# A question of access: Canadians divided on withholding provincially funded programs from temporary foreign workers and asylum claimants

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# METHODOLOGY

This research gauged the opinions of Canadians on their views towards withholding access to provincially funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services from temporary foreign workers and asylum claimants.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (cell and landlines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,058 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, from October 31st to November 2nd, 2026 as part of an omnibus survey. The sample included both cell and landlines 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 Globe and Mail and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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

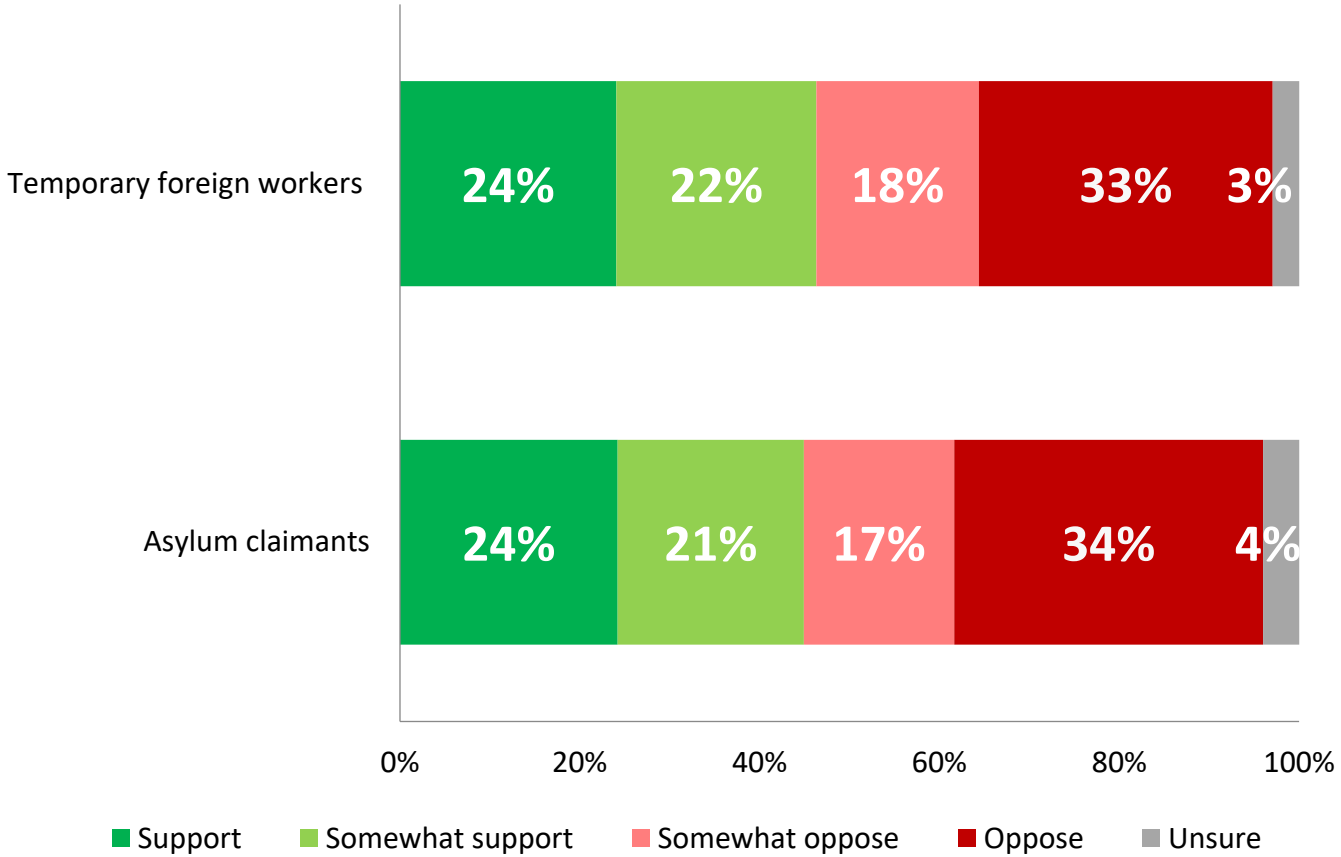
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# Views on withholding access to provincially funded programs

Q – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose withholding access to provincially funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services from the following: [ROTATE]




## Canadians are split

on whether they support or oppose withholding access to provincially funded programs such as healthcare, education and other social services to temporary foreign workers or asylum claimants, with about one in two each who either support or oppose withholding access. Residents of the Prairies are more likely to outright support withholding access to programs from temporary foreign workers (34%) or asylum claimants (34%) compared to the national average.

*Weighted to the true population proportion.
*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October 31st to November 2nd, 2026, n=1058, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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# Views on withholding access to provincially funded programs from temporary foreign workers

Q – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose withholding access to provincially funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services from the following: [ROTATE] **Temporary foreign workers**

| | 2026-11 (n=1058) | Atlantic (n=102) | Quebec (n=216) | Ontario (n=371) | Prairies (n=216) | BC (n=153) | Men (n=552) | Women (n=506) | 18-34 (n=213) | 35-54 (n=371) | 55 plus (n=474) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Support | 24.1% | 24.5% | 17.5% | 24.6% | 33.6% | 21.5% | 27.4% | 20.8% | 26.5% | 29.2% | 18.5% |
| Somewhat support | 22.3% | 18.7% | 30.9% | 22.1% | 15.6% | 18.3% | 23.2% | 21.4% | 14.6% | 23.6% | 26.2% |
| Somewhat oppose | 18.1% | 16.6% | 20.7% | 17.9% | 14.9% | 18.8% | 16.9% | 19.1% | 14.9% | 15.9% | 21.8% |
| Oppose | 32.7% | 37.1% | 28.9% | 31.4% | 33.3% | 39.6% | 31.5% | 33.9% | 40.0% | 28.8% | 31.0% |
| Unsure | 2.9% | 3.1% | 2.0% | 4.0% | 2.6% | 1.9% | 1.0% | 4.8% | 3.9% | 2.5% | 2.6% |

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# Views on withholding access to provincially funded programs from asylum claimants

Q – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose withholding access to provincially funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services from the following: [ROTATE] **Asylum claimants**

| | 2026-11 (n=1058) | Atlantic (n=102) | Quebec (n=216) | Ontario (n=371) | Prairies (n=216) | BC (n=153) | Men (n=552) | Women (n=506) | 18-34 (n=213) | 35-54 (n=371) | 55 plus (n=474) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Support | 24.2% | 23.4% | 21.1% | 22.8% | 34.4% | 20.9% | 26.2% | 22.3% | 26.6% | 28.2% | 19.6% |
| Somewhat support | 20.7% | 24.5% | 21.7% | 21.1% | 18.2% | 19.4% | 22.5% | 18.9% | 14.2% | 21.0% | 24.7% |
| Somewhat oppose | 16.7% | 16.5% | 20.4% | 17.1% | 10.6% | 17.3% | 15.7% | 17.7% | 14.8% | 17.1% | 17.7% |
| Oppose | 34.3% | 33.7% | 30.4% | 35.1% | 32.8% | 41.0% | 32.4% | 36.2% | 39.1% | 30.2% | 34.4% |
| Unsure | 4.0% | 1.8% | 6.4% | 3.9% | 3.9% | 1.5% | 3.1% | 4.9% | 5.4% | 3.4% | 3.6% |

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, October 31st to November 2nd, 2026, n=1058, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

| Element | Description |
|---|---|
| Research sponsor | The Globe and Mail |
| Population and Final Sample Size | 1058 Randomly selected individuals. |
| Source of Sample | Nanos Insights Lab |
| Type of Sample | Probability |
| Margin of Error | ±3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. |
| Mode of Survey | RDD dual frame (cell and landlines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey |
| Sampling Method Base | The sample included both cell and landlines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada. |
| Demographics (Captured) | Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older.<br>Six digit postal code was used to validate geography. |
| Fieldwork/Validation | Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online |
| Number of Calls | Maximum of five call backs to those recruited. |
| Time of Calls | Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent. |
| Field Dates | October 31st to November 2nd, 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.<br>https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/ |

| Element | Description |
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| 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 |
| 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. |
| Excluded Demographics | Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate. |
| 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. |
| Estimated Response Rate | 12 percent, consistent with industry norms. |
| Question Order | Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire. |
| Question Content | Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues, tariffs, holiday spending, immigration and spending on children's activities. |
| Question Wording | The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals. |
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| Tabulations | By region, age and gender |

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