Report

Government of British Columbia Report Card

June 2025





Methodology

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

Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or who are eligible voters: **n= 1,032**

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

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

Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

When

Data collection from May 23-25, 2025.

Where available, results are compared to previous waves of research.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±3.04**%, (19 times out of 20)

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

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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EXECUTIVE **SUMMARY**



The latest Leger polling data indicates that the **BC NDP's lead over the Conservative Party of BC has widened considerably (6%)** since election night in the fall (2%) with the **NDP sitting at 45% voting intention** among decided voters while the **Conservatives trail with 39%**. Voting intention has held relatively consistent among different demographic groups since January.

BC NDP leader **David Eby's approval rating has increased significantly since the election, reaching a record high 51%**--up at the levels Horgan was for the better part of his tenure. Despite the upward surge in Rustad's popularity up through election night, approval ratings have plateaued, hovering at 35%.

Housing prices/affordability and health care rank as the two most important issues facing BC in May 2025, with each being ranked as most important by just less than a one-in-five share of BC residents. Economy, inflation/rising interest rates, and US tariffs/trade round out the top five most important issues. The importance of inflation/rising interest rates and housing prices have both decreased since their highs of the past several years as both inflation and interest rates have dropped.

Approval ratings for most issues have remained fairly steady since January 2025, though ratings for managing relations with the federal government and preparing for US tariffs/sanctions have increased significantly over this period. Managing relations with the federal government, preparing for US tariffs/sanctions, and reconciliation with Indigenous people are the issues with the highest approval ratings; while homelessness, housing prices, and poverty have the lowest approval. Disapproval ratings for taxes have increased since January 2025.

47% of BC residents believe that the province is on the wrong track, down significantly from January 2025. The proportion who believe the province is headed in the right direction is up over the same period (38% \rightarrow 43%).

DASHBOARD OF **KEY METRICS**



Most Important Issue Facing BC

Housing prices/affordability and health care are tied for the most important issue among BC residents in May 2025.

Significantly fewer BC residents chose inflation/rising interest rates as the most important issue in BC in May 2025, and it has moved to fourth place behind the economy for this wave.



Leader Approval Ratings

Public approval for BC NDP leader David Eby and Conservative Party leader John Rustad has held relatively stable since January 2025, with Rustad's approval holding consistent and Eby experiencing small directional increases.





Approval Ratings of Current Government on Key Issues

The NDP government's handling of various issues has received mixed reviews, with no single issue rated higher than Premier Eby's 51% approval.

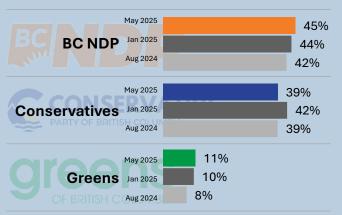


- Managing relations with the Federal Governmen
- · Preparing for USA tariffs/trade sanctions
- Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples/First Nations
- Preparation for wildfire evacuations
- Transportation & roads
- · Relations between provincial and municipal governments in BC
- · Environment / climate change
- · Provincial nationalism / Separatism
- Managing BC's crown corporations Energy / pipelines
- Handling on labour negotiations & disputes with industry unions
- Economy

- · Jobs / unemployment
- Systemic racism
- Taxes
- Logging / forestry practices
- · Health care system
- Government spending / Provincial budget
- Crime / public safety Povertv
- Housing prices / affordability Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity Homelessness

BC Voting Intentions

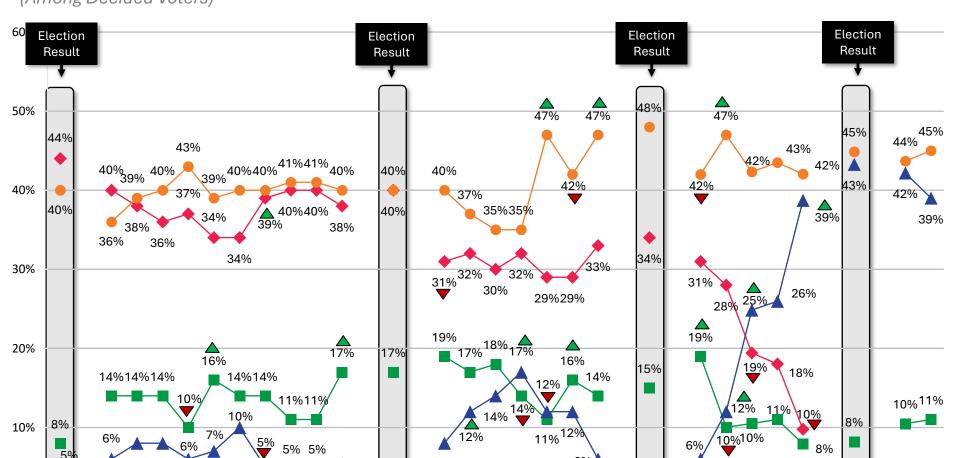
Voting intentions in May 2025 remain relatively consistent with January 2025, though the NDP lead has grown slightly due to directional changes in voting intention for both parties.





PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENTIONS

(Among Decided Voters)



2% 2% 3% 2% 1% 1% 1% Jan Jul Jun Nov Jun Sep Oct

2018 2018 2019 2019 2020 2020 2020

2%

Oct

2020

3%

May

2017



The BC NDP retains its lead over the Conservative Party of BC.

The gap widened between the top two parties as the Conservative Party saw a directional decrease of 3pp.

The BC Green Party remained relatively consistent with voting intentions reported in January 2025.



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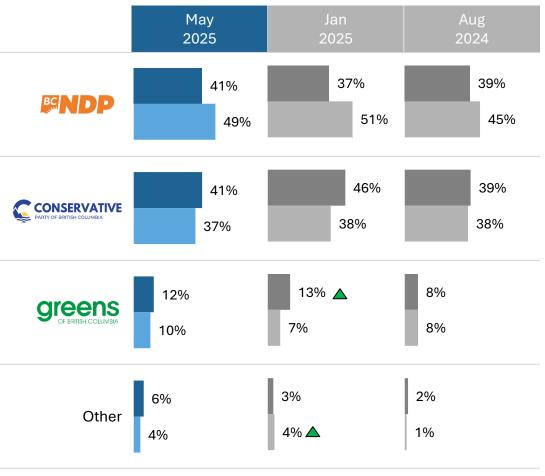
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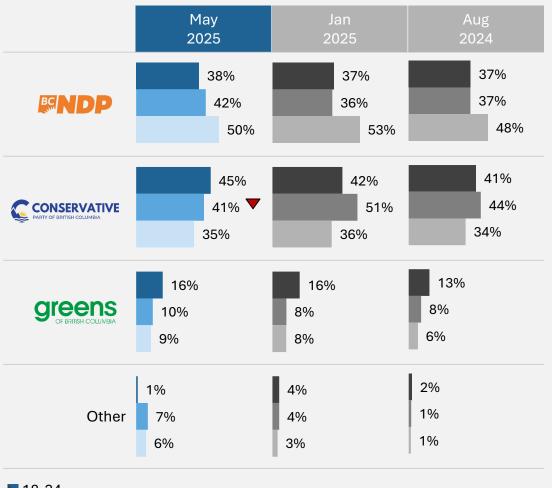
GENDER (Among Decided Voters)





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AGE (Among Decided Voters)

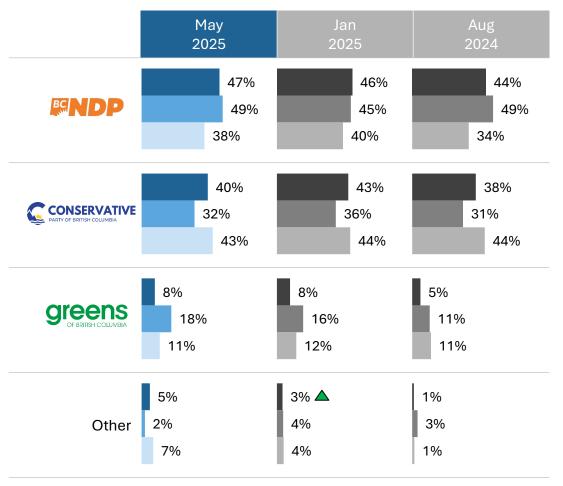


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REGION (Among Decided Voters)



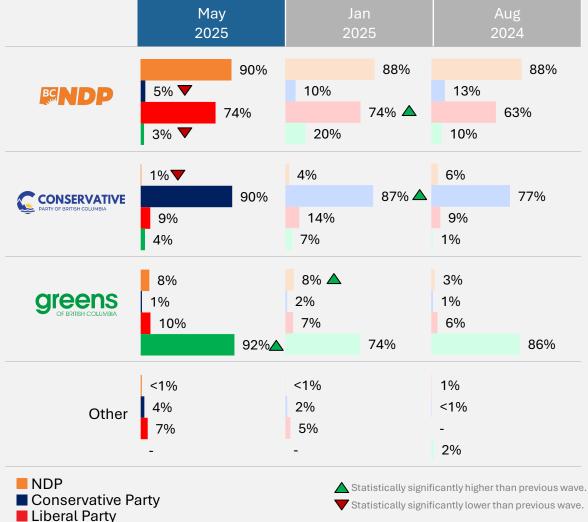


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FEDERAL VOTING INTENTIONS

(Among Decided Voters)

Green Party



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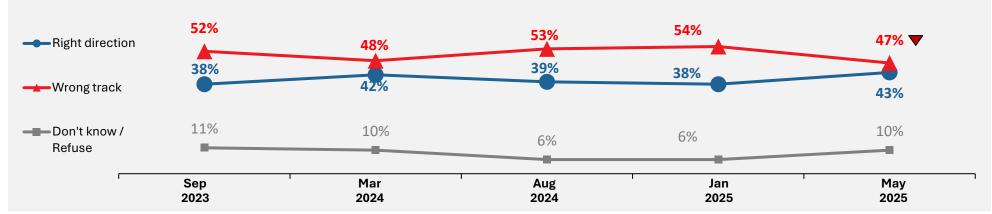


Less than half of BC residents believe that things in the province are off on the wrong track, significantly lower than January 2025.

Men are more likely to feel that things are strongly going in the wrong direction.

Older residents age 55+ are more positive about the direction of the province.

CURRENT TRAJECTORY OF BC



Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.

	GENDER AGE Total				REGION				
	iotat	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	Vancouver	Van Isle	Rest of BC
NET Right direction	43%	45%	40%	43%	37%	47%	42%	44%	44%
Strongly right direction	4%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	6%	4%
Somewhat right direction	39%	40%	38%	38%	35%	42%	39%	37%	40%
NET Wrong Track	47%	50%	45%	43%	52%	45%	48%	46%	46%
Somewhat wrong track	23%	21%	25%	20%	25%	24%	25%	22%	19%
Strongly wrong track	24%	28%	20%	23%	27%	22%	23%	23%	26%

[%] Statistically significantly higher than comparison group.

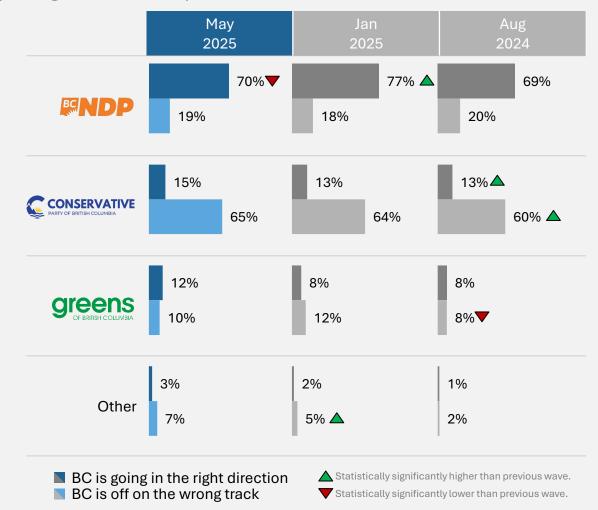
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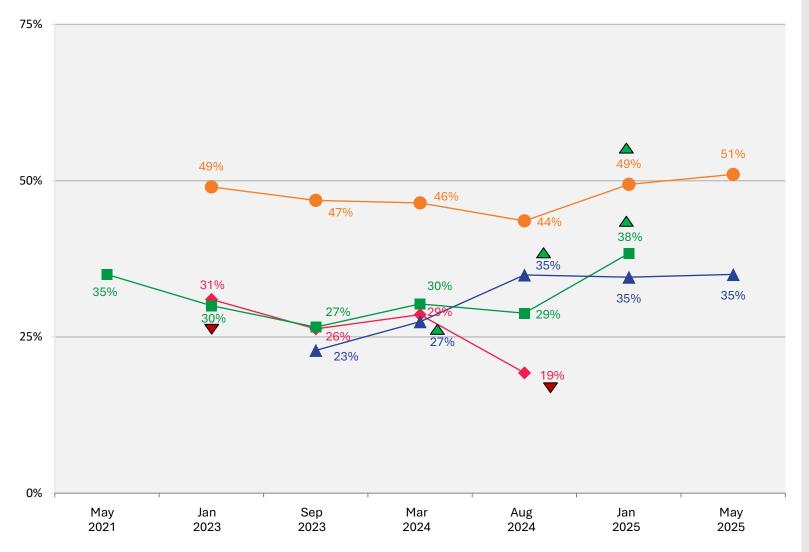
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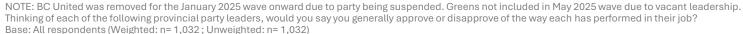
CURRENT TRAJECTORY OF BC

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CURRENT LEADER APPROVAL RATING









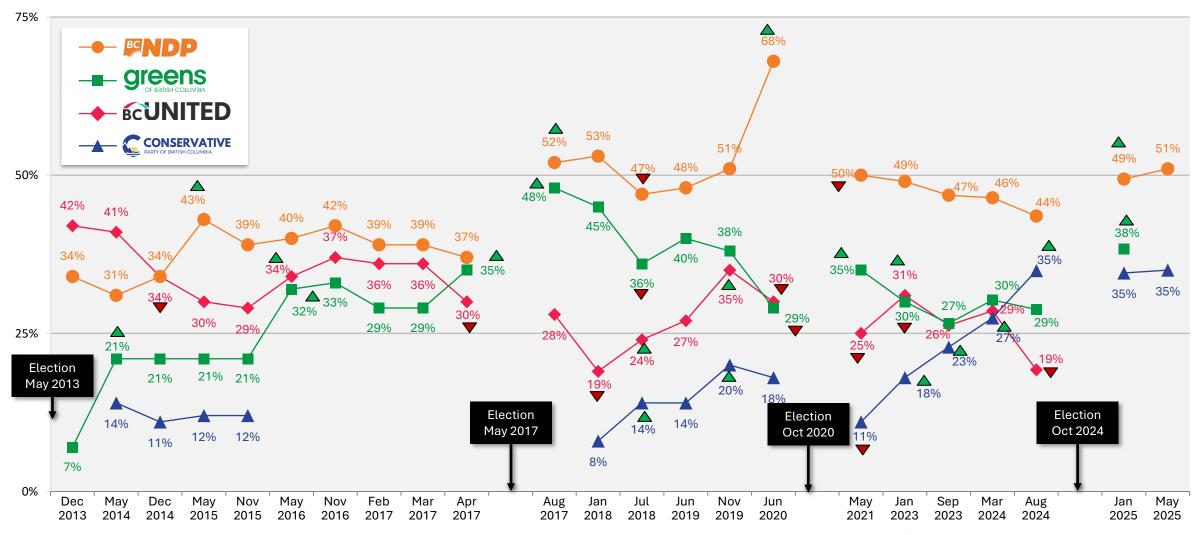
Public approval for BC NDP leader David Eby and BC Conservative leader John Rustad holds relatively consistent in May 2025.

Eby continues to lead with a 51% approval rating (up 2pp from Jan 2025), while Rustad trails with a 35% rating (no change since Jan 2025).





LEADER APPROVAL RATING Longer Term Tracking







Negative public perceptions of Premier David Eby have been trending downwards since August 2024, though worsened opinion continues to greatly outweigh improved opinion.

The proportion of residents with an improved opinion of John Rustad has declined significantly for the second wave, while those with a worsened opinion decreased directionally, resulting in a net change figure consistent with January 2025.



Eby









	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024
Improved	12%	11%	12%	16%	9%	12%	18%	13%
Worsened	24%	25%	27%	27%	23%	27%	20%	21%
NET Change	-12	-14	-15	-11	-14	-15	-2	-8

[%] Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

[%] Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.



CHANGE IN OPINION OF LEADERSLonger Term Tracking of Parties



		Jun 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023	Jan 2023	May 2021	Jun 2020	Nov 2019	Jul 2019	Jul 2018	Jan 2018	Apr 2017	Nov 2016	May 2016	Nov 2015	May 2015	Dec 2014
lm	proved	12%	11%	12%	16%	14%	20%	16%	42%	17%	18%	18%	21%	16%	10%	10%	12%	15%	10%
Wo	rsened	24%	25%	27%	27%	21%	18%	40%	10%	21%	30%	34%	23%	16%	14%	12%	10%	8%	12%
	NET hange	-12	-14	-15	-11	-7	+2	-24	+32	-4	-12	-16	-2	-	-4	-2	+2	+7	-2



		Jun 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023	Jan 2023	May 2021	Jun 2020	Nov 2019	Jul 2019	Jul 2018	Jan 2018	Apr 2017	Nov 2016	May 2016	Nov 2015	May 2015	Dec 2014	
	Improved	9%	12%	18%	13%	10%	4%	2%	4%	6%	4%	3%	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	3%	3%	2%	
•	Worsened	23%	27%	20%	21%	12%	14%	11%	14%	13%	10%	10%	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a	10%	11%	10%	
	NET Change	-14	-15	-2	-8	-2	-10	-9	-10	-7	-6	-7	-5	n/a	n/a	n/a	-7	-8	-8	

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BC ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED – TRACKER



Housing affordability and health care are the most important issues in BC in June 2025, with housing affordability's importance continuing to trend downwards.

Interest and inflation concerns experienced a significant decrease while concerns about the economy and US tariffs and trade sanctions remained steady compared to January 2025.

Crime/public safety and poverty concerns increased in importance this wave.

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		Jun 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
	Housing prices/ Affordability	19%	20%	27%	26%	29%
₩	Health care	19%	17%	17%	20%	14%
-	Economy	9%	10%	8%	6%	6%
	Inflation/rising interest rates	8%	11%	11%	15%	13%
	USA Tariffs/Trade – Sanctions /Trump	8%	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Crime / public safety	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%
• • •	Taxes	4%	6%	6%	5%	3%
	Environment / climate change	4%	5%	5%	5%	8%
	Poverty	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
	Homelessness	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%

		Jun 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
	Opioid/ drug overdose/ poisoning crisis	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%
	Jobs / unemployment	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%
	Education	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
1	Wildfires	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%
<u> </u>	Energy/ pipelines	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Transportation	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
<u></u>	Logging/ forestry practices	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Systemic Racism	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism*	<1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Other	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

^{*}New option in June 2025.

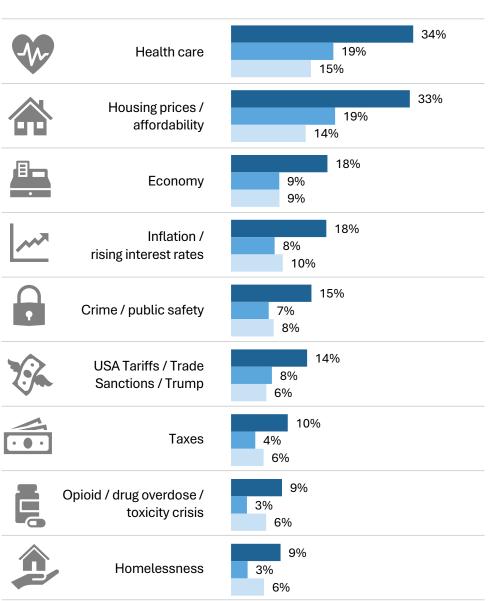


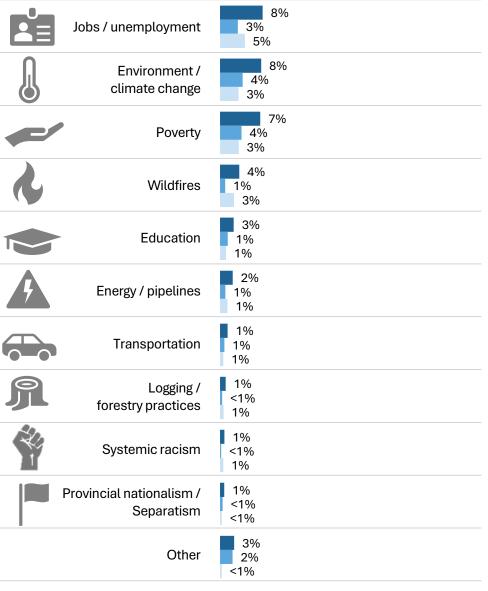
BC ISSUES – TOTAL IMPORTANCE: AIDED

Health Care moved slightly ahead of housing affordability to become the most critical issue overall in BC; both have around onethird of residents considering it a top-two concern for the province.

Almost one-fifth name inflation and rising interest rates and the economy among their top-two concerns.

- NET ImportantMost important
- Second most important







TOP 6 BC ISSUES - TOP 2 MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (May 2025)

	AGE	18-34	35-54	55+
%	Health care	23%	30%	42%
	Housing prices / affordability	36%	39%	27%
	Economy	12%	22%	18%
~~	Inflation / rising interest rates	21%	21%	13%
	Crime / public safety	15%	13%	16%
	USA Tariffs / Trade Sanctions / Trump	6%	11%	21%

P	ROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT	NDP	Green	Conservative
M	Health care	41%	37%	26%
	Housing prices / affordability	37%	19%	30%
	Economy	14%	13%	23%
~~	Inflation / rising interest rates	15%	18%	19%
	Crime / public safety	11%	<1%	22%
	USA Tariffs / Trade Sanctions / Trump	22%	18%	7%

TOP 6 BC ISSUES - MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (May 2025)

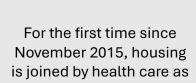
	AGE	18-34	35-54	55+
	Housing prices / affordability	20%	24%	15%
W	Health care	9%	16%	27%
- ·	Economy	6%	11%	9%
	Inflation / rising interest rates	11%	9%	5%
The state of the s	USA Tariffs / Trade Sanctions / Trump	6%	4%	12%
	Crime / public safety	9%	5%	7%

F	PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT	NDP	Green	Conservative
	Housing prices / affordability	21%	14%	17%
W	Health care	22%	19%	15%
	Economy	6%	6%	13%
~~~	Inflation / rising interest rates	6%	13%	9%
	USA Tariffs / Trade Sanctions / Trump	13%	8%	3%
	Crime / public safety	6%	<1%	10%

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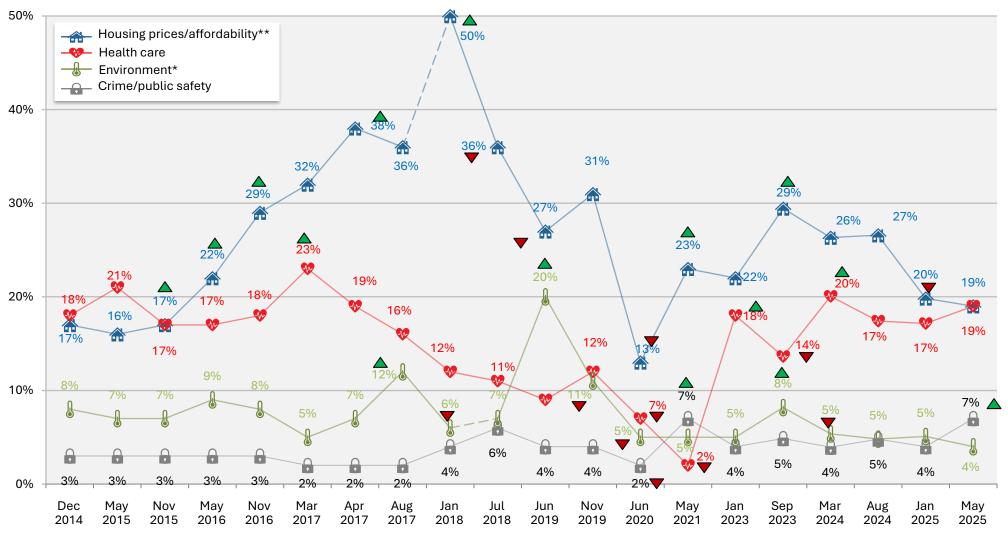


# BC ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED Longer Term Tracking



the top issue.

Concern for crime and public safety has significantly increased in May 2025.



^{*}Wording change from environment in 2018 to environment/climate change in 2019.

^{**} Wording change from housing/ poverty/ homelessness to housing prices/affordability in July 2018. In your view, what is the most important issue facing British Columbia today?

Base: All respondents (Weighted: n= 1,032; Unweighted: n= 1,032)



Approval of Eby's BC NDP government's performance in managing relations with the federal government and preparing for US tariffs/trade sanctions increased significantly in May 2025.

BC residents continue to believe the government is doing a good job at reconciliation with Indigenous peoples/First Nations.









		May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
8	Managing relations with the Federal Government	50%	45%	39%	46%	38%
	Preparing for USA tariffs / trade sanctions^	48%	31%	n/a	n/a	n/a
A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples / First Nations	47%	47%	42%	47%	47%
1	Preparation for wildfire evacuations	43%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Transportation & roads	42%	45%	39%	41%	42%
0 0	Relations between provincial and municipal governments in BC	41%	41%	36%	41%	38%
	Environment / climate change	41%	40%	37%	38%	34%
	Education	37%	40%	40%	38%	39%
	Provincial nationalism / Separatism	40%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Managing BC's crown corporations	37%	35%	35%	36%	29%
•	Energy / pipelines	36%	35%	35%	32%	31%
### ##### #######	Handling on labour negotiations & disputes with industry unions	35%	32%	36%	38%	n/a



May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
27%	28%	31%	28%	24%
31%	32%	n/a	n/a	n/a
24%	25%	25%	20%	20%
29%	25%	29%	n/a	n/a
38%	35%	39%	33%	32%
30%	29%	33%	28%	25%
32%	33%	34%	31%	36%
38%	37%	38%	36%	32%
26%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
39%	42%	39%	36%	32%
36%	36%	36%	36%	35%
35%	36%	31%	28%	n/a

Do you think David Eby and the BC NDP have done a good job or a bad job handling each of the following issues? Base: All respondents (Weighted: n= 1,032; Unweighted: n= 1,032)

[%] Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

# **APPROVAL RATING OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES (cont.)**







		May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
	Economy	35%	31%	32%	35%	33%
	Jobs / unemployment	34%	33%	33%	38%	36%
ALL THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	Systemic racism	32%	34%	34%	34%	32%
• • •	Taxes	32%	28%	25%	26%	26%
	Logging / forestry practices	32%	31%	31%	31%	29%
W-	Health care system	31%	29%	27%	29%	28%
Government spending / Provincial budget		31%	27%	30%	30%	n/a
	Crime / public safety	28%	26%	27%	29%	24%
	Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis	22%	19%	18%	22%	19%
	Poverty	21%	20%	19%	20%	17%
	Housing prices / affordability	19%	20%	19%	21%	14%
	Homelessness	17%	20%	16%	18%	16%



May 2025	Jan 2025	Aug 2024	Mar 2024	Sep 2023
47%	50%	49%	44%	44%
42%	44%	43%	36%	37%
28%	27%	29%	27%	27%
47%	53%	53%	51%	49%
31%	34%	35%	31%	35%
53%	57%	59%	54%	54%
47%	50%	45%	37%	n/a
56%	56%	56%	47%	54%
60%	63%	63%	55%	58%
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64%	65%	65%	61%	69%
66%	63%	66%	61%	65%

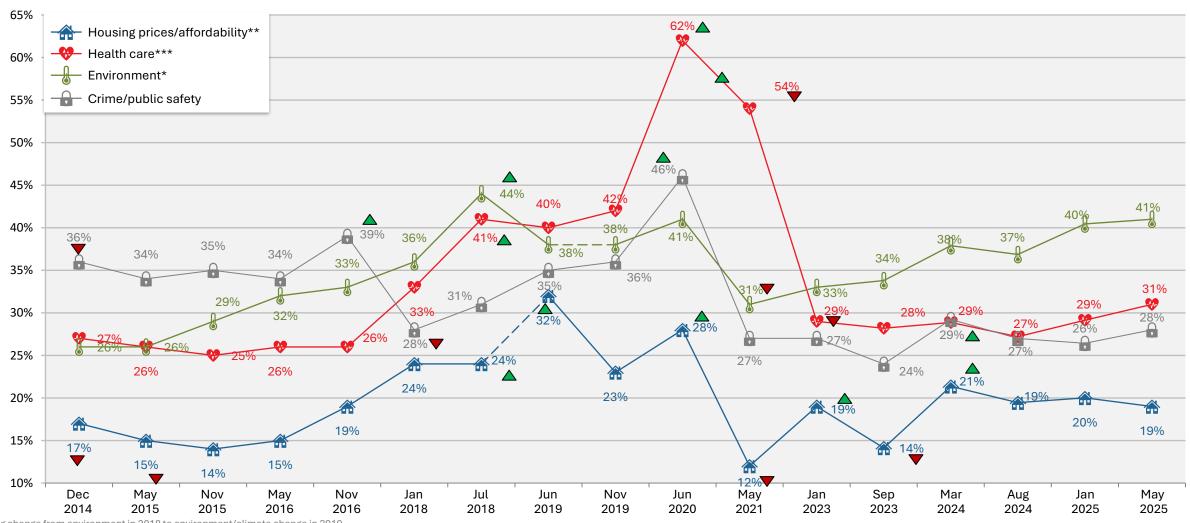
In May 2025, BC residents are less likely to disapprove of how the BC NDP government handles taxes.

Poverty, housing prices/affordability, and the opioid/drug overdose/toxicity crisis are the issues where the current BC NDP government receives the lowest approval ratings.

[%] Statistically significantly higher than previous wave.

[%] Statistically significantly lower than previous wave.

# **APPROVAL RATING OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT ON KEY ISSUES Longer Term Tracking**



^{*}Wording change from environment in 2018 to environment/climate change in 2019.

^{**} Wording change from housing/ poverty/ homelessness to housing prices/affordability in July 2018.

^{***}Wording change from health care to health care system in Sep 2023.

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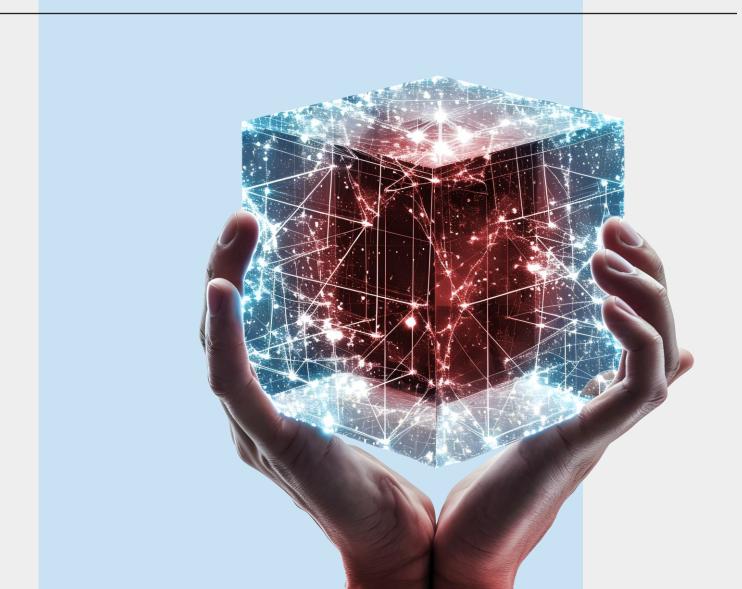


# WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE

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	1,032	1,032
Men	503	502
Women	529	530
Region		
Metro Vancouver	547	498
Vancouver Island	173	209
Rest of BC	312	325
Age		
18 – 34	262	191
35 – 54	326	320
55+	443	521
Voting Intention	866	876
BC NDP	388	442
BC Green Party	94	86
Conservative Party of BC	340	307

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### **Our Credentials**



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