Majority of Canadians believe the zero-emission vehicle mandate targets are unreasonable to one extent or another.





The research gauged the opinions among Canadians on their level of awareness of the zero-emission vehicle mandate reconfirmed by the Government of Canada and their plans on purchasing a future vehicle.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,028 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between August 30th and September 3rd, 2025 as part of an omnibus survey.

The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.1 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 C.D. Howe and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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JUST OVER THREE IN FIVE CANADIANS SAY THE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE MANDATE IS UNREASONABLE/SOMEWHAT UNREASONABLE

<u>Sixty-one per cent of Canadians</u> say they believe that the zero-emission vehicle mandate targets are unreasonable/somewhat unreasonable. Meanwhile, close to two in five Canadians (39%) say the mandate targets are reasonable/somewhat reasonable. Residents in Quebec (49%) are more likely to say that the mandate targets are reasonable/somewhat reasonable than residents in the Atlantic (29%).

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CANADIANS MOST LIKELY TO SAY THE MANDATE TARGETS SHOULD BE REDUCED, WITH MORE TIME TO PHASE IN ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

When asked Canadians if they believe the mandate targets electric or hybrid plug-in passenger vehicles, SUVs and light-duty trucks sold in Canada to be 20 percent of all sales by 2026 rising to 100 sales, two in five (40%) Canadians say they should be reduced, with more time to phase in zero-emission electric and hybrid plug-in vehicles. Almost one in three (29%) say it should be eliminated completely and one in four (25%) say it should stay the same. Residents in Quebec (50%) are more likely to say it should be reduced, with more time to phase in zero-emission electric and hybrid plug-in vehicles than residents in the Prairies (28%). Residents aged 55 plus (47%) are more likely to say this than residents aged 18-34 (33%).

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CANADIANS ARE SPLIT ON PLANNED NEXT VEHICLE PURCHASE TO BE A FULL ELECTRIC OR PLUG-IN HYBRID ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE

Half of Canadians planning to purchase a vehicle in the next six years ($\underline{49\%}$) say they are not likely/somewhat not likely to purchase a full electric or plugin hybrid zero emission vehicle as their next vehicle purchase. On the other side, close to one in two Canadians ($\underline{47\%}$) say they are likely/somewhat likely to purchase a full electric or plug-in hybrid zero emission vehicle as their next vehicle purchase. When asked their opinion, almost one in two ($\underline{20\%}$) said due to Insufficient/concern over Charging Infrastructure/concern about range, followed by high cost of vehicles ($\underline{16\%}$) and to reduce fossil fuel consumption, protect the environment ($\underline{10\%}$).

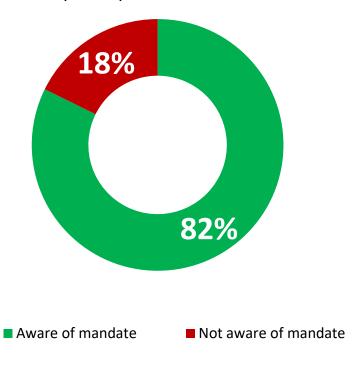




Awareness of zero-emission vehicle mandate

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Q – Prior to today were you aware or unaware of this mandate?



Just over 4 in 5 Canadians

say they are aware (82%) of the mandate.

Canadians aged 55 plus (87%) are more likely to say they are aware of the mandate than Canadians aged 18-34 (75%).



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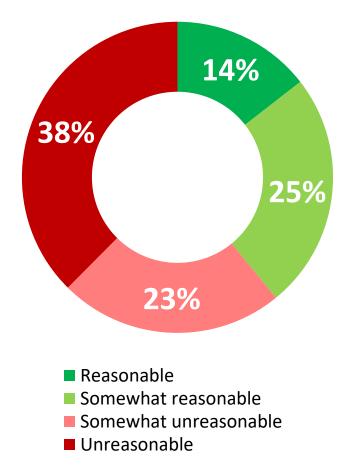
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Q – Prior to today were you aware or unaware of this mandate?

	2025-09 (n=1028)	Atlantic (n=107)	Quebec (n=190)	Ontario (n=360)	Prairies (n=213)	BC (n=158)	Men (n=537)	Women (n=491)	18-34 (n=194)	35-54 (n=397)	55 plus (n=437)
Aware of mandate	82.3%	70.3%	76.5%	84.6%	83.3%	90.2%	87.5%	77.3%	75.0%	82.7%	86.8%
Not aware of mandate	17.7%	29.7%	23.5%	15.4%	16.7%	9.8%	12.5%	22.7%	25.0%	17.3%	13.2%





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Q – Do you believe these targets are reasonable, somewhat reasonable, somewhat unreasonable or unreasonable?

Views on mandate targets

è	at	Atlantic (n=107)	Quebec (n=190)	Ontario (n=360)	Prairies (n=213)	BC (n=158)	
ŀ	ewh	(11–107)	(11–190)	(11–300)	(11–213)		
ä	Reasonable/Somewhat reasonable	29.4%	49.2%	38.6%	29.8%	40.1%	0
ì	easo.	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
	asor	(n=537)	(n=491)	(n=194)	(n=397)	(n=437)	
	Re	37.8%	40.3%	47.2%	32.1%	39.3%	
	M						
1	at	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	ВС	
2	ewh	(n=107)	(n=190)	(n=360)	(n=213)	(n=158)	
	Unreasonable/Somewhat unreasonable	70.6%	50.8%	61.4%	70.2%	59.9%	
À	nabl	Men	Women	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 plus	
	easo	(n=537)	(n=491)	(n=194)	(n=397)	(n=437)	
1	Unr	62.2%	59.7%	52.8%	67.9%	60.7%	

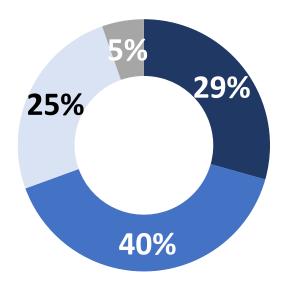




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Belief in the mandate targets to be 20 per cent by 2026 rising to 100 sales

Q – Do you believe the mandate targets electric or hybrid plug-in passenger vehicles, SUVs and light-duty trucks sold in Canada to be 20 percent of all sales by 2026 rising to 100 sales should be:

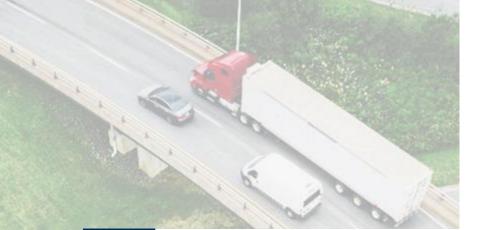


- Eliminated completely
- Reduced, with more time to phase in zero-emission electric and hybrid plug-in vehicles
- Stay the same
- Not sure
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2 in 5 Canadians

say the mandate should be reduced, with more time to phase in zero-emission electric and hybrid plug-in vehicles (40%).





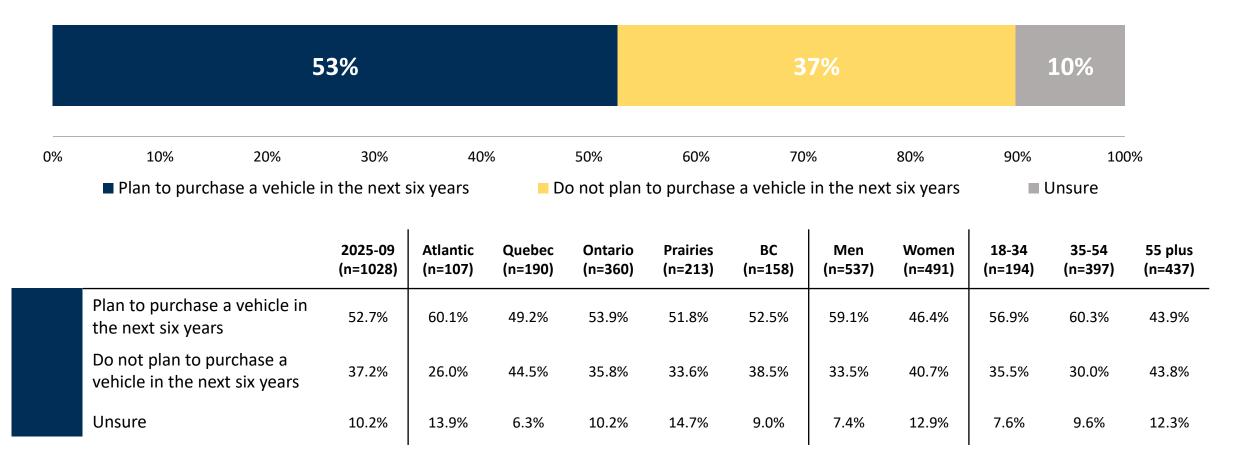
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	2025-09 (n=1028)	Atlantic (n=107)	Quebec (n=190)	Ontario (n=360)	Prairies (n=213)	BC (n=158)	Men (n=537)	Women (n=491)	18-34 (n=194)	35-54 (n=397	55 plus (n=437)
Reduced, with more time to phase in zero-emission electric and hybrid plug-in vehicles	40.1%	45.7%	49.5%	41.6%	28.1%	32.3%	37.4%	42.6%	32.9%	37.5%	46.7%
Eliminated completely	29.4%	20.5%	15.3%	30.3%	48.8%	30.0%	34.8%	24.1%	27.3%	36.2%	25.4%
Stay the same	25.2%	20.7%	31.0%	23.4%	18.5%	31.1%	24.6%	25.7%	32.0%	23.9%	21.8%
Unsure	5.4%	13.1%	4.2%	4.7%	4.5%	6.6%	3.1%	7.5%	7.8%	2.4%	6.1%



Plans to purchase a vehicle in the next six years



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Q – Please tell us about your future vehicle plans. Do you plan or not plan to purchase a vehicle in the next six years?

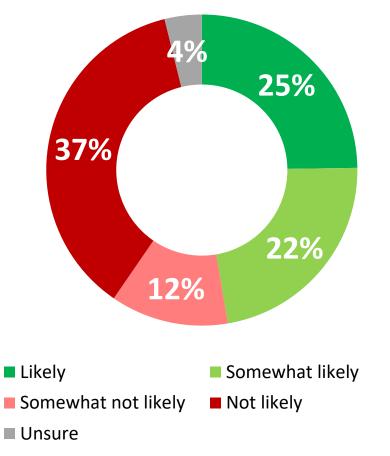




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Q – [IF PLANS TO BUY A VEHICLE IN THE NEXT SIX YEARS] Is your planned next vehicle purchase likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or unlikely be a full electric or plug-in hybrid Zero Emission Vehicle?

Likelihood to purchase a full electric or plug-in hybrid Zero Emission Vehicle

likely	Atlantic (n=63)	Quebec (n=96)	Ontario (n=195)	Prairies (n=111)	BC (n=81)
ewhat	28.1%	69.1%	42.5%	35.0%	53.0%
Likely/Somewhat likely	Men (n=317)	Women (n=229)	18 to 34 (n=110)	35 to 54 (n=239)	55 plus (n=197)
Like	47.3%	47.4%	56.8%	42.0%	45.0%
at not	Atlantic (n=63)	Quebec (n=96)	Ontario (n=195)	Prairies (n=111)	BC (n=81)
mewh ely	67.0%	29.4%	52.6%	63.9%	39.7%
Not likely/Somewhat not likely	Men (n=317)	Women (n=229)	18 to 34 (n=110)	35 to 54 (n=239)	55 plus (n=197)
Not	50.6%	46.7%	39.1%	54.2%	51.3%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, August 30th to September 3rd, 2025, n=546 Canadians who plan on purchasing a vehicle in the next six years, accurate 4.2 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.





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TOP RESPONSES

Views on planned next vehicle purchase

Q – Why do you have that opinion? [OPEN]

		2025-09 (n=471)	Atlantic (n=55)	Quebec (n=78)	Ontario (n=170)	Prairies (n=95)	BC (n=73)	Men (n=270)	Women (n=201)	18-34 (n=84)	35-54 (n=205)	55 plus (n=182)
	Insufficient/concern over Charging Infrastructure/concern about range	19.6%	17.8%	24.0%	16.6%	23.5%	18.2%	17.4%	22.2%	17.5%	16.5%	24.2%
	High Cost of Electric Vehicles	16.2%	32.4%	13.4%	14.7%	16.6%	14.6%	15.8%	16.5%	19.0%	18.0%	12.3%
	To reduce fossil fuel consumption, protect the environment	10.4%	8.5%	16.6%	7.3%	9.6%	12.4%	8.8%	12.3%	8.5%	9.9%	12.2%
	Preference for Hybrid Vehicles	9.8%	7.9%	5.7%	11.5%	6.5%	15.6%	9.4%	10.4%	16.9%	8.4%	6.3%
	Poor Performance in Cold Weather	9.1%	11.1%	1.0%	10.2%	18.4%	5.3%	10.4%	7.4%	5.1%	11.5%	9.3%
2	Support for Transition to Electric Vehicles/It's the future	7.2%	1.4%	12.7%	7.3%	4.6%	5.2%	8.1%	6.0%	2.9%	6.9%	10.3%
	I already have an EV/am currently looking to buy one	5.8%	1.8%	16.2%	3.5%	0.6%	5.6%	7.6%	3.6%	8.0%	5.8%	4.3%
	It's cheaper/Tired of paying for gas	4.2%	3.7%	4.6%	4.7%	0.6%	7.1%	4.5%	4.0%	6.3%	3.7%	3.4%
	Environmental and Sustainability Concerns of EV	4.1%	1.4%	1.0%	6.8%	3.4%	3.5%	3.2%	5.2%	2.7%	6.0%	3.2%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, August 30th to September 3rd, 2025, n=471 Canadians who plan on purchasing a vehicle in the next six years, accurate 4.6 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.





TOP RESPONSES

Views on planned next vehicle purchase -Likelihood

	2025-09 (n=471)	Likely (n=107)	Somewhat likely (n=97)	Somewhat not likely (n=59)	Not likely (n=191)	Unsure (n=17)*
Insufficient/concern over Charging Infrastructure/concern about range	19.6%	4.1%	13.3%	29.7%	28.1%	
High Cost of Electric Vehicles	16.2%	2.7%	13.1%	42.7%	16.3%	
To reduce fossil fuel consumption, protect the environment	10.4%	28.9%	15.4%	1.6%	-	
Preference for Hybrid Vehicles	9.8%	11.4%	20.4%	3.0%	5.6%	
Poor Performance in Cold Weather	9.1%	-	3.6%	6.0%	18.7%	
Support for Transition to Electric Vehicles/It's the future	7.2%	17.9%	11.2%	1.6%	0.7%	
I already have an EV/am currently looking to buy one	5.8%	19.7%	5.1%	-		
It's cheaper/Tired of paying for gas	4.2%	10.9%	7.6%	-	-	
Environmental and Sustainability Concerns of EV	4.1%	0.9%	1.0%	4.7%	8.1%	

^{*}Note: Data for samples n=30 have been suppressed.

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Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and celllines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,028 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between August 30th and September 3rd, 2025, as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents and administered a survey online. 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 were randomly called using random digit dialing with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,028 Canadians is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by C.D. Howe and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews are here.

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Element	Description	Element	Description			
Research sponsor	C.D. Howe	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			
Population and Final Sample Size	1,028 Randomly selected individuals.		all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure.			
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel	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.			
Type of Sample	Probability					
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.			
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were			
	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit		marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.			
Sampling Method Base	Dialed) across Canada.	Estimated Response Rate	14 percent, consistent with industry norms.			
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.	Question Order	This was the only question asked on this topic.			
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, views on helping Ukraine, views on Canada-US tariffs issues and Canada-China trade relationship, views on Government			
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.		spending and views on the standard of living.			
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.			
Field Dates	August 30 th to September 3 rd , 2025.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research			
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237			
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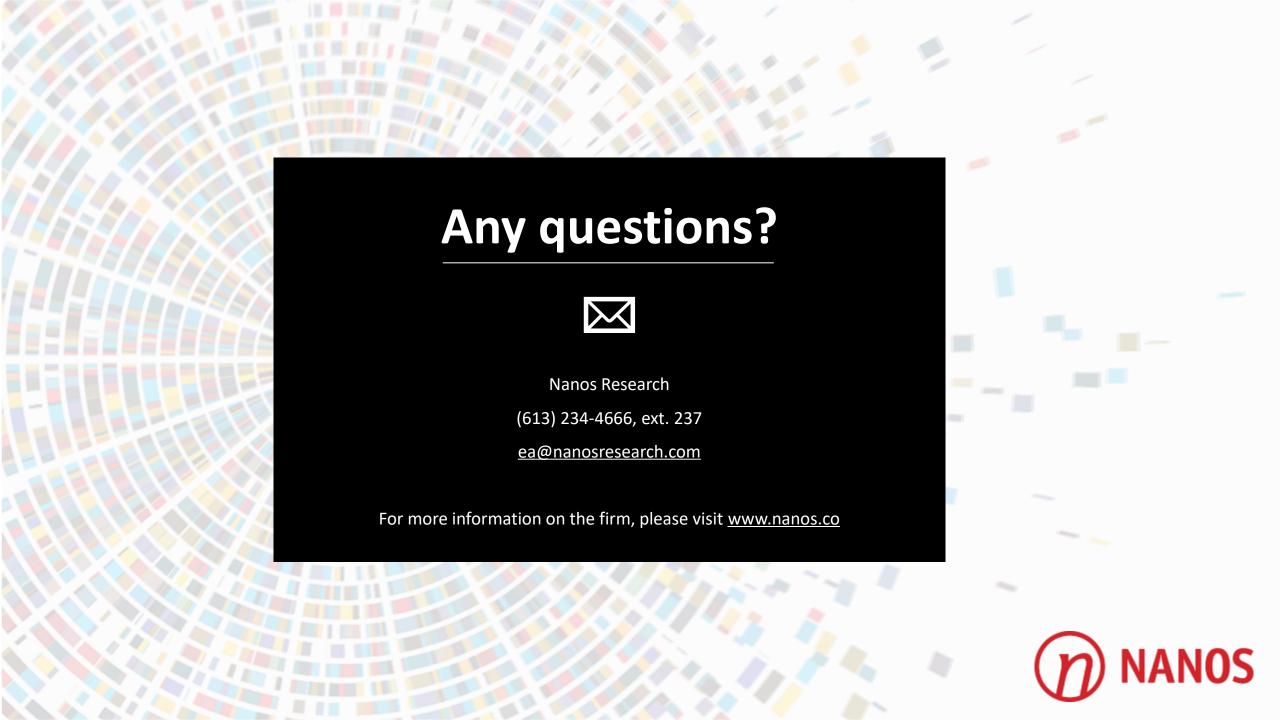


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