



Majority believe there should be a mandatory age of retirement for elected officials.

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Nanos Research was retained by CTV News to conduct research among Canadians on the topic of retirement age for politicians.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,035 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between July 29th to August 1st, 2024 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online.

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KEY FINDINGS

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MAJORITY OF CANADIANS BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

About three quarters of Canadians believe there should be a minimum retirement age for elected officials, most often saying it should either be 70 years of age (26%) or 75 years of age (25%), while under one in five saying it should be 65 years of age (17%). About one in five say there should not be a mandatory retirement age as long as they win elections (21%).

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QUEBEC RESIDENTS MORE LIKELY TO SAY THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE SHOULD BE OLDER (75 OR 80 YEARS OF AGE) THAN RESIDENTS OF THE PRAIRIES

Quebec residents were more likely to say the mandatory retirement age for elected officials should be older (31% say 75 years of age, nine per cent say 80 years of age) than residents of the Prairies (22% say 75 years of age, two per cent say 80 years of age).

Mandatory retirement age for elected officials

Q – As you know, politicians serve as long as they are elected by voters. What should be the mandatory retirement age, if any, for elected officials? [RANDOMIZE]

	Total (n=1035)	Atlantic (n=84)	Quebec (n=231)	Ontario (n=352)	Prairies (n=216)	BC (n=152)	Men (n=551)	Women (n=484)	18-34 (n=167)	35-54 (n=362)	55 plus (n=506)
70 years of age	25.6%	24.4%	23.7%	24.8%	27.8%	28.9%	22.5%	28.7%	24.3%	26.4%	25.9%
75 years of age	25.3%	23.1%	31.2%	24.3%	22.4%	23.2%	26.3%	24.5%	21.3%	24.7%	28.4%
There should be no retirement age as long as they win elections	21.0%	22.3%	23.9%	19.2%	18.3%	24.0%	22.5%	19.5%	21.8%	21.2%	20.3%
65 years of age	16.6%	19.9%	9.6%	20.8%	19.2%	11.8%	15.1%	18.1%	20.7%	18.5%	12.5%
80 years of age	5.5%	3.6%	9.0%	4.9%	2.0%	6.5%	5.8%	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%	8.3%
55 years of age	2.5%	1.0%	1.6%	2.3%	6.0%	0.9%	4.2%	0.9%	6.0%	1.6%	0.9%
Unsure	3.4%	5.7%	1.0%	3.6%	4.3%	4.6%	3.6%	3.2%	3.0%	3.5%	3.6%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, July 29th to August 1st, 2024, n=1035, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

METHODOLOGY

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

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Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.



Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	1035 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage 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	July 29 th to August 1 st , 2024.
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. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) 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 (2021) 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	Nine 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, 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

2024-2640 - CTV News - July Omni - Politician - STAT SHEET

Methodology: Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online survey of 1035 Canadians, 18 years of age and older, between July 29th and August 1st, 2024. The margin of error for a survey of 1035 Canadians is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Note: Responses with a sample size of less than 30 have been suppressed
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Question - As you know, politicians serve as long as they are elected by voters. What should be the mandatory retirement age, if any, for elected officials?
 [RANDOMIZE]

		Region					Gender		Age			
		Canada				British						
		2024-08	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus
Total	Unwgt N	1035	84	231	352	216	152	551	484	167	362	506
	Wgt N	1000	67	231	388	175	139	490	510	267	322	411
55 years of age	%	2.5	1.0	1.6	2.3	6.0	0.9	4.2	0.9	6.0	1.6	0.9
65 years of age	%	16.6	19.9	9.6	20.8	19.2	11.8	15.1	18.1	20.7	18.5	12.5
70 years of age	%	25.6	24.4	23.7	24.8	27.8	28.9	22.5	28.7	24.3	26.4	25.9
75 years of age	%	25.3	23.1	31.2	24.3	22.4	23.2	26.3	24.5	21.3	24.7	28.4
80 years of age	%	5.5	3.6	9.0	4.9	2.0	6.5	5.8	5.1	2.7	4.1	8.3
There should be no retirement age as long as they win elections	%	21.0	22.3	23.9	19.2	18.3	24.0	22.5	19.5	21.8	21.2	20.3
Unsure	%	3.4	5.7	1.0	3.6	4.3	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.6