

**Campaign '19: Immigration Issues**  
**September 27 – 30, 2019**

This survey is about some issues concerning Canada and [ROC: your province/QC: Quebec] today. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, we just want to get everyone's different views.

[QL1]

Base = Total

As you may have heard, a general election will be held in Canada next month, on October 21st. We'd like to know which issues you care about the most during this campaign so far. From this list below, please select up to 2 that are most important to you personally.

Job opportunities in my community  
Management of the federal deficit  
Improving health care access  
The amount of taxes I pay  
Immigration policy  
Access to affordable housing  
Upholding the rights of religious groups in Canada  
Natural resource and energy policy  
Protecting the rights of LGBTQ2 Canadians  
Canada's role on the international stage  
Improving living conditions for Canada's First Nations  
Climate change  
Transparency and honesty in the federal government  
Other [specify]:

[QL2]

Base = Total

What is your overall impression of each of the following party leaders?

Conservative Party leader Andrew Scheer  
Liberal leader Justin Trudeau  
New Democratic Party/NDP leader Jagmeet Singh  
Green Party leader Elizabeth May  
People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier  
Bloc Québécois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet [QC only]

Very favourable  
Favourable  
Unfavourable  
Very unfavourable  
Not sure/can't say

[QL3]

Base = Total

Based on how you feel right now, how certain are you about which party's candidate you will support in this upcoming federal election? Would you say you are...?

Absolutely certain of who you would support – no way you could change your mind

Fairly certain – You feel like you've made up your mind

Less certain – You could change your mind

Not certain at all – You have no idea who you'd support

[QL4]

Base = Total

In this upcoming federal election, which party's candidate will you be most likely to support?

Conservative Party of Canada

Liberal Party of Canada

New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party

People's Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote

[QL5]

Base = 'UNDECIDED/DK' OR 'RATHER NOT SAY' IN QL4

We've noticed you did not select a party. Is there a party you are currently leaning towards?

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party

People's Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote

[QL6]

Base = 'OTHER PARTY/INDEPENDENT' QL4 OR QL5

And which other federal election candidate would that be?

Independent/non-affiliated candidate

Libertarian

Christian Heritage

Some other party

None – spoil ballot/won't vote

Don't Know/Not Sure

[QL7]

Base = ALL THOSE NAMING A PARTY IN QL4, QL5 OR QL6

Suppose for some reason you could not support the [PIPE IN PARTY SELECTED]. In that case, which party would be your second choice?

Conservative Party

Liberal Party

New Democratic Party (NDP)

Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]

Green Party

People's Party of Canada

Other Party/Independent

Undecided /Don't know

Rather not say

Will not vote

[QL8]

Base = Total

Do you approve or disapprove of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau?

Strongly approve

Approve

Disapprove

Strongly disapprove

Not sure/Can't say

[QL9]

Base = Total

And, which of these leaders would make the best Prime Minister of Canada?

Andrew Scheer

Justin Trudeau

[QL10]

Base = Total

Since the election campaign started a few weeks ago, would you say your opinion of each of the following has improved, worsened or stayed the same?

The Liberal Party of Canada led by Justin Trudeau

The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer

The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh

The Green Party led by Elizabeth May

The People's Party of Canada led by Maxime Bernier

The Bloc Québécois led by Yves-Francois Blanchet [QC only]

Improved

Stayed the same

Worsened

[TEXT]

Let's turn our attention now to the topic of immigration. We're talking about people who were born in other countries who have immigrated to live in Canada on a permanent basis.

A few quick questions to start. Don't worry if you don't know the answers, we just want to get an idea of what people's perceptions are about immigration to Canada.

[QQ1]

Base = Total

Canada's total current population is 37 million. How many new immigrants do you think arrived in Canada last year?

Fewer than 200,000 new immigrants

200,000 up to 300,000

300,000 up to 400,000

400,000 up to 500,000

500,000 up to 1 million

More than 1 million new immigrants

No idea/Can't say

[QQ2]

Base = Total

The actual number of new immigrants coming to Canada in 2019 is: 331,000, just less than one per cent of Canada's total population. If you had to estimate, roughly what percentage of that total do you think is from each of the three main immigrant classifications?

Please use the slider to indicate a %'age estimate for each. (Should add to 100%).

- Economic class immigrants: people who come to work, including caregivers, skilled labourers, and professionals.
- Family class immigrants: people who are sponsored by a relative who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Refugee or humanitarian class immigrants: people who are fleeing conflict or persecution abroad.

[QQ3]

Base = Total

Where do you think most new immigrants to Canada have been coming from in the past 10 years or so? (Please select up to three regions):



- U.S.A. & Mexico
- Latin America & the Caribbean
- Europe
- Russia & Central Asia
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia

South Pacific  
Middle East & North Africa  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
No idea/Really can't say

[QO1]

Base = Total

As mentioned earlier, in 2019, Canada is expected to accept 331,000 new permanent residents. These are people who were born in other countries who have immigrated to Canada on a permanent basis. What is your opinion on this?

Would you say 331,000 new permanent residents in 2019 is ...

Too many – the number should be lower

About right

Too few – the number should be higher

Not sure/Can't say

[QO2]

Base = 'TOO MANY' IN QO1

You've indicated you consider Canada's current annual immigration number of approximately 330,000 to be "too many". How many immigrants do you think Canada *should* be taking?

Between 250,000 and 300,000

200,000 to 250,000

150,000 to 200,000

100,000 to 150,000

Fewer than 100,000

None, stop immigration to Canada altogether

[QO3]

Base = Total

There are a few broad types, or "classes" of immigrants to Canada. Of the 331,000 expected to make their home in Canada this year:

- Most (58%) are "economic class" immigrants: people who come to work, including caregivers, skilled labourers, and professionals.
- Another 27 per cent are "family class" immigrants: people who are sponsored by a relative who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- The remaining 15 per cent are "refugee" or "humanitarian" class immigrants: people who are fleeing conflict or persecution abroad.

What are your views on these proportions? Would you say each one is too high, about right, or too low?

Economic class immigrants – 58% of the total  
Family class immigrants – 27% of the total  
Refugee/humanitarian class immigrants – 15% of the total

[Response options]:

Too few – the number should be higher  
About right  
Too many – the number should be lower  
Not sure/Can't say

[QO4]

Base = Total

Which parts of the world *should* Canada's immigrants be coming from? (Please select up to three regions):



- U.S.A. & Mexico
- Latin America & the Caribbean
- Europe
- Russia & Central Asia
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- South Pacific
- Middle East & North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Doesn't matter/Can come from any region

[QA1]

Base = Total

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A lot of new immigrants have trouble settling into life here

Minorities should do more to fit in better with mainstream Canadian society

Canada's economic growth is in peril without immigration

New immigrants take too many jobs away from Canadians

Recent immigrants should have as much say about the future of Canada as people who were born and raised here

[response options]:

Strongly Disagree

Moderately Disagree

Moderately Agree

Strongly Agree

[QA2]

Base = Total

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents

Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and health care

[QP1]

Base = Total

Now let's consider a few specific immigration issues that some people are talking about.

When it comes to immigrants being able to speak our official languages, would you say we should:

Require that all new immigrants to [PIPE 'ENGLISH': IF FROM Canada/FRENCH: Quebec] – at least those who are not refugees – speak at least some [PIPE 'ENGLISH' IF English or French/FRENCH: French] before they are accepted here

Or

Newcomers to Canada [and Quebec] can learn the language once they are here

[QP2]

Base = Total

Regarding asylum seekers crossing into Canada outside official border crossings, would you say the Trudeau Liberal government has been:

Too soft in their approach

Too tough on this

Struck about the right balance overall

No idea/Can't say

[QP3]

Base = Total

Refugees fleeing conflict or persecution are currently 15% of all our immigrants. Would you say Canada should or should not increase the proportion of immigrants who are refugees?

Should increase as refugees are in such need

Should not – we need to keep the priority on economic class immigrants who are coming here to work

[QP4]

Base = Total

And to what extent, if at all, should provincial governments decide how many new immigrants settle in their own respective provinces? Should the provinces:

Have complete control over immigration within their province

Be involved as equal partners with the federal government

Be consulted

Not involved at all

[QP5]

Base = Total

Regardless of whether you are supporting them or not, overall, how well or poorly would you say the Trudeau Liberal government has handled the immigration file over these past four years in office?

Very well

Reasonably well

Quite poorly

Very poorly

[QP6]

Base = Total

And continuing to setting aside your overall views of the parties and whose candidate you might support next month – who do you think would do the best job managing the immigration file?

The Conservative Party and Andrew Scheer

The Liberal Party and Justin Trudeau

The New Democratic Party (NDP) and Jagmeet Singh

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

The Green Party and Elizabeth May

The People's Party of Canada and Maxime Bernier

Don't know/Can't say

[QD1]

Base = Total

Were you born in Canada or in another country?

In Canada

In another country

[QD2]

Base = BORN IN CANADA AT QD1

Were your parents born in Canada?

Yes, both parents born here

One parent here, one elsewhere

No, both parents born outside Canada

Not Sure

[QD3]

Base = BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AT QD1

And, how many years have you lived in Canada?

Fewer than 10 years

10-20 years

20-30 years

30 years or more

[QD4]

Base = Total

Would you say you are a member of a visible minority (in terms of your ethnicity/heritage/race)?

Yes

No

[QD5]

Base = Total

How about in the last Canadian federal election which was held back in October 2015 -- that's when Justin Trudeau and the Liberals first got elected, defeating Stephen Harper's Conservative government, and the opposition NDP led by Thomas Mulcair. [QC Only: and Gilles Duceppe had come back to lead the Bloc.]

To the best of your recollection, did you actually go out and vote in that 2015 federal election?

Yes, definitely voted

Probably voted

Maybe not/Can't recall

No, did not vote in that election

[QD6]

Base = ONLY Voters: (Top 3 boxes at previous QD5)

And which party's candidate did you support in that 2015 Canadian federal election?

Conservative

Liberal

NDP/New Democrat

Bloc Quebecois [QC Only]

Green Party

Some other party

Can't recall/not sure

Prefer not to say