



Only one in four Canadians are outright confident in NATO being a strong military deterrent force without the US.

This survey gauged the views of Canadians on NATO being a strong military deterrent force without the United States if it decided to scale back its participation as a NATO ally.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,003 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between May 3rd and 6th, 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 ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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

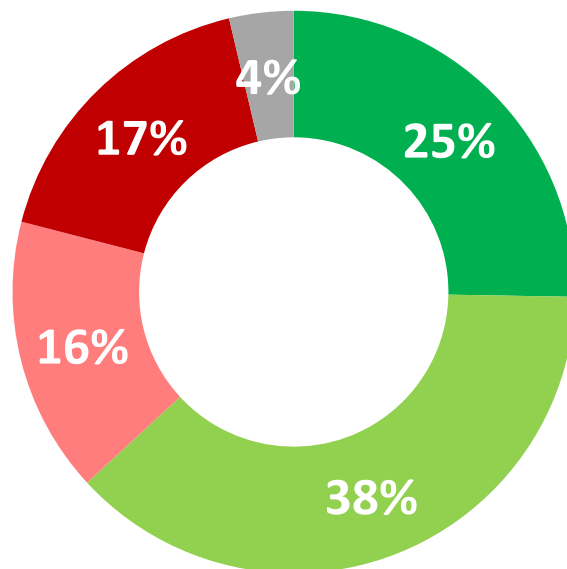
Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews are [here](#).

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



Confidence in NATO being a strong military power without the US

Q - Are you confident, somewhat confident, somewhat not confident or not confident that NATO can be a strong military deterrent force without the United States if it decided to scale back its participation as a NATO ally?



■ Confident
■ Somewhat confident
■ Somewhat not confident
■ Not confident
■ Unsure

2 in 3 Canadians

are confident or somewhat confident that NATO can be a strong military deterrent force without the United States if it decided to scale back its participation as a NATO ally.

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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Confidence in NATO being a strong military power without the US – By demographics

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	Canada 2026-04 (n=1003)	Atlantic (n=100)	Quebec (n=213)	Ontario (n=319)	Prairies (n=217)	British Columbia (n=154)	Male (n=516)	Female (n=487)	18 to 34 (n=159)	35 to 54 (n=332)	55 plus (n=512)
Confident	25.3%	34.5%	22.4%	23.3%	28.8%	26.7%	26.3%	24.3%	16.8%	23.6%	32.1%
Somewhat confident	37.9%	39.8%	39.2%	40.1%	32.0%	36.1%	36.5%	39.2%	36.0%	36.8%	40.0%
Somewhat not confident	15.9%	9.4%	21.0%	14.7%	15.2%	14.5%	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	17.5%	13.6%
Not confident	17.3%	10.8%	12.3%	19.7%	22.0%	16.1%	18.7%	15.9%	24.7%	19.0%	11.1%
Unsure	3.7%	5.5%	5.1%	2.2%	2.0%	6.6%	2.8%	4.5%	5.1%	3.0%	3.2%

Older Canadians (55 plus) are more likely than the national average to be confident that NATO can be a strong military deterrent force without the United States if it decided to scale back its participation as a NATO ally.

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	1003 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	±3.1 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. And views on US tariffs.
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 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Tabulations	By region, age and gender
Field Dates	May 3 rd to 6 th , 2026.		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		
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