Canada Pulse Insights

Rogers CityBeat 2026 Poll — Toronto and the GTA — Police budget, bail and public safety

Data collection by Sago

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Weighted results (percentages) with weighted counts; bases shown unweighted and weighted.

Table 1

In the future, do you think the budget for policing in your community should be increased, kept about the same, or reduced?

Proportions: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - B/C - D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N

	Total	Region		Gender		Age			Education			Household income		
	Toronto and the GTA	Toronto	GTA outside Toronto	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and over	High school or less	College or trades	University degree	Under $50K	$50K to $99K	$100K or more
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base: All respondents														
Unweighted Base	1335	510	825	654	676	308	464	563	175	330	821	205	397	604
Weighted Base	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
Increased	413	150	245	210	203	115	133	165	55	89	265	58	115	205
	31%	29%	32%	33%	29%	29%	29%	34%	34%	28%	31%	28%	31%	32%
Kept about the same	794	301	456	364	428	234	266	293	91	210	488	127	227	357
	59%	59%	60%	57%	62%	60%	59%	60%	56%	66%	58%	62%	61%	57%
										K				
Reduced	128	60	62	67	60	44	54	30	16	21	89	20	33	68
	10%	12%	8%	10%	9%	11%	12%	6%	10%	7%	11%	10%	9%	11%
						H	H							
Sigma	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 2

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: Too many repeat violent offenders are being granted bail.

Proportions: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - B/C - D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N

	Total	Region		Gender		Age			Education			Household income		
	Toronto and the GTA	Toronto	GTA outside Toronto	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and over	High school or less	College or trades	University degree	Under $50K	$50K to $99K	$100K or more
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base: All respondents														
Unweighted Base	1335	510	825	654	676	308	464	563	175	330	821	205	397	604
Weighted Base	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
Agree strongly	771	274	463	377	393	180	266	324	98	202	464	118	214	367
	58%	54%	61%	59%	57%	46%	59%	66%	60%	63%	55%	57%	57%	58%
			B				F	FG		K				
Agree somewhat	426	172	233	189	236	144	139	143	43	93	288	58	127	194
	32%	34%	31%	29%	34%	37%	31%	29%	27%	29%	34%	28%	34%	31%
Disagree somewhat	115	54	55	63	50	61	37	18	19	20	77	27	28	56
	9%	11%	7%	10%	7%	15%	8%	4%	12%	6%	9%	13%	7%	9%
						GH	H							
Disagree strongly	23	11	11	12	11	8	11	3	3	6	14	2	5	13
	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
AGREE (NET)	1197	445	696	566	629	324	405	467	141	295	752	176	341	561
	90%	**87%**	**91%**	**88%**	**91%**	**83%**	**89%**	**96%**	**87%**	**92%**	**89%**	**86%**	**91%**	**89%**
			B				F	FG						
DISAGREE (NET)	138	65	66	75	61	69	48	21	22	26	91	29	33	69
	10%	**13%**	**9%**	**12%**	**9%**	**17%**	**11%**	**4%**	**13%**	**8%**	**11%**	**14%**	**9%**	**11%**
		C				GH	H							
Sigma	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 3

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: There needs to be more police officers on our streets

Proportions: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - B/C - D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N

	Total	Region		Gender		Age			Education			Household income		
	Toronto and the GTA	Toronto	GTA outside Toronto	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and over	High school or less	College or trades	University degree	Under $50K	$50K to $99K	$100K or more
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base: All respondents														
Unweighted Base	1335	510	825	654	676	308	464	563	175	330	821	205	397	604
Weighted Base	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
Strongly agree	370	150	202	185	185	100	123	147	52	103	211	59	96	175
	28%	29%	27%	29%	27%	25%	27%	30%	32%	32%	25%	29%	26%	28%
										K				
Somewhat agree	628	221	379	302	326	165	215	248	71	154	400	98	189	279
	47%	43%	50%	47%	47%	42%	47%	51%	44%	48%	47%	48%	50%	44%
								F						
Somewhat disagree	282	113	155	127	152	109	90	83	36	58	187	40	79	142
	21%	22%	20%	20%	22%	28%	20%	17%	22%	18%	22%	19%	21%	22%
						GH								
Strongly disagree	54	26	26	27	27	20	25	10	3	5	44	9	11	34
	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	3%	5%
						H	H				J			
AGREE (NET)	999	371	581	487	511	265	338	396	123	257	612	157	285	454
	75%	**73%**	**76%**	**76%**	**74%**	**67%**	**75%**	**81%**	**76%**	**80%**	**73%**	**76%**	**76%**	**72%**
								FG		K				
DISAGREE (NET)	336	139	180	154	179	128	115	93	39	64	231	48	89	176
	25%	**27%**	**24%**	**24%**	**26%**	**33%**	**25%**	**19%**	**24%**	**20%**	**27%**	**24%**	**24%**	**28%**
						H	H				J			
Sigma	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 4

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: I am afraid of being a victim of violence on public transit.

Proportions: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - B/C - D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N

	Total	Region		Gender		Age			Education			Household income		
	Toronto and the GTA	Toronto	GTA outside Toronto	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and over	High school or less	College or trades	University degree	Under $50K	$50K to $99K	$100K or more
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Base: All respondents														
Unweighted Base	1335	510	825	654	676	308	464	563	175	330	821	205	397	604
Weighted Base	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
Agree strongly	277	130	131	105	172	121	94	63	35	67	172	50	106	104
	21%	26%	17%	16%	25%	31%	21%	13%	22%	21%	20%	25%	28%	17%
		C			D	GH	H					N	N	
Agree somewhat	490	191	275	233	257	155	165	170	58	120	312	77	130	234
	37%	38%	36%	36%	37%	39%	36%	35%	36%	38%	37%	38%	35%	37%
Disagree somewhat	444	149	277	231	211	82	155	208	56	115	269	61	107	226
	33%	29%	36%	36%	31%	21%	34%	43%	34%	36%	32%	30%	29%	36%
			B				F	FG						M
Disagree strongly	123	40	78	71	52	36	40	47	14	19	90	17	31	66
	9%	8%	10%	11%	7%	9%	9%	10%	8%	6%	11%	8%	8%	10%
											J			
AGREE (NET)	768	322	406	338	428	275	259	234	93	187	484	128	236	338
	57%	**63%**	**53%**	**53%**	**62%**	**70%**	**57%**	**48%**	**57%**	**58%**	**57%**	**62%**	**63%**	**54%**
		C			D	GH	H						N	
DISAGREE (NET)	567	188	356	302	262	118	194	255	69	134	359	78	138	292
	43%	**37%**	**47%**	**47%**	**38%**	**30%**	**43%**	**52%**	**43%**	**42%**	**43%**	**38%**	**37%**	**46%**
			B	E			F	FG						M
Sigma	1335	510	762	641	690	393	453	489	162	321	843	205	374	630
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Letters indicate a proportion significantly higher than the lettered column at the 95 percent confidence level (two-tailed), tested on effective bases; columns with fewer than 30 effective cases are not tested.

Toronto, Mississauga and Rest of GTA respondents are weighted within market to 2021 Census age and gender (Rest of GTA also by regional municipality).

The Toronto and the GTA column combines the three markets, and the GTA outside Toronto column combines Mississauga and the rest of the GTA, in proportion to their adult populations; the gender, age, education and income columns are drawn from the Toronto and the GTA column.