

## Executive Summary

Overall, Canadians are ready and want stable funding for public healthcare.
Among the key findings include:

- $65 \%$ of Canadians prefer the Government of Canada give fixed healthcare funding to the provinces compared to $23 \%$ who prefer funding be dependent on the state of the Canadian economy.
- Canadians are more likely to want the Government of Canada to invest a future fiscal dividend in healthcare (45\%) compared to reducing the national debt (37\%) or tax cuts (16\%).
- More than four out of ten Canadians are worried about being able to afford or have access to healthcare as a senior.
- More than six in ten Canadians would be open to paying higher taxes if it meant health homecare costs or drug costs would be covered.

Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20


- Unsure
- Health needs go up in tough times and therefore the federal government should give a fixed share to provinces to meet the needs of their residents
- How much the federal government gives the provinces for healthcare should depend on the health of the economy

QUESTION - There are a number of ways to fund healthcare. Some argue that how much the federal government gives the provinces for healthcare should depend on the health of the economy. The healthier the economy, the higher the transfer to the provinces from the federal government. The weaker the economy, the lower the transfer to the provinces. Others say that health needs go up in tough times and therefore the federal government should give a fixed share to the provinces to meet the needs of their residents. Which of these two views, if either, best reflects your personal opinion?

# Revenue Surplus Priorities [First Ranked Response] 

Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20


QUESTION - At some point in the near future it is expected that the federal government will have a surplus - that is - revenue will exceed expenditures. Of the following three possible priorities, which would you rank the most important and the second most important in terms of what to do with a surplus:

## Healthcare Needs for Seniors <br> Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20

Being able to AFFORD healthcare you will need as a senior


Being able to ACCESS healthcare you will need as a senior - Neutral (4-7) ■ Very worried (8-10) ■Unsure

QUESTION - On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

## Affordable Healthcare

Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20


QUESTION - On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

Being able to AFFORD healthcare you will need as a senior.

## Accessible Healthcare

Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20


QUESTION - On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

Being able to ACCESS the healthcare you will need as a senior.

## Willingness to Pay Higher Taxes <br> Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20

I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered health homecare costs.


QUESTION - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements:

## Higher Taxes to Cover Health Homecare Costs

Source: Nanos Survey, November $19^{\text {th }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ ( $n=1,000$ ), accurate $\pm 3.1$ percentage points 19 times out of 20


QUESTION - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements:

I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered health homecare costs.

High Taxes to Cover Drug Costs


QUESTION - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements:

I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered drug costs.

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Methodology

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This study was conducted by Nanos Research and commissioned by the Canadian Health Coalition.

A national Nanos RDD Crowdsource random survey of 1,000 Canadians was conducted between November $19^{\text {th }}$ and $24^{\text {th }}, 2013$ as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted using the latest Census data.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is $\pm 3.1$ percentage points, 19 times out of 20 .

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|  |  | Question 1 - There are a number of ways to fund healthcare. Some argue that how much the federal government gives the provinces for healthcare should depend on the health of the economy. The healthier the economy, the higher the transfer to the provinces from the federal government. The weaker the economy, the lower the transfer to the provinces. Others say that health needs go up in tough times and therefore the federal government should give a fixed share to the provinces to meet the needs of their residents. Which of these two views, if either, best reflects your personal opinion? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Federal transfers should depend on the provincial economy | Federal transfers should be fixed | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2013-11 | 1000 | 23.2 | 64.5 | 12.3 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 43.4 | 40.0 | 16.6 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 19.2 | 70.8 | 10.0 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 21.3 | 65.9 | 12.8 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 19.8 | 65.7 | 14.5 |
| Gender | British Columbia | 150 | 25.0 | 65.7 | 9.3 |
|  | Male | 498 | 25.2 | 62.9 | 11.9 |
|  | Female | 502 | 21.3 | 66.0 | 12.7 |
|  | 18 to 29 | 206 | 19.2 | 73.4 | 7.4 |
| Age | 30 to 39 | 169 | 21.0 | 57.7 | 21.3 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 24.7 | 64.4 | 10.9 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 25.8 | 63.7 | 10.6 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 25.1 | 62.2 | 12.7 |


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|  |  | Question 2 - At some point in the near future it is expected that the federal government will have a surplus - that is - revenue will exceed expenditures. Of the following three possible priorities, which would you rank the most important and the second most important in terms of what to do with a surplus: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Deliver tax cuts | Make extra payments on the national debt | Invest in improving health care for Canadians | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2013-11 | 1000 | 15.7 | 36.8 | 45.2 | 2.3 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 20.7 | 28.6 | 49.0 | 1.8 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 18.4 | 31.8 | 47.5 | 2.3 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 15.5 | 37.7 | 44.9 | 1.8 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 13.9 | 42.9 | 39.8 | 3.4 |
| Gender | British Columbia | 150 | 10.9 | 40.9 | 46.3 | 1.9 |
|  | Male | 498 | 17.5 | 42.1 | 38.5 | 1.8 |
|  | Female | 502 | 13.9 | 31.6 | 51.8 | 2.7 |
|  | 18 to 29 | 206 | 9.0 | 38.1 | 50.5 | 2.4 |
| Age | 30 to 39 | 169 | 21.0 | 40.8 | 34.5 | 3.7 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 22.0 | 32.9 | 43.5 | 1.6 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 15.4 | 36.2 | 47.1 | 1.3 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 12.5 | 36.9 | 48.1 | 2.4 |

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|  |  | Question 5 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements: I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered health homecare costs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Agree | $\begin{gathered} \text { Somewhat } \\ \text { agree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Somewhat } \\ \text { disagree } \end{gathered}$ | Disagree | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2013-11 | 1000 | 25.3 | 36.4 | 14.2 | 20.0 | 4.1 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 15.7 | 47.5 | 11.5 | 21.4 | 3.9 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 33.1 | 34.3 | 11.9 | 16.9 | 3.8 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 22.9 | 40.9 | 13.2 | 20.4 | 2.6 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 22.3 | 29.2 | 17.1 | 23.7 | 7.6 |
| Gender | British Columbia | 150 | 27.5 | 33.1 | 18.0 | 18.6 | 2.8 |
|  | Male | 498 | 25.2 | 35.1 | 15.1 | 21.4 | 3.1 |
|  | Female | 502 | 25.4 | 37.7 | 13.3 | 18.6 | 5.0 |
|  | 18 to 29 | 206 | 32.6 | 27.3 | 15.7 | 23.4 | 1.1 |
| Age | 30 to 39 | 169 | 16.7 | 35.6 | 17.1 | 22.5 | 8.1 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 24.2 | 37.8 | 11.3 | 20.2 | 6.5 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 24.1 | 40.3 | 13.9 | 19.1 | 2.5 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 27.0 | 40.6 | 13.7 | 15.8 | 2.9 |

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|  |  | Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements: I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered drug costs. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Total | Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree | Unsure |
|  |  | Responses | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage | Percentage |
| Region | Canada 2013-11 | 1000 | 24.5 | 35.2 | 14.3 | 22.5 | 3.5 |
|  | Atlantic Canada | 100 | 21.6 | 44.5 | 14.7 | 15.7 | 3.5 |
|  | Quebec | 250 | 28.9 | 35.7 | 12.1 | 18.4 | 4.9 |
|  | Ontario | 300 | 23.9 | 37.0 | 12.7 | 24.4 | 2.0 |
|  | Prairies | 200 | 24.3 | 25.5 | 16.4 | 29.7 | 4.1 |
| Gender | British Columbia | 150 | 20.8 | 37.3 | 18.3 | 20.3 | 3.3 |
|  | Male | 498 | 27.1 | 33.6 | 13.6 | 22.7 | 3.0 |
|  | Female | 502 | 22.0 | 36.7 | 15.1 | 22.3 | 4.0 |
|  | 18 to 29 | 206 | 38.3 | 28.1 | 9.3 | 21.9 | 2.4 |
| Age | 30 to 39 | 169 | 17.0 | 34.3 | 14.8 | 29.0 | 4.8 |
|  | 40 to 49 | 208 | 22.6 | 34.4 | 14.0 | 24.6 | 4.5 |
|  | 50 to 59 | 178 | 23.7 | 39.0 | 14.8 | 20.1 | 2.4 |
|  | 60 plus | 239 | 20.3 | 39.8 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 3.4 |

