

## Executive Summary

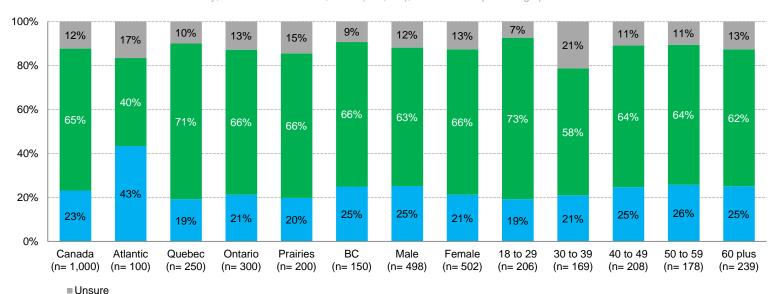
Overall, Canadians are ready and want stable funding for public healthcare. Among the key findings include:

- 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.



## Healthcare Funding

Source: Nanos Survey, November 19th to 24th, 2013 (n=1,000), accurate ±3.1 percentage points 19 times out of 20

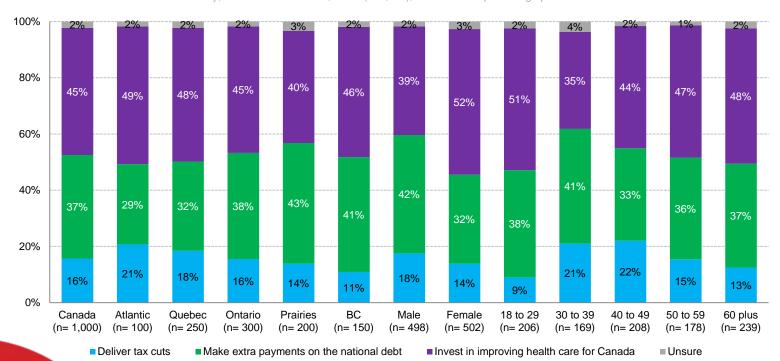


- Health needs go up in tough times and therefore the federal government should give a fixed share to provinces to meet the needs of their residents
- How much the federal government gives the provinces for healthcare should depend on the health of the economy

**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]

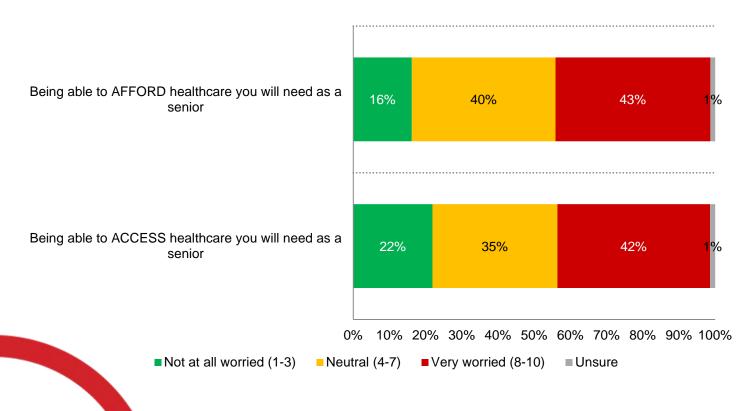
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**QUESTION** – At some point in the near future it is expected that the federal government will have a surplus – that is – revenue will exceed expenditures. Of the following three possible priorities, which would you rank the most important and the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

## Healthcare Needs for Seniors

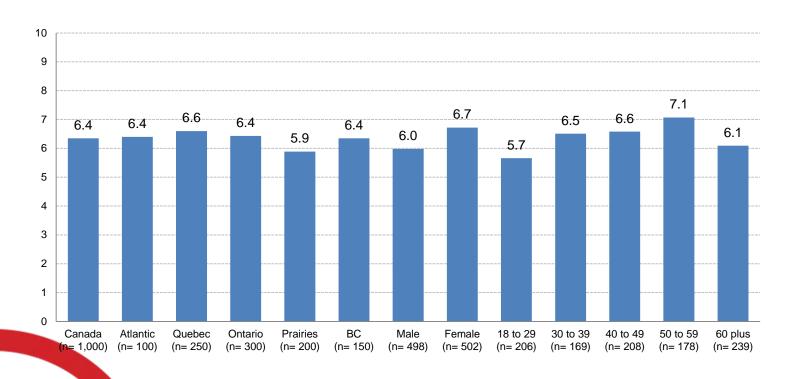
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**QUESTION** – On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

### Affordable Healthcare

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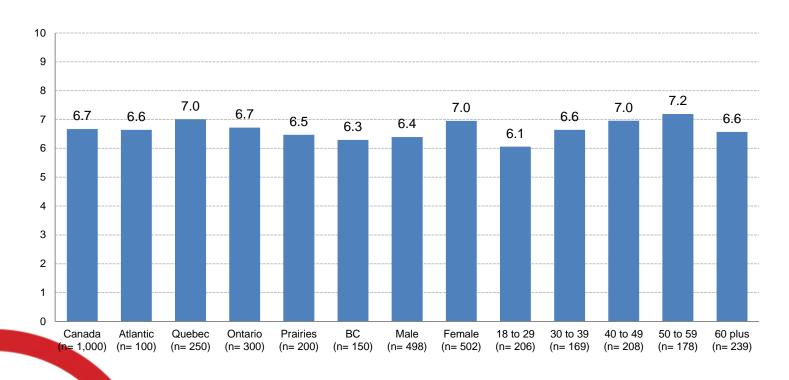


**QUESTION** – On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

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

### Accessible Healthcare

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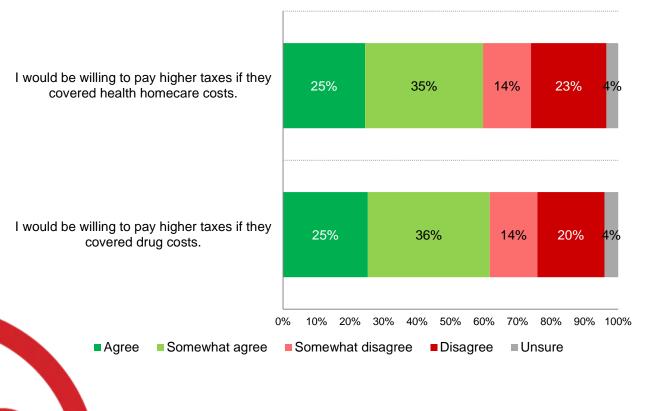


**QUESTION** – On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is very worried how worried or not worried are you about the following:

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

## Willingness to Pay Higher Taxes

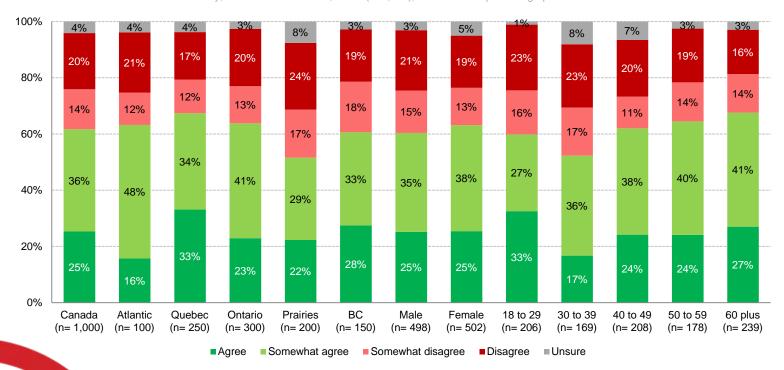
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**QUESTION** – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following statements:

## Higher Taxes to Cover Health Homecare Costs

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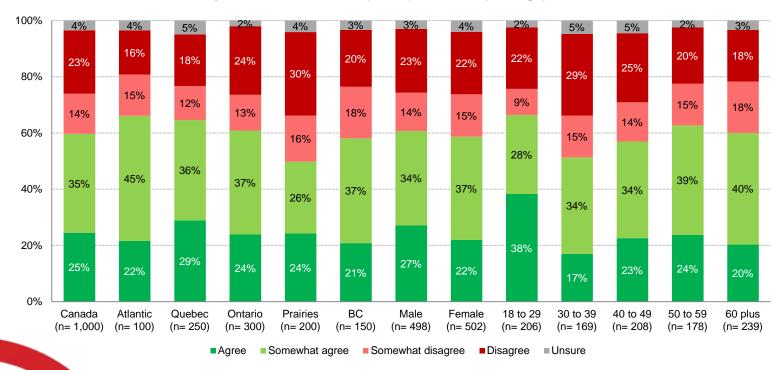




I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered health homecare costs.

# High Taxes to Cover Drug Costs

Source: Nanos Survey, November 19th to 24th, 2013 (n=1,000), accurate ±3.1 percentage points 19 times out of 20





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



# Methodology

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<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 ±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
	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
Region	Ontario	300	21.3	65.9	12.8
	Prairies	200	19.8	65.7	14.5
	British Columbia	150	25.0	65.7	9.3
C l	Male	498	25.2	62.9	11.9
Gender	Female	502	21.3	66.0	12.7
	18 to 29	206	19.2	73.4	7.4
	30 to 39	169	21.0	57.7	21.3
Age	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



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
	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
Region	Ontario	300	15.5	37.7	44.9	1.8
	Prairies	200	13.9	42.9	39.8	3.4
	British Columbia	150	10.9	40.9	46.3	1.9
C I	Male	498	17.5	42.1	38.5	1.8
Gender	Female	502	13.9	31.6	51.8	2.7
	18 to 29	206	9.0	38.1	50.5	2.4
	30 to 39	169	21.0	40.8	34.5	3.7
Age	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



Question 3 - 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

		need as a senior.												
		Tota	ıl	Not at all worried (1)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very worried (10)	Unsure
		Responses	Mean	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Canada 2013-11	1000	6.35	7.7	5.9	8.3	7.2	9.9	5.6	11.8	13.3	8.3	20.6	1.4
	Atlantic Canada	100	6.40	8.6	5.4	8.5	6.8	6.4	4.8	13.9	21.3	3.2	21.1	.0
	Quebec	250	6.60	5.1	7.5	6.7	8.2	10.7	7.5	8.0	9.1	9.3	26.9	1.1
Region	Ontario	300	6.43	7.4	4.3	5.5	8.2	12.6	5.9	11.7	17.7	9.4	16.7	.6
	Prairies	200	5.89	9.8	8.1	10.8	6.6	9.0	5.5	14.3	9.9	5.6	18.7	1.7
	British Columbia	150	6.35	9.3	3.9	12.7	4.5	7.0	2.7	13.5	10.7	11.3	20.3	4.1
Caradan	Male	498	5.98	10.9	6.2	9.3	5.7	10.5	6.7	12.5	13.1	6.3	17.4	1.3
Gender	Female	502	6.72	4.6	5.6	7.2	8.6	9.3	4.5	11.1	13.5	10.2	23.8	1.5
	18 to 29	206	5.66	9.3	8.8	12.6	9.8	10.1	6.1	7.2	9.6	6.9	17.3	2.4
	30 to 39	169	6.51	7.1	3.1	5.1	5.9	13.1	9.3	13.5	14.4	6.3	19.1	3.1
Age	40 to 49	208	6.58	7.8	6.3	4.5	6.6	10.7	2.2	15.2	16.5	9.0	21.3	.0
	50 to 59	178	7.07	3.5	4.2	6.7	7.8	6.2	5.0	13.2	14.6	10.3	27.2	1.2
	60 plus	239	6.09	9.8	6.2	11.1	5.9	9.8	6.1	10.7	11.9	8.8	19.2	.7



Question 4 - 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.

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		Tota	ıl	Not at all worried (1)	2	. 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very worried (10)	Unsure		
		Responses	Mean	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage		
	Canada 2013-11	1000	6.67	5.8	4.3	6.1	5.4	9.9	7.5	16.9	14.6	7.2	21.0	1.3		
	Atlantic Canada	100	6.64	8.7	3.7	4.0	7.8	6.0	8.1	14.3	19.2	6.1	21.0	1.1		
	Quebec	250	7.01	4.0	4.4	6.7	4.9	8.0	8.2	15.0	12.8	7.2	28.1	.7		
Region	Ontario	300	6.72	5.6	2.4	5.6	5.3	12.2	7.7	15.0	20.2	8.7	16.8	.6		
	Prairies	200	6.47	5.3	6.0	4.5	5.9	12.9	7.1	22.6	10.2	5.2	19.2	1.2		
	British Columbia	150	6.29	8.3	6.1	9.9	4.0	7.0	6.4	17.9	8.9	7.7	19.7	4.1		
Caradan	Male	498	6.39	7.8	4.4	6.4	4.7	10.7	7.7	19.8	14.2	5.8	17.3	1.2		
Gender	Female	502	6.95	3.9	4.2	5.9	6.0	9.0	7.3	14.1	14.9	8.6	24.6	1.4		
	18 to 29	206	6.06	8.5	2.4	6.1	8.5	15.2	8.5	22.8	7.2	2.4	16.0	2.4		
	30 to 39	169	6.64	4.7	7.5	6.2	6.5	6.6	7.6	14.9	13.1	7.1	22.8	3.1		
Age	40 to 49	208	6.96	7.0	3.0	4.3	3.1	8.6	4.0	22.1	16.9	7.5	22.9	.5		
	50 to 59	178	7.19	2.5	1.5	7.2	4.6	7.6	11.9	12.9	15.7	9.8	25.5	.8		
	60 plus	239	6.57	5.9	6.8	6.8	4.4	10.4	6.4	11.6	19.1	9.3	18.9	.3		



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	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	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
Region	Ontario	300	22.9	40.9	13.2	20.4	2.6
	Prairies	200	22.3	29.2	17.1	23.7	7.6
	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
Gender	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
	30 to 39	169	16.7	35.6	17.1	22.5	8.1
Age	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



Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree with the following

		statements: I wou	statements: I would be willing to pay higher taxes if they covered drug costs.							
		Total	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Unsure			
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage			
	- 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			
Region	Ontario	300	23.9	37.0	12.7	24.4	2.0			
	Prairies	200	24.3	25.5	16.4	29.7	4.1			
	British Columbia	150	20.8	37.3	18.3	20.3	3.3			
C I	Male	498	27.1	33.6	13.6	22.7	3.0			
Gender	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			
	30 to 39	169	17.0	34.3	14.8	29.0	4.8			
Age	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			