweighted: n= 868) (September 30 2024: Weighted: n= 829; Unweighted: n= 844) (September 23 2024: Weighted: n= 821; Unweighted: n= 826) (September 16 2024: Weighted: n= 800; Unweighted: n= 814)

#### **PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS x**

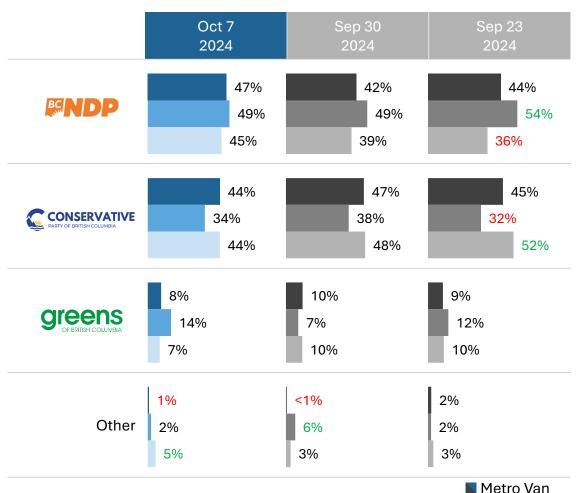
AGE (Among Decided Voters)







**REGION** (Among Decided Voters)



■ Van Island

Rest of BC

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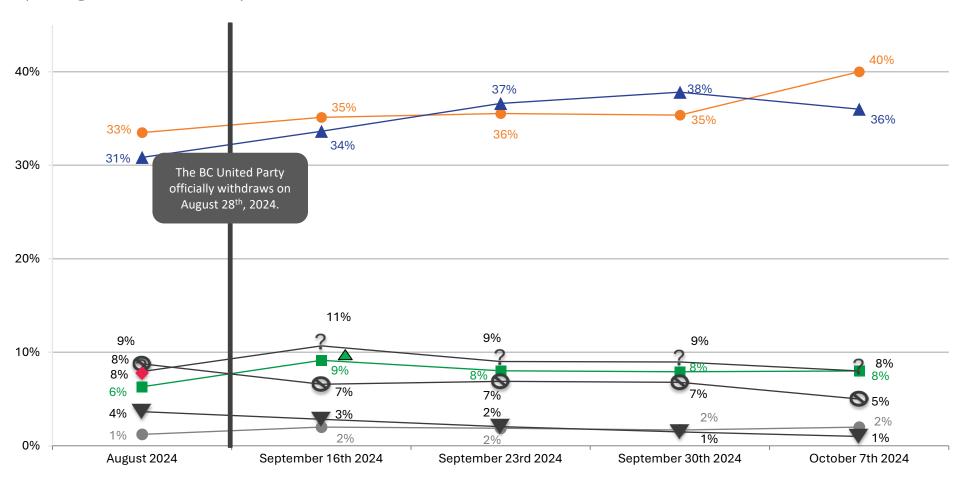
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#### PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

(Among Total BC Residents)

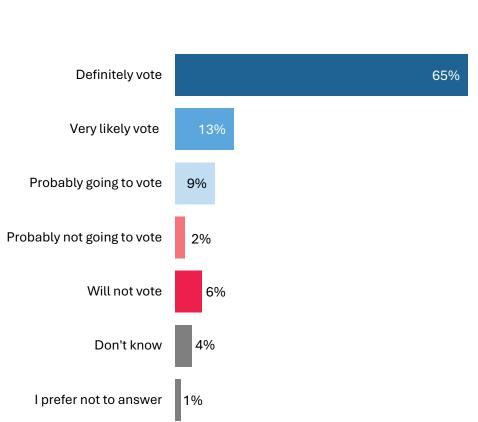






#### LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

(Among Total BC Residents)



	al Voting In Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 2024		Sep	Sep	Sep
NDP (n=443)	Conser -vative (n=312)	Green (n=96)	30 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total	23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024 Total	16 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total
74%	75%	55%	64%	62%	62%
12%	12%	25%	13%	13%	13%
9%	8%	12%	8%	9%	9%
1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%
2%	1%	2%	6%	6%	6%
1%	2%	4%	5%	6%	5%
<1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%

Consistent with the previous wave, nearly nine in ten (87%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, while nearly two-thirds indicate that they will "definitely vote."

NDP and Conservative Party voters are significantly more likely to indicate that they will 'definitely vote', whereas only just above half of Green Party voters report the same.



## LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

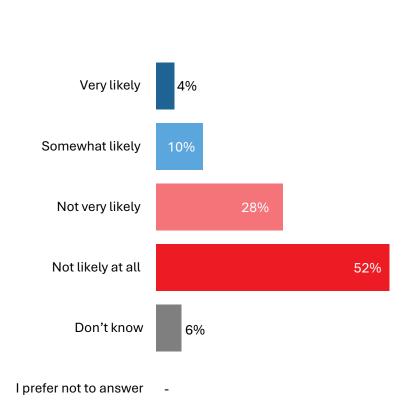
(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age		Ge	ender
	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	<b>18-34</b> (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	55+ (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)
(NET) Probably vote	87%	88%	86%	86%	78%	86%	94%	88%	86%
Definitely vote	65%	63%	71%	65%	43%	63%	80%	68%	62%
Very likely vote	13%	16%	11%	10%	21%	13%	8%	13%	13%
Probably going to vote	9%	10%	4%	10%	13%	9%	6%	7%	10%
(NET) Probably not/will not vote	8%	8%	10%	7%	15%	7%	4%	8%	8%
Probably not going to vote	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Will not vote	6%	6%	8%	5%	12%	5%	3%	6%	6%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	6%	2%	4%	4%
I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	2%	<1%	1%	2%



#### LIKELIHOOD OF SWITCHING VOTE

(Among Decided Voters)



	ial Voting In Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 2024		Sep 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sep 16 <sup>th</sup>
NDP (n=443)	Conservative (n=312)	Green (n=96)	2024 Total	2024 Total	2024 Total
5%	3%	6%	3%	2% ▼	5%
8%	9%	28%	14%	13%	13%
35%	20%	29%	26%	28%	28%
49%	63%	21%	50%	49%	48%
4%	5%	16%	6%	7%	6%
-	-	-	<1%	<1%	<1%

Eight in ten (80%) decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while just above one in ten (14%) indicate they are likely to do so; consistent with results from the previous two waves.



### LIKELIHOOD OF SWITCHING VOTE

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age		Ge	Gender	
	Total (n=868)	Metro Vancouver (n=427)	Vancouver Island (n=159)	Other BC (n=282)	18-34 (n=150)	<b>35-54</b> (n=282)	55+ (n=436)	Men (n=465)	Women (n=403)	
(NET) Likely	14%	15%	16%	14%	31%	14%	5%	17%	12%	
Very likely	4%	4%	5%	4%	11%	3%	1%	6%	2%	
Somewhat likely	10%	11%	10%	10%	20%	11%	4%	11%	10%	
(NET) Not likely	80%	80%	79%	81%	66%	79%	89%	78%	82%	
Not very likely	28%	30%	23%	28%	30%	30%	26%	26%	31%	
Not likely at all	52%	50%	57%	53%	35%	49%	63%	52%	51%	
Don't know	6%	6%	5%	5%	3%	7%	6%	5%	6%	
I prefer not to answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



(Among Total BC Residents)







Sep 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024 Total	Sep 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total
45%	49%	46%
38%	38%	35%
16%	14%▼	19%

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; consistent with the previous wave's results.



#### PERCEIVED BEST FIT AS PREMIER

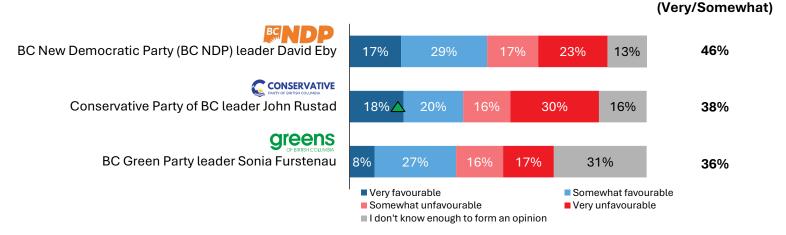
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		Region			Age			Gender	
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BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	48%	48%	52%	46%	49%	47%	48%	42%	54%
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	38%	40%	31%	38%	33%	39%	40%	46%	30%
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	14%	13%	17%	15%	19%	13%	12%	12%	16%

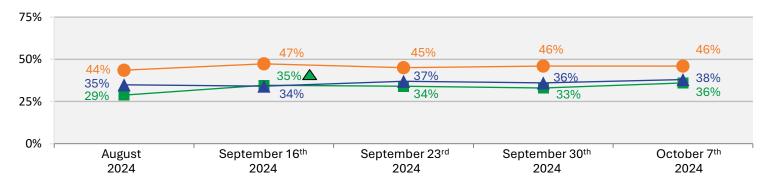


(Among Total BC Residents)

#### Full Favourability Breakdown for October 7th 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 (October 7 2024: Weighted: n= 1,002; Unweighted: n= 1,002) (September 30 2024: Weighted: n= 1,002; Unweighted: 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)



Premier David Eby continues to have the highest favourability rating for the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> with 46% overall favourability. Furstenau and Rustad both received overall favourability ratings of just below four in ten.

% Favourable

Results for overall favourability are consistent with the previous wave, though Rustad received a significantly higher proportion of 'very favourable' ratings relative to the previous wave (18% vs. 13%)



A Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.



#### PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Demographic Breakdown)

% <b>Favourable</b> (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,002)	Region			Age			Gei	nder
		Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	18-34 (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	55+ (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	46%	46%	52%	43%	46%	44%	48%	42%	51%
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	38%	40%	29%	41%	41%	38%	37%	47%	30%
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	36%	33%	39%	39%	34%	26%	44%	33%	39%

% Unfavourable (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,002)	Region			Age			Gei	Gender	
		Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	<b>18-34</b> (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	55+ (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	41%	42%	34%	42%	32%	42%	45%	50%	31%	
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	46%	45%	52%	43%	36%	43%	54%	43%	48%	
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	33%	36%	32%	27%	31%	34%	34%	42%	25%	

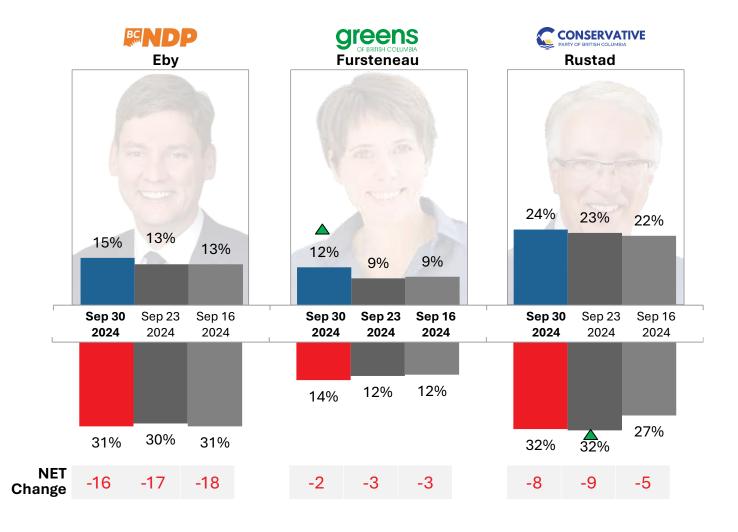


#### **CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY**

(Among Total BC Residents)

Improved

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.





#### **CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY**

(Demographic Breakdown)

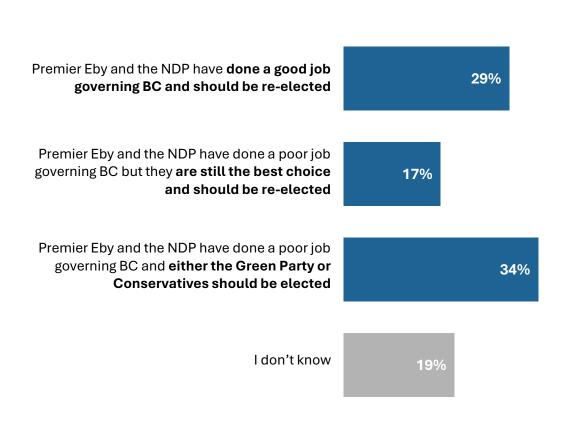
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Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	24%	27%	20%	21%	22%	26%	23%	30%	18%
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	15%	15%	15%	15%	24%	11%	13%	15%	15%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	12%	13%	13%	11%	12%	11%	14%	12%	13%

% Worsened		Region			Age			Gender	
	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	<b>18-34</b> (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	55+ (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	32%	30%	40%	30%	25%	30%	37%	29%	34%
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	31%	32%	26%	33%	18%	34%	37%	37%	26%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	14%	16%	11%	13%	14%	15%	14%	18%	11%



#### PERCEPTION OF EBY GOVERNMENT

(Among Total BC Residents)



Sep 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024 Total
27%	27%
18%	19%
36%	33%
20%	21%

Consistent with the previous wave's results, just less than three in ten 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			nder
	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	<b>18-34</b> (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	<b>55+</b> (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)
Premier Eby and the NDP have <b>done a</b> good job governing BC and should be re-elected	29%	28%	33%	29%	31%	24%	32%	27%	32%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC but they are still the best choice and should be reelected	17%	18%	16%	15%	20%	19%	14%	17%	17%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC and either the Green Party or Conservatives should be elected	34%	33%	34%	37%	25%	36%	39%	43%	26%
I don't know	19%	20%	17%	20%	25%	21%	15%	14%	25%

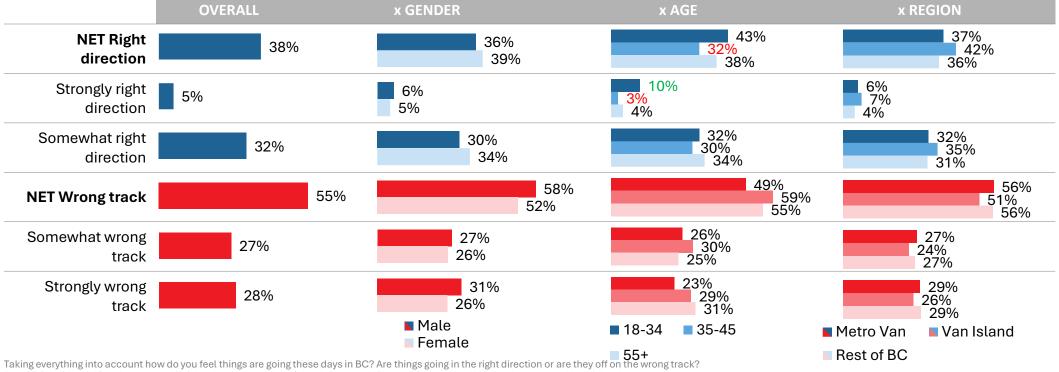


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#### **CURRENT TRAJECTORY OF BC**

(Among Total BC Residents)





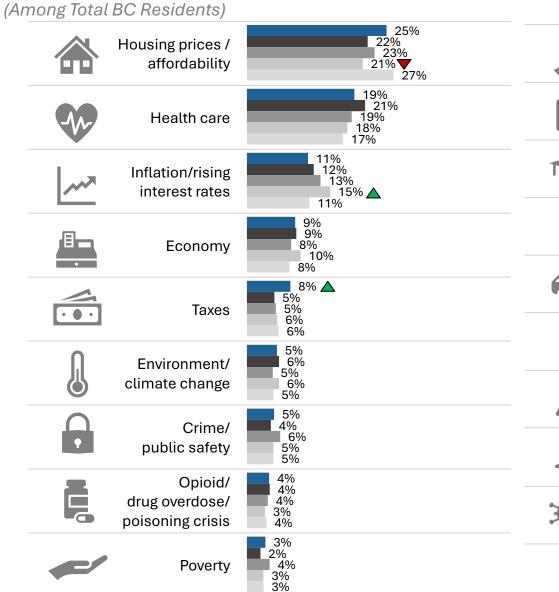
# **BC ISSUES - MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED - TRACKER**

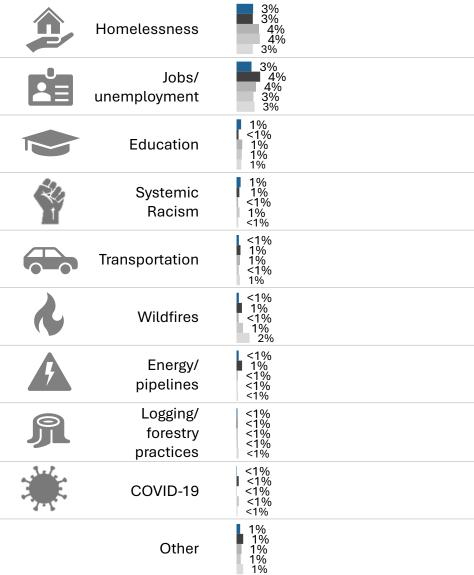




Housing affordability remains the top issue in BC, closely followed by health care, and more distantly by inflation/rising interest rates, and the economy. Taxes are more likely to be cited as the most important issue relative to the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2024
   Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024
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- Aug 2024
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#### **BC ISSUES - TOTAL IMPORTANCE: AIDED**

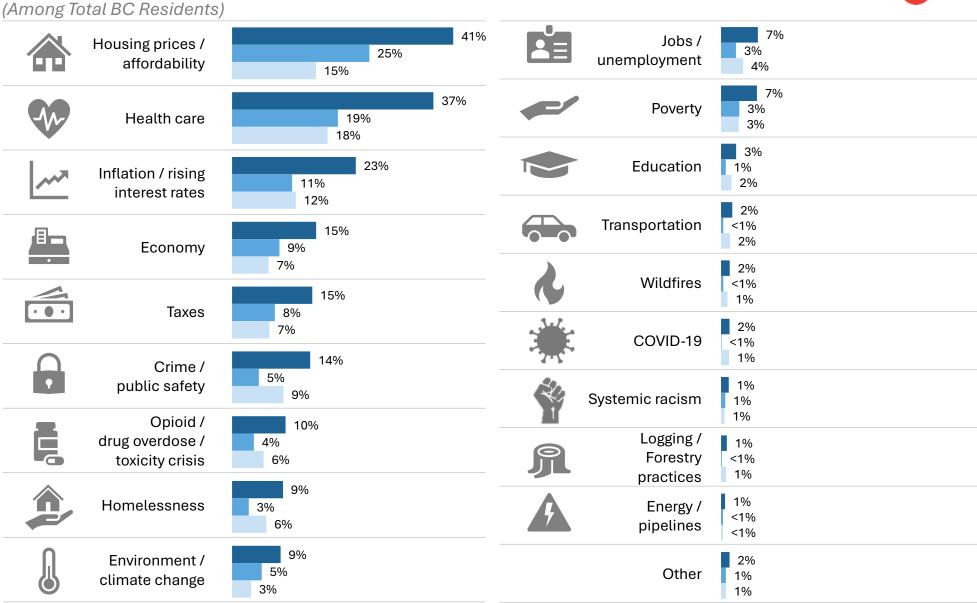




Housing prices
/affordability has once
again replaced health
care as the top issue in
terms of total
importance.

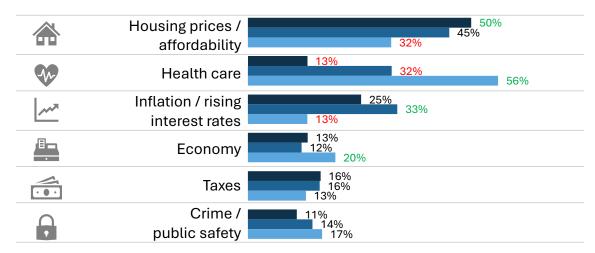
Taxes are significantly more important overall relative to last week (15% vs. 11%).

- NET Important
- Most important
- Second most important



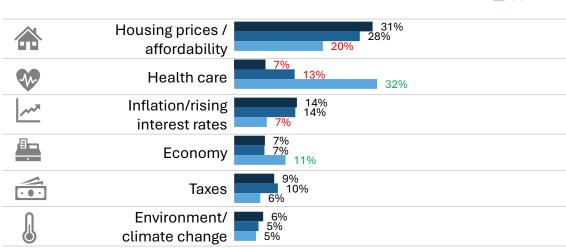
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AIDED x AGE (Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2024)



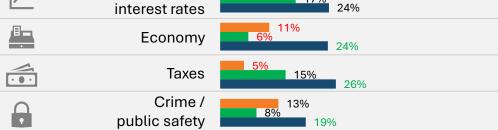
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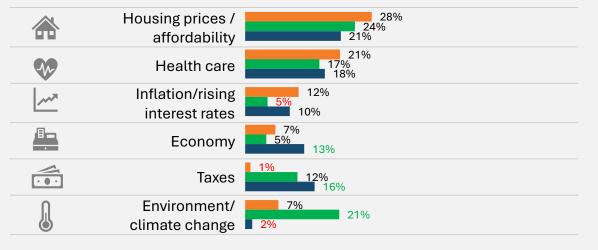
**18-34** 

35-54

55+

AIDED x VOTING INTENTION (Oct 7th 2024)

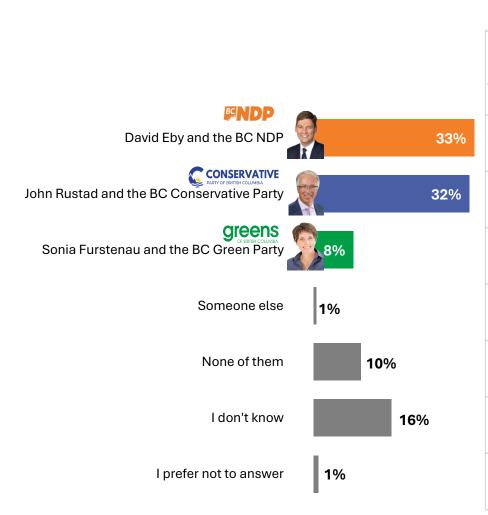






#### PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Among Total BC Residents)



#### **Most Important Issue** (Oct 7th 2024)

Housing prices / affordability (n=231)	Health care (n=217)	Inflation / rising interest rates (n=112)	Economy (n=89)	Sep 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total	Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024 Total	Sep 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Total
39%	40%	31% 22%		32%	32%	30%
23%	26%	31%	56%	32%	32%	29%
9%	3%	3%	3%	6%	6%	8%
-	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	1%
7%	10%	11%	9%	11%	10%	9%
22%	18%	20%	10%	15%	18%	21%
1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	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 around one-third of the total.

BC Residents whose most important issue is the Economy are significantly more likely to believe the Conservative Party is the party with the best plan to address their priority issue, while those whose priority issue is healthcare are more likely to believe that the NDP has the best plan.



# PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Demographic Breakdown)

		Region			Age			Gender	
	<b>Total</b> (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=502)	Vancouver Island (n=177)	Other BC (n=323)	<b>18-34</b> (n=182)	<b>35-54</b> (n=333)	<b>55+</b> (n=487)	Men (n=520)	Women (n=482)
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Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	32%	34%	25%	32%	27%	33%	34%	40%	24%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	8%	8%	10%	8%	9%	10%	6%	9%	8%
Someone else	1%	<1%	-	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%
None of them	10%	10%	11%	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%	10%
Don't know	16%	15%	19%	17%	20%	17%	12%	11%	21%
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=1,002	n=1,002
Male	487	520
Female	515	482
Region	n=1,002	n=1,002
Metro Vancouver	537	502
Vancouver Island	168	177
Rest of BC	297	323
Age	n=1,002	n=1,002
18 – 34	263	182
35 – 54	319	333
55+	421	487
Voting Intention	n=857	n=868
BC NDP	402	443
BC Green Party	76	96
Conservative Party of BC	361	312





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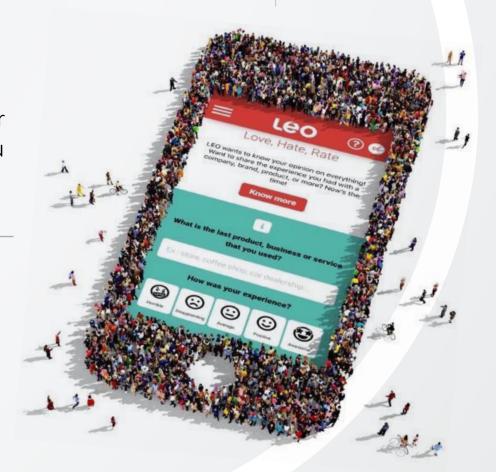
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