

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Sample size	1602	951	289	128	234	596	468	350	109	79	1064	459

Regional sample sizes are unweighted. All other sample sizes, including column totals, are weighted to census data. Cells containing “*” are statistically zero, though at least one response was received. Blank cells indicate zero responses received. Sample sizes below 100 should be interpreted with caution.

QB1. Overall, do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	59%	100%				90%	57%	30%	20%	28%	76%	27%
About the right amount	18%		100%			4%	18%	37%	39%	8%	10%	38%
Too little	8%			100%		2%	9%	11%	27%	10%	5%	15%
Not sure/ Can't say	15%				100%	4%	17%	22%	14%	55%	9%	20%

QB2. [Too much summary] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Health care	6%	8%	5%	1%	1%	11%	4%	2%	2%	4%	8%	2%
The military/national defence	18%	17%	15%	31%	20%	14%	15%	23%	35%	22%	14%	26%
Foreign aid	59%	78%	31%	33%	31%	86%	53%	39%	29%	28%	71%	36%
Social programs	22%	34%	7%	3%	3%	44%	12%	6%	5%	7%	30%	6%
Economic development	16%	21%	8%	9%	7%	23%	11%	12%	15%	6%	18%	13%
Environmental programs	32%	49%	10%	9%	3%	61%	22%	9%	7%	6%	44%	9%
Government services – passports, taxes, etc.	32%	45%	14%	12%	10%	52%	26%	18%	12%	9%	40%	16%
Reconciliation/Indigenous programs	39%	54%	21%	12%	17%	59%	38%	19%	20%	12%	50%	19%
Infrastructure	9%	11%	7%	6%	2%	12%	7%	6%	9%	6%	10%	6%
Law enforcement	17%	13%	18%	31%	19%	12%	11%	20%	48%	24%	12%	27%

QB2. [About the right amount summary] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Health care	20%	18%	32%	11%	14%	21%	19%	21%	21%	6%	20%	21%
The military/national defence	23%	18%	42%	27%	20%	16%	26%	29%	39%	14%	20%	31%
Foreign aid	26%	15%	54%	38%	30%	8%	32%	44%	50%	13%	19%	45%
Social programs	27%	27%	45%	9%	18%	24%	35%	31%	17%	10%	29%	27%
Economic development	34%	26%	64%	36%	29%	22%	40%	48%	49%	12%	30%	48%
Environmental programs	27%	23%	48%	23%	24%	19%	33%	37%	28%	17%	25%	35%
Government services – passports, taxes, etc.	41%	32%	66%	51%	42%	27%	48%	55%	54%	26%	36%	55%
Reconciliation/Indigenous programs	26%	22%	42%	25%	25%	20%	31%	34%	27%	13%	24%	32%
Infrastructure	31%	28%	52%	20%	26%	26%	31%	40%	44%	19%	28%	41%
Law enforcement	39%	37%	56%	33%	30%	31%	46%	50%	35%	20%	38%	46%

QB2. [Too little summary] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Health care	67%	67%	61%	86%	66%	60%	71%	74%	75%	63%	65%	74%
The military/national defence	48%	58%	39%	34%	27%	64%	46%	37%	24%	16%	56%	34%
Foreign aid	7%	3%	11%	19%	9%	3%	7%	10%	13%	10%	5%	11%
Social programs	41%	31%	46%	82%	52%	24%	41%	57%	76%	49%	31%	61%
Economic development	34%	38%	20%	49%	27%	40%	33%	26%	28%	34%	37%	27%
Environmental programs	29%	19%	37%	61%	41%	11%	32%	45%	61%	32%	20%	49%
Government services – passports, taxes, etc.	13%	11%	12%	30%	11%	9%	13%	14%	24%	12%	11%	17%
Reconciliation/Indigenous programs	23%	15%	28%	57%	28%	15%	20%	30%	49%	30%	17%	35%
Infrastructure	46%	50%	34%	65%	34%	52%	47%	41%	43%	16%	50%	41%
Law enforcement	34%	41%	21%	31%	23%	49%	32%	21%	14%	15%	42%	20%

QB2. [Health care] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	6%	8%	5%	1%	1%	11%	4%	2%	2%	4%	8%	2%
About the right amount	20%	18%	32%	11%	14%	21%	19%	21%	21%	6%	20%	21%
Too little	67%	67%	61%	86%	66%	60%	71%	74%	75%	63%	65%	74%
Not sure/ Can't say	7%	6%	1%	3%	19%	8%	6%	3%	3%	27%	7%	3%

QB2. [The military/national defence] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	18%	17%	15%	31%	20%	14%	15%	23%	35%	22%	14%	26%
About the right amount	23%	18%	42%	27%	20%	16%	26%	29%	39%	14%	20%	31%
Too little	48%	58%	39%	34%	27%	64%	46%	37%	24%	16%	56%	34%
Not sure/ Can't say	11%	8%	4%	8%	33%	6%	13%	10%	2%	48%	9%	8%

QB2. [Foreign aid] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	59%	78%	31%	33%	31%	86%	53%	39%	29%	28%	71%	36%
About the right amount	26%	15%	54%	38%	30%	8%	32%	44%	50%	13%	19%	45%
Too little	7%	3%	11%	19%	9%	3%	7%	10%	13%	10%	5%	11%
Not sure/ Can't say	8%	4%	3%	9%	31%	3%	8%	8%	7%	49%	5%	7%

QB2. [Social programs] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	22%	34%	7%	3%	3%	44%	12%	6%	5%	7%	30%	6%
About the right amount	27%	27%	45%	9%	18%	24%	35%	31%	17%	10%	29%	27%
Too little	41%	31%	46%	82%	52%	24%	41%	57%	76%	49%	31%	61%
Not sure/ Can't say	10%	9%	2%	6%	28%	8%	12%	6%	3%	34%	10%	6%

QB2. [Economic development] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	16%	21%	8%	9%	7%	23%	11%	12%	15%	6%	18%	13%
About the right amount	34%	26%	64%	36%	29%	22%	40%	48%	49%	12%	30%	48%
Too little	34%	38%	20%	49%	27%	40%	33%	26%	28%	34%	37%	27%
Not sure/ Can't say	16%	15%	7%	7%	38%	15%	16%	14%	8%	48%	15%	12%

QB2. [Environmental programs] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	32%	49%	10%	9%	3%	61%	22%	9%	7%	6%	44%	9%
About the right amount	27%	23%	48%	23%	24%	19%	33%	37%	28%	17%	25%	35%
Too little	29%	19%	37%	61%	41%	11%	32%	45%	61%	32%	20%	49%
Not sure/ Can't say	12%	9%	5%	7%	32%	9%	13%	9%	4%	45%	11%	8%

QB2. [Government services – passports, taxes, etc.] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	32%	45%	14%	12%	10%	52%	26%	18%	12%	9%	40%	16%
About the right amount	41%	32%	66%	51%	42%	27%	48%	55%	54%	26%	36%	55%
Too little	13%	11%	12%	30%	11%	9%	13%	14%	24%	12%	11%	17%
Not sure/ Can't say	14%	12%	8%	8%	37%	12%	13%	12%	10%	54%	13%	12%

QB2. [Reconciliation/Indigenous programs] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	39%	54%	21%	12%	17%	59%	38%	19%	20%	12%	50%	19%
About the right amount	26%	22%	42%	25%	25%	20%	31%	34%	27%	13%	24%	32%
Too little	23%	15%	28%	57%	28%	15%	20%	30%	49%	30%	17%	35%
Not sure/ Can't say	12%	9%	9%	6%	30%	7%	11%	17%	4%	45%	9%	14%

QB2. [Infrastructure] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	9%	11%	7%	6%	2%	12%	7%	6%	9%	6%	10%	6%
About the right amount	31%	28%	52%	20%	26%	26%	31%	40%	44%	19%	28%	41%
Too little	46%	50%	34%	65%	34%	52%	47%	41%	43%	16%	50%	41%
Not sure/ Can't say	14%	11%	7%	9%	38%	10%	15%	13%	4%	59%	12%	11%

QB2. [Law enforcement] How about in these specific areas? Do you think the federal government is spending too much, too little or the right amount on each of the following?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Too much	17%	13%	18%	31%	19%	12%	11%	20%	48%	24%	12%	27%
About the right amount	39%	37%	56%	33%	30%	31%	46%	50%	35%	20%	38%	46%
Too little	34%	41%	21%	31%	23%	49%	32%	21%	14%	15%	42%	20%
Not sure/ Can't say	10%	8%	5%	5%	29%	7%	11%	9%	3%	41%	9%	8%

QB3. [Dental care] The following are some commitments to programs or increased spending the federal government has made in recent years. If you were the finance minister, how would you approach them?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Follow through on commitment, paid for with increased taxes	19%	11%	34%	40%	23%	12%	16%	29%	43%	17%	14%	33%
Follow through on commitment, paid for with decreased spending in other areas	50%	53%	51%	41%	42%	46%	57%	54%	41%	38%	51%	51%
Don't follow through on commitment	20%	28%	8%	10%	10%	37%	11%	11%	10%	7%	26%	11%
Not sure/ Can't say	10%	8%	6%	9%	24%	6%	16%	6%	6%	38%	10%	6%
Net: Follow through	69%	64%	86%	81%	65%	58%	73%	83%	85%	55%	64%	84%

QB3. [Pharmicare] The following are some commitments to programs or increased spending the federal government has made in recent years. If you were the finance minister, how would you approach them?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Follow through on commitment, paid for with increased taxes	22%	12%	41%	44%	26%	13%	18%	35%	51%	18%	15%	38%
Follow through on commitment, paid for with decreased spending in other areas	48%	52%	48%	38%	37%	44%	55%	51%	42%	33%	49%	49%
Don't follow through on commitment	19%	27%	6%	10%	7%	37%	11%	7%	2%	3%	25%	6%
Not sure/ Can't say	11%	9%	5%	9%	29%	6%	16%	7%	5%	47%	11%	7%
Net: Follow through	70%	64%	90%	81%	64%	57%	73%	85%	93%	50%	64%	87%

QB3. [Increasing defence spending to 2% of GDP] The following are some commitments to programs or increased spending the federal government has made in recent years. If you were the finance minister, how would you approach them?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Follow through on commitment, paid for with increased taxes	19%	17%	28%	22%	14%	17%	21%	20%	21%	6%	19%	21%
Follow through on commitment, paid for with decreased spending in other areas	39%	46%	37%	22%	22%	51%	37%	31%	28%	11%	45%	30%
Don't follow through on commitment	26%	24%	29%	38%	26%	21%	23%	34%	43%	27%	22%	36%
Not sure/ Can't say	16%	14%	6%	17%	38%	11%	19%	15%	8%	56%	14%	13%
Net: Follow through	58%	63%	65%	45%	36%	69%	58%	51%	50%	17%	64%	51%

QB4. In the fall, the federal government projected the deficit would be about \$40 billion for 2024-25. Overall, are you concerned or not about the federal government's deficit?

	Total	Government spending				Concerned about deficit						
		Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure/ Can't say	Very concerned	Concerned	Not that concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure/ Can't say	Net: Concerned	Net: Not Concerned
Very concerned	37%	57%	8%	9%	9%	100%					56%	
Concerned	29%	28%	30%	31%	33%		100%				44%	
Not that concerned	22%	11%	45%	31%	32%			100%				76%
Not at all concerned	7%	2%	15%	23%	7%				100%			24%
Not sure/ Can't say	5%	2%	2%	6%	18%					100%		
Net: Concerned	66%	84%	38%	40%	43%	100%	100%				100%	
Net: Not Concerned	29%	13%	60%	54%	39%			100%	100%			100%