

Majority report that the LaGuardia runway collision has had no impact on their willingness to travel by air. One in four either travelling less or more cautious.

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Field: March 31 to April 4, 2026  
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The research gauged the opinions among Canadians on the change in their willingness to travel by air in light of the fatal air collision between an Air Canada jet and an emergency vehicle on a runway in New York City.

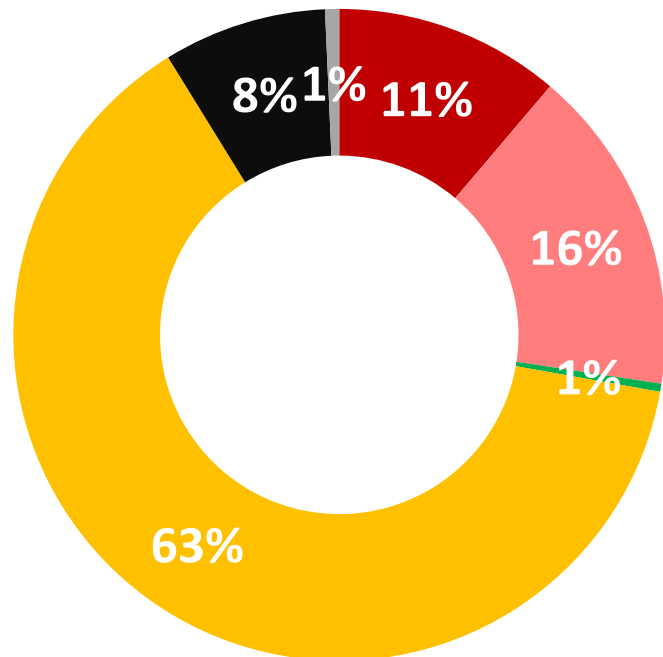
Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1099 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between March 31 to April 4, 2026 as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for this survey is  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

[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.

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

Q – As you may have heard, there was a recent fatal air collision between an Air Canada jet and an emergency vehicle on a runway in New York City. As a result of this incident, which of the following statements best describes your willingness to travel by air, if at all?



- I am less willing to travel by air
- I am more cautious but still plan to travel by air
- I am more willing to travel by air
- It has not changed my willingness to travel by air
- I do not travel by air
- Unsure

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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## Change in willingness to travel by air

# 3 in 5 Canadians

say the recent fatal runway collision between an Air Canada jet and an emergency vehicle has not changed their willingness to travel by air, while 16 percent and 11 percent respectively report that they are more cautious but still plan to travel by air or that they are less willing to travel by air.

# Change in willingness to travel by air – by demographics

Q – As you may have heard, there was a recent fatal air collision between an Air Canada jet and an emergency vehicle on a runway in New York City. As a result of this incident, which of the following statements best describes your willingness to travel by air, if at all? [RANDOMIZE]

	Canada 2026-04 (n=1099)	Atlantic (n=120)	Quebec (n=206)	Ontario (n=362)	Prairies (n=246)	British Columbia (n=165)	Male (n=578)	Female (n=521)	18 to 34 (n=183)	35 to 54 (n=412)	55 plus (n=504)
It has not changed my willingness to travel by air	63.4%	61.5%	62.9%	65.6%	60.9%	62.3%	72.3%	54.9%	59.7%	63.3%	65.8%
I am more cautious but still plan to travel by air	16.2%	20.1%	10.9%	16.4%	15.2%	23.8%	11.0%	21.2%	15.9%	17.2%	15.6%
I am less willing to travel by air	11.2%	11.2%	9.5%	11.5%	12.8%	11.5%	7.9%	14.4%	11.2%	12.6%	10.1%
I do not travel by air	8.1%	5.5%	14.7%	5.9%	9.8%	2.4%	7.5%	8.7%	11.5%	5.9%	7.7%
I am more willing to travel by air	0.4%	0.9%	0.8%	-	0.8%	-	0.6%	0.2%	1.0%	0.3%	0.1%
Unsure	0.7%	0.9%	1.2%	0.7%	0.4%	-	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%

*While a majority of respondents across all demographic groups report that the recent fatal air collision between an Air Canada jet and an emergency vehicle on a runway at LaGuardia Airport has had no impact on their willingness to travel by air, men are more likely than women to report this view. Men are slightly less likely than Canadians on average to report being more cautious as a result of the collision, but still planning on travelling by air.*

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	1099 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 Probability Panel	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	±3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	13 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 and views on economic issues, defence spending, Canadian involvement in US-Cuba relations, and the impact of oil prices on the Canadian economy.
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. <a href="http://www.nanos.co">http://www.nanos.co</a> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Tabulations	<a href="#">By region, age and gender</a>
Field Dates	March 31 to April 4, 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. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>		



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