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Majority of Calgary's Non-Homeowners Say They Will Never Be Able To Own a Home in the City

A new public opinion poll by Canada Pulse Insights for Rogers CityNews reveals deep concerns about housing affordability in Calgary, with a majority of non-homeowners believing they will never be able to own a house or residence in the city.

Among *non-homeowners* in Calgary—who represent 35% of respondents—71% say they will never be able to own a house or residence in the city, while 29% believe ownership is in their foreseeable future. When asked about barriers to home ownership, 72% of these non-homeowners identify the price of houses and condos as being too expensive, even with a down payment, as their greatest challenge, while 28% point to difficulty in saving the right amount for a down payment as their toughest hurdle.

This concern is echoed across all Calgary residents (combined owners and non-owners), with only 33% rating access to an affordable home to buy in the city as "good or great," compared to 67% who rate it as "bad or terrible." Perceptions of affordable rental units are equally negative: 31% rate rental affordability as "good or great," while 69% rate it as "bad or terrible."

Additionally, polling released last week from the same survey found two-thirds (64%) of Calgarians attributing the causes of housing affordability issues more to population pressures brought on by immigration than to developers or landlords seeking additional profits. The remaining group (36%) disagreed with this assertion.

About the Survey

This public opinion poll was undertaken for Rogers CityNews by Canada Pulse Insights. The online survey was administered by the sample and data collection experts at Sago from September 30 to October 6, 2025, among adult (aged 18+) residents of Calgary (n=410). The data has been weighted to represent the adult population based on the most recent census. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size has a margin of error of ±4.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Non homeowners (n=143) carry a margin of error of ±8.2 percentage points. Any discrepancies between the text of this release and the data tables are due to rounding.

Canada Pulse Insights is an independent, Canadian owned public opinion research firm led by veteran pollster John Wright. The company is a member of and

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