



Slim majority of Canadians against federal government's proposal to privatize airports.

National survey released July 2026
Field: June 26 to 28, 2026
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The research gauged the views of Canadians on privatizing airports.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1051 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, from June 26 to 28, 2026, as part of an omnibus survey. 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 by the Bloomberg and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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

Tables within the report that have significant differences are highlighted in yellow.

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

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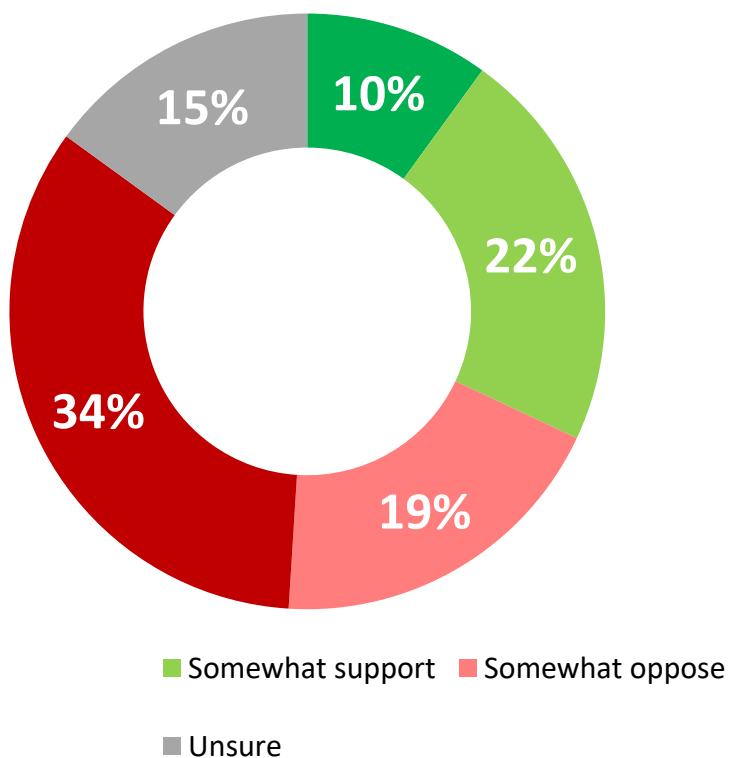
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Views on airport privatization

Q – As you may know, Canada’s major airports are currently owned by the federal government but operated by not-for-profit authorities. The government is considering privatizing airports which means allowing more private, for-profit ownership or control, which it says could raise money for new infrastructure and improve services for travelers. Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or oppose this proposal?



Canadians are over two times more likely

to oppose (34%) or somewhat oppose (19%) the government’s proposal to privatize airports than they are to support (10%) or somewhat support this (22%). A notable 15 per cent of Canadians report being unsure. Results are generally consistent across demographic groups.

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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Views on airport privatization – by demographics

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	Canada 2026-06 (n=1051)	Atlantic (n=101)	Quebec (n=221)	Ontario (n=351)	Prairies (n=215)	British Columbia (n=163)	Men (n=550)	Women (n=501)	18 to 34 (n=158)	35 to 54 (n=393)	55 plus (n=500)
Support	10.0%	11.3%	10.7%	8.0%	13.5%	9.2%	12.7%	7.3%	9.7%	8.6%	11.3%
Somewhat support	22.4%	21.1%	25.5%	24.8%	18.0%	16.9%	22.6%	22.3%	21.7%	22.8%	22.6%
Somewhat oppose	18.6%	18.3%	21.7%	17.4%	17.4%	18.2%	19.3%	17.9%	17.7%	15.6%	21.5%
Oppose	34.4%	29.6%	26.1%	37.6%	33.7%	42.4%	35.1%	33.7%	36.0%	35.3%	32.5%
Unsure	14.6%	19.7%	16.0%	12.2%	17.4%	13.2%	10.2%	18.9%	14.9%	17.6%	12.1%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, June 26 to 28, n=1051, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Bloomberg 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	1051 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	±3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	10 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, vacations, recreational activities, high-speed rail, and national unity.
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	2026-3084 Bloomberg Tables - Airports - Formatted
Field Dates	June 26 to 28, 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/		



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