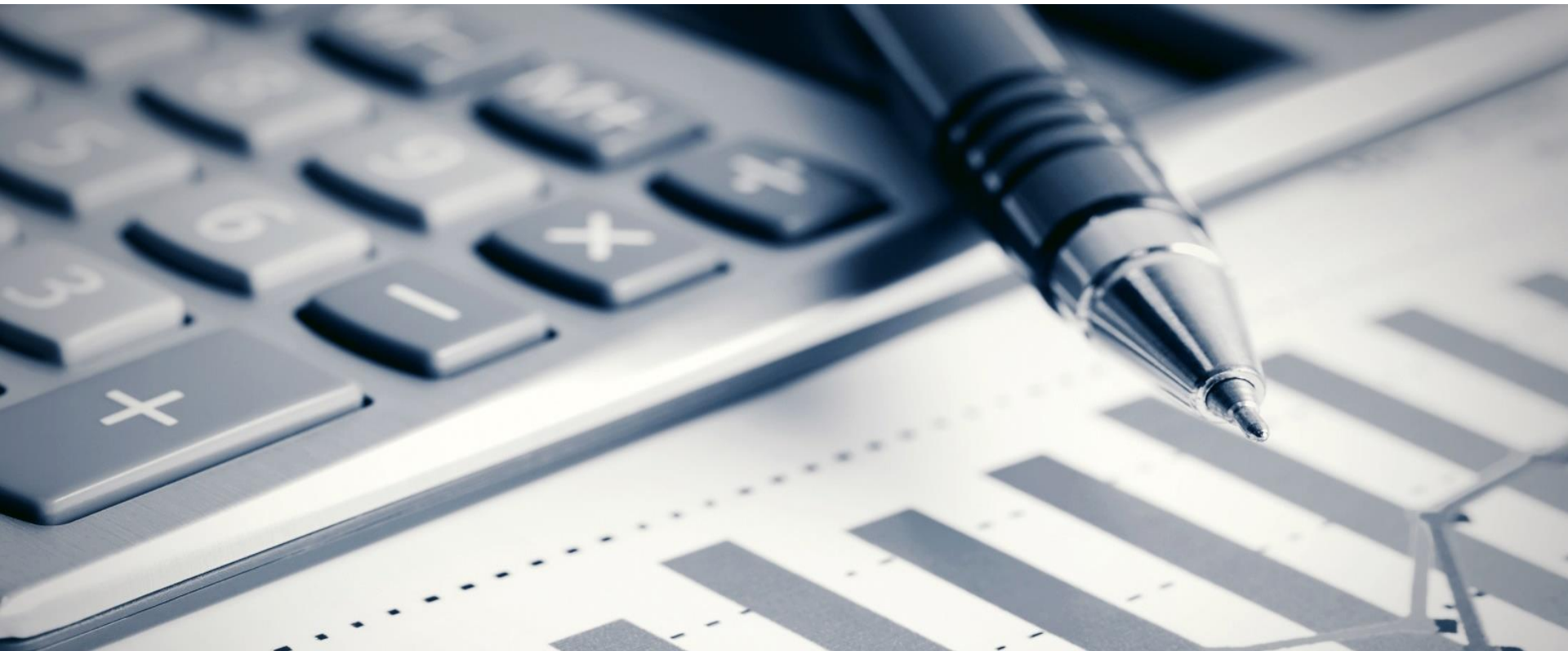


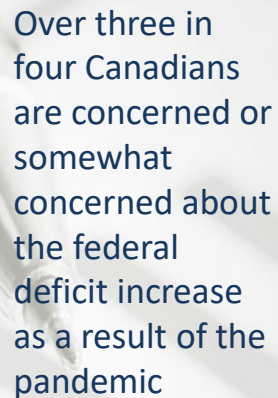
# Canadians concerned about the federal deficit increase in pandemic wake

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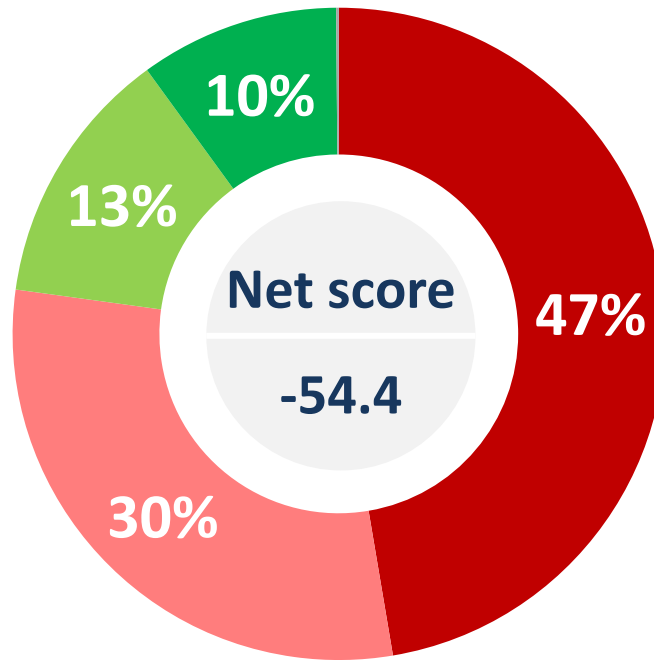
A strong majority of Canadians are concerned or somewhat concerned about the federal deficit increasing as a result of the pandemic.

- **Over three quarters of Canadians are concerned or somewhat concerned about the federal deficit increase** – A majority of Canadians are concerned (47%) or somewhat concerned (30%) about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion as a result of the pandemic, while just over two in ten are not concerned (10%) or somewhat not concerned (13%).
- **Canadians from the Prairies most likely to say they are concerned about the increased deficit** – Canadians from the Prairies are more likely to say they are concerned (62%) about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion because of the pandemic than Canadians from the Atlantic region (41%) or Quebec (42%).
- **Men are more likely than women to say they are concerned about the increased deficit** – Over one in two men say they are concerned (55%) about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion because of the pandemic, while one in five women (40%) say the same.

These observations are based on an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,039 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# Concern over federal deficit increase as a result of pandemic



■ Concerned  
■ Not concerned  
■ Somewhat concerned  
■ Unsure  
■ Somewhat not concerned

	Concerned/ somewhat concerned
Atlantic (n=104)	77.1%
Quebec (n=253)	77.1%
Ontario (n=314)	75.3%
Prairies (n=212)	83.5%
British Columbia (n=156)	74.0%
Male (n=556)	80.3%
Female (n=483)	74.2%
18 to 34 (n=236)	77.8%
35 to 54 (n=365)	76.3%
55 plus (n=438)	77.5%

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.  
 \*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**QUESTION** – Are you concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat not concerned or not concerned about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion because of the pandemic?

# Concern over federal deficit increase as a result of pandemic – By region

	Canada (n=1039)	Atlantic (n=104)	Quebec (n=253)	Ontario (n=314)	Prairies (n=212)	British Columbia (n=156)
Concerned	47.3%	41.1%	42.0%	45.7%	62.1%	44.4%
Somewhat concerned	29.8%	36.0%	35.1%	29.6%	21.3%	29.6%
Somewhat not concerned	12.8%	14.2%	15.0%	12.5%	9.3%	14.1%
Not concerned	9.9%	8.7%	7.4%	12.2%	7.2%	11.9%
Unsure	0.1%	-	0.6%	-	-	-

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# Concern over federal deficit increase as a result of pandemic – By age and gender

	Canada (n=1039)	Male (n=556)	Female (n=483)	18 to 34 (n=236)	35 to 54 (n=365)	55 plus (n=438)
Concerned	47.3%	55.1%	39.8%	46.8%	50.6%	44.9%
Somewhat concerned	29.8%	25.2%	34.3%	31.0%	25.7%	32.7%
Somewhat not concerned	12.8%	11.3%	14.3%	12.1%	13.3%	12.9%
Not concerned	9.9%	8.4%	11.3%	10.1%	10.4%	9.3%
Unsure	0.1%	-	0.3%	-	-	0.3%

**QUESTION** – Are you concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat not concerned or not concerned about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion because of the pandemic?





Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,039 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

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

The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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# TECHNICAL NOTE

Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	1,039 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Hybrid Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.0percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
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.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	August 31 <sup>st</sup> to September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
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.
Estimated Response Rate	Thirteen percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues and views on economic issues.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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# TABULATIONS

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**2020-1708B – CTV/Nanos Survey – Concern for Federal Deficit - STAT SHEET**

			Region						Gender		Age		
			Canada 2020-09	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Question - Are you concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat not concerned or not concerned about the federal deficit increasing from about \$30 billion to over \$340 billion because of the pandemic?	Total	Unwgt N	1039	104	253	314	212	156	556	483	236	365	438
		Wgt N	1000	67	233	384	183	133	490	510	273	341	386
	Concerned	%	47.3	41.1	42.0	45.7	62.1	44.4	55.1	39.8	46.8	50.6	44.9
	Somewhat concerned	%	29.8	36.0	35.1	29.6	21.3	29.6	25.2	34.3	31.0	25.7	32.7
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	Not concerned	%	9.9	8.7	7.4	12.2	7.2	11.9	8.4	11.3	10.1	10.4	9.3
	Not sure	%	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3