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Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted from February 9 to February 11, 2023, among 1,000 adults in Canada. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region. The margin of error – which measures sample variability – is +/- 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The Prime Minister's annual salary is \$379,000. All things considered, do you think the Prime Minister is paid too much, about right, or too little?

Too much – 41%
About right – 47%
Too little – 5%
Not sure – 6%

The Leader of the Official Opposition's annual salary is \$279,900. All things considered, do you think the Leader of the Official Opposition is paid too much, about right, or too little?

Too much – 45%
About right – 44%
Too little – 4%
Not sure – 7%

Most Canadians Unaware of How Much the Prime Minister Earns

When informed of the actual salary, 47% think it is “about right” while 41% believe it is “too much.”

Vancouver, BC [March 1, 2023] – Fewer than one-in-five Canadians are cognizant of the yearly remuneration of the prime minister, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, only 18% of Canadians correctly stated that the prime minister's annual salary is in the \$301,000 to \$400,000 range.

More than two-in-five Canadians (42%) thought the prime minister made less than \$301,000 a year, while one-in-four (24%) assumed his emolument was higher than \$400,000.

“Only 9% of Liberal Party voters in the last federal election believe the prime minister's salary is higher than \$500,000 a year” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “The proportion is higher among those who supported the Conservative Party (17%) and the New Democratic Party (NDP) (19%) in 2021.”

When respondents were informed that the prime minister's annual compensation is \$379,000, just over two-in-five (41%) consider it “too much”, while almost half (47%) say it is “about right.”

More than half of respondents in Saskatchewan and Manitoba (52%) and Alberta (51%) believe the prime minister makes too much money each year. The perception is lower in Atlantic Canada (45%), British Columbia (41%), Ontario (39%) and Quebec (35%).

Almost two-in-five Canadians (38%) accurately calculated that the annual salary of the Leader of the Official Opposition in Canada is in the \$201,000 to \$300,000 range.

Just over a third of Canadians (34%) assumed that the Leader of the Official Opposition made less than \$201,000 a year, while 13% thought his salary was higher than \$300,000.

When respondents were informed that the Leader of the Official Opposition's annual remuneration is \$279,900, 45% deem it “too much”, while 44% believe it is “about right.”

More than half of residents of Saskatchewan and Manitoba (52%) and Atlantic Canada (also 52%) think the Leader of the Official Opposition is paid too much, along with 46% of British Columbians, 44% of Ontarians, and 41% of both Albertans and Quebecers.



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Simply put, we are curious about what people think and the decisions they will make. Some call it public opinion, others call it polling or public affairs. We never compromise facts for profit. Our agenda is the truth.

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