

All things considered, how responsive do you think each of the following levels of government is when it comes to your needs and the needs of other residents of the province?



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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Fraser Valley	Northern BC	Southern BC	Vancouver Island	BC NDP	BC Liberals	BC Green
The federal government														
Very responsive	7%	6%	8%	9%	8%	5%	7%	9%	3%	13%	3%	8%	9%	7%
Moderately responsive	33%	33%	34%	42%	28%	33%	33%	33%	33%	26%	38%	41%	32%	28%
Not too responsive	31%	32%	30%	28%	30%	34%	31%	38%	27%	32%	28%	31%	30%	35%
Not responsive at all	23%	24%	22%	16%	27%	23%	22%	17%	28%	24%	27%	17%	28%	27%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%	6%	3%	10%	6%	4%	3%	1%	2%
The provincial government														
Very responsive	11%	11%	11%	12%	10%	10%	11%	13%	2%	13%	11%	16%	9%	10%
Moderately responsive	42%	45%	40%	48%	40%	41%	42%	49%	45%	36%	42%	56%	38%	33%
Not too responsive	27%	26%	29%	25%	26%	30%	28%	27%	20%	28%	27%	18%	34%	41%
Not responsive at all	14%	15%	14%	8%	18%	14%	13%	9%	19%	19%	17%	9%	18%	13%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	1%	14%	5%	4%	2%	1%	3%
Your municipal government														
Very responsive	10%	10%	8%	13%	9%	7%	10%	8%	11%	12%	7%	8%	14%	10%
Moderately responsive	43%	42%	44%	45%	41%	42%	45%	43%	38%	37%	40%	52%	41%	29%
Not too responsive	28%	30%	27%	26%	24%	34%	28%	33%	20%	27%	28%	29%	31%	38%
Not responsive at all	13%	13%	12%	8%	17%	12%	11%	11%	15%	14%	20%	9%	13%	22%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	8%	8%	5%	6%	5%	16%	10%	5%	3%	1%	1%

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Over the past year, have you engaged directly with your municipality on a specific issue? This engagement could range from reporting a problem (such as street flooding or abandoned garbage), seeking a permit or obtaining a business license.



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Yes	31%	33%	29%	31%	35%	27%	30%	26%	24%	39%	35%	32%	37%	33%
No	69%	67%	71%	69%	65%	73%	70%	74%	76%	61%	65%	68%	63%	67%

To those who engaged directly with their municipality on a specific issue - All things considered, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way your issue was dealt with by your municipality?



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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Fraser Valley	Northern BC	Southern BC	Vancouver Island	BC NDP	BC Liberals	BC Green
Very satisfied	12%	15%	9%	9%	12%	15%	11%	17%	19%	12%	12%	16%	13%	9%
Moderately satisfied	42%	41%	44%	50%	39%	40%	44%	39%	42%	38%	40%	42%	40%	34%
Moderately dissatisfied	23%	20%	26%	28%	22%	20%	22%	27%	21%	22%	25%	26%	17%	30%
Very dissatisfied	20%	21%	19%	10%	23%	24%	22%	17%	8%	18%	20%	14%	27%	22%

All things considered, do you agree or disagree with each of the following ideas related to municipal politics?



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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Fraser Valley	Northern BC	Southern BC	Vancouver Island	BC NDP	BC Liberals	BC Green
Abolishing political parties or "slates" and having every candidate for mayor, council or school board run as independents.														
Strongly agree	18%	20%	16%	12%	20%	19%	16%	13%	14%	25%	27%	15%	22%	29%
Moderately agree	32%	32%	32%	32%	33%	31%	33%	33%	44%	21%	30%	37%	29%	33%
Moderately disagree	22%	24%	20%	27%	22%	19%	24%	23%	17%	21%	17%	21%	25%	20%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	7%	8%	7%	10%	9%	9%	7%	9%	6%	9%	10%	4%
Not sure	20%	15%	25%	21%	18%	21%	19%	23%	18%	24%	21%	18%	14%	14%
Having elected councillors who represent a specific portion of the municipality (also known as wards), instead of voting for several at-large councillors.														
Strongly agree	14%	17%	12%	12%	13%	17%	16%	16%	5%	11%	11%	14%	18%	24%
Moderately agree	42%	43%	41%	44%	45%	38%	39%	55%	51%	37%	42%	42%	42%	45%
Moderately disagree	17%	18%	16%	19%	15%	17%	19%	10%	7%	15%	17%	20%	16%	18%
Strongly disagree	6%	7%	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	12%	8%	3%	6%	8%	4%
Not sure	22%	16%	27%	19%	23%	23%	20%	15%	26%	29%	27%	18%	16%	8%
Making voting mandatory for all citizens in municipal elections														
Strongly agree	18%	19%	18%	19%	16%	19%	18%	18%	16%	20%	17%	20%	23%	19%
Moderately agree	29%	27%	30%	35%	26%	28%	31%	28%	20%	29%	24%	28%	35%	21%
Moderately disagree	23%	25%	21%	24%	24%	21%	24%	24%	27%	20%	19%	26%	17%	36%
Strongly disagree	21%	21%	21%	13%	23%	24%	17%	21%	35%	24%	28%	20%	18%	16%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	9%	10%	8%	10%	8%	2%	7%	12%	6%	6%	9%
Allowing permanent residents who have lived in a municipality for at least six months to vote in municipal elections.														
Strongly agree	25%	26%	25%	20%	24%	30%	21%	34%	27%	29%	33%	33%	25%	33%
Moderately agree	37%	35%	38%	39%	35%	36%	36%	38%	42%	37%	36%	36%	39%	32%
Moderately disagree	15%	17%	13%	21%	13%	12%	18%	13%	17%	7%	9%	15%	12%	21%
Strongly disagree	11%	13%	10%	9%	14%	11%	13%	7%	7%	12%	8%	8%	18%	10%
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	11%	13%	11%	12%	8%	7%	14%	13%	8%	7%	4%
Compelling media outlets to provide a specific number of minutes (in the case of radio and television) or articles (in the case of print and online journalism) solely devoted to municipal issues.														
Strongly agree	16%	17%	16%	15%	16%	18%	15%	21%	6%	19%	20%	20%	18%	26%
Moderately agree	43%	43%	44%	49%	41%	41%	43%	51%	60%	34%	40%	46%	42%	43%
Moderately disagree	19%	20%	18%	20%	20%	17%	20%	14%	19%	24%	15%	17%	23%	20%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	4%	3%	6%	6%	6%	1%	5%	2%	8%	4%	6%	6%
Not sure	16%	14%	18%	14%	17%	17%	17%	14%	11%	20%	17%	13%	12%	6%

All things considered, how would you rate the state of democracy in Canada?



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Very good	10%	10%	10%	11%	8%	11%	10%	10%	7%	8%	13%	11%	13%	12%
Good	53%	55%	51%	55%	48%	58%	59%	52%	37%	52%	42%	60%	57%	40%
Bad	20%	21%	20%	20%	23%	18%	18%	17%	26%	26%	23%	21%	18%	28%
Very bad	9%	10%	9%	7%	12%	8%	7%	11%	14%	12%	15%	6%	7%	15%

Do you consider each of the following as threats to the state of democracy in Canada?



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Immigration														
Definitely a threat	12%	13%	11%	11%	14%	10%	12%	12%	21%	6%	12%	9%	13%	17%
Probably a threat	20%	21%	19%	18%	20%	21%	20%	23%	25%	19%	15%	15%	22%	23%
Probably not a threat	31%	31%	30%	28%	29%	35%	32%	25%	22%	38%	30%	31%	33%	32%
Definitely not a threat	28%	30%	26%	31%	27%	26%	26%	33%	22%	28%	32%	36%	26%	23%
Not sure	10%	5%	14%	12%	10%	8%	10%	7%	9%	9%	11%	8%	7%	5%
Low engagement from citizens on important issues														
Definitely a threat	29%	29%	29%	24%	28%	33%	27%	33%	35%	27%	33%	30%	28%	42%
Probably a threat	39%	36%	42%	38%	41%	37%	39%	34%	43%	40%	38%	43%	42%	30%
Probably not a threat	19%	25%	14%	21%	16%	20%	19%	21%	13%	19%	18%	16%	23%	17%
Definitely not a threat	4%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%	6%	2%	0%	1%	3%	7%	2%	3%
Not sure	9%	4%	13%	12%	10%	6%	8%	10%	9%	12%	8%	4%	6%	8%
Low voter turnout in democratic processes														
Definitely a threat	29%	28%	30%	26%	28%	32%	28%	24%	24%	34%	34%	32%	26%	37%
Probably a threat	38%	38%	37%	34%	40%	38%	37%	37%	44%	38%	37%	39%	43%	36%
Probably not a threat	19%	23%	16%	21%	18%	19%	20%	24%	12%	17%	18%	17%	23%	18%
Definitely not a threat	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	6%	3%	5%
Not sure	10%	6%	14%	14%	10%	7%	10%	11%	16%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%
The actions of government being perceived as limiting personal freedom														
Definitely a threat	25%	27%	23%	23%	24%	27%	23%	24%	28%	32%	26%	22%	29%	22%
Probably a threat	35%	34%	36%	32%	36%	34%	35%	43%	38%	28%	30%	33%	37%	39%
Probably not a threat	22%	24%	20%	23%	22%	22%	24%	19%	22%	20%	20%	28%	18%	28%
Definitely not a threat	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	6%	5%	12%	15%	12%	9%	8%
Not sure	10%	5%	13%	12%	10%	7%	11%	7%	7%	7%	9%	6%	6%	4%

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<i>Polarization (political attitudes becoming more extreme)</i>														
Definitely a threat	39%	39%	39%	31%	39%	45%	38%	33%	29%	47%	48%	46%	38%	39%
Probably a threat	36%	38%	33%	37%	34%	37%	36%	38%	39%	36%	30%	33%	40%	39%
Probably not a threat	13%	13%	14%	18%	12%	11%	13%	21%	13%	10%	13%	14%	14%	14%
Definitely not a threat	4%	5%	2%	5%	6%	1%	5%	1%	5%	1%	2%	5%	3%	4%
Not sure	8%	4%	12%	10%	9%	6%	8%	7%	13%	6%	7%	2%	5%	4%
<i>Hyper partisanship (political parties disagreeing intensely with each other)</i>														
Definitely a threat	26%	29%	23%	16%	27%	32%	24%	25%	20%	31%	33%	27%	27%	34%
Probably a threat	33%	31%	35%	33%	35%	32%	34%	34%	36%	33%	27%	34%	32%	28%
Probably not a threat	24%	25%	23%	29%	21%	24%	25%	26%	29%	21%	21%	26%	29%	23%
Definitely not a threat	5%	8%	3%	6%	6%	4%	6%	2%	2%	1%	10%	6%	4%	6%
Not sure	11%	6%	15%	15%	12%	9%	11%	12%	14%	14%	8%	7%	8%	9%
<i>"Fake news" featured on social media and online publications</i>														
Definitely a threat	46%	48%	44%	38%	46%	51%	44%	46%	36%	53%	51%	45%	48%	47%
Probably a threat	30%	29%	31%	32%	30%	29%	31%	24%	38%	27%	30%	32%	27%	35%
Probably not a threat	14%	14%	14%	19%	13%	11%	15%	19%	13%	10%	11%	15%	18%	11%
Definitely not a threat	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	5%	1%
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	9%	6%	5%	4%	3%	5%
<i>Racism / Discrimination</i>														
Definitely a threat	39%	33%	44%	48%	36%	35%	37%	43%	46%	43%	38%	41%	33%	40%
Probably a threat	31%	32%	30%	23%	35%	32%	33%	29%	28%	25%	29%	32%	29%	39%
Probably not a threat	18%	21%	15%	16%	15%	22%	18%	14%	17%	21%	19%	19%	26%	13%
Definitely not a threat	7%	10%	4%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	2%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	5%	8%	7%	5%	8%	4%	3%	4%