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Compared to last year, do you expect the federal deficit to be...

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Much Larger	42%	42%	43%	39%	44%	41%	44%	41%	47%	43%	40%	47%	44%	41%
Somewhat Larger	30%	28%	32%	29%	28%	32%	32%	29%	22%	27%	33%	29%	32%	32%
About the Same	12%	14%	10%	16%	13%	11%	11%	13%	19%	12%	12%	9%	8%	12%
Somewhat Smaller	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%
Much Smaller	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%
Not Sure	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	3%	9%	7%	7%	6%	7%

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Compared to last year, do you expect the federal deficit to be...

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Much Larger	42%	36%	52%	43%	52%	43%	33%
Somewhat Larger	30%	27%	31%	33%	24%	37%	38%
About the Same	12%	18%	7%	8%	7%	3%	13%
Somewhat Smaller	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Much Smaller	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Not Sure	7%	7%	5%	9%	11%	7%	9%

Budget 2026 – Pre-budget

Field Dates: November 2–3, 2026

Overall, does it feel like the federal government is spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Too Much	51%	52%	50%	48%	51%	49%	51%	53%	48%	48%	51%	55%	56%	50%
Too Little	14%	13%	16%	9%	16%	14%	15%	13%	18%	17%	12%	13%	14%	15%
About Right	25%	25%	23%	30%	22%	29%	24%	24%	28%	24%	27%	18%	19%	27%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%	13%	11%	8%	11%	10%	6%	11%	10%	14%	12%	8%

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Overall, does it feel like the federal government is spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Too Much	51%	34%	69%	55%	53%	60%	57%
Too Little	14%	17%	11%	16%	17%	2%	14%
About Right	25%	40%	10%	19%	19%	24%	18%
Not Sure	10%	10%	11%	10%	11%	13%	11%

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Do you personally feel affected by the federal deficit?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Strongly Feel Affected	19%	19%	20%	20%	19%	18%	20%	19%	14%	17%	21%	24%	18%	19%
Somewhat Affected	30%	30%	30%	26%	31%	31%	28%	31%	34%	32%	30%	23%	31%	28%
Not Really Affected	29%	30%	27%	36%	29%	29%	29%	28%	29%	30%	28%	35%	29%	27%
Doesn't Matter To Me	13%	12%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%	11%	13%	12%	14%	16%
Not Sure	9%	9%	10%	5%	8%	10%	10%	9%	7%	10%	9%	6%	9%	10%

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Do you personally feel affected by the federal deficit?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Strongly Feel Affected	19%	18%	22%	16%	18%	19%	23%
Somewhat Affected	30%	27%	31%	33%	36%	27%	33%
Not Really Affected	29%	32%	25%	30%	24%	28%	28%
Doesn't Matter To Me	13%	16%	12%	11%	7%	18%	10%
Not Sure	9%	8%	11%	10%	14%	8%	6%

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Do you feel confident that government spending today will benefit people like you in the long run?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Very Confident	12%	12%	12%	13%	14%	12%	11%	11%	11%	14%	12%	7%	11%	12%
Somewhat Confident	29%	30%	29%	29%	28%	28%	29%	31%	36%	28%	29%	33%	29%	30%
Not Very Confident	27%	26%	28%	28%	27%	30%	26%	25%	24%	29%	26%	24%	31%	25%
Not At All Confident	22%	22%	22%	24%	20%	20%	25%	22%	20%	19%	23%	26%	22%	24%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%	7%	11%	10%	9%	11%	9%	11%	11%	10%	7%	9%

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Do you feel confident that government spending today will benefit people like you in the long run?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Very Confident	12%	19%	3%	14%	10%	15%	10%
Somewhat Confident	29%	44%	14%	22%	18%	26%	28%
Not Very Confident	27%	19%	32%	25%	35%	35%	37%
Not At All Confident	22%	8%	43%	25%	26%	18%	15%
Not Sure	10%	10%	8%	14%	11%	5%	10%

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Thinking about the Canadian economy right now, what best describes your mood?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Optimistic	8%	9%	7%	8%	6%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	5%	9%
Cautiously Hopeful	20%	20%	20%	23%	14%	21%	23%	22%	25%	20%	20%	22%	17%	20%
Worried	28%	28%	28%	26%	27%	27%	26%	31%	19%	29%	30%	23%	28%	26%
Pessimistic	18%	19%	17%	20%	23%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	17%	18%	16%	22%
Angry or Frustrated	16%	16%	16%	13%	20%	15%	15%	12%	18%	13%	14%	20%	23%	16%
Indifferent	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	2%
Not Sure	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%

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Field Dates: November 2–3, 2026

Thinking about the Canadian economy right now, what best describes your mood?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Optimistic	8%	14%	1%	6%	5%	11%	4%
Cautiously Hopeful	20%	32%	7%	17%	9%	26%	15%
Worried	28%	25%	29%	35%	34%	29%	26%
Pessimistic	18%	11%	27%	19%	21%	26%	17%
Angry or Frustrated	16%	7%	27%	13%	19%	8%	22%
Indifferent	5%	6%	5%	3%	9%	0%	5%
Not Sure	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	0%	10%

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Is Canada on the right track or the wrong track?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Right track	35%	38%	31%	41%	31%	27%	40%	43%	41%	33%	36%	34%	32%	36%
Wrong track	56%	53%	60%	48%	60%	64%	51%	48%	51%	54%	56%	58%	64%	54%
Not Sure	9%	9%	9%	11%	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	13%	8%	8%	4%	10%

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Is Canada on the right track or the wrong track?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Right track	35%	62%	9%	26%	21%	30%	24%
Wrong track	56%	28%	84%	69%	70%	67%	59%
Not Sure	9%	11%	7%	5%	9%	3%	18%

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Based on what you've heard so far, do you think this year's budget will make Canada's financial situation better, worse, or mostly the same?
Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Better	13%	12%	14%	19%	14%	11%	14%	14%	15%	18%	11%	8%	12%	15%
Worse	26%	26%	27%	22%	25%	31%	26%	23%	20%	23%	27%	32%	29%	27%
Mostly the Same	26%	26%	25%	28%	26%	23%	26%	29%	30%	26%	26%	26%	23%	24%
Not Sure	35%	36%	34%	30%	35%	35%	35%	34%	35%	34%	36%	34%	36%	34%

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Based on what you've heard so far, do you think this year's budget will make Canada's financial situation better, worse, or mostly the same?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Better	13%	23%	5%	9%	10%	5%	7%
Worse	26%	11%	44%	31%	27%	21%	33%
Mostly the Same	26%	30%	21%	24%	31%	24%	26%
Not Sure	35%	37%	30%	36%	33%	50%	34%

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Do you think this budget will make a positive difference in your personal finances over the next year?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Yes, a Significant Difference	7%	7%	6%	11%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%
Maybe a Small Difference	18%	18%	19%	15%	18%	14%	21%	20%	19%	21%	16%	22%	16%	20%
Not At All	38%	38%	39%	34%	40%	39%	37%	35%	31%	34%	41%	41%	41%	34%
Not Sure	37%	37%	36%	40%	36%	40%	35%	37%	44%	38%	35%	31%	36%	39%

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Do you think this budget will make a positive difference in your personal finances over the next year?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Yes, a Significant Difference	7%	12%	1%	8%	2%	8%	3%
Maybe a Small Difference	18%	25%	7%	22%	19%	21%	16%
Not At All	38%	22%	60%	41%	36%	32%	38%
Not Sure	37%	41%	32%	30%	43%	39%	43%

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So far, do you think the opposition parties are responding responsibly to the budget, or mostly playing politics?

Total, gender, age, and region.

	Total	Female	Male	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Alberta	BC
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	482	460	58	270	242	253	235	67	231	387	64	111	139
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	489	465	46	245	248	263	244	68	232	385	64	111	140
Responding Responsibly	26%	26%	26%	23%	28%	23%	25%	28%	31%	25%	25%	23%	31%	27%
Mostly Playing Politics	57%	57%	58%	57%	56%	61%	58%	55%	55%	60%	58%	54%	52%	58%
Not Sure	17%	17%	16%	20%	16%	16%	17%	17%	15%	15%	17%	22%	18%	16%

Budget 2026 – Pre-budget

Field Dates: November 2–3, 2026

So far, do you think the opposition parties are responding responsibly to the budget, or mostly playing politics?

Total and federal voting intention.

	Total	Liberal	Conservative	NDP	BQ	Green/PPC/Other	Undecided
Weighted Sample Size	1,000	401	290	127	53	39	90
Unweighted Sample Size	1,000	402	289	127	54	38	90
Responding Responsibly	26%	11%	44%	29%	24%	26%	34%
Mostly Playing Politics	57%	72%	40%	54%	61%	51%	53%
Not Sure	17%	17%	17%	17%	15%	23%	13%