

Positive sentiments towards the federal government reaches tracking high. Anger remains higher on the Prairies compared to the rest of Canada.

The research gauged the opinions among Canadians on their feelings towards the federal government in Ottawa.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1099 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, from March 31st to April 4th, 2026, 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.

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

This study was commissioned and conducted by Nanos Research.

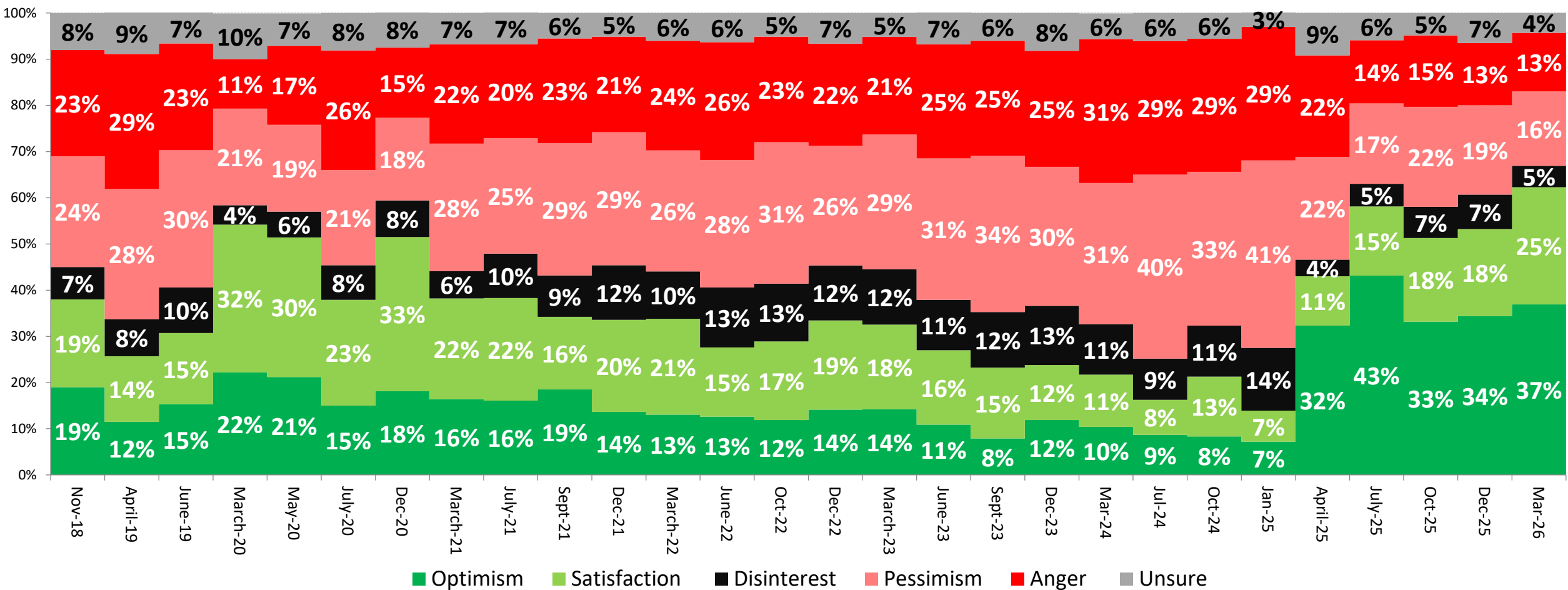
Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews are [here](#).

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



Feelings towards the federal government – Tracking

Which of the following feelings best describes your views of the federal government in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]



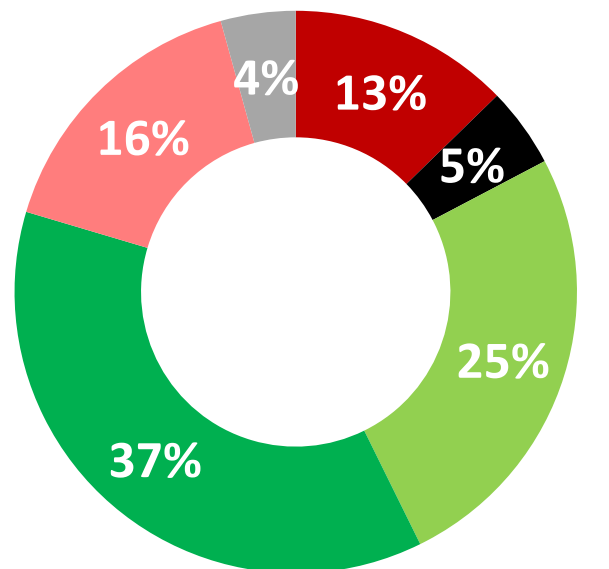
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Feelings towards the federal government

Q - Which of the following feelings best describes your views of the federal government in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]



■ Anger ■ Disinterest ■ Satisfaction
■ Optimism ■ Pessimism ■ Unsure

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Over **1 in 3** Canadians

report they feel optimism (37%) when asked what feeling best describes their view of the federal government in Ottawa. A quarter say the feeling of satisfaction best describes their view of the federal government, reaching a five-year tracking high, followed by sixteen percent who say pessimism and thirteen percent report feeling anger. Residents of BC (48%) are most likely to report feeling optimistic while residents of Quebec (29%) and the Prairies (28%) report feeling optimistic at a lower rate. Residents of the Prairies (22%) report that anger is the feeling that best describes their view of the federal government, higher than the Canadian average of thirteen percent.

Feelings towards the federal government by region

Which of the following feelings best describes your views of the federal government in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]

	Canada			Atlantic			Quebec			Ontario			Prairies			British Columbia		
	2026-04 (n=1099)	2025-12 (n=1077)	2025-10 (n=1052)	2026-04 (n=120)	2025-12 (n=106)	2025-10 (n=106)	2026-04 (n=206)	2025-12 (n=215)	2025-10 (n=206)	2026-04 (n=362)	2025-12 (n=389)	2025-10 (n=360)	2026-04 (n=246)	2025-12 (n=215)	2025-10 (n=218)	2026-04 (n=165)	2025-12 (n=152)	2025-10 (n=162)
Optimism	36.9%	34.4%	33.2%	42.7%	39.6%	48.6%	28.7%	25.0%	25.7%	40.9%	36.0%	35.2%	28.1%	33.4%	32.0%	47.9%	44.2%	34.0%
Satisfaction	25.4%	18.8%	18.1%	20.6%	21.6%	12.7%	33.0%	17.6%	23.8%	23.8%	20.9%	17.2%	24.8%	17.6%	13.5%	20.1%	15.5%	19.6%
Pessimism	16.1%	19.4%	21.7%	14.5%	16.1%	15.4%	12.6%	21.7%	20.0%	17.7%	19.8%	23.0%	19.8%	18.0%	24.6%	13.9%	17.5%	20.0%
Anger	12.7%	13.5%	15.5%	13.2%	10.9%	13.7%	7.4%	8.9%	15.3%	12.0%	13.2%	11.2%	22.3%	22.0%	24.9%	11.2%	12.2%	16.5%
Disinterest	4.6%	7.4%	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%	2.7%	12.2%	16.4%	10.2%	2.4%	5.8%	7.9%	1.2%	2.1%	2.5%	3.0%	5.0%	5.1%
Unsure	4.3%	6.5%	4.9%	6.0%	6.7%	7.0%	6.1%	10.4%	5.0%	3.2%	4.4%	5.4%	3.8%	6.8%	2.6%	3.9%	5.5%	4.8%

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Feelings towards the federal government by gender and age

Which of the following feelings best describes your views of the federal government in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]

	Canada			Male			Female			18 to 34			35 to 54			55 plus		
	2026-04 (n=1099)	2025-12 (n=1077)	2025-10 (n=1052)	2026-04 (n=578)	2025-12 (n=580)	2025-10 (n=557)	2026-04 (n=521)	2025-12 (n=497)	2025-10 (n=495)	2026-04 (n=183)	2025-12 (n=193)	2025-10 (n=154)	2026-04 (n=412)	2025-12 (n=411)	2025-10 (n=416)	2026-04 (n=504)	2025-12 (n=473)	2025-10 (n=482)
Optimism	36.9%	34.4%	33.2%	32.3%	33.0%	31.1%	41.4%	35.8%	35.2%	31.3%	27.7%	25.6%	41.1%	35.4%	29.5%	37.4%	38.0%	41.0%
Satisfaction	25.4%	18.8%	18.1%	24.9%	18.1%	16.5%	25.8%	19.5%	19.6%	18.6%	12.8%	14.4%	26.8%	17.4%	16.8%	28.7%	23.9%	21.5%
Pessimism	16.1%	19.4%	21.7%	19.3%	21.5%	26.5%	13.1%	17.3%	17.0%	22.0%	24.2%	27.4%	12.0%	18.4%	23.6%	15.6%	17.0%	16.4%
Anger	12.7%	13.5%	15.5%	15.9%	16.7%	17.3%	9.6%	10.3%	13.7%	16.7%	14.3%	13.2%	13.0%	14.8%	18.7%	9.9%	11.9%	14.4%
Disinterest	4.6%	7.4%	6.7%	3.9%	7.5%	5.5%	5.2%	7.3%	7.9%	5.1%	11.6%	11.5%	4.2%	7.5%	6.3%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%
Unsure	4.3%	6.5%	4.9%	3.6%	3.1%	3.1%	5.0%	9.8%	6.6%	6.4%	9.5%	7.8%	2.9%	6.5%	5.1%	4.0%	4.6%	2.7%

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Element	Description
Research sponsor	Nanos Research
Population and Final Sample Size	1,099 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	March 31st to April 4th, 2026
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	13 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, defence spending, US-Cuba relations, gas prices, air travel, views on the NDP, Canada's relationship with the EU, F-35 fighter jets, the Iran conflict, nuclear weapons, and trade negotiations.
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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Data Tables	By region, gender and age.



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