

# CBC Calgary Road Ahead Poll

## - Attitudes Toward Separation -

Field work conducted between  
May 7 and 21, 2025

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# Methodology

## CBC Alberta: Road Ahead 2025

- Survey was conducted between May 7 to 21, 2025
- Conducted by live interviewers, located in Alberta
- Random sample, including 40% landlines and 60% cell phones
- Option of answering over the telephone or online
- Numbers called up to 5 times, at 5 different times of day
- Quotas set to ensure representativeness
- The response rate among valid numbers was 12.8 per cent.
- n=1200, +/-2.8%, 19 times in 20

A2. Would you say you feel...																
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More attached to Canada than to Alberta	405 34%	157 35%	154 38%	94 28%	311 36%	44 36%	49 24%	215 40%	127 36%	64 22%	180 30%	225 37%	42 34%	142 31%	133 33%	88 39%
More attached to Alberta than to Canada	386 32%	138 30%	111 27%	137 41%	249 29%	47 38%	90 43%	147 27%	111 31%	124 42%	226 38%	160 27%	36 29%	172 38%	125 31%	53 24%
Both equally	395 33%	158 35%	139 34%	98 29%	297 34%	30 24%	68 32%	176 32%	113 32%	101 34%	187 31%	208 35%	39 31%	136 30%	138 35%	81 36%
DK/ NA	15 1%	2 1%	7 2%	5 2%	9 1%	2 2%	3 2%	6 1%	3 1%	6 2%	6 1%	8 1%	8 6% NOP	4 1% M	2 1% M	1 0% M

A2. Would you say you feel...																
	Total	Income (D14)				Education (D7)				Employment (D5)					Sector (D6)	
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More attached to Canada than to Alberta	405	67	115	85	87	60	134	140	71	197	77	30	16	84	159	225
	34%	30%	38%	36%	31%	25%	29%	39%	48%	31%	35%	33%	47%	40%	46%	28%
More attached to Alberta than to Canada	386	71	91	77	105	96	170	90	30	238	63	33	6	46	68	302
	32%	31%	30%	32%	37%	41%	37%	25%	20%	37%	28%	37%	17%	22%	20%	37%
Both equally	395	87	95	74	90	74	150	125	45	194	80	25	10	82	114	266
	33%	39%	31%	31%	32%	31%	33%	35%	30%	30%	36%	28%	29%	39%	33%	33%
DK/ NA	15	1	5	2	2	6	3	2	3	9	2	1	2	0	2	13
	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	0%	1%	2%

A2. Would you say you feel...												
	Total	Voting Intention (V2a/b/c)			Impressed - Smith (V1a)				Impressed - Nenshi (V1b)			
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More attached to Canada than to Alberta	405 34%	55 10% DE	276 65% CE	44 39%	316 64% GHI	48 24% FH	33 7% FGI	9 23% FH	59 12% KLM	110 39% JL	202 63% JKM	34 29% JL
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Both equally	395 33%	173 30% E	132 31% e	47 42%	149 30% G	98 50% FH	132 28% Gi	16 43% h	119 25% KIM	127 44% JL	102 32% jK	46 41% J
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V7. If a referendum were held today on whether Alberta should separate from the rest of Canada, would you vote for or against separation?																
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Would vote FOR separation	335 28%	117 26% D	101 25% D	117 35% BC	218 25% G	38 31% F	79 38% E	127 31% J	87 25% J	117 40% HI	203 34% L	132 22% K	27 21% N	155 34% MP	113 28% P	41 18% NO
Would vote AGAINST separation	809 67%	319 70% D	299 73% D	191 57% BC	618 71% FG	73 59% E	118 56% E	392 72% J	254 72% J	158 54% HI	367 61% L	443 74% K	96 77% No	275 61% MP	266 67% mP	172 77% NO
DK/ NA	57 5%	18 4% d	12 3% D	26 8% bC	31 4% F	13 11% E	13 6%	23 4%	13 4%	19 6%	30 5%	26 4%	3 2%	24 5%	20 5%	10 5%

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			e		c	HI	HI	FG	FG	KMN	JL	KMN	JL	JL	P	O
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			E		C	HI	HI	FG	FG	KMN	JL	KMN	JL	JL	P	O
DK/ NA	57 5%	7 3%	13 4%	9 4%	16 6%	13 6%	22 5%	17 5%	4 3%	32 5%	11 5%	6 7%	1 3%	6 3%	14 4%	42 5%

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Would vote FOR separation	335	308	8	15	9	30	291	5	270	35	8	22
	28%	54%	2%	13%	2%	15%	31%	13%	56%	12%	2%	19%
		DE	CE		GHI	FH	FGI	FH	KLM	JL	JKM	JL
Would vote AGAINST separation	809	226	414	94	477	155	149	27	176	246	307	80
	67%	39%	98%	84%	97%	79%	31%	71%	37%	86%	96%	70%
		DE	CE		GHI	FH	FGI	FH	KLM	JLM	JKM	JKL
DK/ NA	57	41	2	4	4	11	35	6	34	6	4	12
	5%	7%	0%	4%	1%	6%	7%	16%	7%	2%	1%	11%
		D	CE		GHI	Fi	F	Fg	KL	JM	JM	KL



V8a. I am going to read you a list of statements about Alberta separatism. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement. Alberta would be better off if it separated from Canada.																
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Strongly agree	203	64	66	74	130	25	49	74	54	74	133	71	9	100	71	23
	17%	14%	16%	22%	15%	20%	23%	31%	15%	25%	22%	12%	7%	22%	18%	10%
		D	d	Bc	G		E	J	J	HI	L	K	NO	MP	Mp	No
Somewhat agree	162	61	43	57	105	18	40	61	43	56	92	70	13	66	57	26
	13%	14%	11%	17%	12%	14%	19%	11%	12%	19%	15%	12%	11%	15%	14%	12%
			D	C	g		e	J	j	Hi						
Somewhat disagree	115	56	29	31	85	11	20	44	44	26	61	54	26	50	28	11
	10%	12%	7%	9%	10%	9%	9%	8%	12%	9%	10%	9%	20%	11%	7%	5%
		c	b					i	h				NOP	MoP	Mn	MN
Strongly disagree	689	263	266	161	528	67	94	349	204	131	304	385	75	227	235	152
	57%	58%	65%	48%	61%	54%	45%	64%	58%	45%	51%	64%	60%	50%	59%	68%
		D	D	BC	G		E	iJ	hJ	HI	L	K	n	mOP	Np	No
DK/ NA	31	11	8	11	20	3	8	15	10	6	10	21	2	10	8	11
	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%
								l			k		p	p	p	no
Agree (NETS)	365	125	109	131	234	43	88	135	96	131	224	141	22	166	128	49
	30%	28%	27%	39%	27%	34%	42%	25%	27%	44%	37%	23%	18%	37%	32%	22%
		D	D	BC	fG	e	E	J	J	HI	L	K	NO	MP	MP	NO
Disagree (NETS)	805	318	295	192	613	78	114	393	248	158	365	439	101	277	263	163
	67%	70%	72%	57%	71%	63%	54%	72%	70%	53%	61%	73%	81%	61%	66%	73%
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		D	C		GHI	Fh	Fg	F	L	L	JKM	L
Strongly disagree	689	143	399	87	463	119	88	19	120	212	294	63
	57%	25%	94%	78%	94%	61%	19%	50%	25%	74%	92%	55%
		DE	CE		GHI	FH	FGI	FH	KLM	JLM	JKM	JKL
DK/ NA	31	21	1	1	2	3	18	8	15	1	3	11
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		DE	CE		GHI	FH	FGI	FH	KLM	JL	JKM	JL
Disagree (NETS)	805	219	418	95	479	157	145	24	169	248	306	81
	67%	38%	99%	85%	98%	80%	30%	64%	35%	87%	96%	71%
		DE	CE		GHI	FHi	FGI	FgH	KLM	JLM	JKM	JKL