Report

British Columbia Provincial Polling

Week of September 30th, 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 27-30, 2024.
- The most recent wave was conducted among a sample of 1,002.
 - 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.
- 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 Conservative leader John Rustad continues to sit well behind Eby in favourability despite his parties' success in terms of voting intention.

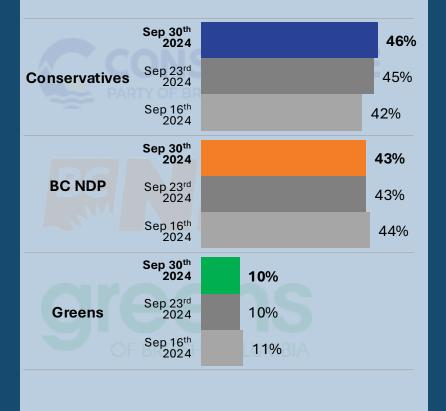






BC Voting Intentions Among Decided Voters

The Conservative Party of BC leads the BC NDP in voting intention among decided voters for the second straight week, and currently sits 3 percentage points ahead of the incumbent government.



Key Findings

- Momentum for the BC Conservative Party (46%) continues to build. The party holds the top position in voting intention among decided voters for the second straight week and sits 3 percentage points above the BC NDP (43%).
- More than eight in ten (84%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, with nearly two-thirds (64%) indicating that they will "definitely vote."
- More than three-quarters (76%) of decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while less than one in five (17%) indicate they are likely to do so.
- Premier David Eby continues to have the highest individual favourability rating (46%) ahead of Rustad (36%) and Furstenau (33%).
- 36% of BC residents believe that things in the province are going in the right direction, while 55% 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. When the top 2 issues are considered, health care becomes the top issue this week after experiencing significant increases in total importance since the September 23rd wave.



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS

Leger

(Among Decided Voters)



The Conservative Party of BC continues to lead the BC NDP in voting intention among decided voters for the second straight week, and currently sits 3 percentage points ahead of the incumbent government.

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

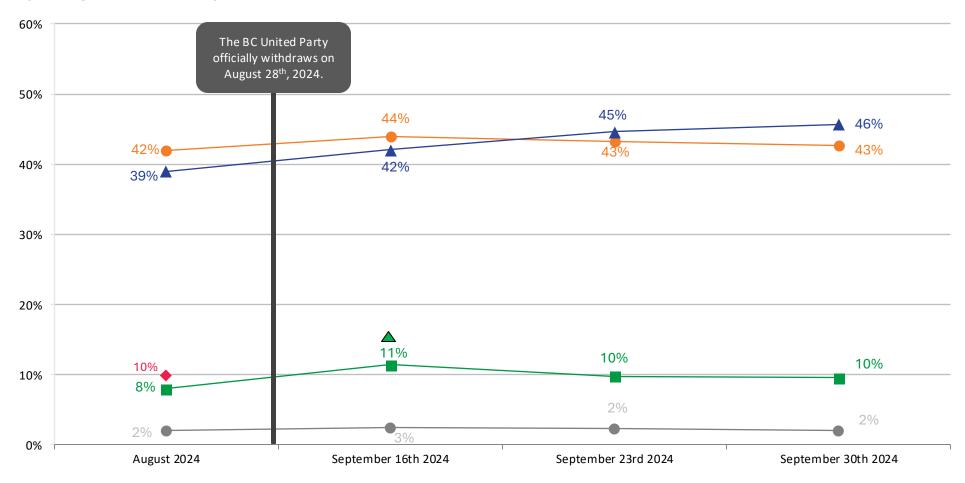
Another party / an independent candidate

2%



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

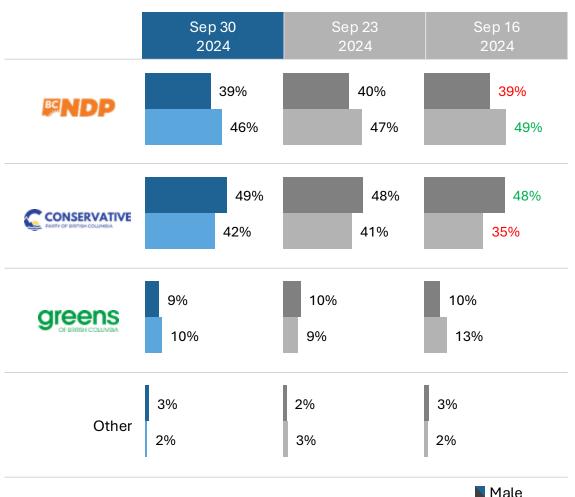
(Among Decided Voters)





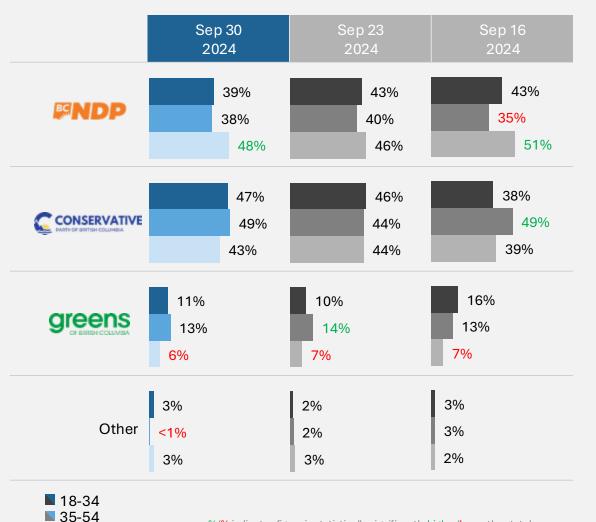
PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X

GENDER (Among Decided Voters)



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS x

AGE (Among Decided Voters)



%/% indicates figure is statistically significantly higher/lower than total

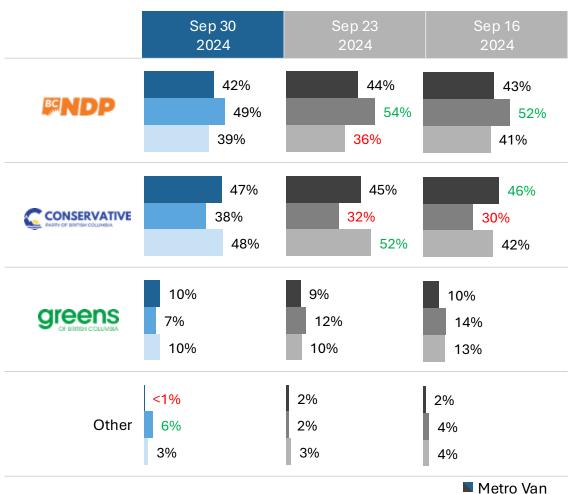
■ Female

55+



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS X

REGION (Among Decided Voters)

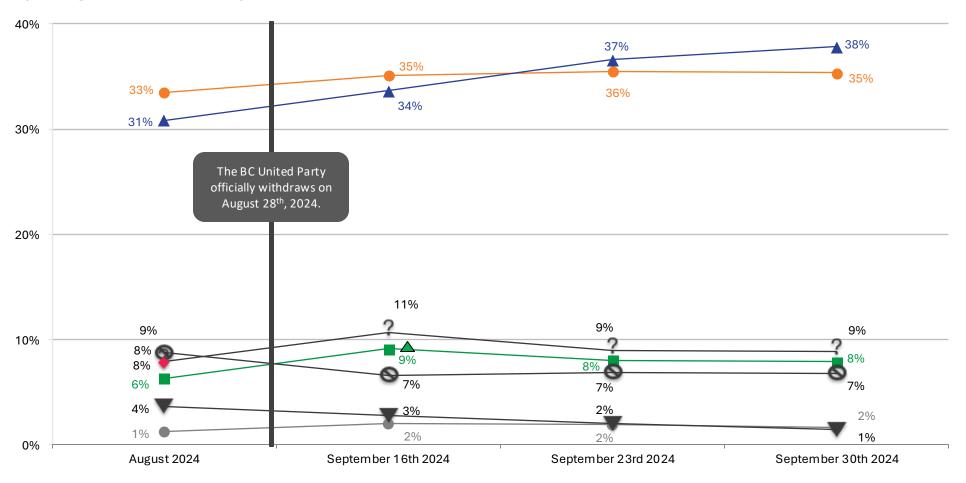


■ Van Island
■ Rest of BC



PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS OVER TIME

(Among Total BC Residents)

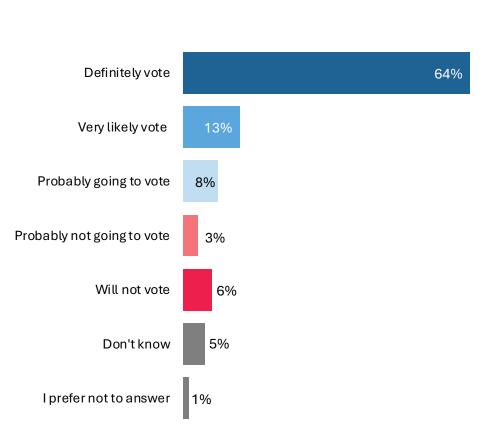






LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

(Among Total BC Residents)



	cial Voting Int Sep 30 th 2024		Sep 23 rd	Sep 16 th
NDP (n=415)	Conserva -tive (n=329)	Green (n=84)	2024 Total	2024 Total
78%	71%	56%	62%	62%
13%	13%	22%	13%	13%
5%	10%	16%	9%	9%
2%	2%	-	2%	4%
1%	2%	1%	6%	6%
1%	2%	5%	6%	5%
<1%	<1%	-	1%	1%

Consistent with the previous wave, more than eight in ten (84%) BC residents indicate they are likely to vote, while nearly two-thirds indicate that they will "definitely vote."



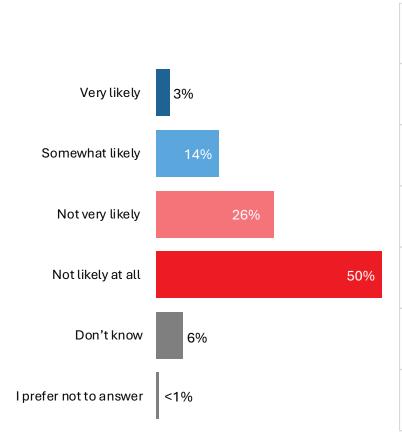
LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age		Ge	nder
	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=500)	Vancouver Island (n=184)	Other BC (n=318)	18-34 (n=213)	35-54 (n=333)	55+ (n=456)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=505)
(NET) Probably vote	84%	84%	89%	80%	78%	77%	93%	87%	82%
Definitely vote	64%	63%	73%	60%	46%	58%	79%	66%	61%
Very likely vote	13%	13%	10%	13%	20%	12%	8%	13%	13%
Probably going to vote	8%	9%	6%	7%	12%	7%	5%	8%	8%
(NET) Probably not/will not vote	10%	10%	6%	12%	13%	14%	4%	8%	11%
Probably not going to vote	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	6%	1%	3%	3%
Will not vote	6%	7%	4%	8%	9%	8%	3%	5%	8%
Don't know	5%	4%	2%	7%	7%	7%	3%	3%	7%
I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	<1%	2%	1%



(Among Decided Voters)



Provincial Voting Intention (Sep 30th 2024)

	(Sep 30**2024)		Sep 23 rd	Sep 16"				
NDP (n=415)	Conserva- tive (n=329)	Green (n=84)	2024 Total	2024 Total				
1%	2%	16%	2%▼	5%				
11%	14%	21%	13%	13%				
29%	25%	24%	28%	28%				
55%	52%	26%	49%	48%				
4%	6%	12%	7%	6%				
<1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%				

San 23rd

San 16th

More than three-quarters (76%) of decided voters report that they are not likely to switch their vote, while just less than one in five (17%) indicate they are likely to do so; consistent with results from the previous two waves.



LIKELIHOOD OF SWITCHING VOTE

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region			Age		Ge	nder
	Total (n=844)	Metro Vancouver (n=421)	Vancouver Island (n=157)	Other BC (n=266)	18-34 (n=183)	35-54 (n=258)	55+ (n=403)	Men (n=437)	Women (n=407)
(NET) Likely	17%	17%	17%	18%	34%	16%	8%	19%	15%
Very likely	3%	4%	3%	1%	6%	3%	2%	4%	2%
Somewhat likely	14%	13%	14%	16%	28%	13%	6%	15%	13%
(NET) Not likely	76%	77%	74%	77%	59%	76%	87%	74%	79%
Not very likely	26%	29%	21%	23%	26%	29%	24%	23%	29%
Not likely at all	50%	47%	53%	54%	33%	47%	62%	51%	49%
Don't know	6%	5%	9%	5%	6%	8%	5%	6%	5%
I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	<1%	-	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%



(Among Total BC Residents)









Sep 23 rd 2024 Total	Sep 16 th 2024 Total
49%	46%
38%	35%
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.



PERCEIVED BEST FIT AS PREMIER

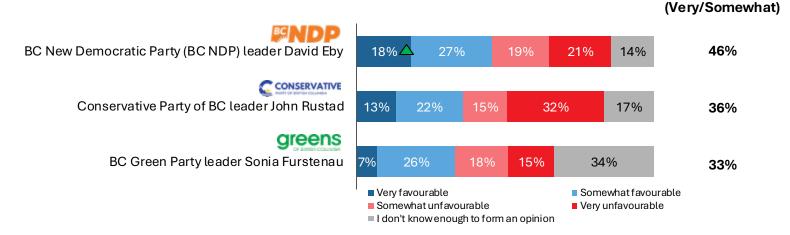
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BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	45%	47%	45%	41%	42%	40%	51%	43%	47%
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	38%	39%	35%	39%	38%	39%	38%	42%	35%
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	16%	14%	19%	20%	19%	22%	11%	15%	18%

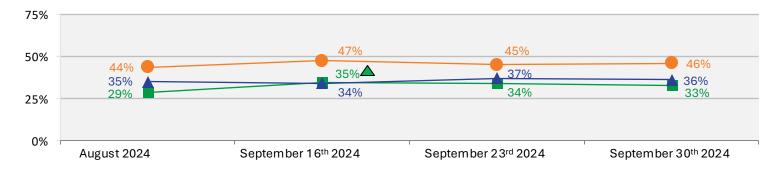


(Among Total BC Residents)

Full Favourability Breakdown for September 30th 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 30 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001) (September 16 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001)

1,001; Unweighted: n= 1,001) (August 2024: Weighted: n= 1,001)



Premier David Eby continues to have the highest favourability rating for the week of September 30th with 46% overall favourability. Furstenau and Rustad both received overall favourability ratings of around one third.

% Favourable

Results for overall favourability are consistent with the previous wave, though Eby received a significantly higher proportion of 'very favourable' ratings relative to the previous wave (18% vs. 14%)



▲ Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.



PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Demographic Breakdown)

			Region		Age			Gender		
% Favourable (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=500)	Vancouver Island (n=184)	Other BC (n=318)	18-34 (n=213)	35-54 (n=333)	55+ (n=456)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=505)	
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	46%	49%	44%	40%	46%	35%	53%	45%	46%	
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	36%	36%	32%	37%	36%	34%	37%	41%	31%	
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	33%	32%	41%	31%	31%	31%	36%	33%	33%	

			Region Age		Gender				
% Unfavourable (Very/Somewhat)	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=500)	Vancouver Island (n=184)	Other BC (n=318)	18-34 (n=213)	35-54 (n=333)	55+ (n=456)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=505)
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) leader David Eby	40%	38%	45%	42%	33%	46%	41%	46%	35%
Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad	47%	46%	54%	46%	43%	44%	53%	49%	46%
BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenau	33%	34%	32%	32%	31%	31%	36%	41%	25%



CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

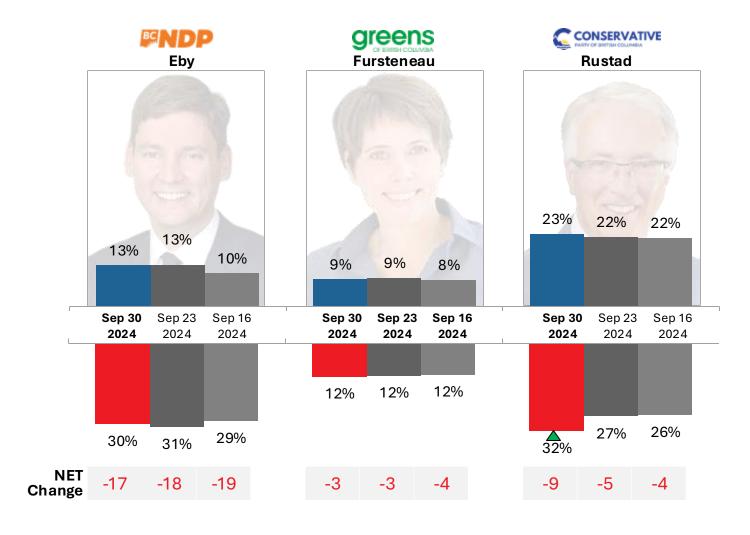
(Among Total BC Residents)

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.

The proportion of BC residents who report that their opinion of Conservative Party leader John Rustad has worsened over the last 6 months has increased since the previous wave.





CHANGE IN PARTY LEADER FAVOURABILITY

(Demographic Breakdown)

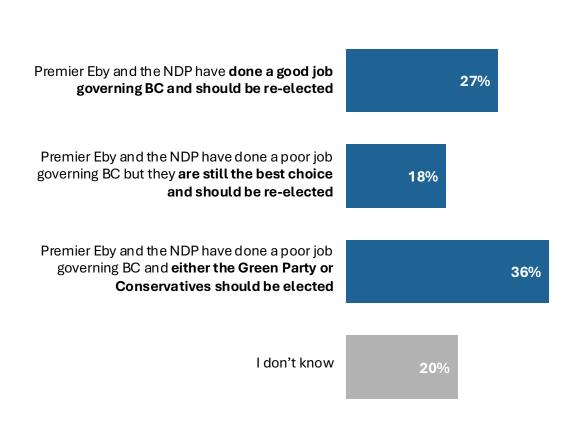
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% Improved	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=500)	Vancouver Island (n=184)	Other BC (n=318)	18-34 (n=213)	35-54 (n=333)	55+ (n=456)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=505)
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	23%	24%	22%	21%	19%	20%	27%	28%	18%
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	13%	15%	8%	12%	16%	10%	13%	13%	13%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	7%	9%	9%	8%

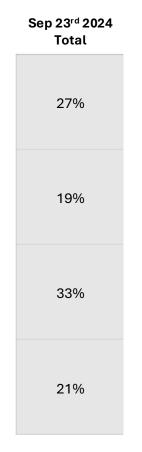
		Region			Age			Gender	
% Worsened	Total (n=1,002)	Metro Vancouver (n=500)	Vancouver Island (n=184)	Other BC (n=318)	18-34 (n=213)	35-54 (n=333)	55+ (n=456)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=505)
Conservative Party of BC led by John Rustad	32%	32%	39%	29%	31%	25%	39%	34%	31%
BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	30%	27%	40%	30%	23%	30%	34%	34%	26%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	12%	12%	17%	10%	11%	11%	14%	17%	8%



PERCEPTION OF EBY GOVERNMENT

(Among Total BC Residents)





Consistent with the previous wave's results, 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)

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Premier Eby and the NDP have done a good job governing BC and should be re-elected	27%	27%	31%	25%	27%	18%	33%	28%	25%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC but they are still the best choice and should be reelected	18%	20%	14%	16%	23%	18%	15%	17%	18%
Premier Eby and the NDP have done a poor job governing BC and either the Green Party or Conservatives should be elected	36%	34%	34%	40%	30%	37%	39%	41%	31%
I don't know	20%	20%	21%	19%	20%	27%	14%	13%	26%



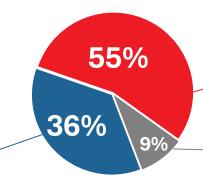


CURRENT TRAJECTORY OF BC

(Among Total BC Residents)

RIGHT DIRECTION

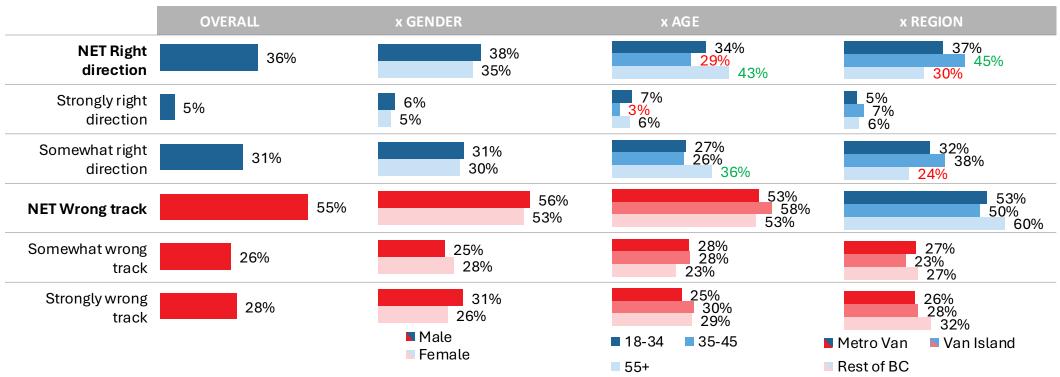
36% of BC residents believe that **things in the province are going in the right direction,** consistent with results from the weeks of September 23rd (38%), September 16th (37%) and August 2024 (39%).



WRONG TRACK

55% of British Columbians believe that **things in the province are off on the wrong track**, consistent with results from the weeks of September 23rd (54%), September 16th (55%) and August 2024 (53%).

9% of BC residents report that they "don't know" or simply refuse to answer, consistent with last two survey waves (8%).



BC ISSUES - MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED - TRACKER

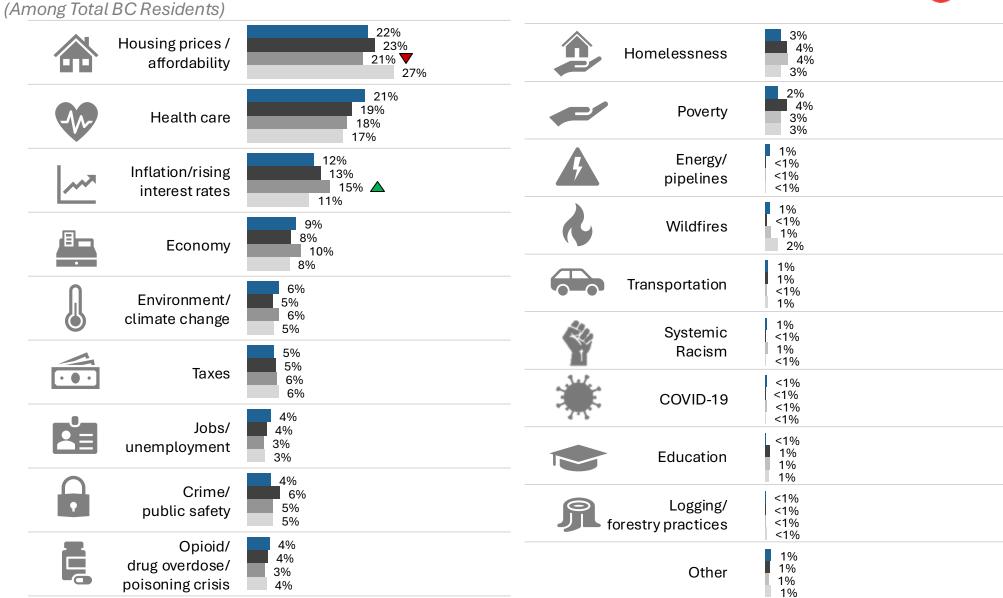




Housing affordability remains the top issue in BC, closely followed by health care, and more distantly by inflation/rising interest rates, and the economy. Results for all issues are consistent with those from the week of September 23rd.



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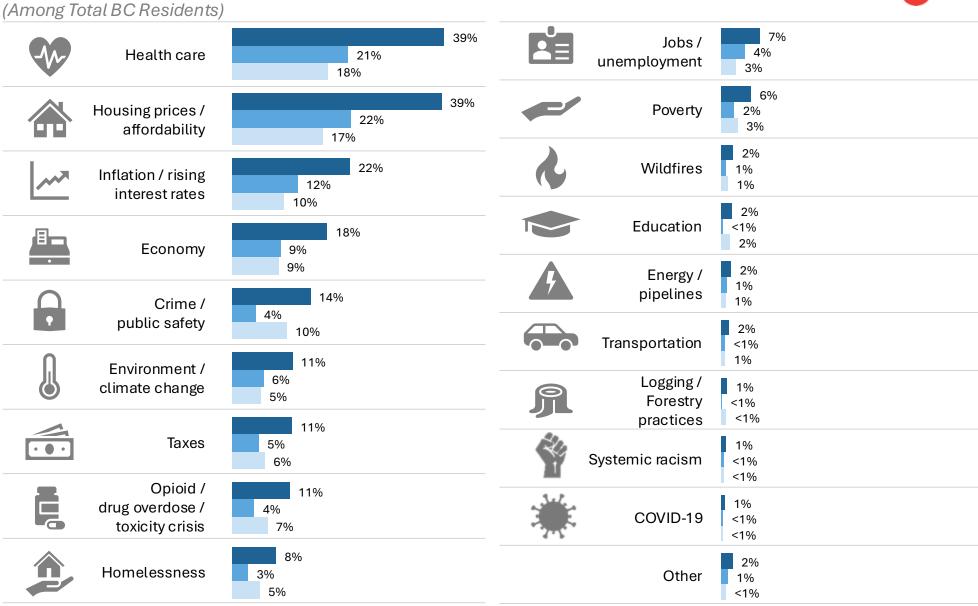
BC ISSUES - TOTAL IMPORTANCE: AIDED

Leger



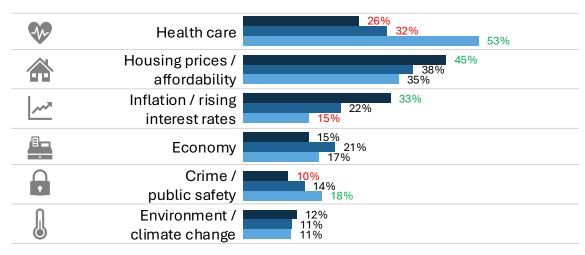
Health care has replaced housing prices
/affordability as the top issue in terms of total importance this week and is significantly more important relative to last week (39% vs. 34%).

- NET Important
- Most important
- Second most important



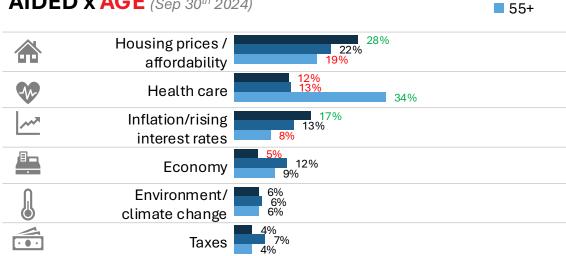
TOP 6 BC ISSUES - TOTAL IMPORTANCE:

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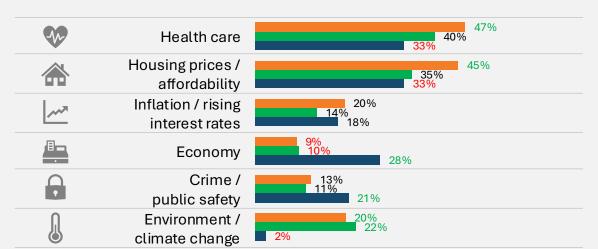
TOP 6 BC ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT:

AIDED x AGE (Sep 30th 2024)



TOP 6 BC ISSUES – TOTAL IMPORTANCE:

AIDED x VOTING INTENTION (Sep 30th 2024)



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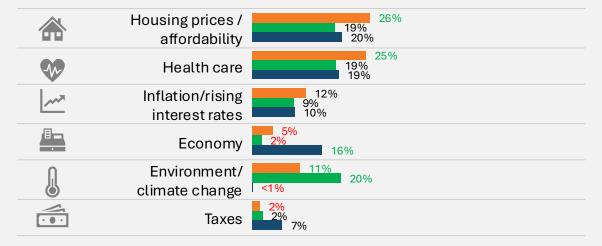
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35-54





BC NDP

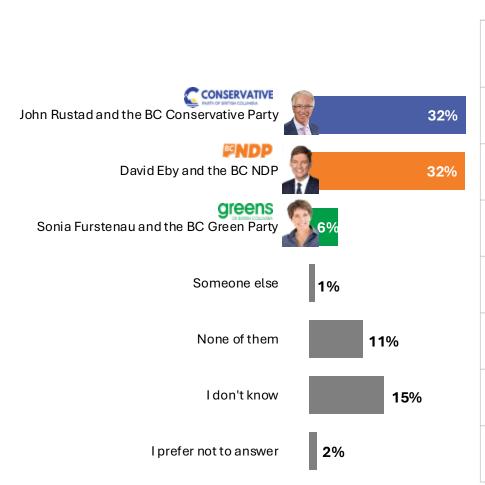






PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Among Total BC Residents)



Most Important Issue
(Sep 30 th 2024)

	V 1	•		Sep 23 rd	Sep 16 th
Housing prices / affordability (n=212)	Health care (n=224)	Inflation / rising interest rates (n=126)	Economy (n=87)	2024 Total	2024 Total
28%	29%	31%	58%	32%	29%
39%	37%	29%	15%	32%	30%
4%	6%	5%	2%	6%	8%
2%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
10%	14%	12%	10%	10%	9%
18%	12%	21%	14%	18%	21%
<1%	2%	-	<1%	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 just less than 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.



PARTY WITH TOP PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITY ISSUES

(Demographic Breakdown)

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BC New Democratic Party (BC NDP) led by David Eby	32%	33%	35%	29%	34%	22%	39%	34%	30%
BC Green Party led by Sonia Furstenau	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Someone else	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	<1%	1%	2%	<1%
None of them	11%	11%	14%	11%	5%	16%	11%	9%	13%
Don't know	15%	15%	14%	17%	16%	20%	11%	9%	22%
I prefer not to answer	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	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	486	497
Female	516	505
Region	n=1,002	n=1,002
Metro Vancouver	538	500
Vancouver Island	173	184
Rest of BC	292	318
Age	n=1,002	n=1,002
18 – 34	263	213
35 – 54	319	333
55+	421	456
Voting Intention	n=829	n=844
BC NDP	354	415
BC Green Party	79	84
Conservative Party of BC	379	329





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