

**Gas Prices:**

Q1. Today's survey is about life in Canada today. There are no right or wrong answers – we just want your honest opinions.

First, in your opinion, what are the most important issues in your province today? (Choose up to 3)

[RANDOMIZE]

Health Care

Environment/Climate Change

The Economy

Taxes

Education

Jobs/Unemployment

The Deficit/Government Spending

Housing

Seniors' Care

Poverty

Energy - Oil & Gas/Pipelines

Crime/Public Safety

Energy - Electricity

Leadership

Homelessness

Ethics/Accountability

Drug Use/Addiction

Natural Resources/Agriculture

Day Care/Child Care

Public infrastructure

Municipal Funding, Services & Powers

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. OK, now we'd like to know a little more about how you get around in your day-to-day life. How often, if at all, do you drive a car or other motor vehicle (e.g. truck, motorcycle, etc.)?

Most days

Multiple times per week

About once a week

Multiple times a month

About once a month

Less often than once a month

Never

[IF "NEVER" SKIP TO Q7]

Q3. And how is your engine powered? Thinking about the vehicle you drive the most, is it:

- A vehicle with a gas tank that is 100% powered by gasoline
- A hybrid vehicle that has both an electric engine and a gas tank
- A plug-in electric vehicle that doesn't use any gasoline

[IF "PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE" SKIP TO Q7]

[ASK OF THOSE WHO DO NOT DRIVE A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE]

Q4. And thinking specifically about the community or city where you live, which statement best describes the price you have paid for the gasoline over the last three months? Have you noticed a ...?

- Major increase in price
- Minor increase in price
- Minor decrease in price
- Major decrease in price
- I haven't noticed any change in price

[ASK THOSE WHO SAY MAJOR INCREASE OR MINOR INCREASE AT Q3]

Q5. And, how has this increase affected you personally, if at all?

- A great deal – I'm struggling to afford gas
- A little— the cost of gas is getting expensive, but I can manage it
- Not at all – I can afford to pay a higher price for gas

[IF "NOT AT ALL" - SKIP TO Q7]

Q6. And, have you done any of the following in the last 3 months? Please select all that apply.

[RANDOMIZE]

- Reduced your daily driving
- Bought less gas
- Travelled to a different town/city to buy gas
- Travelled across the U.S. border to buy gas
- Used public transit more often
- [Exclusive] No, I haven't done any of these things

[ASK ALL]

Q7. Over the last three months, Canada's average gas prices have increased by more than 30 cents per litre, up from \$1.20 at the end of January to \$1.52 at the end of April.

[SHOW THIS SENTENCE TO BC RESPONDENTS ONLY]

Metro Vancouver has been experiencing the highest average gas prices in North America, where costs peaked at more than \$1.70 per litre.

Which statement best describes how you feel about the current rise in gas prices?

[RANDOMIZE]

Gas prices rise and fall all the time; this is just a temporary spike

This is a sign of a more permanent increase in average gas prices

Q8. And, what do you think are the biggest reasons for the current rise in gas prices? (Please select up to two options)

[RANDOMIZE]

Government taxes (e.g. transit tax, carbon tax etc.)

Big oil companies looking for higher profits

Low value of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar

Increased demand for gasoline

Global oil supply shortages

Dependence on foreign oil/lack of refining capacity

Lack of investment in renewable energy sources

[ANCHOR]Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q8b. Thinking about this another way, some people argue there are three main forces affecting gas prices in this country: government taxes, oil companies' desire to maximize profit, and other economic market forces. Of these three, which do you think is **most responsible** for the current rise in gas prices?

[RANDOMIZE]

Government taxes

Oil companies' desire to maximize profit

Economic market forces

Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

[ASK ALL]

Public transit is convenient where I live

Rising gas prices where I live have made it harder for me to afford necessities

I have quit or changed jobs because I could no longer afford the cost of commuting

[BC ONLY]

The NDP government in B.C. under John Horgan isn't doing enough to address high gas prices

Expanding the Trans Mountain Pipeline would help lower gas prices in B.C.

The media in B.C. place too much emphasis on gas prices

[COLUMNS]

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Q10. In recent months, some economists and oil industry analysts have called on British Columbia's provincial government to implement a [maximum price cap on gas](#), modelled on regulations already in place in Québec and the Maritime provinces. Would you support or oppose this policy?

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Not sure/Can't say

Q11. On April 30, the new Alberta government under Jason Kenney proclaimed a law that allows the province to restrict its oil and gas shipments to other provinces.

Kenney argues this law is necessary to protect Alberta's economic interests and that the government of B.C. under John Horgan has kept gas prices high by repeatedly blocking oil projects.

The B.C. government is challenging the law in court, arguing that it is unconstitutional. Horgan argues his government is protecting British Columbians and their coastline.

Suppose you had to choose a side in this debate. Which province's government would you be more inclined to side with?

[RANDOMIZE]

The B.C. government

The Alberta government

Q12. Now, for our classification purposes, how would you describe where you currently live? Is it:

A rural area/farm

In a small town

In a small city

In the suburbs of a big city

A central area in a big city

[BC ONLY]

Q13. If a provincial election were held tomorrow here in British Columbia, which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

[RANDOMIZE TOP 3]

BC Liberal Party

BC New Democratic Party (NDP)

BC Green Party

[ANCHOR]Another party

[ANCHOR]Undecided/Can't say

[ANCHOR]Prefer not to say

[ANCHOR]Would not vote

[ASK ALL WHO CHOOSE 'UNDECIDED']

Q14. A lot of people aren't sure at this point which party they would support, but is there nevertheless a provincial party here that you are leaning towards?

[SAME RANDOMIZATION AS Q13]

BC Liberal Party

BC New Democratic Party (NDP)

BC Green Party

[ANCHOR]Another party

[ANCHOR]Really can't say

[ANCHOR]Prefer not to say

[ANCHOR]Would not vote

#### **Political Sphere Q:**

QL4. Lastly, for our classification purposes, how likely is it that you yourself would consider supporting each of these parties in a future federal election? Would you:

[Rows -- same order as above]

The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer

The Liberal Party led by Justin Trudeau

The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh

[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois and Yves-Francois Blanchet

**The Green Party led by Elizabeth May**

[Response options]

Definitely support them

Certainly consider them

Maybe consider them

Definitely NOT even consider them