

**November ripple train survey
Nov. 3-5**

Some questions held for future release. Others have already been released.

Today we have a survey about a number of issues ongoing in Canada. First, let's talk about representation in Canada.

QH1.

Base=All

Single choice

Thinking about the Members of Parliament (MPs) from your province who are elected to the House of Commons – would you say your province is:

Overrepresented – too many MPs from your province

Adequately represented – the number of MPs is about right

Underrepresented – too few MPs from your province

Not sure

[TEXT]

Elections Canada is currently reviewing seat distribution in the House of Commons. This is done every 10 years. Based on population growth, it is proposing that Alberta should gain three seats, B.C., and Ontario each should gain one seat, and Quebec should lose one seat.

Here's how things would look if the new plan goes ahead, and how it would change the level of representation for each part of the country:

Province	Proposed House of Commons seats (Change from current seats noted)	Percentage of seats in the House of Commons under new plan	Province percentage of Canada's population
British Columbia	43 seats (+1)	12.5%	13.6%
Alberta	37 seats (+3)	10.8%	11.6%
Saskatchewan	14 seats	4.1%	3.1%
Manitoba	14 seats	4.1%	3.6%
Ontario	122 seats (+1)	35.7%	38.8%
Quebec	77 seats (-1)	22.5%	22.5%
New Brunswick	10 seats	2.9%	2.1%
Nova Scotia	11 seats	3.2%	2.6%
Prince Edward Island	4 seats	1.2%	0.4%
Newfoundland and Labrador	7 seats	2.0%	1.4%
Yukon	1 seat	0.3%	0.1%
Northwest Territories	1 seat	0.3%	0.1%
Nunavut	1 seat	0.3%	0.1%

QH2.

Base=All

Single choice

Overall, do you support or oppose the proposed change in the distribution of seats in the House of Commons?

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

QH3.

Base=All

Single choice

The current proposal has Quebec losing one seat. Which is closest to your view:

Provinces should never lose seats as a result of seat redistribution

It's fine for provinces to lose seats so the House of Commons is more proportionately distributed based on population

QH4.

Base=All

Single choice

Bloc Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet believes that the province's status as a nation means it should not lose a seat. Which is closest to your view:

Quebec DOES deserve special consideration when it comes to how many seats it has in the House of Commons

Quebec does NOT deserve special consideration when it comes to how many seats it has in the House of Commons