

Methodology:

Results are based on an online survey conducted from August 12 to August 14, 2026, among 801 adults in British Columbia. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in British Columbia. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.5 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

If a provincial election were held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your constituency? – Decided Voters

BC New Democratic Party (NDP) – 44% (+2)
 Conservative Party of BC – 39% (-3)
 BC Green Party – 10% (+1)
 Centre BC – 5% (+2)
 OneBC – 1% (-1)
 Another party / An independent candidate – 1% (-1)

Approval Ratings

David Eby – 49% (+1)
 Emily Lowan – 38% (+4)
 Kerry-Lynne Findlay – 34% (+2)
 Mike Bernier – 24% (new)
 Dallas Brodie – 18% (-2)

Most Important Issue

Housing / Homelessness / Poverty – 29% (=)
 Economy / Jobs – 24% (-2)
 Health care – 21% (=)
 Crime / Safety – 8% (-)
 Environment – 5% (+2)
 Accountability – 3% (+1)

Governing New Democrats Retake Lead in British Columbia

A provincial election would result in very close contests in the Fraser Valley, Metro Vancouver and Southern BC.

Vancouver, BC [August 18, 2026] – The governing BC New Democratic Party (NDP) is once again first in British Columbia's political scene, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative provincial sample, 44% of decided voters (+2 since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in June 2026](#)) would back the BC NDP candidate in their constituency in a provincial election, while 39% (-3) would support the Conservative Party of BC.

The BC Green Party remains in third place with 10% (+1), followed by Centre BC with 5% (+2) and OneBC with 1% (-1).

The BC NDP is ahead of the Official Opposition among women (47% to 34%), voters aged 35-to-54 (44% to 41%) and voters aged 55 and over (52% to 37%). The BC Conservatives lead the governing party among men (45% to 40%) and voters aged 18-to-34 (40% to 34%).

"Over the summer, the BC Conservatives have dropped five points among decided voters aged 55 and over," says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. "The BC New Democrats have gained in this demographic by the same margin."

The BC NDP is ahead on Vancouver Island (52% to 26%), while the BC Conservatives hold the upper hand in Northern BC (53% to 32%). The two parties are tied in the Fraser Valley (45% each), and the New Democrats are barely ahead in Metro Vancouver (42% to 40%) and Southern BC (47% to 45%).

A majority of British Columbians (54%, +2) would "definitely" or "probably" consider voting for the BC NDP in the next provincial election. Consideration remains lower for the BC Conservatives (47%, +5), the BC Greens (37%, +1), Centre BC (23%, =) and OneBC (22%, -2).

The approval rating for Premier and BC NDP leader David Eby stands at 49% this month (+1). More than a third of British Columbians are satisfied with the way BC Green Party leader Emily Lowan (38%, +4) and BC Conservative leader Kerry-Lynne Findlay (34%, +2) are managing their duties. The proportions are lower for new Centre BC leader Mike Bernier (24%) and OneBC leader Dallas Brodie (18%, -2).



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Best Premier

David Eby – 37%
Kerry-Lynne Findlay – 19%
Emily Lowan – 8%
Mike Bernier – 5%
Dallas Brodie – 3%
Not sure – 27%

Almost three-in-ten British Columbians (29%, =) say housing, poverty and homelessness is the most important issue facing the province, followed by the economy and jobs (24%, -2), health care (21%, =), crime and public safety (8%, =), the environment (5%, +2) and accountability (3%, +1).

There is a significant age gap when British Columbians ponder the most important issue. Those aged 18-to-34 put the economy and jobs at the top of the list (32%), those aged 35-to-54 select housing, homelessness and poverty (36%) and those aged 55 and over pick health care (34%).

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