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Calgary (85%) and Edmonton (85%) Residents Say Alberta Should Remain a Province of Canada

Asked directly, only 16% in Calgary and 13% in Edmonton want an independent Alberta

Calgary and Edmonton, Canada, October 14, 2026 – A new Canada Pulse Insights poll conducted for Rogers CityNews finds that, when presented with the question that will appear on the ballot in the October 19 provincial referendum, the vast majority of residents of Alberta's two largest cities would vote for Alberta to stay in Canada.

The findings reveal that identical proportions of respondents in Calgary (85%) and Edmonton (85%) choose the ballot option for Alberta to remain a province of Canada, compared with just one in seven in each city (Calgary, 15%; Edmonton, 15%) who say instead that the Government of Alberta should commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether Alberta should separate from Canada.

The poll also put the choice to residents directly, without the option of initiating a legal process to hold a referendum. Asked whether Alberta should remain in Canada or become a sovereign country and cease to be a province of Canada, 16% of Calgarians and 13% of Edmontonians choose a sovereign country, while 84% and 87%, respectively, say Alberta should remain in Canada.

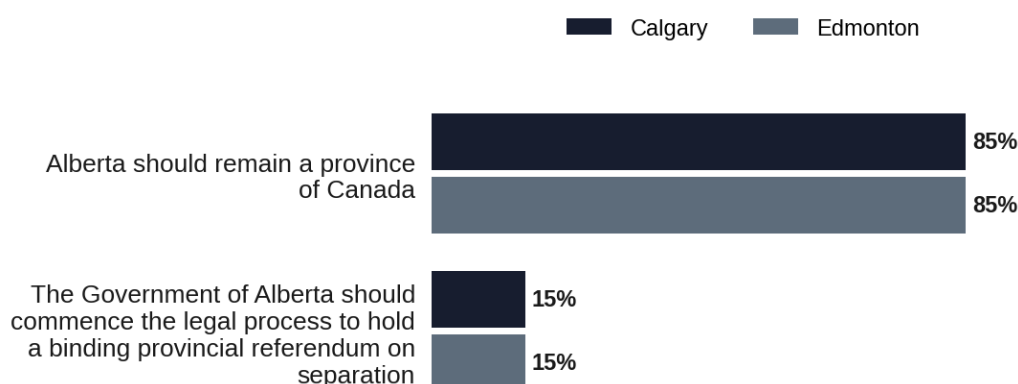
Key findings

- **85%** of Calgarians and 85% of Edmontonians say Alberta should remain a province of Canada when asked the question on the October 19 referendum ballot.
- **15%** of Calgarians and 15% of Edmontonians say the Government of Alberta should commence the legal process to hold a binding provincial referendum on separation.
- **16%** of Calgarians and 13% of Edmontonians say Alberta should become a sovereign country when the choice is put directly; 84% and 87% say it should remain in Canada.
- **85%** of Calgarians who say they will very definitely vote, and 83% of Edmontonians who say the same, choose remaining a province on the ballot question.

On the ballot question, 85% in Calgary and 85% in Edmonton say Alberta should remain a province of Canada

More than eight in ten (85%) Calgarians say Alberta should remain a province of Canada when presented with the question on the October 19 ballot, and 15% say the Government of Alberta should commence the legal process to hold a binding provincial referendum on separation. In Edmonton, 85% say Alberta should remain a province and 15% choose commencing the legal process.

Q. Should Alberta remain a province of Canada, or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?

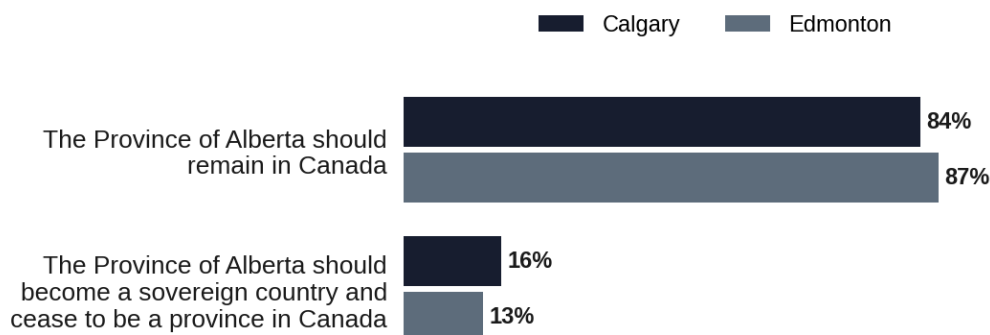


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Asked directly, 16% in Calgary and 13% in Edmonton say Alberta should become a sovereign country

One in six (16%) Calgarians say the Province of Alberta should become a sovereign country and cease to be a province in Canada when asked which of the two options they would choose on a referendum ballot; 84% say it should remain in Canada. In Edmonton, 13% choose a sovereign country and 87% choose remaining in Canada. In Edmonton, men are more likely than women to choose a sovereign country (18% vs 9%).

Q. If you were presented with a referendum ballot and the following was the choice you had to make, which would it be?

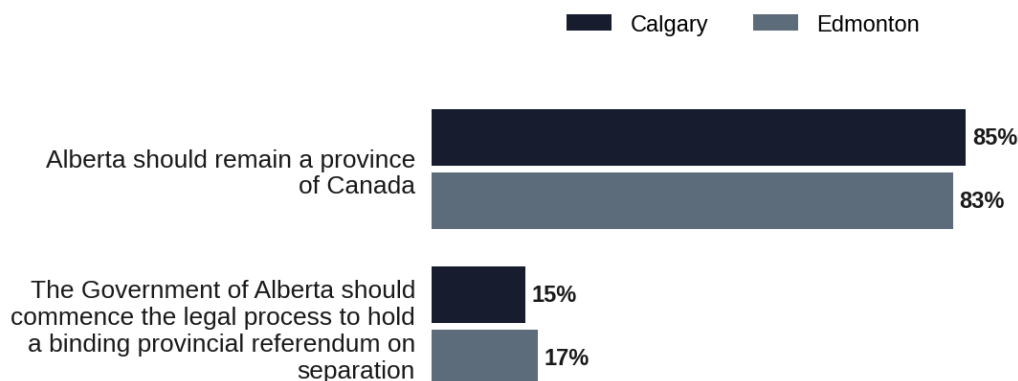


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Among those who say they will definitely vote, 85% in Calgary and 83% in Edmonton say Alberta should remain a province

Among Calgarians who say they will very definitely vote in the referendum, 85% say Alberta should remain a province of Canada and 15% choose commencing the legal process toward a binding referendum on separation; in Edmonton it is 83% and 17%. On the direct choice, 15% of these voters in Calgary and 15% in Edmonton say Alberta should become a sovereign country.

Q. Should Alberta remain a province of Canada, or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?



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About the Survey

This survey was conducted among adult (18+) residents of the City of Calgary (n=401) and the City of Edmonton (n=383), Alberta, by Canada Pulse Insights between September 30 and October 9, 2026. A random sample of adult respondents was invited to complete the survey through an online panel platform managed by Sago, one of the world's largest and most respected sample and panel suppliers. The data were weighted to 2021 Census benchmarks by age and gender within each city; the two cities are reported separately and are not combined. The margin of error for a probability-based sample of this size is ± 4.9 percentage points for Calgary and ± 5.0 for Edmonton, 19 times out of 20. Any discrepancies between the detailed tables and published results are due to rounding.

Both Canada Pulse Insights and Sago are accredited members of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and adhere to its Canadian Code of Market, Opinion, and Social Research and Data Analytics, which incorporates international ESOMAR standards and Canadian public opinion disclosure requirements. The detailed tables and full question wording for this survey are posted on the Canada Pulse Insights website as a companion to this release, consistent with CRIC's transparency standards for research released into the public domain.

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