Report

Canadians and the U.S. Midterms

A Survey of Canadians on the U.S. politics

November 9, 2026



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Methodology

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This week, we conducted a survey of Canadians to explore their views related to the 2026 U.S. midterm's elections.

Method

Online survey among Canadian respondents 18 years of age or older. (**n=1,527**)

Respondents had the option of completing the survey in French and English and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population.

When

Data collection from **November 6th to 9th, 2026**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±2.5%**, (19 times out of 20).

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions

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Notes

A more detailed sample breakdown is presented in the Appendix.

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CANADA 2025

	LEGER POLL Published on April 26, 2025	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2025 Canada Federal Election
L	43%	43.7%
C	39%	41.3%
NDP	8%	6.3%
B	6%	6.3%
GREEN PARTY	2%	1.2%

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on October 18, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 British Columbia Provincial Election
BC NDP	46%	45%
C	42%	43%
greens	9%	8%
Others	3%	4%

UNITED STATES 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on November 4, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 United States Presidential Election
	49%	50%
	49%	48%
Others	2%	2%

Key Highlights

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Some of the key highlights...

- **Canadians are more likely to view the United States as an enemy than as an ally.** Overall, 38% consider the U.S. an enemy, compared with 27% who see it as a neutral country and 20% as an ally. Since August 31st, the proportion of Canadians viewing the US as neutral has increased by 5%, while the percentage considering it an enemy has decreased by 3%. Notably, Quebecers (44%) and older Canadians (45%) are more likely to view the U.S. as an enemy, while younger Canadians (aged 18–34) are less likely to do so (29%).

- **Six out of ten Canadians (63%) followed the U.S. midterm elections closely.** Attention was higher among men and Canadians aged 55+ (73% each), while women and those aged 35–54 were less likely to have followed the elections closely (54% each).

- **Two-thirds of Canadians (66%) are pleased with the results of the U.S. midterm elections.** Satisfaction is higher among Quebecers (75%) and Canadians aged 55+ (78%), and lower among those aged 18–34 (56%) and 35–54 (60%). Canadians who consider the U.S. an enemy are also more likely to be pleased (80%), while those who consider it an ally are less likely to be pleased (54%).

- **Most Canadians view the U.S. midterm results positively for Canada.** Nearly three-quarters (72%) consider the results good news for Canada, compared with 8% who consider them bad news. This assessment is more common among Quebecers and Canadians aged 55+ (79% each), and less common among Albertans (60%), 18–34-year-olds (66%) and 35–54-year-olds (67%).

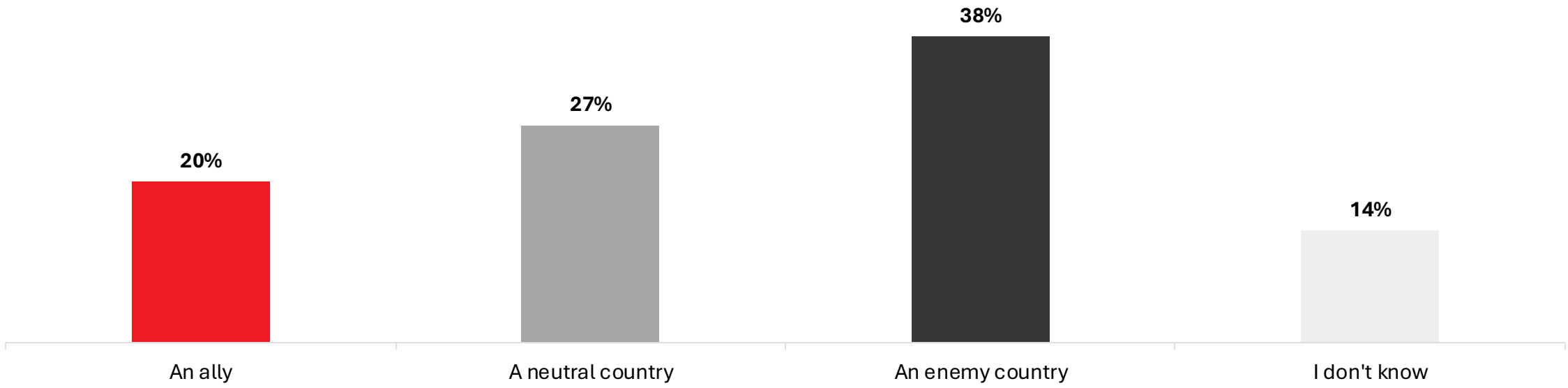
- **Nearly half of Canadians (48%) believe the midterm results will make it easier for Canada to negotiate favourable trade terms with the U.S., while 7% expect negotiations to become more difficult.** Quebecers are more likely to expect negotiations to become easier (53%), while residents of Manitoba/Saskatchewan are more likely to anticipate greater difficulty (16%). Canadians aged 18–34 are more likely to be uncertain (21%), while those aged 55+ are more likely to expect no change in the level of difficulty (37%).

Canadians’ Perceptions of U.S. Midterms

Perception of the United States

Q3. Do you consider the United States to be an ally, a neutral country, or an enemy country?

Base: All respondents (n=1,527)

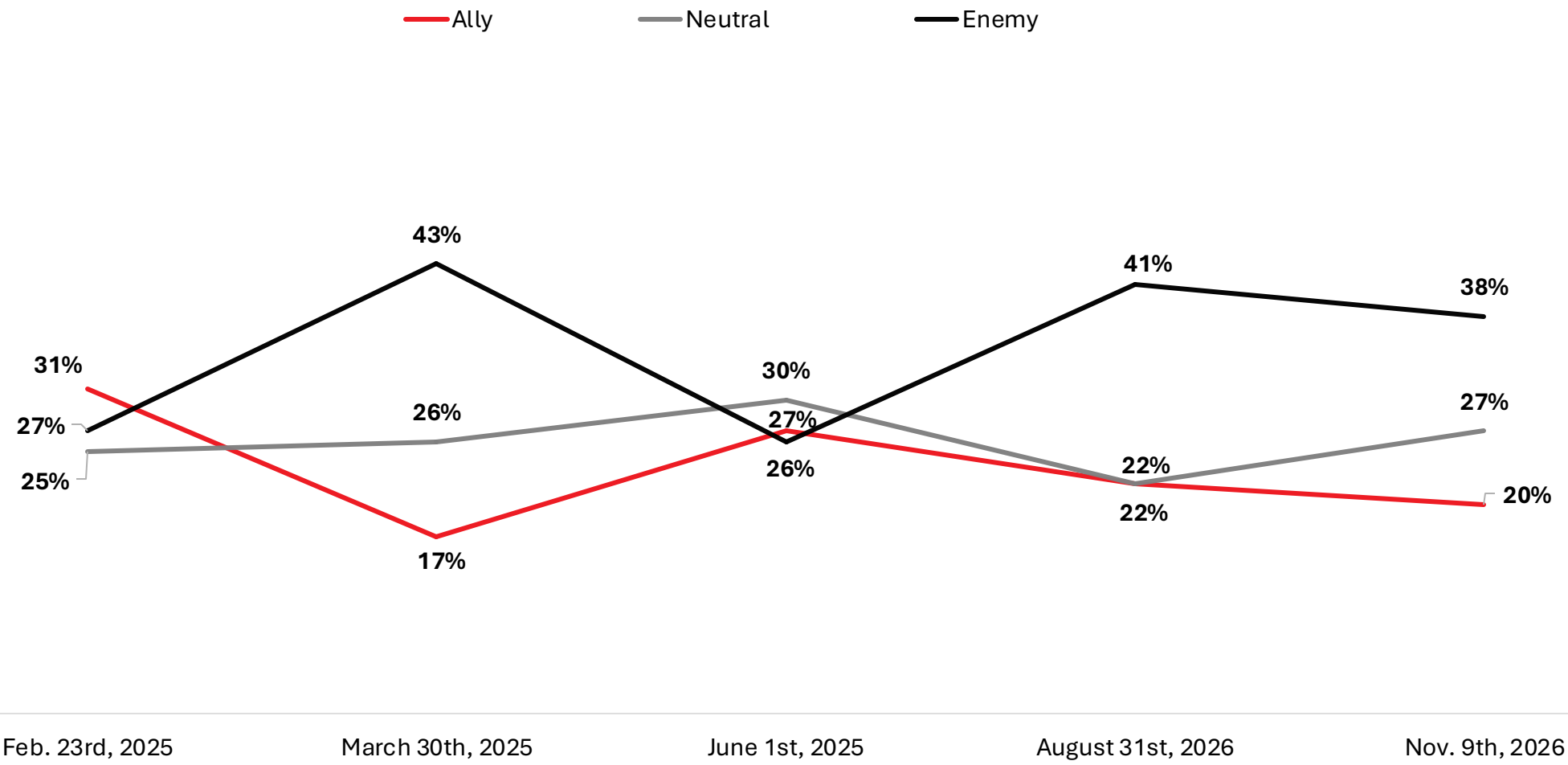


	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Total August 31st, 2026	Gap
Weighted n=	***1,527***	*102*	*353*	*593*	*98*	*168*	*213*	*745*	*782*	*408*	*489*	*630*	***1,552***	
Unweighted n=	***1,527***	*102*	*406*	*608*	*130*	*128*	*153*	*797*	*730*	*466*	*430*	*631*	***1,552***	
An ally	**20%**	27%	18%	23%	20%	18%	15%	**27%**	**13%**	**16%**	**24%**	20%	**22%**	*-2*
A neutral country	**27%**	26%	25%	26%	25%	30%	34%	28%	26%	**41%**	**23%**	**22%**	**22%**	*+5*
An enemy country	**38%**	31%	**44%**	37%	38%	34%	37%	37%	40%	**29%**	37%	**45%**	**41%**	*-3*
I don’t know	**14%**	16%	12%	14%	17%	18%	13%	**8%**	**20%**	14%	16%	13%	**16%**	*-2*

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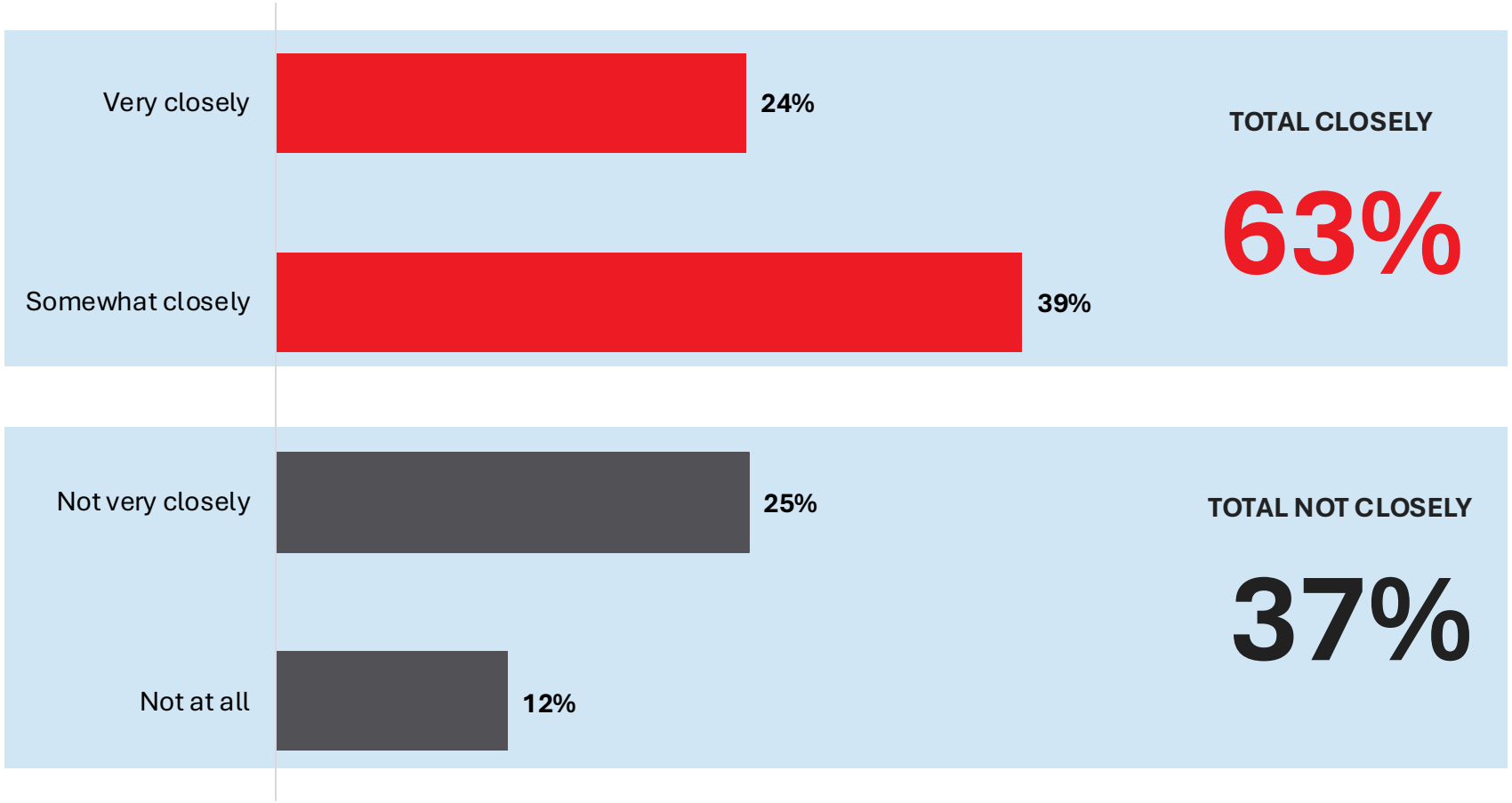
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Attention Paid to the 2026 U.S. Midterm Elections (1/2)

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Base: All respondents (n=1,527)



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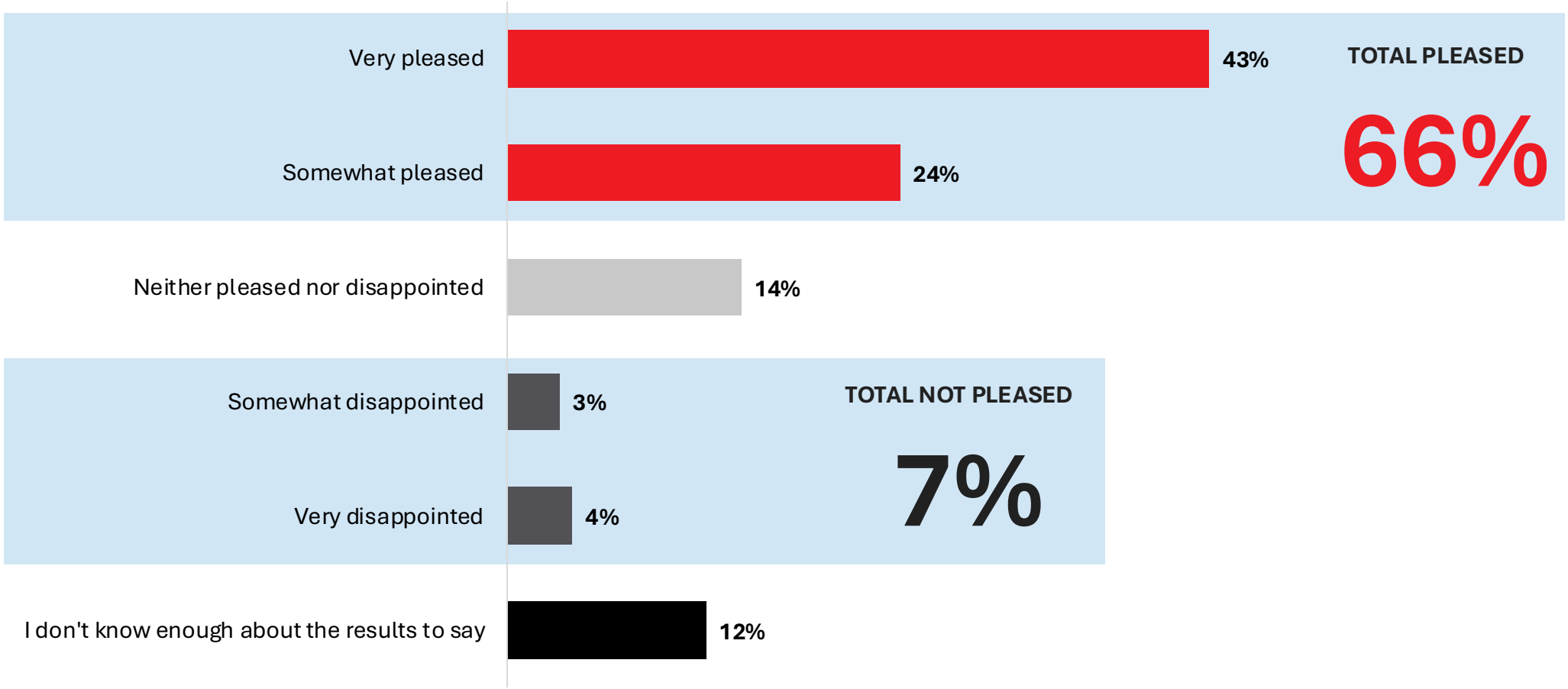
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CLOSELY	**63%**	68%	59%	65%	61%	59%	68%	**73%**	**54%**	60%	**54%**	**73%**
Very closely	**24%**	23%	21%	27%	19%	19%	30%	**31%**	**18%**	**19%**	21%	**31%**
Somewhat closely	**39%**	45%	38%	38%	42%	40%	38%	**42%**	**36%**	41%	**33%**	42%
NOT CLOSELY	**37%**	32%	41%	35%	39%	41%	32%	**27%**	**46%**	40%	**46%**	**27%**
Not very closely	**25%**	22%	26%	22%	25%	28%	28%	**19%**	**30%**	28%	28%	**20%**
Not at all	**12%**	10%	15%	13%	14%	13%	**4%**	**8%**	**16%**	12%	**18%**	**7%**

Satisfaction with the Results of the U.S. Midterm Elections (1/2)

Q3. Overall, how do you feel about the results of the U.S. midterm elections?

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Satisfaction with the Results of the U.S. Midterm Elections (2/2)

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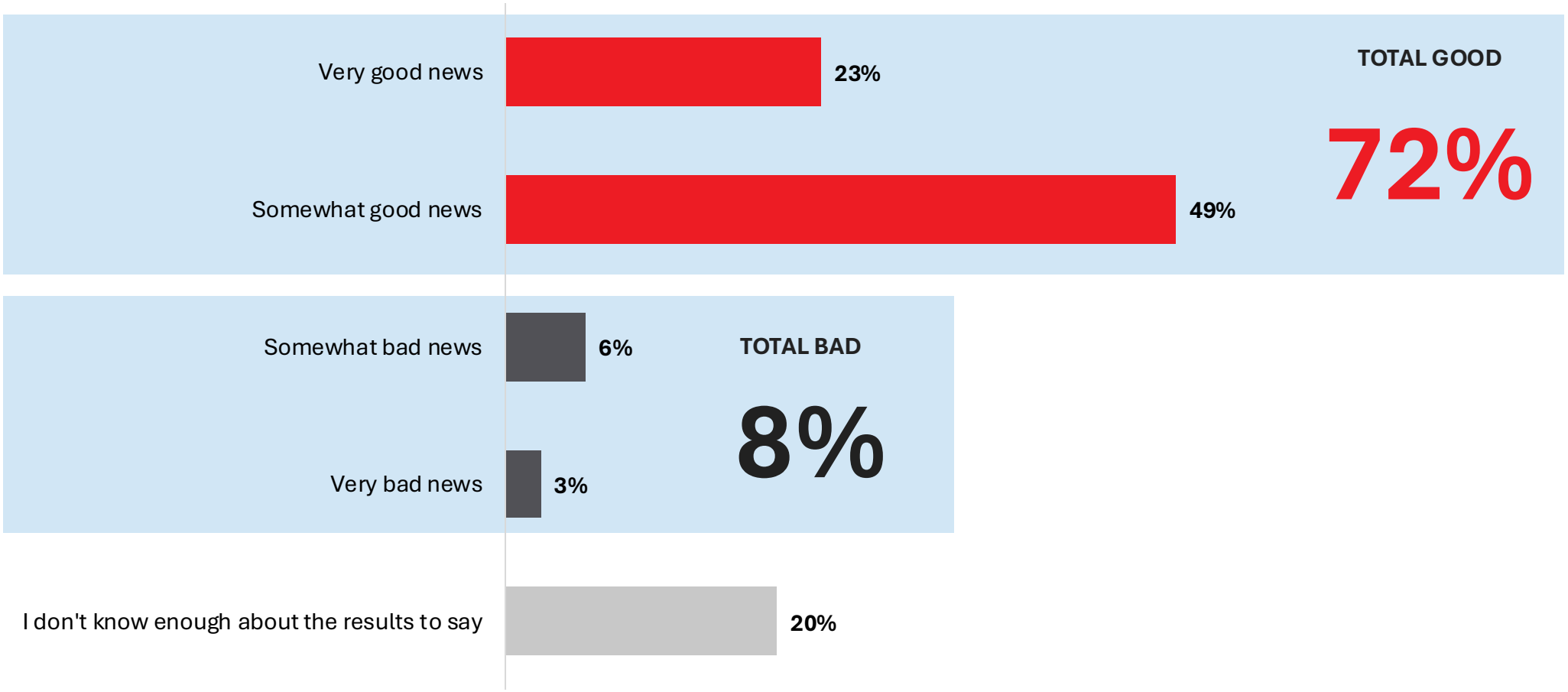
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PLEASED	**66%**	65%	**75%**	66%	59%	59%	62%	67%	66%	**56%**	**60%**	**78%**	**54%**	65%	**80%**
Very pleased	**43%**	50%	44%	45%	35%	38%	39%	44%	41%	**31%**	**35%**	**56%**	38%	**35%**	**56%**
Somewhat pleased	**24%**	16%	**31%**	22%	24%	21%	23%	24%	24%	25%	24%	22%	**17%**	**30%**	24%
NEITHER PLEASED NOR DISAPPOINTED	**14%**	14%	12%	12%	15%	15%	**21%**	**17%**	**12%**	**20%**	17%	**9%**	**19%**	**21%**	**6%**
DISAPPOINTED	**7%**	10%	**4%**	7%	14%	8%	8%	9%	6%	9%	8%	6%	**20%**	5%	**4%**
Somewhat disappointed	**3%**	5%	**1%**	3%	8%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	**7%**	3%	2%
Very disappointed	**4%**	5%	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	**13%**	**2%**	**2%**
I don't know enough about the results to say	**12%**	11%	**9%**	14%	12%	18%	9%	**7%**	**17%**	14%	**16%**	**8%**	**7%**	**9%**	10%

Perceived Impact of the U.S. Midterm Election Results on Canada (1/2)

Q4. Thinking specifically about Canada's interests, do you consider the results of the U.S. midterm elections to be good news or bad news for Canada?

Base: All respondents (n=1,527)



Perceived Impact of the U.S. Midterm Election Results on Canada (2/2)

Q4. Thinking specifically about Canada's interests, do you consider the results of the U.S. midterm elections to be good news or bad news for Canada?

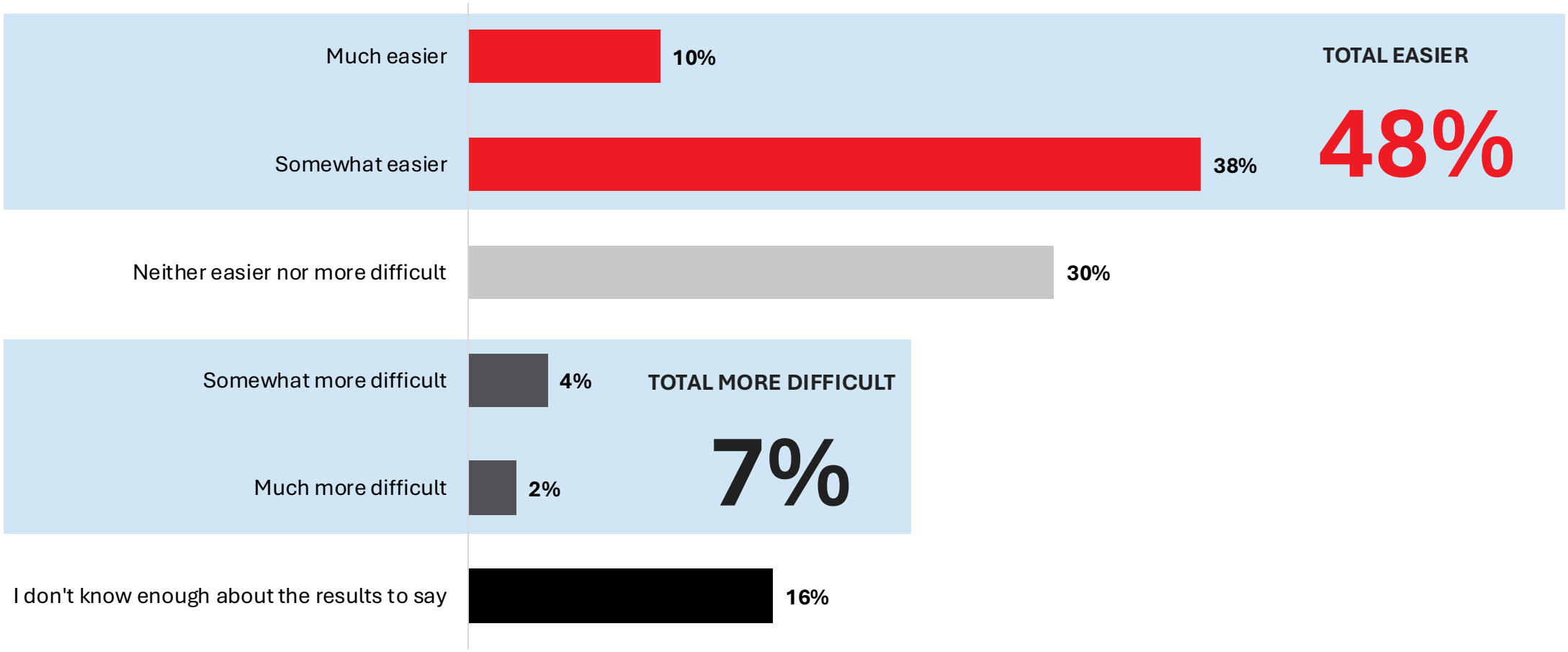
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PLEASED	**72%**	75%	**79%**	71%	66%	**60%**	71%	**76%**	**68%**	**66%**	**67%**	**79%**	**63%**	**78%**	**80%**
Very good news	**23%**	18%	26%	26%	20%	21%	**16%**	23%	23%	25%	20%	24%	24%	21%	**27%**
Somewhat good news	**49%**	57%	53%	45%	47%	39%	55%	**52%**	**45%**	**41%**	47%	**55%**	**39%**	**57%**	**53%**
BAD	**8%**	12%	6%	10%	14%	8%	5%	10%	7%	10%	10%	**6%**	**19%**	8%	**6%**
Somewhat bad news	**6%**	9%	5%	6%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	7%	7%	**4%**	**13%**	7%	**3%**
Very bad news	**3%**	3%	**1%**	3%	7%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	**6%**	**1%**	3%
I don't know enough about the results to say	**20%**	13%	**15%**	19%	20%	**32%**	24%	**15%**	**25%**	**24%**	22%	**15%**	18%	**15%**	**14%**

Perceived Impact of the U.S. Midterm Election Results on Canada–U.S. Trade Negotiations (1/2)

Q5. Do you think the results of the U.S. midterm elections will make it easier or more difficult for Canada to negotiate favourable trade terms with the United States?

Base: All respondents (n=1,527)



Perceived Impact of the U.S. Midterm Election Results on Canada–U.S. Trade Negotiations (2/2)

Q5. Do you think the results of the U.S. midterm elections will make it easier or more difficult for Canada to negotiate favourable trade terms with the United States?

Base: All respondents (n=1,527)

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	*Canadians' Perception of the United States*		
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EASIER	**48%**	51%	**53%**	48%	38%	45%	43%	50%	45%	47%	50%	46%	51%	51%	50%
Much easier	**10%**	9%	10%	11%	8%	11%	8%	12%	8%	11%	9%	10%	12%	10%	11%
Somewhat easier	**38%**	42%	**43%**	37%	29%	34%	36%	39%	37%	36%	41%	36%	39%	42%	39%
NEITHER EASIER NOR MORE DIFFICULT	**30%**	32%	30%	30%	25%	28%	34%	**33%**	**27%**	**23%**	26%	**37%**	29%	32%	32%
MORE DIFFICULT	**7%**	7%	**4%**	7%	**16%**	7%	5%	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%	**10%**	5%	6%
Somewhat more difficult	**4%**	4%	**2%**	5%	9%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Much more difficult	**2%**	2%	2%	2%	7%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	**5%**	1%	2%
I don't know enough about the results to say	**16%**	10%	13%	15%	21%	20%	18%	**9%**	**22%**	**21%**	17%	**12%**	**10%**	**11%**	**11%**

Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles

(Base n=1,527)

The table below presents the Canadian distribution of respondents before weighting.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	**797**	**745**
Female	**730**	**782**

Language (Mother Tongue)

	Unweighted	Weighted
French	**347**	**302**
English	**1,029**	**1,076**
Other	**151**	**149**

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 34	**466**	**408**
35 to 54	**430**	**489**
55+	**631**	**630**

Province

	Unweighted	Weighted
British Columbia	**153**	**213**
Alberta	**128**	**168**
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	**130**	**98**
Ontario	**608**	**593**
Quebec	**406**	**353**
Atlantic	**102**	**102**

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