# A strong majority of Canadians think the Canada-US border should remain closed for the foreseeable future

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#### **SUMMARY**



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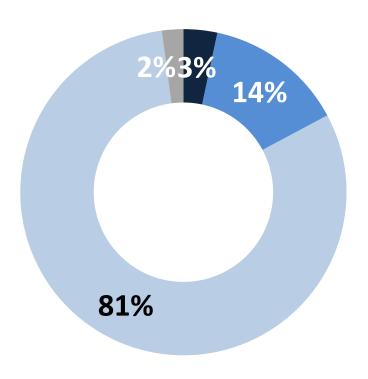
More than eight in ten Canadians think the Canada-US border should stay closed for the
foreseeable future — A strong majority of Canadians think the Canada-US border should stay
closed for the foreseeable future (81%), while 14 per cent think it should be opened now only in
areas where infection rates are low, and three per cent think it should be opened immediately.
Two per cent are unsure. There is strong support for the border remaining closed across regions,
and age groups.

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### Opening the Canada-US border





- Should be opened immediately
- Should be opened now only in areas where infection rates are low
- Should stay closed for the foreseeable future
- Unsure

	Should stay closed for the foreseeable future
Atlantic (n=100)	89.7%
Quebec (n=252)	79.4%
Ontario (n=339)	80.9%
Prairies (n=203)	76.2%
British Columbia (n=155)	83.9%
Male (n=555)	77.7%
Female (n=494)	83.5%
18 to 34 (n=270)	80.7%
35 to 54 (n=393)	79.6%
55 plus (n=386)	81.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Weighted to the true population proportion.

**QUESTION** – The Canada-U.S. border has been closed to non-essential land travel since March 21 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Going forward, do you think the border should be re-opened for non-essential immediately, reopened now only in areas where infection rates in Canada and the U.S. are low, or stay closed for the foreseeable future?

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Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

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This is one (1) report of four (4).

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#### **TECHNICAL NOTE**

Element	Description	Element	Description					
Research sponsor	The Globe and Mail	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to					
Population and Final Sample Size	1,049 Randomly selected individuals.	Weighting of Data	ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure					
Source of Sample	Nanos Hybrid Probability Panel (confirm with John)	Companie	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a					
Type of Sample	Probability	political party prior to administering the survey integrity of the data.						
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell					
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Demographics	lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.					
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.					
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Estimated Response Rate	11 percent, consistent with industry norms.					
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Order	This was the only question asked on this topic.					
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.		Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views					
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question Content	on political issues, views on economic issues, real estate, China and COVID-19.					
Field Dates	June 28 <sup>th</sup> to July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.					
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.  Nanos Research  Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any sensores.					
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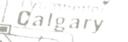


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## **TABULATIONS**





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#### 2020 - 1676 - Globe and Mail/Nanos Survey - June OMNI - US Border - STAT SHEET

		-	Region						Ge	nder	Age		
			Canada 2020-07	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - The Canada-U.S. border has been closed to non-essential land travel since March 21 because of the	Total	Unwgt N	1049	100	252	339	203	155	555	494	270	393	386
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
COVID-19 pandemic. Going forward, do you think the border	Should be opened immediately	%	3.4	0.0	3.4	2.8	4.9	4.4	3.8	2.9	3.9	5.0	1.5
should be re-opened for non-essential immediately, reopened now only in areas where infection rates in Canada and the U.S. are low, or stay closed for the foreseeable future?	Should be opened now only in areas where infection rates are low	%	13.8	10.3	13.2	14.9	16.0	11.0	16.2	11.6	12.6	13.8	14.7
	Should stay closed for the foreseeable future	%	80.7	89.7	79.4	80.9	76.2	83.9	77.7	83.5	80.7	79.6	81.6
	Unsure	%	2.1	0.0	4.1	1.4	3.0	0.6	2.3	1.9	2.8	1.5	2.2