



Government of Alberta Report Card – Pulse Check

January 2026



Methodology



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Online survey among Alberta residents 18 years of age or older: n= 1,003.

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



When

Data collection from January 23-26, 2026

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



Margin of Error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=1,003 yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 3.1\%$ (19 times out of 20) for the total AB sample.



Weighting

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

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Significant Differences

↑ / ↓ indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion than the previous wave.

Data in **green** / **red** indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion relative to the total.

Note that the October 2025 wave of research was conducted on a sample of eligible voters only. Take caution interpreting wave over wave comparisons.



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

Have questions about the data presented in this report? Please contact Andrew Enns, Executive Vice-President, Central Canada at the following e-mail address: aenns@leger360.com

Key Highlights

Some **key highlights** from the omnibus **include...**

Voting Intentions: UCP Widens lead over NDP

- If a provincial election were held today, the United Conservative Party would capture 50% of the vote among decided voters, compared to 37% for the Alberta NDP. Support for the UCP has increased significantly (up 6 points) since October 2025, halting a downward trend for the party that began at the start of 2025.
- Support for the Alberta Party (4%) has increased as of January 2026 .

Public Outlook Holds Steady With still a Majority Feeling Negative About the Province's Direction

- 34% of Albertans believe the province is headed in the right direction, compared to 59% who believe it is on the wrong track; consistent with results from October 2025.
- Men (41% right direction) are notably more positive about the province than women (27%). As are UCP voters (61%) compared to NDP voters (10%).

Healthcare Dominates Alberta's Top Issue Matrix

- Health care continues to be viewed as the most important issue facing Alberta and was cited more than a quarter (27%) of residents as their top concern. This is a 10-point increase over October 2025 results; a significant increase.
- Provincial nationalism/separatism (11%) was ranked the second top issue after increasing significantly by 4 points since October 2025.
- When first and second most important issues are considered, cost of living issues such as economy (18%), inflation/rising interest rates (20%), and housing prices/affordability (15%) emerge alongside healthcare (43%) and provincial nationalism/separatism (18%) to round out the top five overall issues.

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UCP Issue-Specific Approval Has Improved Across Multiple Areas

- Approval rates for energy/pipelines (50%), wildfire response (48%), taxes (36%), and education (32%) are up in January 2026 while disapproval rates for energy/pipelines (35%), wildfire response (32%) and preparation (35%), environment (40%), taxes (49%), and education (58%) are down over the same period.
- Homelessness (21%), poverty (23%), housing prices/affordability (23%), health care system, (24%), and the opioid toxicity crisis (25%) are the areas with the lowest government approval ratings.

Albertans are Split Regarding Their Confidence in the Province's Healthcare System

- 48% report that they are confident their family will be able to access the care they need when they need it, while 49% are not confident.
- Men (53%) and UCP voters (65%) are more likely to be confident in the province's health care system.

A Strong Majority of Albertans Believe Alberta Should Remain Part of Canada

- 71% want Alberta to remain part of Canada, while 18% would prefer it became an independent country. Only 5% believe Alberta should join the United States.
- Women (75%) are more like to believe Alberta should remain part of Canada than men (66%).
- NDP voters resoundingly believe Alberta should remain part of Canada (96%), while UCP voters are split (52%) on the issue.

A Majority of Albertans are Concerned About Separatist Movements in Alberta









- 58% report they are concerned about separatist movements in the province, while 37% are not concerned.
- Concern is much higher among NDP voters (81%) than UCP voters (38%).

Detailed Results - Voting Intentions

Provincial Voting Intentions (Among Decided Voters)

Q. If an Alberta Provincial election were held here in Alberta tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

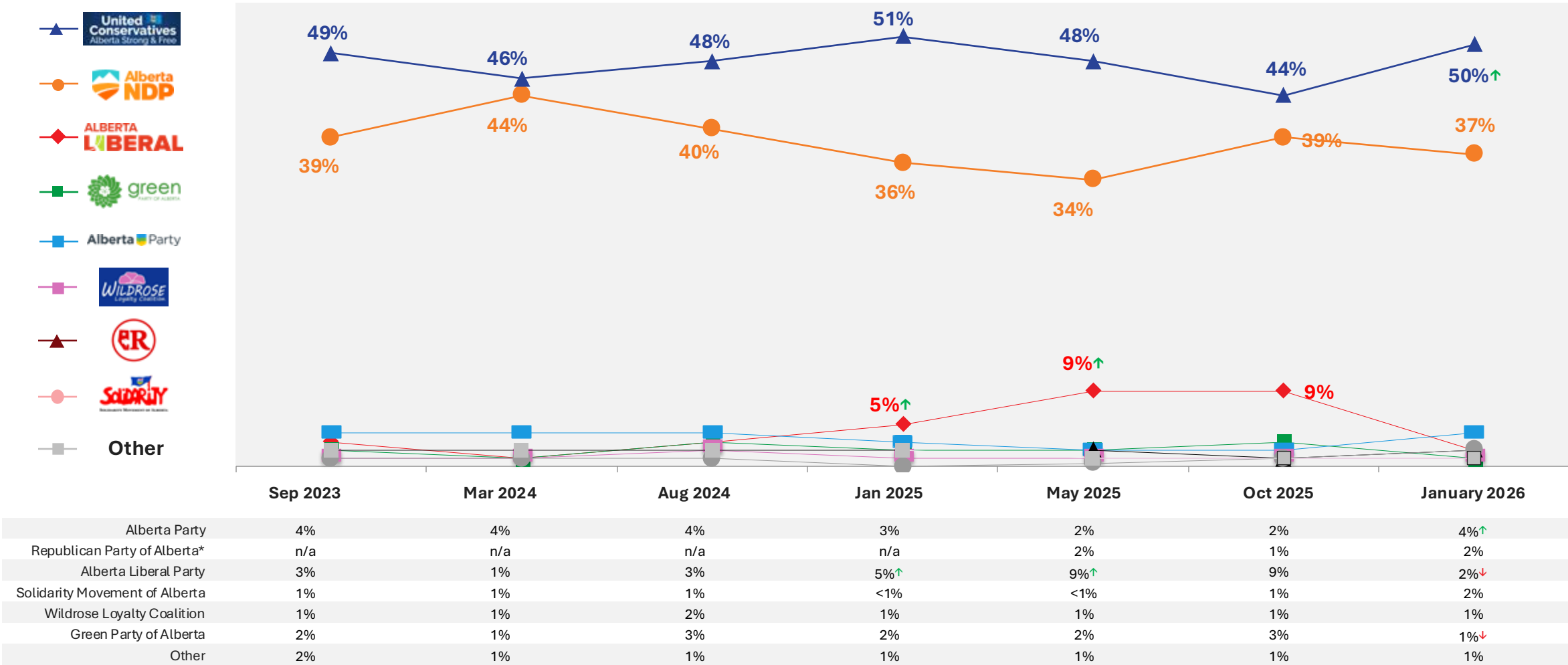
Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n= 823 ; Unweighted: n= 838)

| | | | GENDER | | AGE | | | FEDERAL VOTE | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------------------|-----|
| | | | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Liberal | Conser- vative | NDP |
|  | United Conservative Party | 50% | 49% | 51% | 47% | 51% | 51% | 7% | 82% | 9% |
|  | Alberta NDP | 37% | 35% | 40% | 36% | 35% | 41% | 81% | 8% | 86% |
|  | Alberta Party | 4% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 7% | 3% | - |
|  | Republican Party of Alberta | 2% | 3% | - | 2% | 3% | <1% | - | 3% | - |
|  | Alberta Liberal Party | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 1% | 4% | <1% | 2% |
|  | Solidarity Movement of Alberta | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 1% | - | 2% | 1% |
|  | Wildrose Loyalty Coalition | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | <1% | <1% | 1% | 2% |
|  | Green Party of Alberta | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | <1% | 1% | 1% | - |
| | Other | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | <1% | 1% | - |

Provincial Voting Intentions Over Time (Among Decided Voters)

Q. If an Alberta Provincial election were held here in Alberta tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n= 823 ; Unweighted: n= 838)



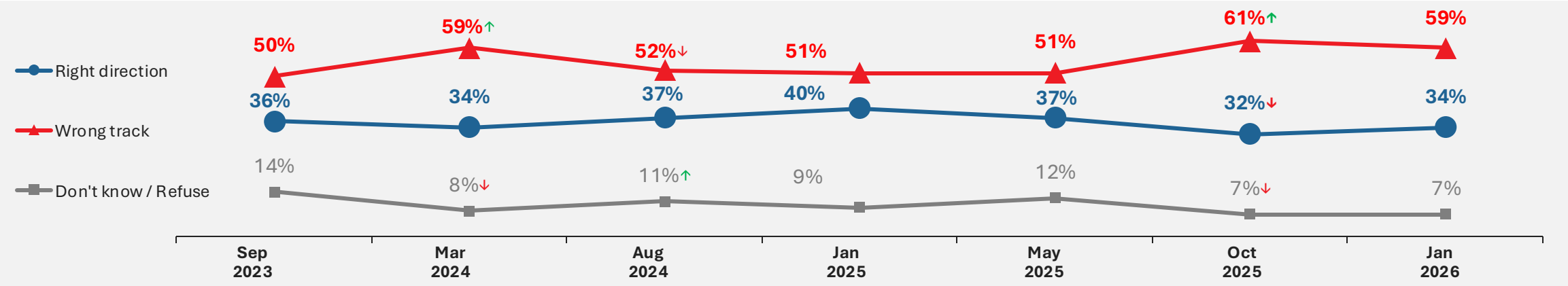
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Detailed Results – Issues Overview

Current Trajectory of Alberta

Q. Taking everything into account how do you feel things are going these days in Alberta? Are things going in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



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| | Total | GENDER | | AGE | | | PROVINCIAL VOTE | |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | NDP | UCP |
| NET Right direction | 34% | 41% | 27% | 38% | 30% | 35% | 10% | 61% |
| Strongly right direction | 7% | 8% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 9% | 1% | 14% |
| Somewhat right direction | 27% | 33% | 21% | 32% | 24% | 26% | 8% | 47% |
| NET Wrong Track | 59% | 55% | 62% | 53% | 61% | 60% | 89% | 33% |
| Somewhat wrong track | 21% | 21% | 21% | 24% | 22% | 17% | 16% | 19% |
| Strongly wrong track | 37% | 34% | 41% | 29% | 39% | 43% | 73% | 13% |

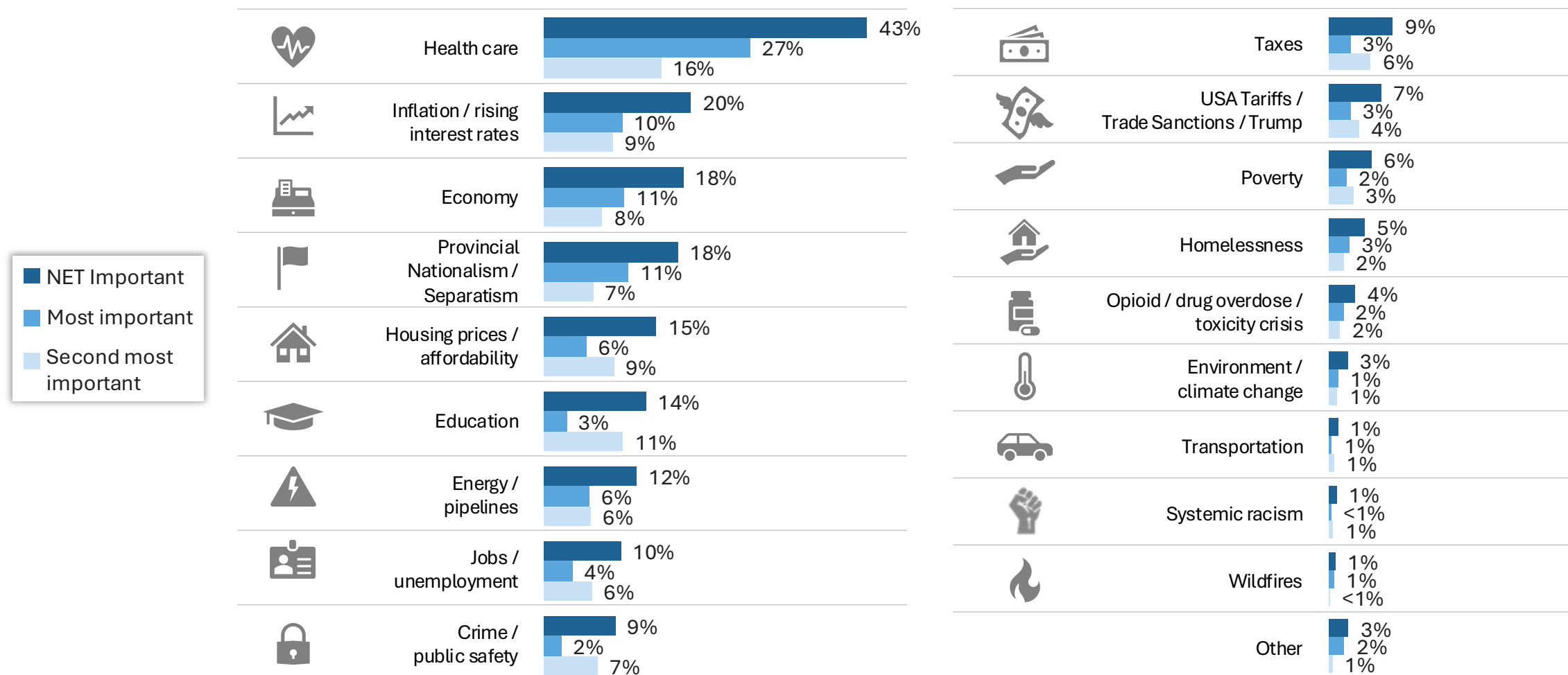
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Alberta Issues – Total Importance: Aided

Q. In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today? What is the second most important issue?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

'Not sure' (1%) responses not shown.



Alberta Issues – Most Important: Aided – Tracker

Q. In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

'Not sure' (1%) responses not shown.

| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Health care | 27%↑ | 17% | 17% | 18% | 20% | 20% | 17% |
| Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 11%↑ | 7% | 8% | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Economy | 11% | 12% | 13% | 11% | 14% | 11% | 11% |
| Inflation / rising interest rates | 10% | 11% | 10%↓ | 15% | 17% | 20% | 22% |
| Energy / pipelines | 6% | 4%↓ | 8% | 5%↑ | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Housing prices / affordability | 6% | 8% | 8%↓ | 12% | 13% | 14% | 13% |
| Jobs / unemployment | 4% | 6% | 5% | 7%↑ | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Education | 3%↓ | 11%↑ | 3% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% |
| Taxes | 3% | 4% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 5% |

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| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| USA Tariffs/ Trade Sanctions / Trump | 3% | 3% | 5%↓ | 8% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Homelessness | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Poverty | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Crime / public safety | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 3% |
| Environment / climate change | 1% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 5% |
| Wildfires | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1%↓ | 4%↑ | 1% | 1% |
| Transportation | 1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | 1% | <1% | - |
| Systemic racism | <1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Other | 2% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% |

Top 6 Alberta Issues – Demographic Breakdown

Q. In your view, what is the most important issue facing Alberta today? What is the second most important issue?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)

Only the United Conservative Party and the Alberta NDP are included in voting intention breakdown due to small sample size for other parties.

TOP 6 ALBERTA ISSUES – MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (Jan 2026)

| | | AGE | | | | | PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | | | NDP | UCP |
| | Health care | 20% | 23% | 38% | | Health care | 42% | 18% |
| | Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 7% | 12% | 14% | | Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 13% | 11% |
| | Economy | 13% | 10% | 9% | | Economy | 5% | 15% |
| | Inflation / rising interest rates | 15% | 13% | 4% | | Inflation / rising interest rates | 8% | 10% |
| | Energy / pipelines | 3% | 5% | 10% | | Energy / pipelines | 1% | 12% |
| | Housing prices / affordability | 7% | 8% | 2% | | Housing prices / affordability | 6% | 5% |

TOP 6 ALBERTA ISSUES – TOP 2 MOST IMPORTANT: AIDED (Jan 2026)

| | | AGE | | | | | PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | | | NDP | UCP |
| | Health care | 32% | 38% | 57% | | Health care | 65% | 30% |
| | Inflation / rising interest rates | 27% | 24% | 10% | | Inflation / rising interest rates | 15% | 22% |
| | Economy | 22% | 14% | 20% | | Economy | 10% | 25% |
| | Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 10% | 17% | 25% | | Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 22% | 15% |
| | Housing prices / affordability | 22% | 16% | 9% | | Housing prices / affordability | 13% | 14% |
| | Education | 10% | 19% | 12% | | Education | 24% | 6% |

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Approval Rating of Current Government on Issues

Q. Do you think Danielle Smith and the United Conservative Party have done a good job or a bad job handling each of the following issues in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



Approval Rate

| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Energy / pipelines | 50%↑ | 42%↓ | 48% | 48%↑ | 42% | 40% | 42% |
| Response to wildfire evacuations | 48%↑ | 42% | n/a | 52% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Preparation for Wildfire Emergencies | 41% | 37%↓ | 43% | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Transportation & roads | 39% | 39% | 39% | 39% | 40% | 37% | 37% |
| Environment / climate change | 38% | 33% | 38% | 38% | 35% | 37% | 35% |
| Managing relations with the Federal Government | 38% | 36% | 38% | 41%↑ | 33% | 34% | 36% |
| Economy | 37% | 33%↓ | 39% | 37% | 34% | 34% | 36% |
| Taxes | 36%↑ | 31% | 34% | 31% | 29% | 29% | 33% |
| Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples / First Nations | 36% | 33% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 32% |
| Preparing for USA tariffs / trade sanctions | 35% | 33%↓ | 39% | 38% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Relations between provincial and municipal governments in Alberta | 35% | 31% | 34% | 35% | 32% | 33% | 34% |
| Crime / public safety | 34% | 31% | 34% | 33% | 32% | 31% | 30% |



Disapproval Rate

| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Energy / pipelines | 35%↓ | 40% | 37% | 32% | 34% | 35% | 34% |
| Response to wildfire evacuations | 32%↓ | 37% | n/a | 28% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Preparation for Wildfire Emergencies | 35%↓ | 41%↑ | 35% | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Transportation & roads | 44% | 45% | 43% | 39% | 39% | 41% | 36% |
| Environment / climate change | 40%↓ | 47% | 42% | 41% | 40% | 42% | 41% |
| Managing relations with the Federal Government | 49% | 51% | 50%↑ | 43%↓ | 49% | 48% | 43% |
| Economy | 50% | 55%↑ | 50% | 46% | 49% | 49%↑ | 42% |
| Taxes | 49%↓ | 54% | 49% | 49% | 52% | 52%↑ | 44% |
| Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples / First Nations | 37% | 40% | 40%↑ | 33% | 32% | 33% | 33% |
| Preparing for USA tariffs / trade sanctions | 45% | 49% | 47%↑ | 38% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Relations between provincial and municipal governments in Alberta | 48% | 52% | 48% | 43% | 45% | 42%↑ | 36% |
| Crime / public safety | 50% | 52% | 47% | 45% | 48% | 47% | 47% |

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Approval Rating of Current Government on Issues (Continued)

Q. Do you think Danielle Smith and the United Conservative Party have done a good job or a bad job handling each of the following issues in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



Approval Rate

| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|---|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Government spending / Provincial budget | 33% | 28%↓ | 37% | 36% | 33% | 30% | n/a |
| Education | 32% ↑ | 24%↓ | 36% | 33% | 31% | 33% | 35% |
| Jobs / unemployment | 31% | 28%↓ | 34% | 35% | 34% | 35% | 35% |
| Systemic racism | 31% | 28% | 31% | 29% | 27% | 27% | 25% |
| Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 30% | 28%↓ | 33% | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Cleaning up orphaned or abandoned oil and gas wells | 27% | 23% | 25% | 27% | 24% | 27% | 26% |
| Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis | 25% | 26% | 29% | 28% | 25% | 22% | 22% |
| Health care system | 24% | 26% | 30% | 28% | 25% | 29% | 30% |
| Housing prices / affordability | 23% | 22% | 26%↑ | 22% | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Poverty | 23% | 21% | 24% | 25% | 22% | 20% | 22% |
| Homelessness | 21% | 21% | 22% | 22% | 20% | 20% | 20% |



Disapproval Rate

| | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | May 2025 | Jan 2025 | Aug 2024 | Mar 2024 | Sep 2023 |
|---|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Government spending / Provincial budget | 53% | 58%↑ | 49% | 45% | 46% | 44% | n/a |
| Education | 58% ↓ | 68%↑ | 49% | 48% | 49% | 47% | 43% |
| Jobs / unemployment | 50% | 56%↑ | 50% | 45% | 45% | 45%↑ | 40% |
| Systemic racism | 38% | 43% | 39% | 34% | 36% | 36% | 38% |
| Provincial Nationalism / Separatism | 52% | 55% | 50% | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Cleaning up orphaned or abandoned oil and gas wells | 41% | 45% | 42% | 39% | 38% | 39% | 39% |
| Opioid / drug overdose / toxicity crisis | 53% | 56%↑ | 48% | 46% | 48% | 51% | 47% |
| Health care system | 67% | 65%↑ | 59% | 59% | 60% | 57% | 53% |
| Housing prices / affordability | 60% | 63%↑ | 57% | 59% | 59% | 61% | 58% |
| Poverty | 58% | 61%↑ | 54% | 53% | 52% | 55% | 52% |
| Homelessness | 59% | 63%↑ | 57% | 54% | 57% | 58%↑ | 53% |

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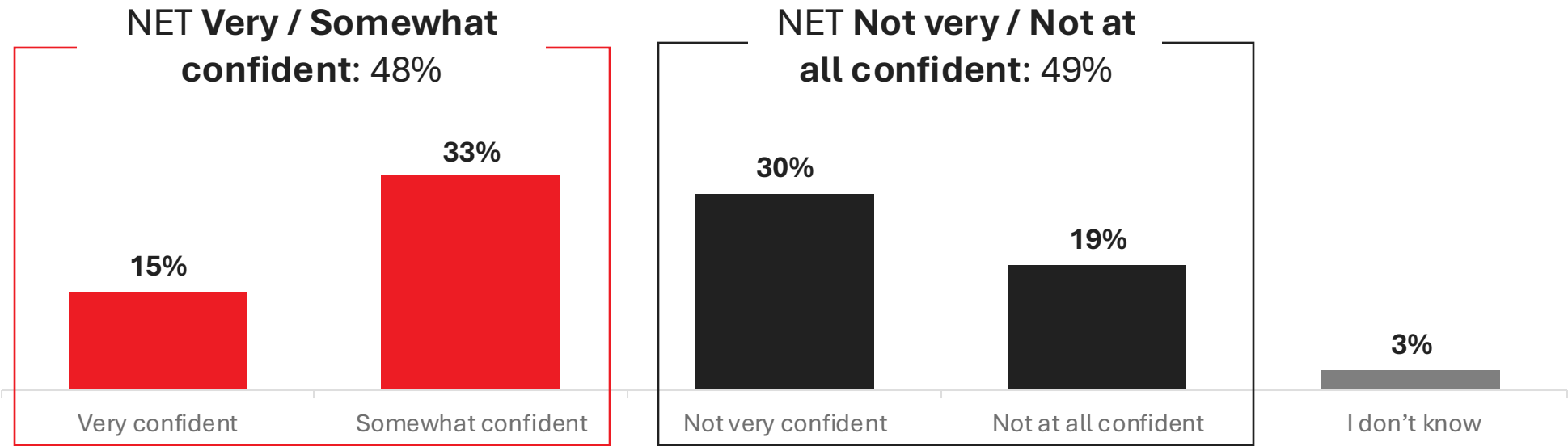
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Detailed Results – Issues Spotlight: Healthcare and Separatism

Confidence in Alberta's Healthcare System

Q. How confident are you that you and your family will be able to access the health care you need when you need it in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



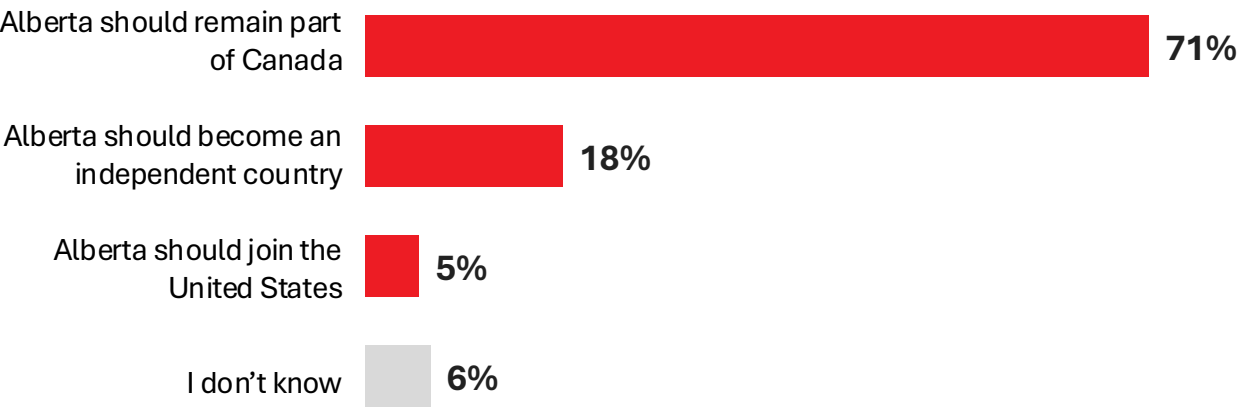
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|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | NDP | UCP |
| NET Very / Somewhat confident | 48% | 53% | 42% | 54% | 45% | 45% | 29% | 65% |
| NET Not very / Not at all confident | 49% | 43% | 55% | 38% | 54% | 53% | 67% | 34% |

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Preferences on Alberta's Sovereignty

Q. Which of the following best reflects your view?

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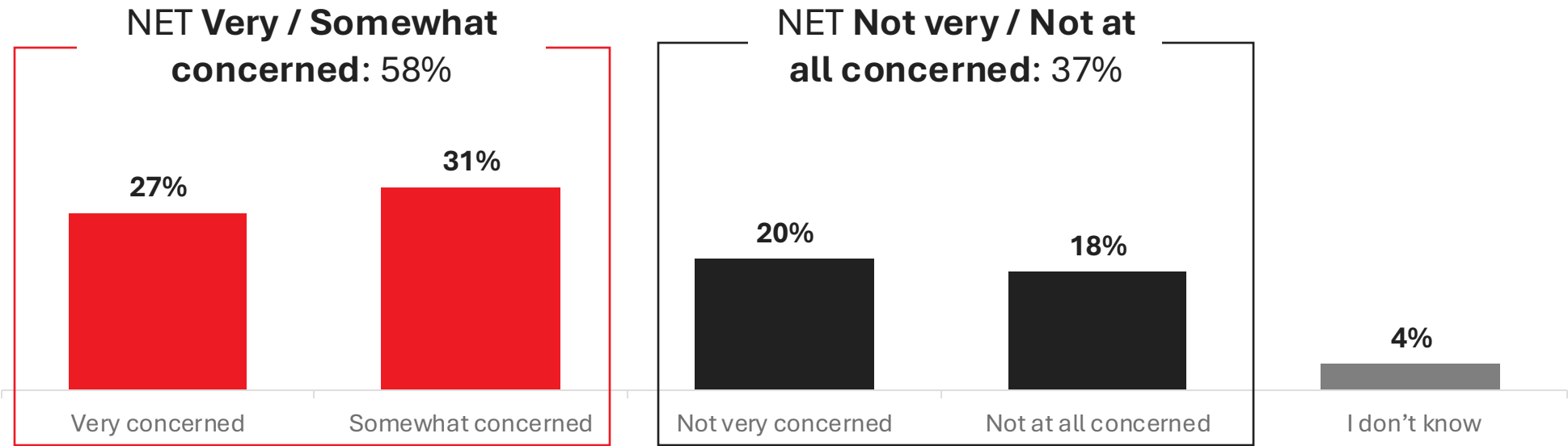
| | Total | GENDER | | AGE | | | PROVINCIAL VOTE | |
|--|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | NDP | UCP |
| Alberta should remain part of Canada | 71% | 66% | 75% | 72% | 69% | 71% | 96% | 52% |
| Alberta should become an independent country | 18% | 22% | 14% | 16% | 19% | 19% | 3% | 31% |
| Alberta should join the United States | 5% | 7% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 1% | 9% |

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Concern Regarding Separatist Movements in Alberta

Q. How concerned, if at all, are you about separatist movements gaining influence in Alberta?

Base: Alberta Residents (Weighted: n= 1,003 ; Unweighted: n= 1,003)



| | Total | GENDER | | AGE | | | PROVINCIAL VOTE | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | NDP | UCP |
| NET Very / Somewhat concerned | 58% | 54% | 62% | 60% | 53% | 62% | 81% | 38% |
| NET Not very / Not at all concerned | 37% | 43% | 33% | 31% | 44% | 36% | 18% | 58% |

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Sample Profile

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AB Residents (Unweighted Base n=1,003; Weighted Base n=1,003 unless noted otherwise)

| Gender | | |
|--------|------------|----------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted |
| Men | 492 | 496 |
| Women | 511 | 507 |

| Age | | |
|-------|------------|----------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted |
| 18-34 | 198 | 288 |
| 35-54 | 300 | 360 |
| 55+ | 505 | 355 |

| Region | | |
|------------|------------|----------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted |
| Calgary | 330 | 351 |
| Edmonton | 322 | 336 |
| Rest of AB | 351 | 316 |

| Federal Vote Intention | | |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted |
| | n=870 | n=853 |
| Liberal Party | 364 | 299 |
| Conservative Party | 413 | 491 |
| NDP | 61 | 51 |

| Provincial Vote Intention | | |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted |
| | n=823 | n=838 |
| UCP | 410 | 347 |
| NDP | 308 | 349 |

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