

**Leger**

Federal Government  
Spending

OMNI Survey

Canadian  
**Taxpayers**  
Federation

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# Methodology



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Canadian online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1,631 Canadian residents aged 18+.

## When

The weekly online omnibus was in field from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, of April 2025, inclusive, using Leger's online panel, LEO.

## Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size (n=1,631) yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 2.1\%$ , (19 times out of 20) and sample size (n=1,082) yield a margin error of no greater than  $\pm 3.0\%$ , (19 times out of 20)

# Detailed Results



# More than four-in-ten (43%) Canadians believe federal spending SHOULD decrease in the next five years.

Only 20% of Canadians want spending to increase, 16% think it will remain the same, and another 20% are unsure. Men, younger adults aged 18–34, and those living in urban areas (vs. rural) are more likely to want spending to rise. Meanwhile, older adults aged 35+, Quebec residents, and those earning over \$100K (49% vs. 38% earning <\$60K) are more likely to want government spending to decrease. Women and individuals with household incomes under \$60K (26%) are significantly more likely to say they are unsure about future spending.

		GENDER		AGE		REGION		AREA		
		Men	Women	18-34	35+	Quebec	ROC	Urban	Suburban	Rural
(NET) Increase	20%	23%	17%	27%	17%	18%	21%	23%	19%	15%
Significantly increase federal spending	7%	8%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	5%	6%
Somewhat increase federal spending	13%	15%	12%	21%	11%	10%	14%	16%	14%	9%
Maintain federal spending at current level	16%	19%	14%	19%	15%	14%	17%	17%	15%	16%
(NET) Reduce	43%	44%	43%	30%	48%	49%	42%	42%	45%	47%
Somewhat reduce federal spending	22%	22%	21%	17%	23%	25%	21%	21%	22%	21%
Significantly reduce federal spending	22%	22%	21%	13%	25%	24%	21%	20%	23%	26%
Unsure / I don't know	20%	14%	27%	24%	19%	19%	21%	18%	21%	23%

QPAY2. Federal government spending increased by 26 per cent over the last five years. What do you believe should happen to government spending in the next five years?  
 Base: Canada wide (n=1,631)

Significantly higher

# Among those with an opinion, a majority (55%) believes federal spending should decrease over the next five years.

A quarter (25%) want spending to increase, while 20% want it to remain as is. Regionally, residents outside Quebec vs Quebecers and those in urban or suburban areas vs rural are more likely to want federal spending to somewhat increase in the next five years. Women, older adults aged 35+, and rural residents vs urban are significantly more likely to want spending to decrease.

		GENDER		AGE		REGION		AREA		
		Men	Women	18-34	35+	Quebec	ROC	Urban	Suburban	Rural
(NET) Increase	25%	27%	23%	36%	22%	22%	26%	29%	24%	19%
Significantly increase federal spending	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	10%	8%	9%	7%	8%
Somewhat increase federal spending	17%	18%	16%	27%	14%	13%	18%	19%	18%	11%
Maintain federal spending at current level	20%	22%	19%	25%	18%	18%	21%	21%	19%	20%
(NET) Reduce	55%	52%	58%	39%	60%	60%	53%	51%	56%	60%
Somewhat reduce federal spending	27%	26%	29%	23%	29%	30%	26%	26%	28%	27%
Significantly reduce federal spending	28%	26%	29%	16%	31%	29%	27%	24%	28%	33%



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