

Majority believe US would support Alberta separation.

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METHODOLOGY

This survey gauged the views of Canadians on US support for Alberta separation.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,009 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between January 31st and February 4th, 2026 as part of an omnibus survey. Participants were randomly recruited by telephone using live agents. 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 callbacks.

The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

This study was commissioned by the CTV News and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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

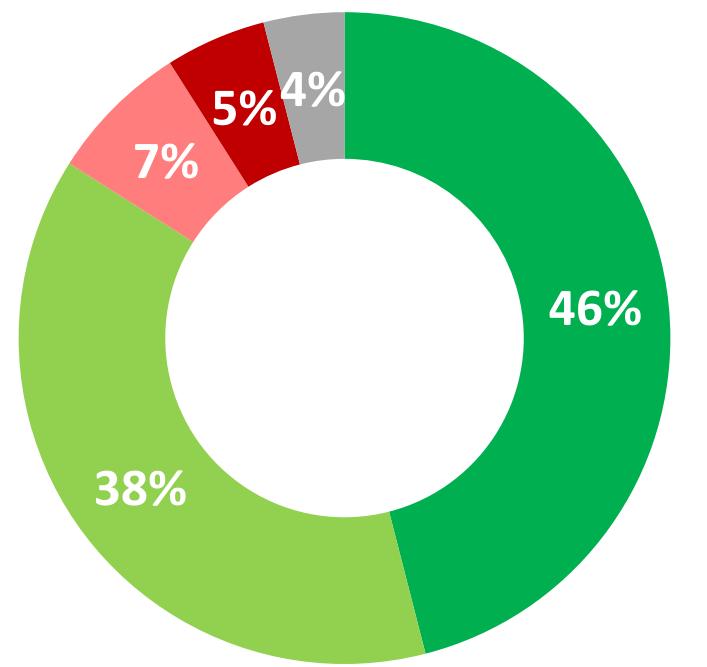
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Likelihood of the US supporting Alberta separation

4 in 5 Canadians

report that it is likely (46%) or somewhat likely (38%) that the US would support Alberta separation. Residents of the Prairies report the highest levels of outright likelihood with 58% saying it is likely that the US would support Alberta separation whereas less than a third of Quebec residents (30%) believe that it is likely that the US would support Alberta separating.

Q - Do you think it is likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or unlikely that the United States would support Alberta separation?



Likely

■ Somewhat likely

■ Somewhat unlikely

■ Unlikely

■ Unsure

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, January 31st to February 4th, 2026, n=1009, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Likelihood of the US supporting Alberta separation – by demographics

Q – Do you think it is likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or unlikely that the United States would support Alberta separation?

	Canada 2026-02 (n=1009)	Atlantic (n=107)	Quebec (n=228)	Ontario (n=311)	Prairies (n=213)	British Columbia (n=150)	Male (n=598)	Female (n=411)	18 to 34 (n=193)	35 to 54 (n=432)	55 plus (n=384)
Likely	45.8%	48.7%	30.0%	47.2%	58.2%	51.5%	43.1%	48.4%	47.2%	51.4%	40.6%
Somewhat likely	37.8%	36.0%	50.6%	35.1%	31.3%	33.6%	39.2%	36.6%	40.6%	33.2%	39.7%
Somewhat unlikely	7.4%	3.6%	8.3%	9.2%	3.1%	8.3%	8.4%	6.4%	6.6%	6.8%	8.5%
Unlikely	4.6%	5.3%	3.2%	4.4%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	5.3%
Unsure	4.3%	6.5%	8.0%	4.2%	1.6%	1.0%	3.6%	5.0%	1.7%	4.6%	5.9%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, January 31st to February 4th, 2026, n=1009, accurate 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News	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
Population and Final Sample Size	1009 Randomly selected individuals.	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.
Source of Sample	Nanos Insights Lab	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Type of Sample	Probability	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.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	11 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, Chinese electric vehicles and US-Canada relations.
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 Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone: (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com .
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12:50 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Tabulations	By region, age and gender [LINK]
Field Dates	January 31 st to February 4 th , 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/		

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