

A photograph of the Ottawa City Hall building, featuring a large glass facade and a curved roofline. The word "Ottawa" is visible in large blue letters on the building's facade.

The transit test: Transit dominates Ottawa's agenda ahead of the mayoral election.

*CTV News Ottawa/Nanos Mayoral Election Survey
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Majority of Ottawa residents cite transit as the top priority for improvement. Top solutions include better LRT service and more reliable buses.

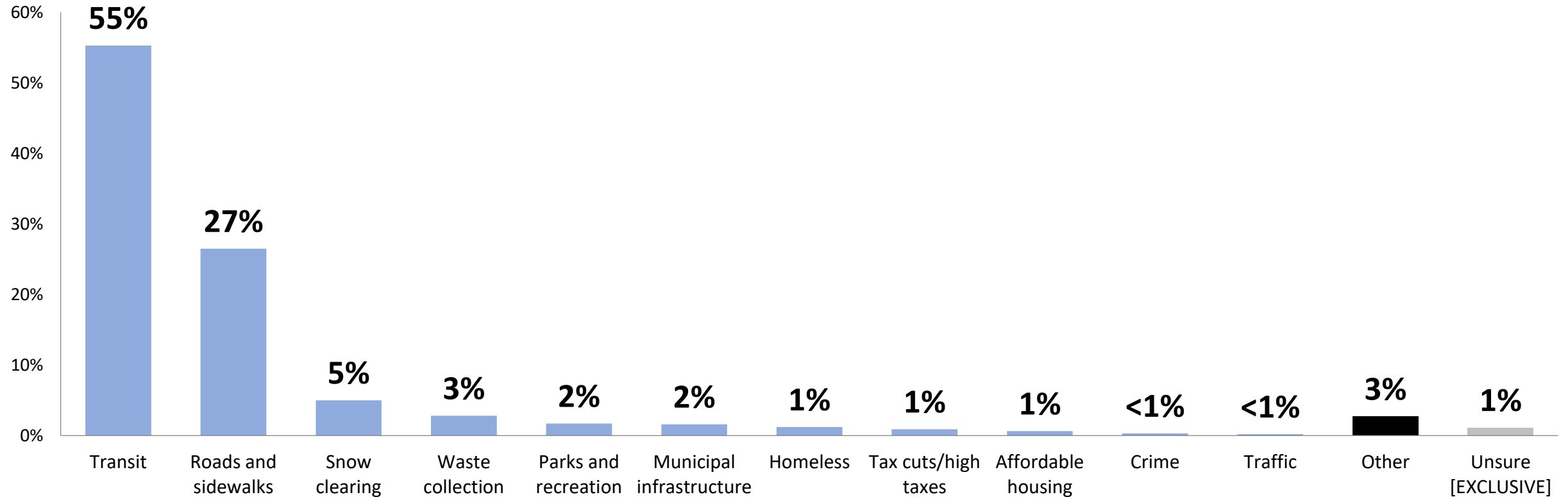
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City of Ottawa services that need the most improvement – First ranked

Ottawa – Municipal Special Issue – (October 4 to October 8, 2026, n=761)

Question: Please rank the top two City of Ottawa services that need the most improvement? [RANDOMIZE]



Source: CTV News Ottawa/Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey of Ottawa residents, October 4 to October 8, 2026, n=761, accurate 3.6 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. [See full methodology here.](#)

City of Ottawa services that need the most improvement – by region, age and gender

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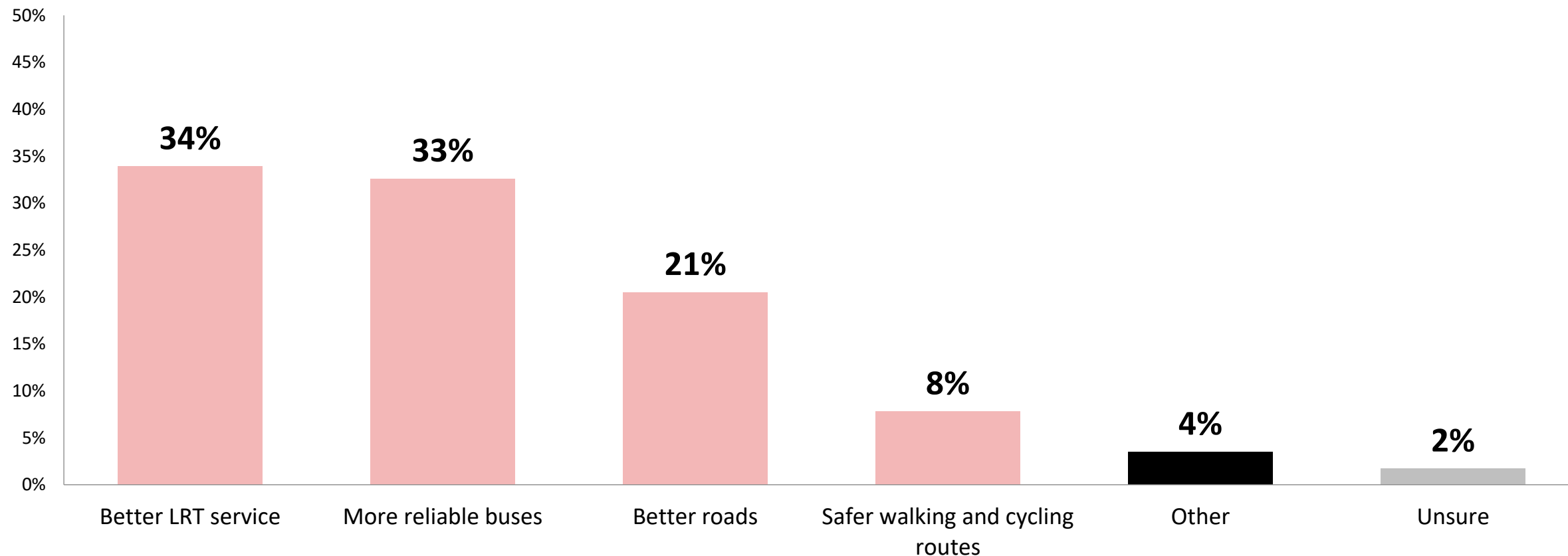
		Ottawa 2026-10-08 (n=761)	West (n=191)	Downtown (n=190)	East (n=195)	Rural (n=185)	Male (n=422)	Female (n=339)	18 to 34 (n=163)	35 to 54 (n=272)	55 plus (n=326)
FIRST RANKED	Transit	55.3%	59.4%	63.0%	51.8%	47.2%	53.1%	57.3%	68.3%	53.5%	46.8%
	Roads and sidewalks	26.5%	19.4%	23.1%	32.1%	31.1%	28.5%	24.7%	15.3%	27.3%	34.5%
	Snow clearing	5.0%	6.0%	2.1%	6.2%	5.6%	4.6%	5.4%	3.0%	5.5%	6.1%
	Waste collection	2.8%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%	4.9%	3.5%	2.2%	1.3%	4.5%	2.6%
	Parks and recreation	1.7%	-	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	1.0%	2.2%	1.3%	1.5%
	Municipal infrastructure	1.6%	5.2%	-	-	1.4%	0.6%	2.6%	0.9%	3.1%	0.9%
	Homeless	1.2%	-	4.5%	-	0.4%	1.1%	1.3%	3.2%	0.4%	0.3%
	Tax cuts/high taxes	0.9%	2.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%	0.6%	0.7%
	Affordable housing	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.6%
	Crime	0.3%	-	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	-	0.4%	0.5%
	Traffic	0.2%	-	-	-	0.8%	0.4%	-	0.6%	-	-
	Other	2.7%	3.4%	1.9%	1.8%	3.9%	2.5%	2.9%	2.3%	1.5%	4.1%
	Unsure [EXCLUSIVE]	1.1%	2.0%	-	1.9%	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%	0.5%	1.3%	1.4%

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Items that should be the focus to improve transportation in Ottawa – First ranked

Ottawa – Municipal Special Issue – (October 4 to October 8, 2026, n=757)

Question: Please rank the top two items that should be the focus to improve transportation in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]



Source: CTV News Ottawa/Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey of Ottawa residents, October 4 to October 8, 2026, n=757, accurate 3.6 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.
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Items that should be the focus to improve transportation in Ottawa – by region, age and gender

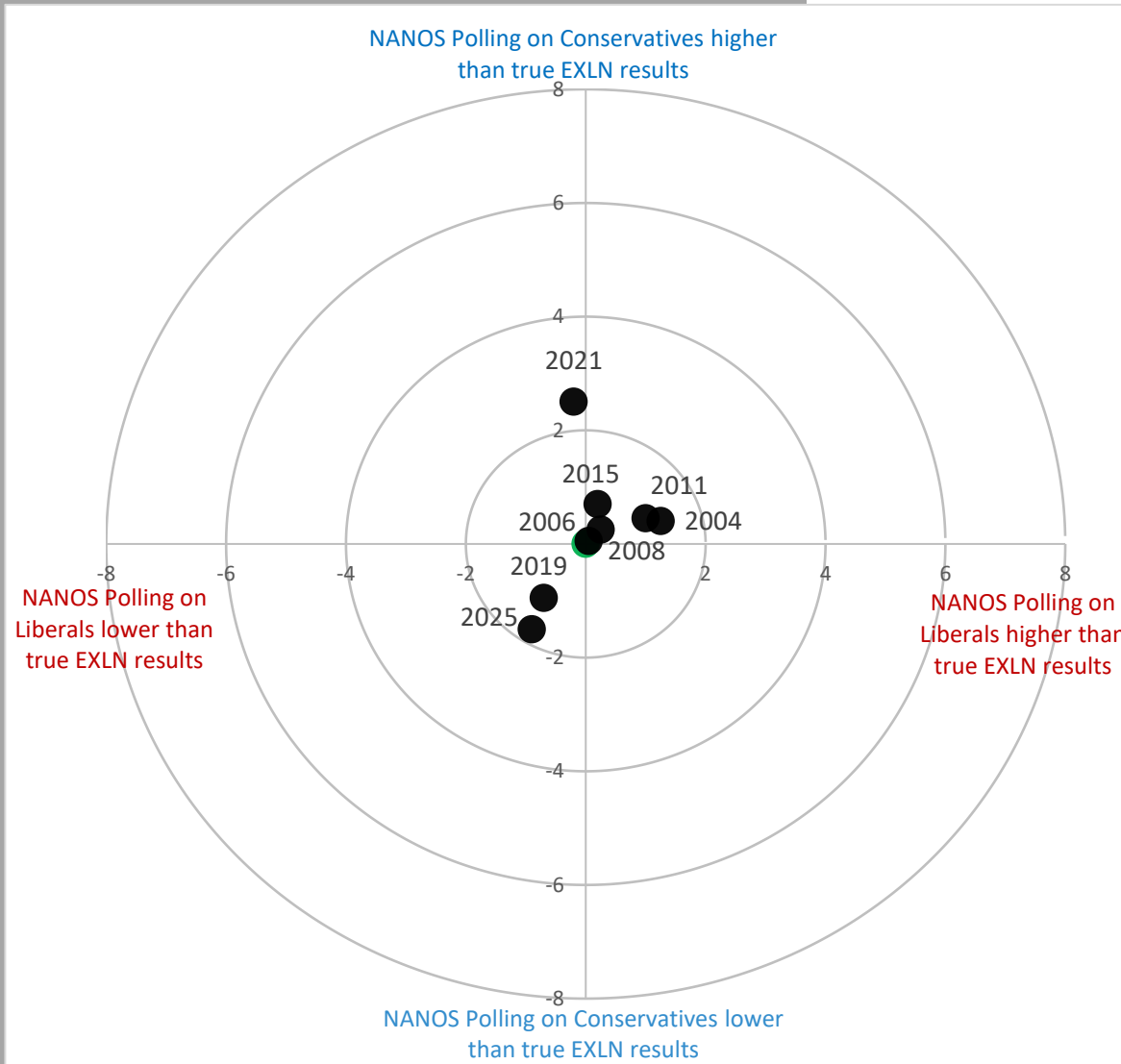
Ottawa – Municipal Special Issue (October 4 to October 8, 2026, n=757)

Question: Please rank the top two items that should be the focus to improve transportation in Ottawa? [RANDOMIZE]

		Ottawa 2026-10-08 (n=757)	West (n=191)	Downtown (n=190)	East (n=195)	Rural (n=181)	Male (n=419)	Female (n=338)	18 to 34 (n=162)	35 to 54 (n=270)	55 plus (n=325)
FIRST RANKED	Better LRT service	33.9%	31.3%	32.0%	39.1%	32.8%	32.0%	35.6%	33.9%	39.7%	28.8%
	More reliable buses	32.6%	32.2%	39.4%	29.7%	29.5%	29.4%	35.7%	37.4%	30.2%	31.1%
	Better roads	20.5%	23.6%	15.0%	17.8%	25.9%	25.7%	15.7%	14.3%	20.7%	25.2%
	Safer walking and cycling routes	7.8%	7.2%	9.0%	7.5%	7.6%	7.0%	8.5%	8.7%	6.0%	8.7%
	Other	3.5%	4.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	4.4%	2.6%	4.1%	1.9%	4.3%
	Unsure	1.7%	1.4%	1.6%	2.6%	0.9%	1.5%	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.9%

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This graph shows Nanos polling data for the two major parties compared to the actual Federal Election results. The green dot represents the election result. Black dots represent actual Nanos survey in each election. The closer a black dot is to the center (green dot), the closer the poll results are to the official election results.

METHODOLOGY

CTV News Ottawa/Nanos conducted a RDD dual frame (cell- and land-lines) hybrid random telephone and online survey of 762 residents of Ottawa aged 18 years and over, from October 4 to October 8, 2026. Respondents were all randomly recruited through a dual-frame (cell- and land-line) RDD sample using live agents. One half of the sample was administered the questionnaire by telephone, and one half was administered online through the Nanos Insights Lab Probability Panel. The random sample was weighted by region, age and gender according to the latest Canadian census data.

A random survey of 762 residents of Ottawa is accurate ± 3.6 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

The full methodology is detailed in the [technical note](#) in this report. This research was conducted and released in accordance with the standards of the [CRIC](#) of which the firm is an accredited member.

[Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.](#) Cells within the tabulations that have significant differences are highlighted in yellow.

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



Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News Ottawa	Weighting of Data	The results may be weighted by region age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Ottawa. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	762 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 and RDD cell- and land-lines.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet 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 Ottawa.
Margin of Error	±3.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	12 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (cell- and land-lines) hybrid random telephone and online survey. Half the sample was administered by telephone with live agents, and half was administered online through the Nanos Insights Lab.	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 cell- and land-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Ottawa.	Question Content	Questions contained in this report are the issue tracking portion of the questionnaire.
Demographics (Captured)	City of Ottawa; Rural, West, Downtown, East; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six-digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Wording	The questionnaire explores ballot questions, issue questions identified by CTV News Ottawa, and demographics.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, home ownership	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.	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 .
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs for the telephone sample.	Tabulations	By region, age, gender and number of weighted and unweighted interviews
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm		
Field Dates	October 4 to October 6, 2026		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in 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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