



Canadians split on Alto High-Speed Rail as a Government priority.

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Field: June 26 to 28, 2026
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Nanos was retained to conduct research to gauge the views of Canadians on the importance of the Alto High-Speed Rail Project as a government priority.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,051 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 dialling 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 CTV News 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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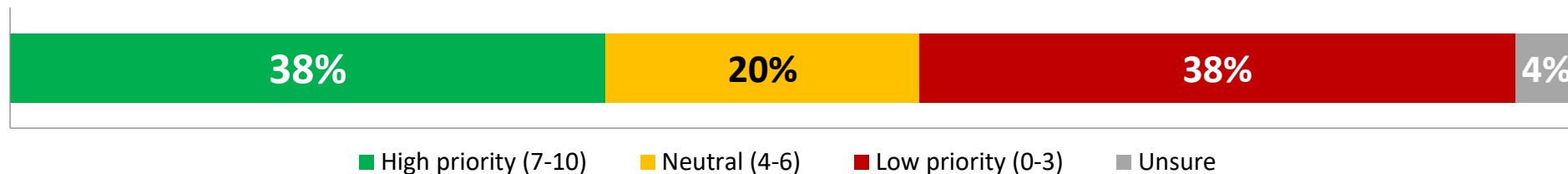
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Rating the importance of Alto High-Speed Rail as a Government priority

Q – As you might know, the federal government has recently proposed building the Alto High-Speed Rail Project, which would be Canada's first high-speed railway, connecting Toronto to Québec City. The total cost is estimated to be between \$60 and \$90 billion, with both public and private investment. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is not a priority at all and 10 is a very high priority, how much of a priority is it for the Government of Canada to build the Alto High-Speed Rail project?



*Weighted to the true population proportion.
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4 in 10 Canadians

each rate the importance of the Government of Canada building the Alto High-Speed Rail project as either a high priority (38%) or a low priority (38%). Residents of Quebec are more likely to say this is a high priority (48%) than residents of the Prairies (21%).

Rating importance of Alto High-Speed Rail as a Government priority – 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)	Male (n=550)	Female (n=501)	18 to 34 (n=158)	35 to 54 (n=393)	55 plus (n=500)
Mean	4.8	4.8	5.4	5.2	3.4	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.5
High priority (7-10)	38.4%	37.9%	48.4%	42.9%	21.4%	30.9%	42.1%	34.7%	40.0%	38.6%	37.1%
Neutral (4-6)	19.9%	25.8%	16.7%	19.6%	22.2%	20.0%	19.3%	20.5%	21.0%	18.8%	20.0%
Low priority (0-3)	37.7%	32.8%	33.2%	34.6%	50.1%	40.6%	36.6%	38.8%	33.8%	39.4%	38.9%
Unsure	4.0%	3.5%	1.8%	2.9%	6.3%	8.4%	2.0%	6.0%	5.1%	3.2%	4.0%

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, June 26 to 28, 2026, n=1051, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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	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 and views on economic issues.
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	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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