



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

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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 Feeing 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 likely 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

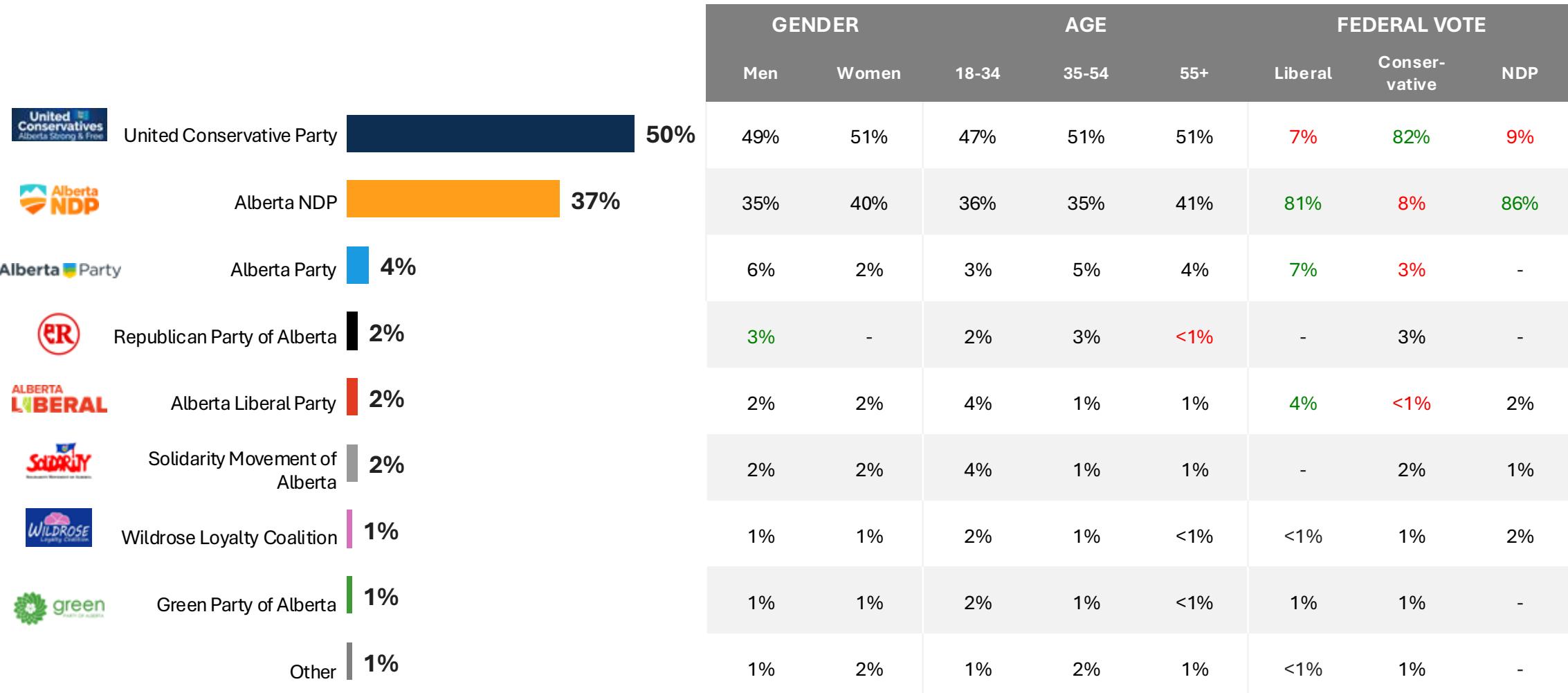
- 58% report they are concerned about separatist movements in the province, while 37% are not concerned.
- Concern is much higher among NDP voters (81%) than UCP voters (38%).

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?

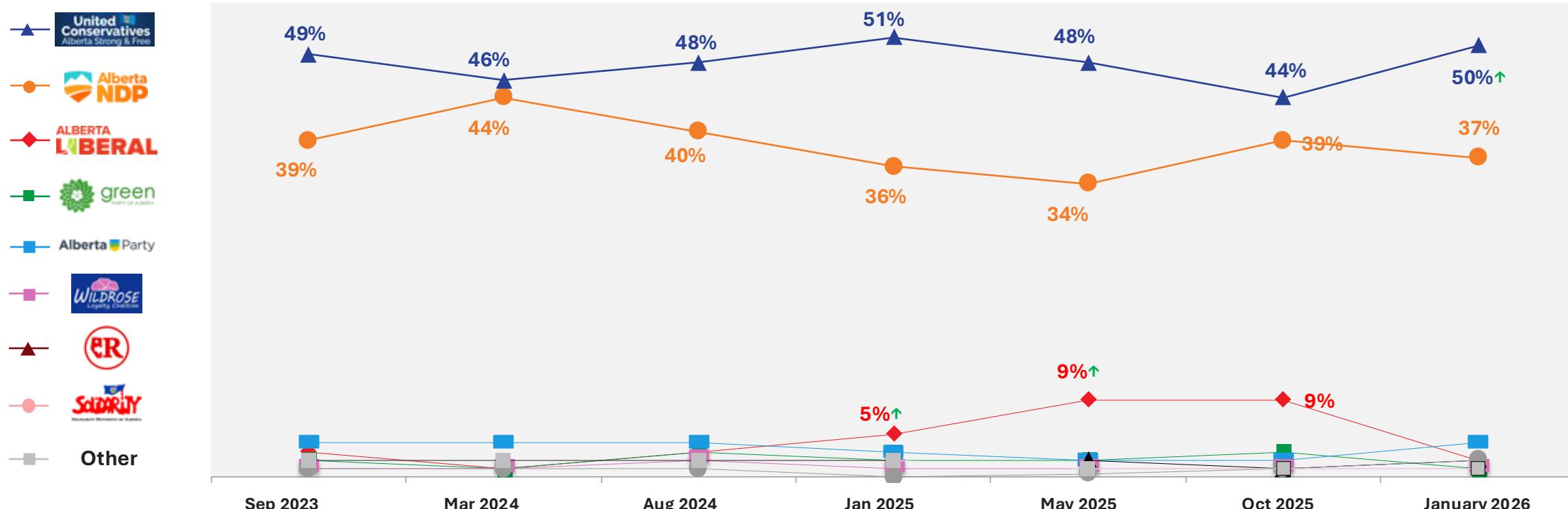
Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n= 823 ; Unweighted: n= 838)



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)



	Sep 2023	Mar 2024	Aug 2024	Jan 2025	May 2025	Oct 2025	January 2026
Alberta Party	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%↑
Republican Party of Alberta*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%	1%	2%
Alberta Liberal Party	3%	1%	3%	5%↑	9%↑	9%	2%↓
Solidarity Movement of Alberta	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	2%
Wildrose Loyalty Coalition	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Green Party of Alberta	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%↓
Other	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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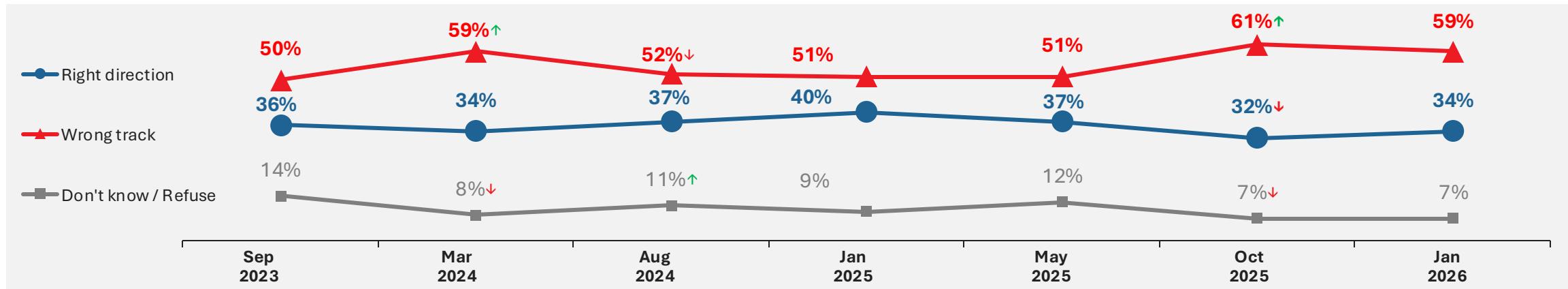
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Detailed Results – Issues Overview

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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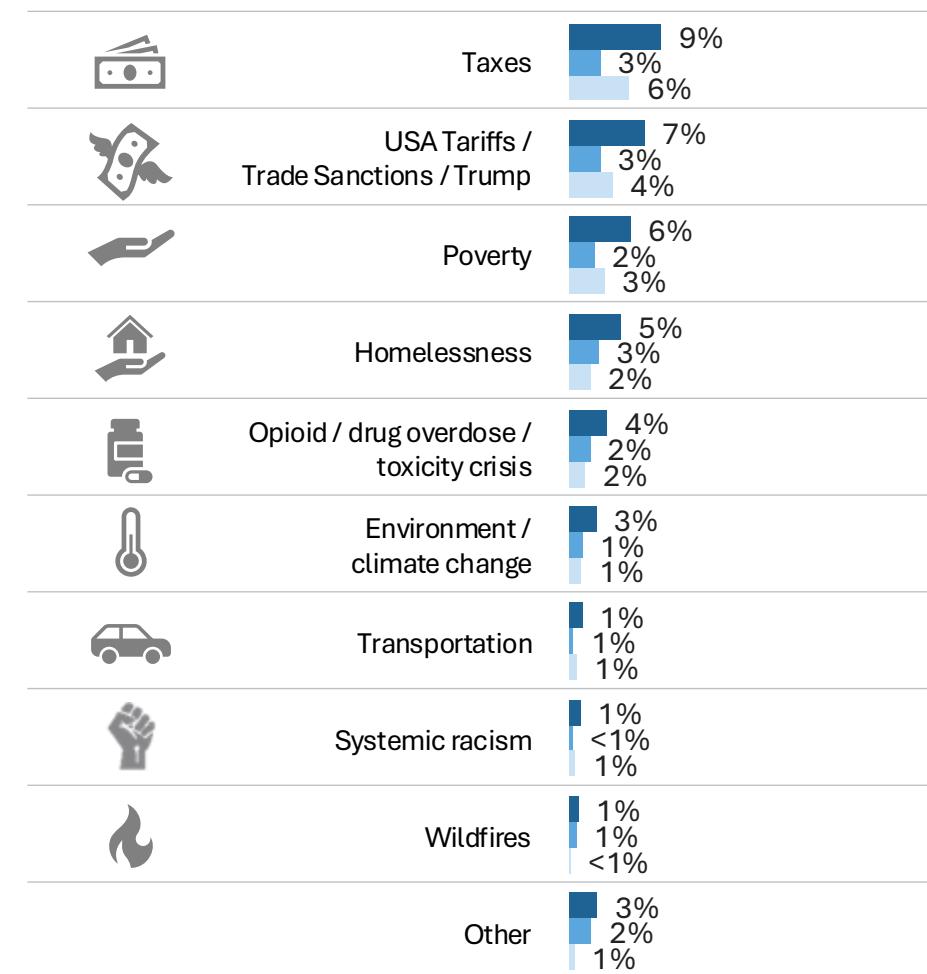
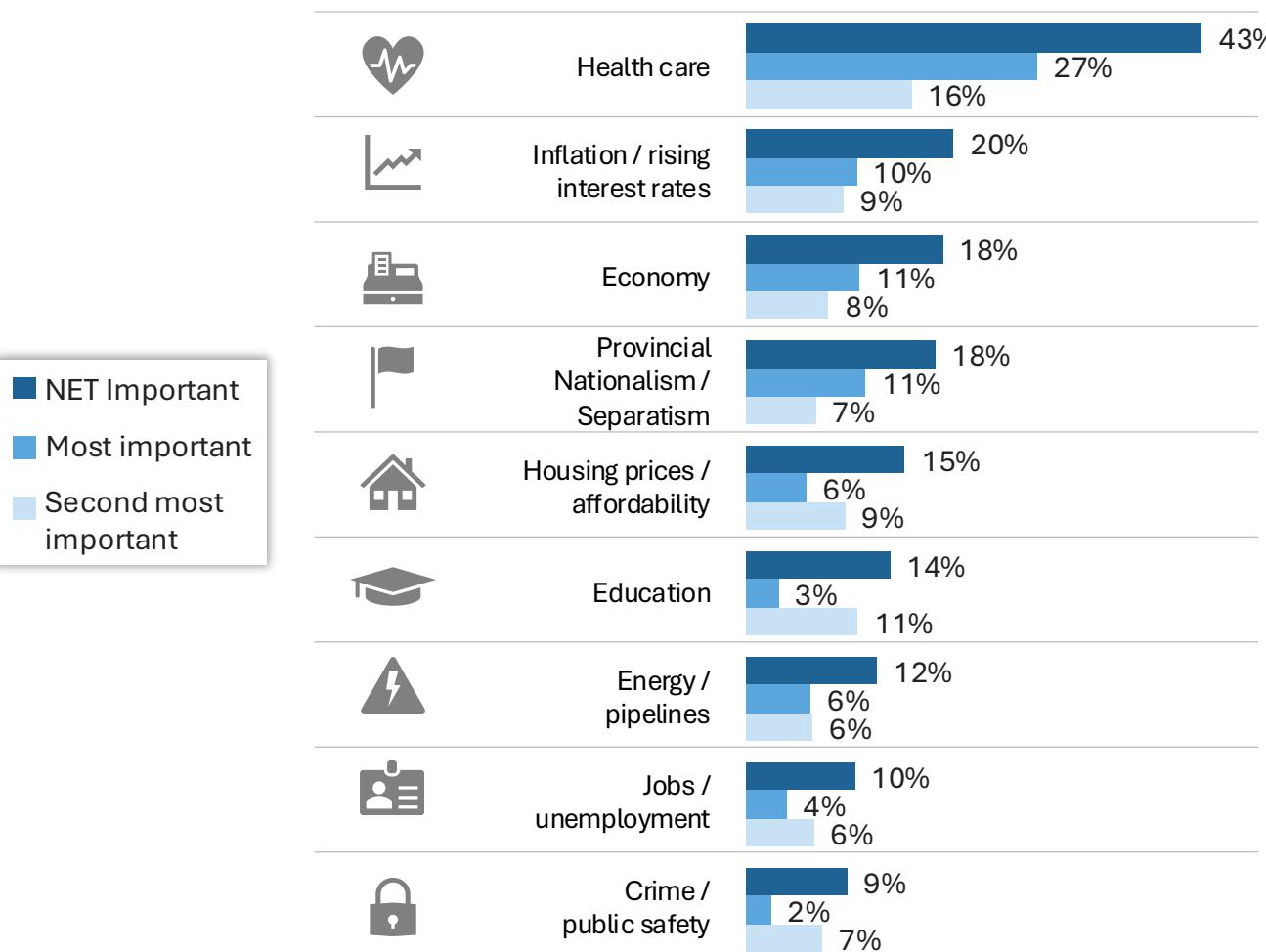
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Alberta Issues – Total Importance: Aided

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	18-34	35-54	55+
Heart icon	Health care	20%	23%	38%
Flag icon	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	7%	12%	14%
Calculator icon	Economy	13%	10%	9%
Graph icon	Inflation / rising interest rates	15%	13%	4%
Bolt icon	Energy / pipelines	3%	5%	10%
House icon	Housing prices / affordability	7%	8%	2%

	PROVINCIAL VOTING INTENT	NDP	UCP
Heart icon	Health care	42%	18%
Flag icon	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	13%	11%
Calculator icon	Economy	5%	15%
Graph icon	Inflation / rising interest rates	8%	10%
Bolt icon	Energy / pipelines	1%	12%
House icon	Housing prices / affordability	6%	5%

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

	AGE	18-34	35-54	55+
Heart icon	Health care	32%	38%	57%
Graph icon	Inflation / rising interest rates	27%	24%	10%
Calculator icon	Economy	22%	14%	20%
Flag icon	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	10%	17%	25%
House icon	Housing prices / affordability	22%	16%	9%
Graduation cap icon	Education	10%	19%	12%

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Heart icon	Health care	65%	30%
Graph icon	Inflation / rising interest rates	15%	22%
Calculator icon	Economy	10%	25%
Flag icon	Provincial Nationalism / Separatism	22%	15%
House icon	Housing prices / affordability	13%	14%
Graduation cap icon	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



Disapproval 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%

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	35% ↓	40%	37%	32%	34%	35%	34%
	32% ↓	37%	n/a	28%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	35% ↓	41% ↑	35%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	44%	45%	43%	39%	39%	41%	36%
	40% ↓	47%	42%	41%	40%	42%	41%
	49%	51%	50% ↑	43% ↓	49%	48%	43%
	50%	55% ↑	50%	46%	49%	49% ↑	42%
	49% ↓	54%	49%	49%	52%	52% ↑	44%
	37%	40%	40% ↑	33%	32%	33%	33%
	45%	49%	47% ↑	38%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	48%	52%	48%	43%	45%	42% ↑	36%
	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
	53%	58% ↑	49%	45%	46%	44%	n/a
	58%↓	68% ↑	49%	48%	49%	47%	43%
	50%	56% ↑	50%	45%	45%	45% ↑	40%
	38%	43%	39%	34%	36%	36%	38%
	52%	55%	50%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	41%	45%	42%	39%	38%	39%	39%
	53%	56% ↑	48%	46%	48%	51%	47%
	67%	65% ↑	59%	59%	60%	57%	53%
	60%	63% ↑	57%	59%	59%	61%	58%
	58%	61% ↑	54%	53%	52%	55%	52%
	59%	63% ↑	57%	54%	57%	58% ↑	53%

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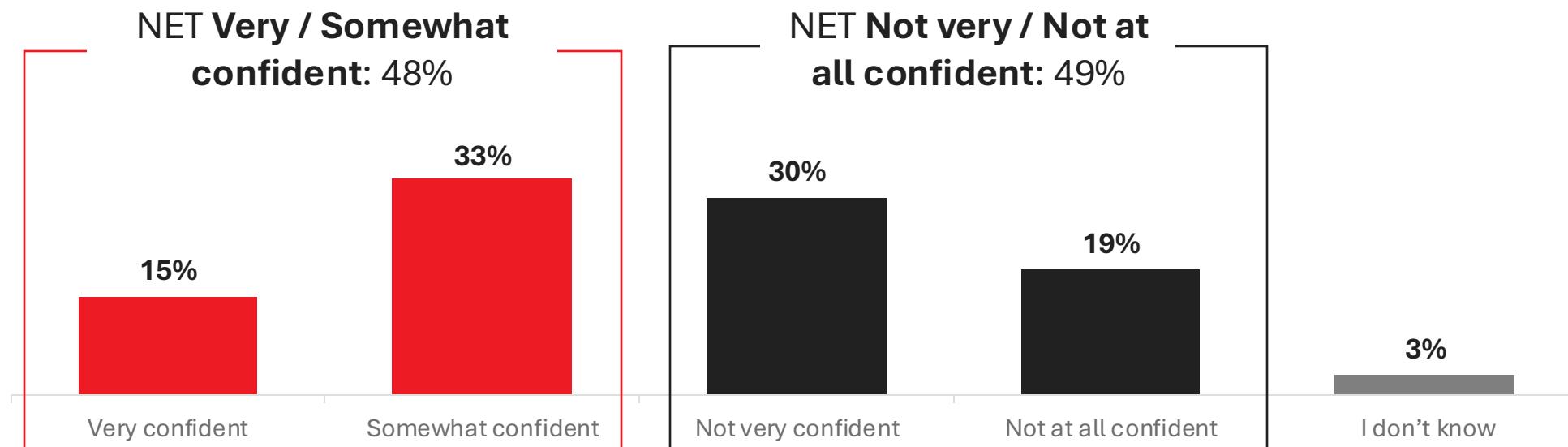
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Detailed **Results** – Issues Spotlight: Healthcare and Separatism

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)



	Total	GENDER		AGE			PROVINCIAL VOTE	
		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%

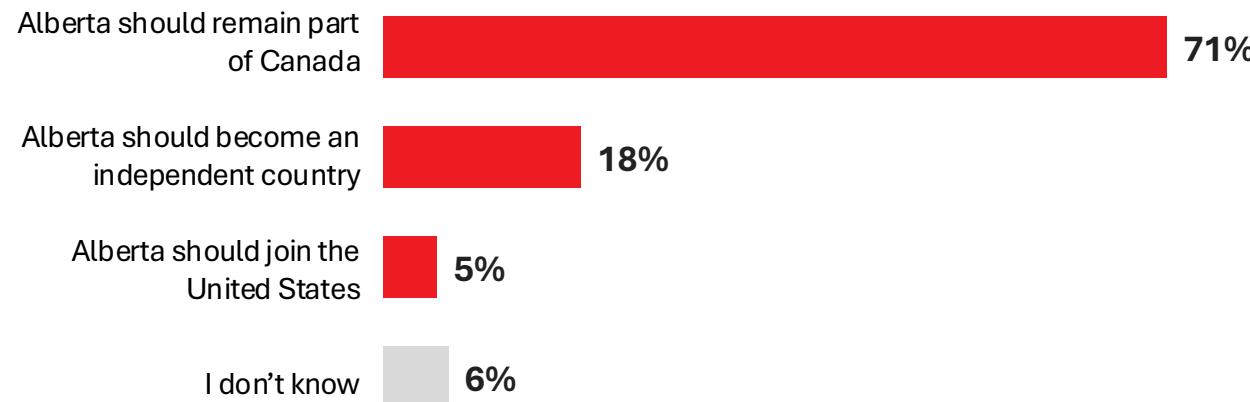
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Preferences on Alberta's Sovereignty

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%

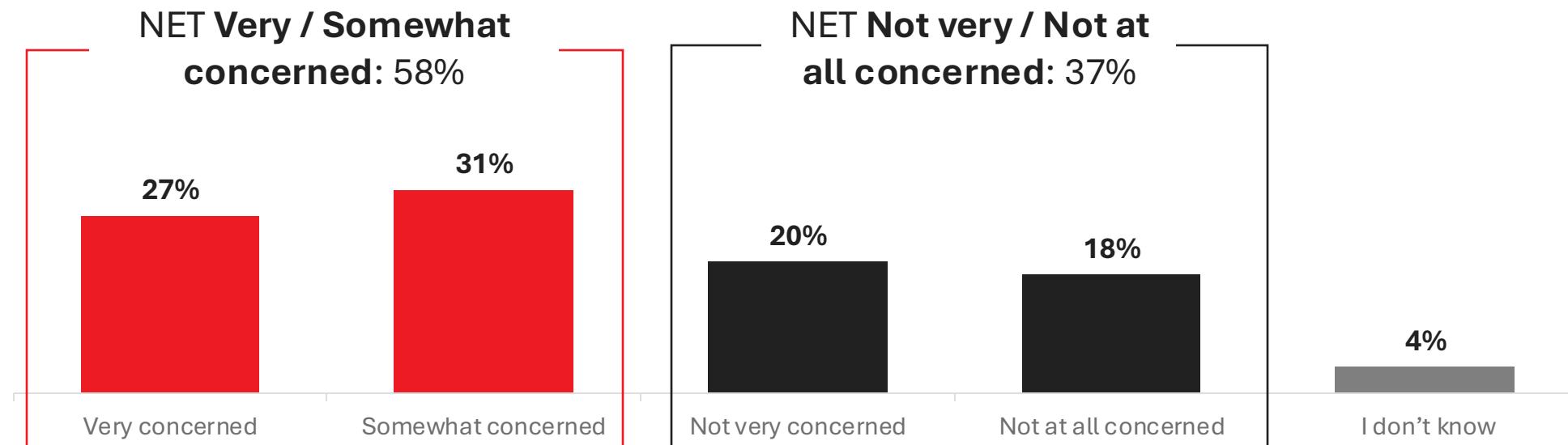
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Concern Regarding Separatist Movements in Alberta

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

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	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

Region

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

Age

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

Federal Vote Intention

	Unweighted	Weighted
	<i>n=870</i>	<i>n=853</i>
Liberal Party	364	299
Conservative Party	413	491
NDP	61	51

Provincial Vote Intention

	Unweighted	Weighted
	<i>n=823</i>	<i>n=838</i>
UCP	410	347
NDP	308	349

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