



Support for clearing homeless encampments outweighs opposition.

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This survey gauged the views of Canadians on their level of support towards clearing out homeless encampments in parks and public spaces.

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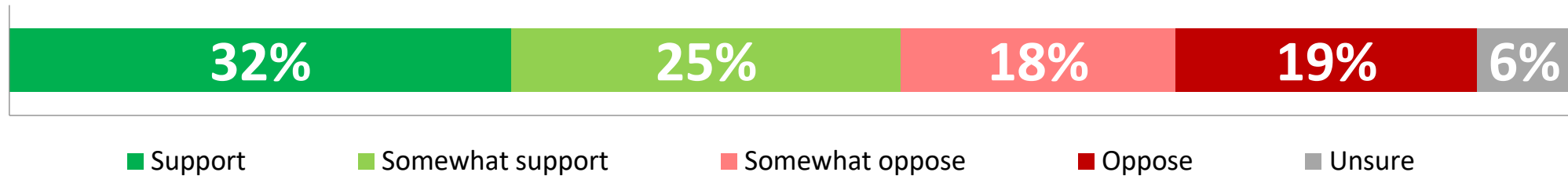
The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The statistical tabulations including the unweighted and weighted number of interviews can be accessed [here](#).

The research was commissioned by CTV News and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Level of support to clear out homeless encampments in parks and public spaces

Q – Several communities across Canada have declared states of emergencies in order to clear out homeless encampments in parks and public places. Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose declaring states of emergencies to clear out homeless encampments in parks and public spaces?



*Weighted to the true population proportion.

*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Over **1 in 2** Canadians

support or somewhat support declaring states of emergencies to clear out homeless encampments in parks and public spaces, while over three in ten Canadians oppose or somewhat oppose and six percent are unsure. Men are more likely to support or somewhat support these initiatives than women.

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, September 29th to October 1st, 2025, n=1052, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Level of support to clear out homeless encampments in parks and public spaces – By demographics

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Support/ Somewhat support				
Atlantic (n=106)	Quebec (n=206)	Ontario (n=360)	Prairies (n=218)	BC (n=162)
54.4%	48.2%	56.8%	61.8%	68.1%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=495)	18 to 34 (n=154)	35 to 54 (n=416)	55 plus (n=482)
64.6%	49.9%	49.0%	59.2%	60.7%
Oppose/ Somewhat oppose				
Atlantic (n=106)	Quebec (n=206)	Ontario (n=360)	Prairies (n=218)	BC (n=162)
40.0%	40.1%	39.1%	33.3%	28.5%
Men (n=557)	Women (n=495)	18 to 34 (n=154)	35 to 54 (n=416)	55 plus (n=482)
31.7%	42.0%	45.7%	33.4%	33.9%

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METHODOLOGY

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,052 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between September 29th and October 1st, 2025, 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 dialing with a maximum of five call backs.

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Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews are [here](#).

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Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	1052 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.0 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	September 29 th to October 1 st , 2025.
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	12 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, US boycott and Covid-19 vaccines.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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Tabulations	By region, age and gender



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