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October 7, 2026

Dear Minister Nixon:

RE: Budget 2027 – Edmonton Law Courts

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch (CBA Alberta), I am pleased to provide you and your Treasury Board colleagues with a submission as you undertake the difficult task of preparing the 2027 budget. While CBA Alberta encourages robust funding for all aspects of our province's justice system, our submission this year once again focuses on the singular need for investment in the Edmonton Law Courts capital project.

CBA Alberta was founded in 1915 and has nearly 5,800 members, including law and articling students, lawyers, and members of the judiciary. We are the essential ally and advocate for all members of the legal community. Our mission includes the advancement of the Rule of Law, the promotion of fairness in the justice system, improvements in the administration of justice, and the facilitation of effective law reform.

Last year, we wrote to your predecessor to explain the urgency of including infrastructure investment in the Edmonton Law Courts in the government's capital plans; a copy of that letter is attached for your information.

We understand that you have a mandate to be prudent with the province's finances, but this project is a critical priority for the justice system. The serious deficiencies in the courthouse have been publicly and extensively documented. The current infrastructure has not kept up with growing capacity demands, nor has it kept pace with modern technological advancements. The continued use of deficient infrastructure carries maintenance obligations and risks of emergency expenditure and service interruption, while postponement may increase future project costs. A timely funding commitment



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would support orderly capital planning and help manage these financial and operational risks.

All of these are significant issues to address from an infrastructure perspective, but Courthouses are a visible expression of Alberta's commitment to the rule of law and the administration of justice. That commitment also requires facilities that support reliable court operations and meet the needs of Albertans. Investment in the Edmonton Law Courts would address deficiencies in courtroom capacity, building systems, and technology, supporting the effective delivery of justice and reinforcing confidence of Albertans in their justice system.

As we have pointed out in previous submissions, a well funded justice system, including justice infrastructure, aligns with a number of priorities for this Government, including justice system modernization and court access. Further, investment in court infrastructure is supported by Albertans, as indicated by public opinion research undertaken by CBA Alberta.

We urge you to include the Edmonton Law Courts in the capital projects commitments in Budget 2027. If CBA Alberta can provide further information or assistance to make this happen, we would be pleased to do so.

Yours truly,
Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch

Sarah Coderre
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CC: Hon. Mickey Amery, KC, ECA
Members of Treasury Board

Encl. Submission letter dated September 18, 2025
CBA Alberta Research Summary



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September 18, 2025

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RE: Budget 2026

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Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch: Who We Are

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The Need for a New Courthouse Building

The current Edmonton Law Courts building was built in 1972, over 50 years ago. Daily, it services more Albertans than any other court building in the province. The building is home to all three levels of Court (Court of Justice, Court of King's Bench, and Court of Appeal). Although funding has been previously committed for a business case regarding the future of the courthouse, we are writing to underscore the urgency of this project.



For years, the Edmonton courthouse building has been in the news because of its deficiencies:

- Jonny Wakefield, “More building woes at Edmonton courthouse as traces of lead found in drinking water,” *The Edmonton Journal* (30 September 2024), online:
<<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/edmonton-courthouse-drinking-water-lead>>
- Sarah Ryan, “Edmonton Law Courts power outage reignites calls for new courthouse building,” *Global News* (9 January 2023), online:
<<https://globalnews.ca/news/9398480/edmonton-law-courts-power-outage-building-concerns/>>
- Jonny Wakefield, “‘Chaos at the courthouse’: Multi-day power outage sparks discussion about new Edmonton court building,” *The Edmonton Journal* (8 January 2023), online:
<<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/chaos-at-the-courthouse-multi-day-power-outage-sparks-discussion-about-new-edmonton-court-building>>
- Moira Wyton, “Water leaking at Edmonton Law Courts shows ‘pressing need’ to repair aging building,” *The Edmonton Journal* (22 June 2019), online:
<<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/water-leaking-at-edmonton-law-courts-shows-pressing-need-to-repair-aging-building>>

In addition to these high-profile deficiencies, the courthouse suffers from everyday problems that plague members of the public, lawyers, and their clients, including a lack of courtroom capacity, poor cell phone and Wi-Fi reception throughout the building, and in-courtroom technology that has not kept pace with modern advances. In short, the current Edmonton courthouse infrastructure is severely lacking.

Moreover, the benefits that a new Edmonton Law Courts building would confer cannot be captured by purely tangible metrics. By their nature, courthouses are a concrete representation of law and order, being the physical home of the legal systems that hold our society together. When the physical infrastructure falls into disrepair, it has the effect of eroding the public’s confidence in the administration of justice and the Rule of Law. A cornerstone of a healthy constitutional democracy is a functional and efficient justice system, and our courthouses are the most visible manifestations of that system. This is especially true of the Edmonton Law Courts building, which is situated in the center of Alberta’s capital.

The experience of the Calgary Courts Centre illustrates the transformative impact that modern courthouse infrastructure can have. Opened in 2007, the Centre consolidated five substandard and insecure facilities into a single, secure, and efficient building. Beyond addressing serious operational deficiencies, it became a unifying hub for the legal community and a visible symbol of the justice system’s accessibility and strength. The same opportunity exists in Edmonton where a purpose-built courthouse would not only resolve pressing functional issues but also reaffirm public confidence in the administration of justice in Alberta’s capital.



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Albertans Support Investment in Justice Infrastructure

In August and September 2024, CBA Alberta coordinated a research project to evaluate the public interest in and value of increased investments in our justice system. The public opinion surveys and focus groups, conducted by Nanos Research, confirmed that Albertans support investment in the justice system, as they understand that delays in justice impact fair outcomes for them, their families, and their communities.

Albertans who were surveyed agreed that a balanced approach to investment in the justice system infrastructure, both digital and physical, is necessary to improve speed and efficiency in the court system. Over 92% of those surveyed identified “Adequate Infrastructure, such as courthouses” as an “important” or “somewhat important” part of a well-running justice system.¹ Moreover, 86% of Albertans “support” or “somewhat support” investments in court infrastructure, while only 8% were “opposed” or “somewhat opposed.” Notably, the Nanos research sampled Albertans across geographic and demographic boundaries.

We would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss further. If you require anything further from us as you undertake your deliberations in advance of Budget 2026, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Canadian Bar Association– Alberta Branch

Christopher N Samuel
President

CC:

Members of Treasury Board
Hon. Mickey Amery, K.C., ECA

Encl.

¹ A summary of this research is attached for your information. Pages 11, 18, 19 of the report relate to questions addressing infrastructure.



Most Alberta residents say ensuring access to lawyers is key to a well-running justice system; support investments in court infrastructure.



The research gauged the opinions of Albertans on the importance of legal aid, the reasonableness of current waiting times for family law matters, and preferences for future investments in the court system.

The objective is to understand public perceptions regarding the effectiveness, investment needs, and technological advancements of the justice system in Alberta.

Nanos conducted an online representative survey of 1,011 Albertans, 18 years of age or older, between August 9th and 16th, 2024. A margin of error cannot be calculated on a non-probability sample. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 1,011 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by the Canadian Bar Association Alberta Branch and was conducted by Nanos Research.

KEY FINDINGS

1

ALBERTANS THINK ENSURING ACCESS TO LAWYERS IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR A WELL RUNNING JUSTICE SYSTEM

Most Albertans think ensuring that Albertans have access to a lawyer to ensure fair outcomes is important (77%; up from 68% in 2020) or somewhat important (19%; 26% in 2020) for a well running justice system, as well as investing in the justice system to minimize delays (62% important; 30% somewhat important)(2020: 46% important; 41% somewhat important) and ensuring there is adequate infrastructure such as courthouses (58% important; 34% somewhat important). They give a lower intensity of outright importance to ensuring there is adequate digital infrastructure for virtual court proceedings (38% important; 42% somewhat important).

2

NINE IN TEN ALBERTANS THINK THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY LEGAL AID IS IMPORTANT OR SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT

A very strong majority of Alberta residents say the support provided to people by legal aid is important (66%) or somewhat important (26%), while one in twenty think this is not important (four per cent) or somewhat not important (one per cent). This is consistent across region, age and gender.

3

MOST ALBERTANS THINK CURRENT WAIT TIMES TO RESOLVE FAMILY DISPUTES IN COURT ARE UNREASONABLE

Three in four Albertans think the current wait time of one to three years to appear before a judge in Alberta for a family law matter is not reasonable (63%) or somewhat not reasonable (13%), consistent with results from March 2020. Men are more likely to think these wait times are reasonable or somewhat reasonable (27%) than women (16%), and younger Albertans are much more likely to find them reasonable or somewhat reasonable (18-34: 36%) than older residents (35 to 54: 21%; 55 plus: 11%).

4

A STRONG MAJORITY OF ALBERTANS SUPPORT INVESTING IN BOTH PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL COURT INFRASTRUCTURE

Around eight in ten Alberta residents support or somewhat support the Government of Alberta investing in both physical court infrastructure (43% support; 43% somewhat support) and digital court infrastructure (37% support; 43% somewhat support).

5

ALBERTANS ARE AT LEAST TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE CONFIDENT RATHER THAN NOT CONFIDENT IN THE RULE OF LAW BEING APPLIED IN ALBERTA AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

In terms of their confidence that the judiciary branch of government is independent from the executive and legislative branches of government in Alberta, residents are three times more likely to say they are confident (37%) in this rather than not confident (13%) and are twice as likely to say they are confident in the Rule of Law being applied in Alberta (43%) rather than not confident (19%).

6

ALBERTANS PREFER A BALANCED APPROACH FOCUSING ON INVESTING IN BOTH COURT AND PRE-COURT ASPECTS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Albertans are more likely to prefer to balance future investments to support both aspects of the court system and other ways to resolve legal issues for Albertans (40%) than to focus on investing in aspects of the court system to improve speed and efficiency of the system (i.e. judges, clerks, courtroom staff)(26%) or focusing on investing in pre-court resources (i.e. mediation, parenting education, case management)(25%).



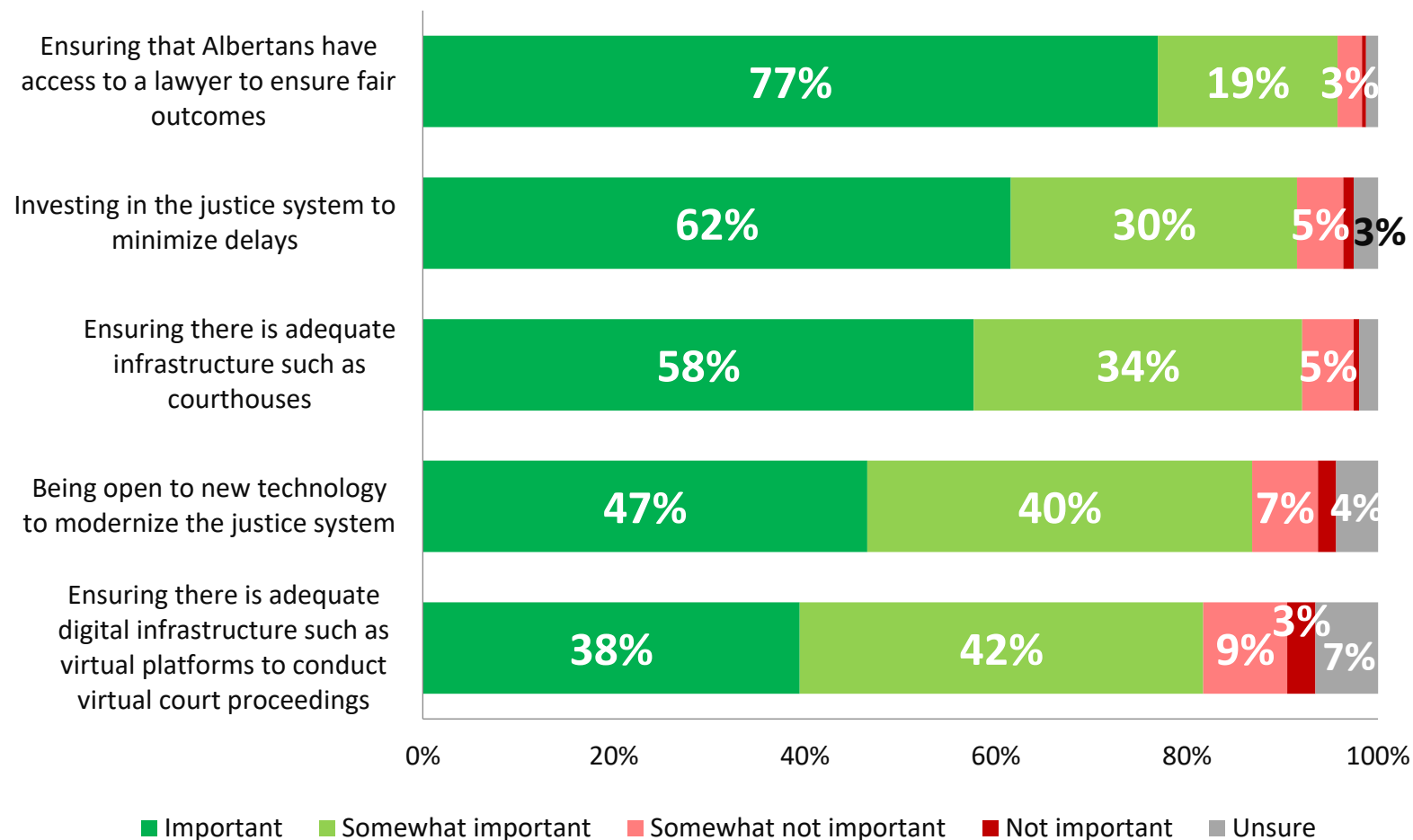
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A strong majority of Alberta residents think ensuring that Albertans have access to a lawyer to ensure fair outcomes or investing in the justice system to minimize delays are important or somewhat important for a well running justice system. They give a lower intensity of outright importance to ensuring there is adequate digital infrastructure for virtual court proceedings.

Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system?
[RANDOMIZE]

Importance of actions for a well running justice system



*Weighted to the true population proportion.

*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,011 residents of Alberta.

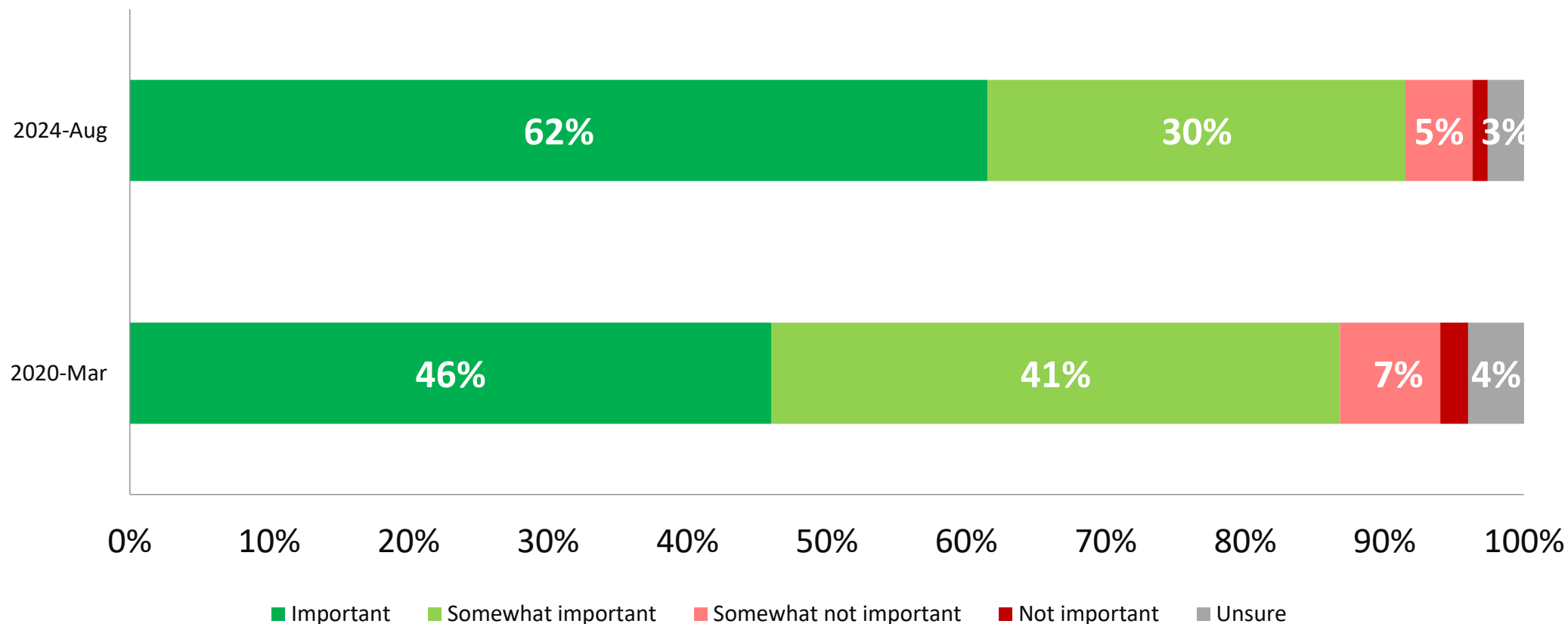


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Importance of investing in the justice system to minimize delays – Tracking

Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system? [RANDOMIZE] **Investing in the justice system to minimize delays**

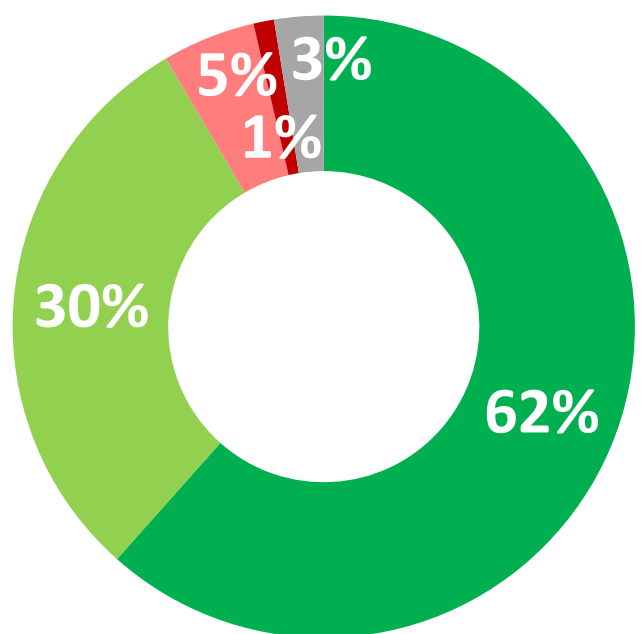


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Importance of investing in the justice system to minimize delays

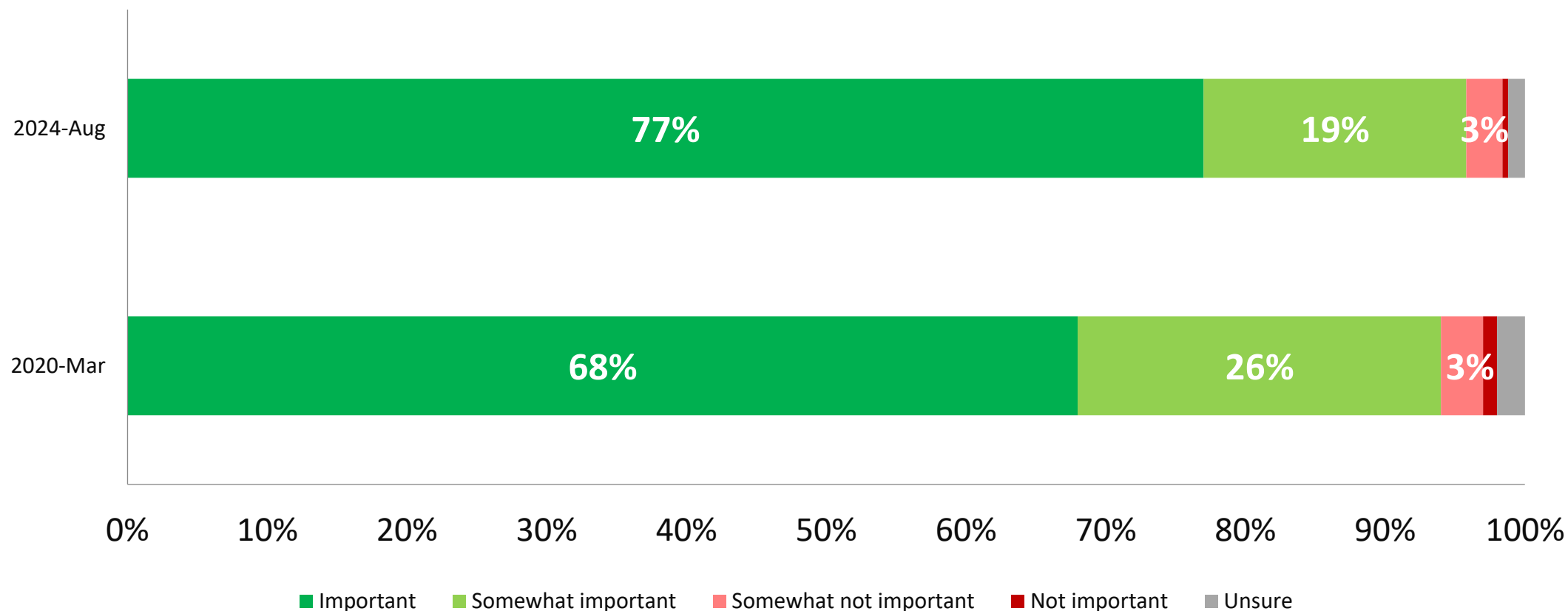
Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	89.2%	92.3%	90.9%	96.8%	
Not important/Somewhat not important	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	90.9%	92.3%	88.3%	90.4%	95.1%
Not important/Somewhat not important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	7.7%	5.1%	7.5%	0.6%	
Not important/Somewhat not important	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	7.0%	4.8%	8.4%	6.9%	3.0%

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[RANDOMIZE] Investing in the justice system to minimize delays

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,011 residents of Alberta.

Importance of access to lawyers – Tracking

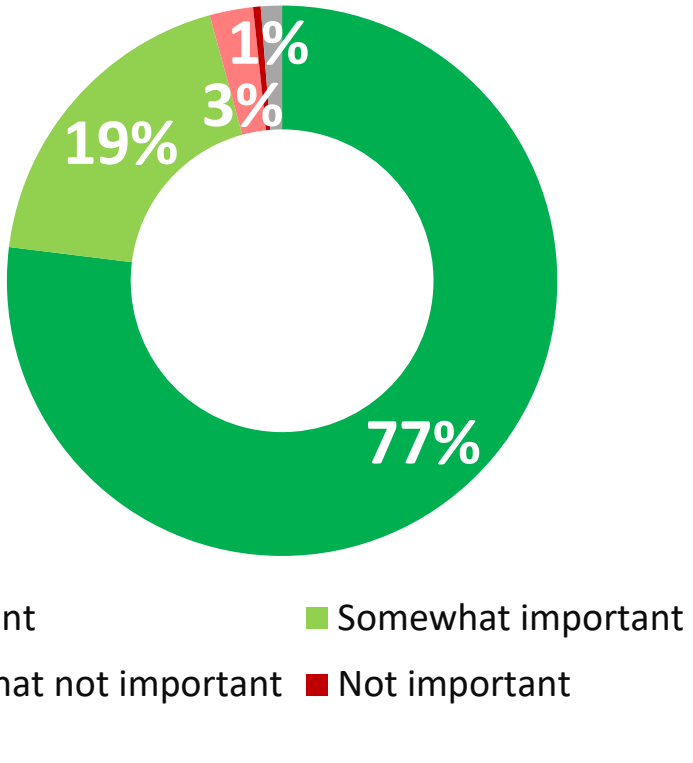
Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system? [RANDOMIZE] **Ensuring that Albertans have access to a lawyer to ensure fair outcomes**



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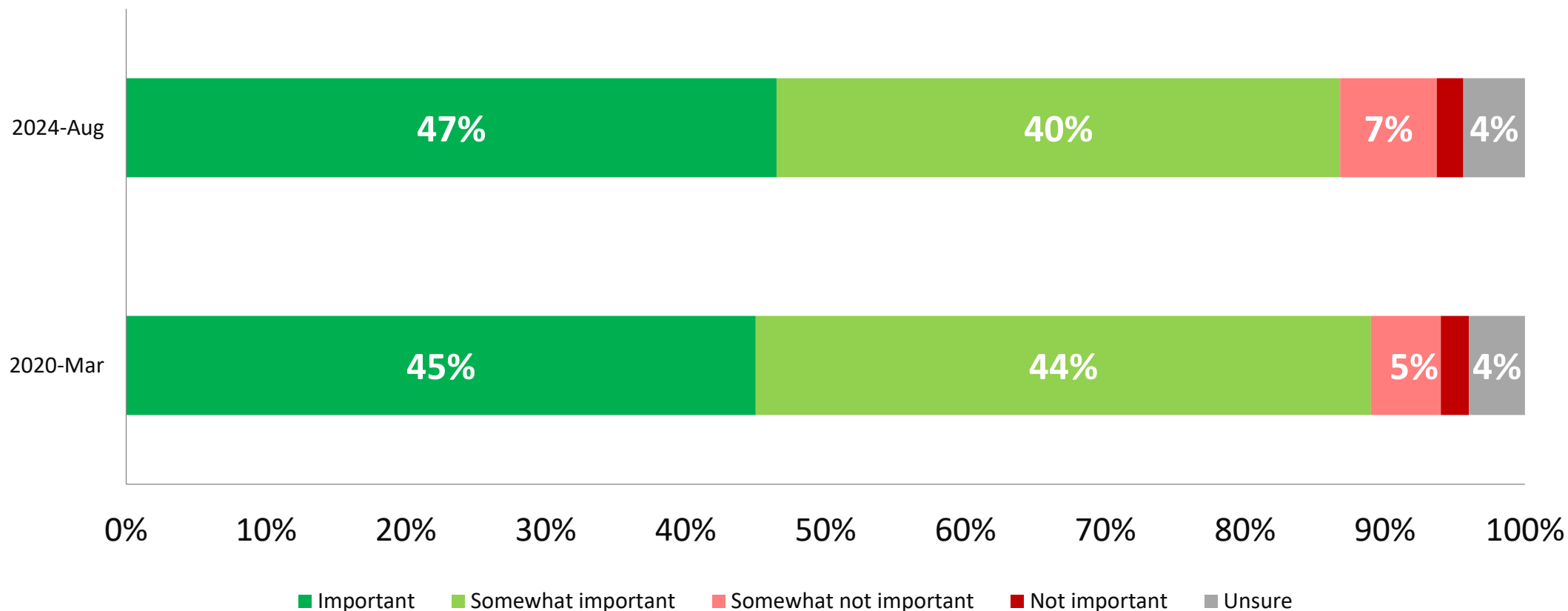
Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	94.1%	97.1%	96.5%	96.2%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	94.6%	96.9%	93.5%	96.4%	96.8%
Not important/Somewhat not important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	4.3%	2.3%	2.9%	1.3%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	4.3%	1.8%	4.2%	2.5%	2.6%

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Importance of new technology to modernize the justice system – Tracking

Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system? [RANDOMIZE] **Being open to new technology to modernize the justice system**



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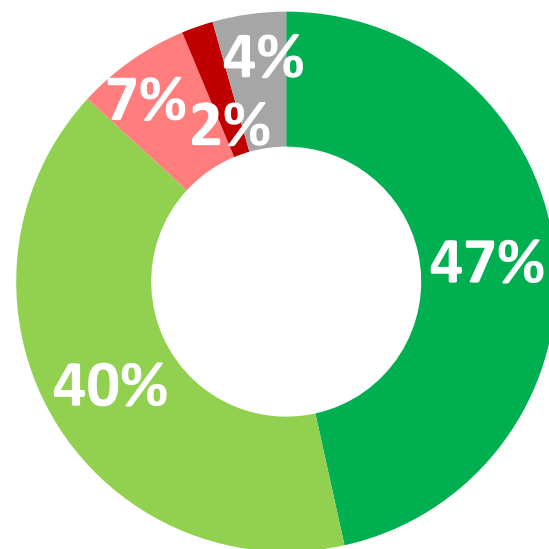


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 ■ Unsure

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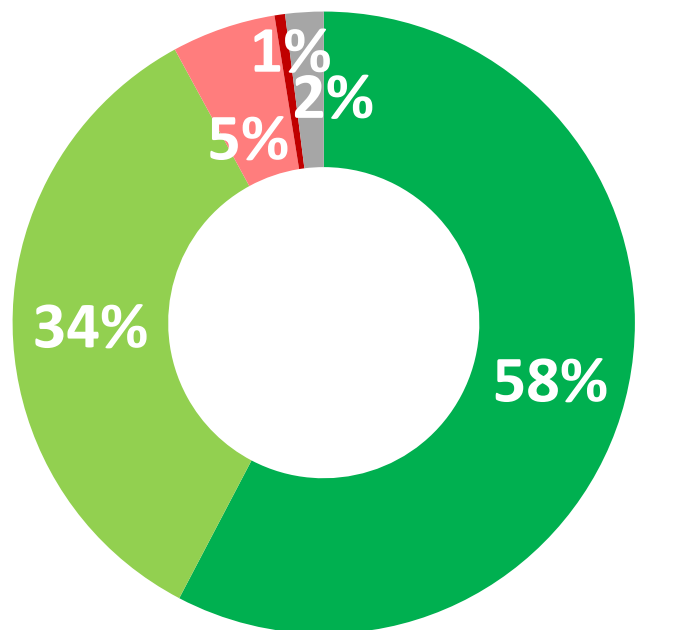
Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=392)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	87.7%	86.9%	81.6%	92.2%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=421)	55 plus (n=300)
Not important/Somewhat not important	86.3%	87.4%	85.9%	89.0%	85.3%
	Calgary (n=392)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	8.8%	9.4%	10.3%	5.3%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=421)	55 plus (n=300)
	9.4%	8.1%	10.7%	7.3%	8.8%

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Importance of adequate infrastructure

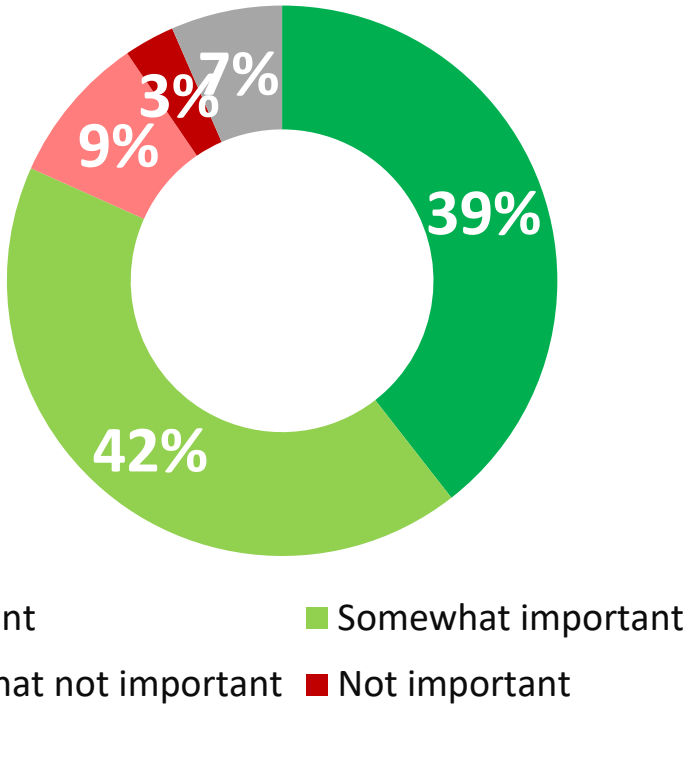
Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	90.8%	90.9%	94.4%	94.0%	
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	91.4%	92.7%	88.5%	91.9%	94.9%
Not important/Somewhat not important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	6.6%	6.9%	5.0%	4.1%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	6.8%	5.2%	8.8%	5.9%	3.8%

Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system?
[RANDOMIZE] **Ensuring there is adequate infrastructure such as courthouses**

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,011 residents of Alberta.

Importance of adequate digital infrastructure

Q – Are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important for a well running justice system?
[RANDOMIZE] Ensuring there is adequate digital infrastructure such as virtual platforms to conduct virtual court proceedings



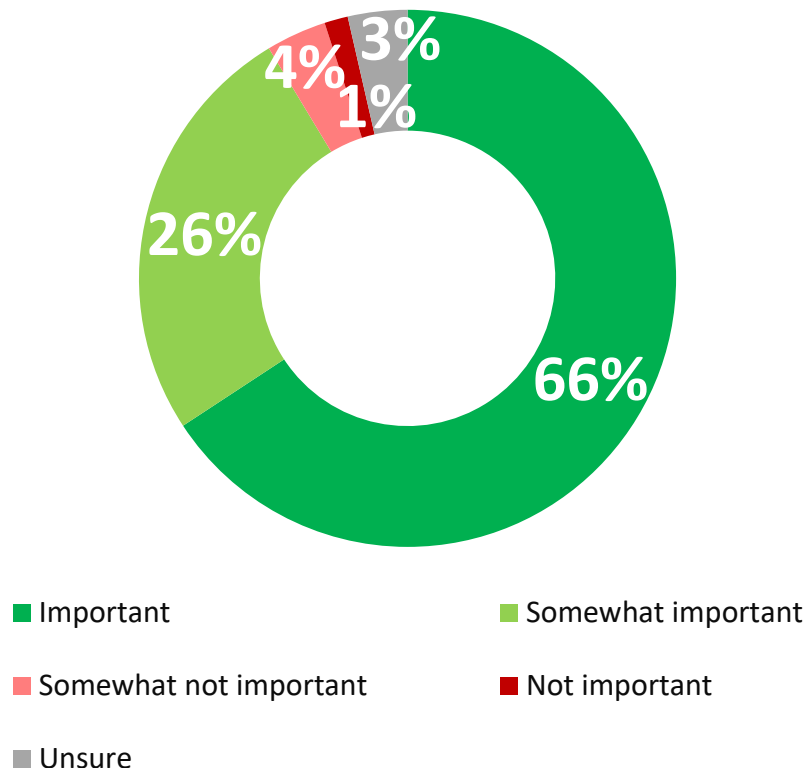
Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	80.7%	83.0%	78.3%	86.6%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
Not important/Somewhat not important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	13.0%	11.6%	11.1%	10.0%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	13.4%	10.3%	10.4%	11.5%	13.1%

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Importance of support provided by legal aid

As you may know, Albertans may apply for a lawyer (with fees deferred) if they face legal problems such as a criminal charge, or a family matter such as custody, child support or domestic violence. Eligibility is based on income and currently the cut off income for a household of one person to qualify for legal aid for an individual is \$30,000 per year.



Q – Do you think this support provided by legal aid is important, somewhat important, somewhat not important or not important to ensure access to justice for all Albertans?

Important/Somewhat important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=299)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	91.6%	92.0%	90.2%	91.2%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=288)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	89.6%	93.0%	89.4%	91.3%	92.9%
Not important/Somewhat not important	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=299)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	5.6%	4.2%	4.9%	5.4%	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=288)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	6.7%	3.5%	4.8%	5.9%	4.4%

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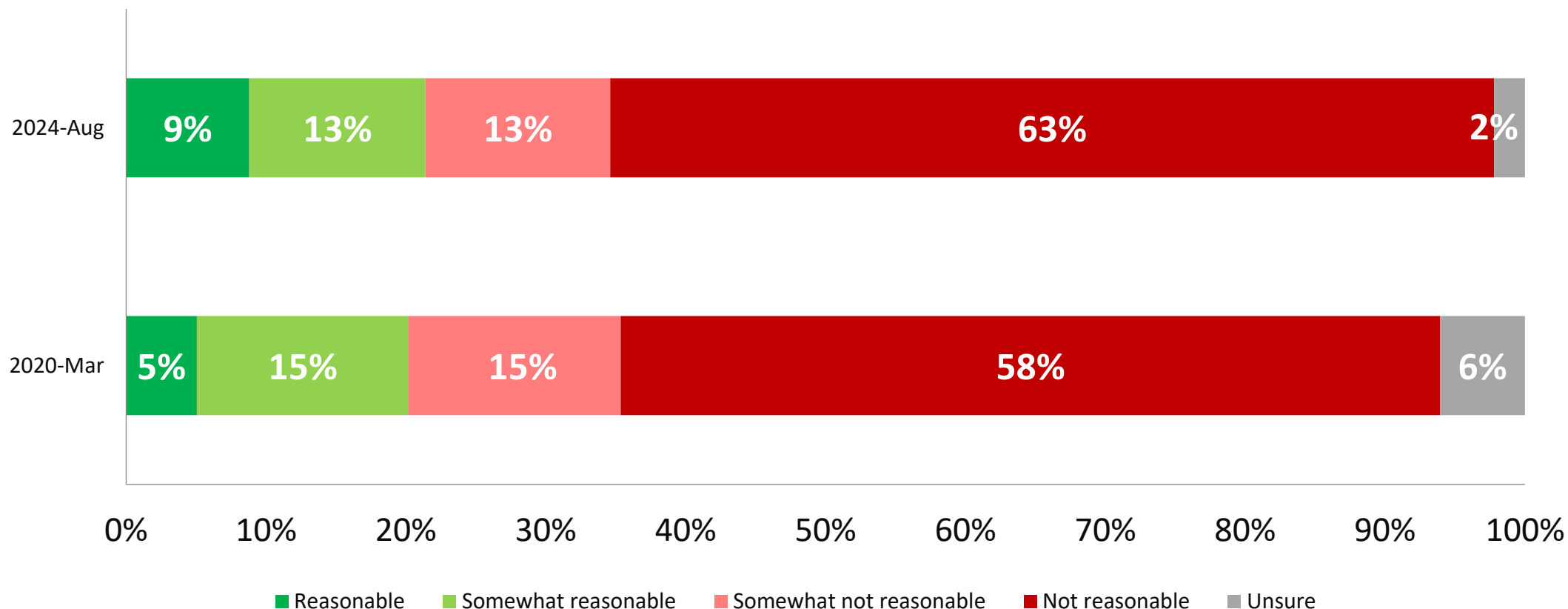


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Reasonable wait time to resolve family disputes – Tracking

Q – There is currently a waiting time to appear before a Judge in Alberta for a family law matter of at least one year and sometimes over three years. Do you think that one to three years to resolve a family dispute is reasonable, somewhat reasonable, somewhat not reasonable, or not reasonable?

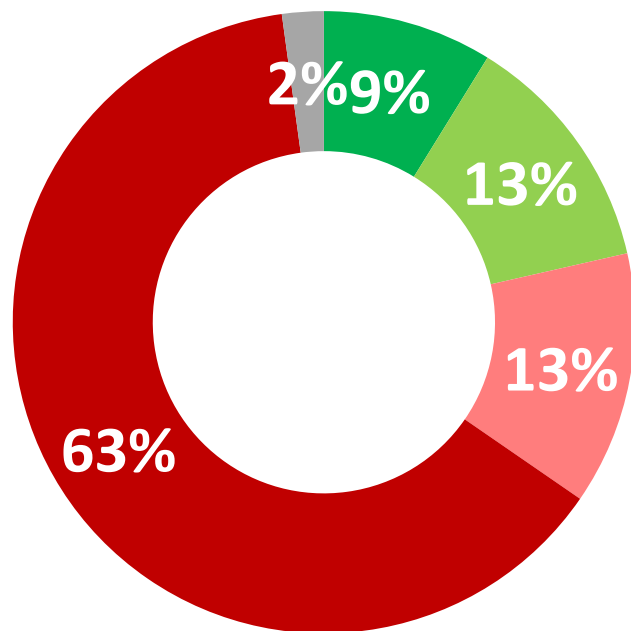


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- Reasonable
- Somewhat reasonable
- Somewhat not reasonable
- Not reasonable
- Unsure

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Reasonable wait time to resolve family disputes – by demographics

Reasonable/Somewhat reasonable	Calgary (n=392)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=173)	South (n=143)	
	24.2%	20.8%	18.6%	20.2%	
	Men (n=472)	Women (n=531)	18 to 34 (n=286)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	26.6%	16.4%	36.3%	20.9%	10.8%
Not reasonable/Somewhat not reasonable	Calgary (n=392)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=173)	South (n=143)	
	73.3%	77.5%	79.1%	77.9%	
	Men (n=472)	Women (n=531)	18 to 34 (n=286)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	71.1%	81.6%	59.9%	77.3%	87.9%

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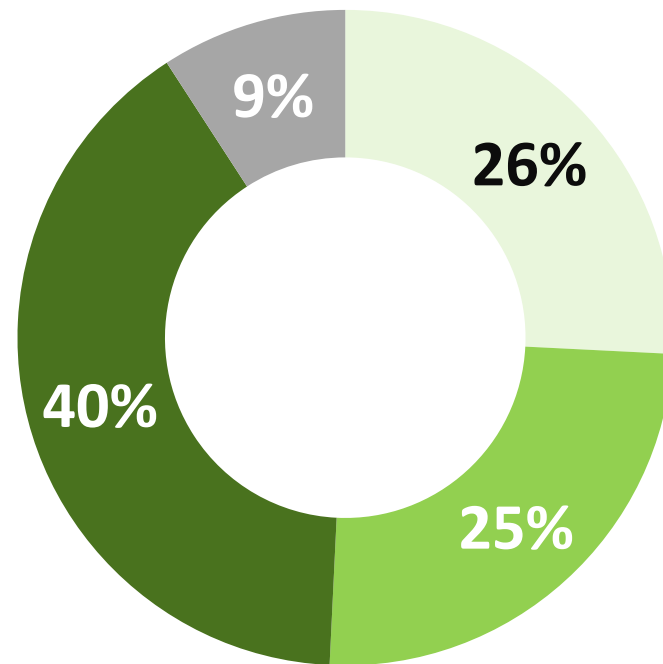
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Investing resources in the court system

Q – Which of the following possible paths forward for the Government of Alberta when it comes to investing more resources in the court system would you prefer? (Select one) [RANDOMIZE]

- Focus on investing in aspects of the court system like judges, clerks and courtroom staff to improve the speed and efficiency of the court system
- Focus on investing in greater pre-court resources such as mediation, parenting education and case management, to support Albertans in resolving legal issues
- Balance future investments to support both aspects of the court system and other methods of resolving legal issues for Albertans
- Unsure



Albertans are more likely to prefer to balance future investments to support both aspects of the court system and other ways to resolve legal issues for Albertans (40%) than to focus on investing in aspects of the court system to improve speed and efficiency of the system (26%) or focusing on investing in pre-court resources (25%).

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Investing resources in the court system – by demographics

Q – Which of the following possible paths forward for the Government of Alberta when it comes to investing more resources in the court system would you prefer? (Select one) [RANDOMIZE]

	2024-08 (n=1010)	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=299)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	Men (n=472)	Women (n=533)	18-34 (n=289)	35-54 (n=421)	55 plus (n=300)
Balance future investments to support both aspects of the court system and other methods of resolving legal issues for Albertans	40.1%	45.8%	38.0%	38.9%	31.7%	41.6%	38.4%	40.1%	41.2%	38.9%
Focus on investing in greater pre-court resources such as mediation, parenting education and case management, to support Albertans in resolving legal issues	25.0%	21.0%	24.6%	28.4%	30.2%	26.8%	23.0%	28.2%	25.9%	21.5%
Focus on investing in aspects of the court system like judges, clerks and courtroom staff to improve the speed and efficiency of the court system	25.8%	26.0%	27.1%	20.5%	30.5%	24.3%	27.5%	23.0%	25.1%	28.7%
Unsure	9.2%	7.2%	10.3%	12.1%	7.6%	7.3%	11.1%	8.7%	7.8%	10.9%

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,010 residents of Alberta.

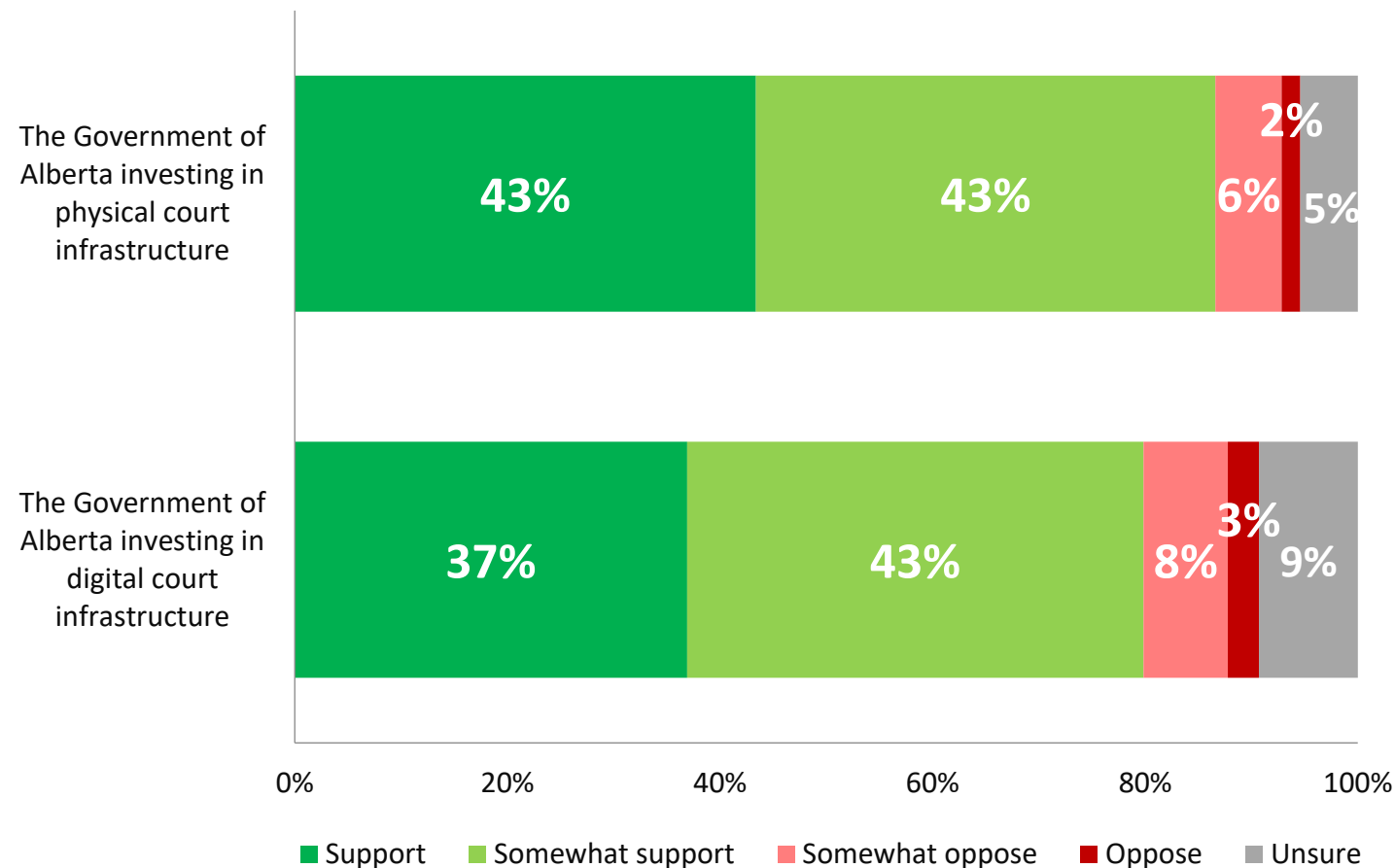


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More than eight in ten Albertans support or somewhat support the Government of Alberta investing in both physical and digital court infrastructure, consistent across demographics.

Support for investments in court infrastructure



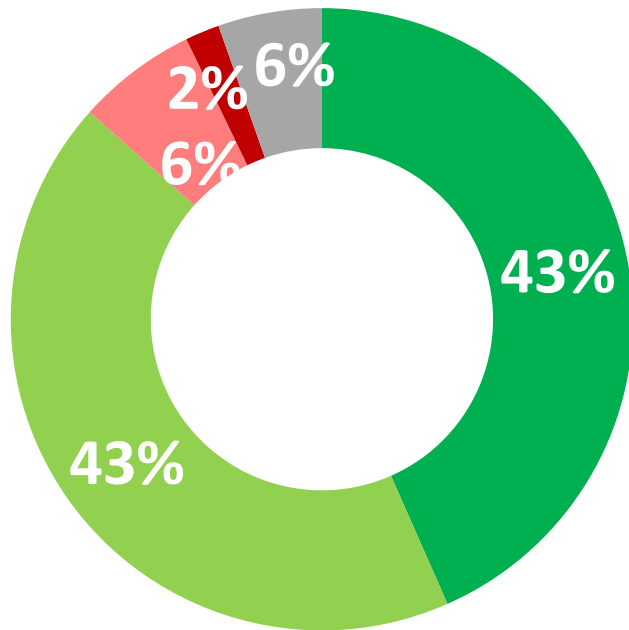
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Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,008 residents of Alberta.

Q – Many courthouses in Alberta are aging out and require major facility repairs, upgrades and lack the ability to support digital capabilities. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [ROTATE]

Support for Government investing in physical court infrastructure



■ Support
 ■ Somewhat support
 ■ Somewhat oppose
 ■ Oppose
 ■ Unsure

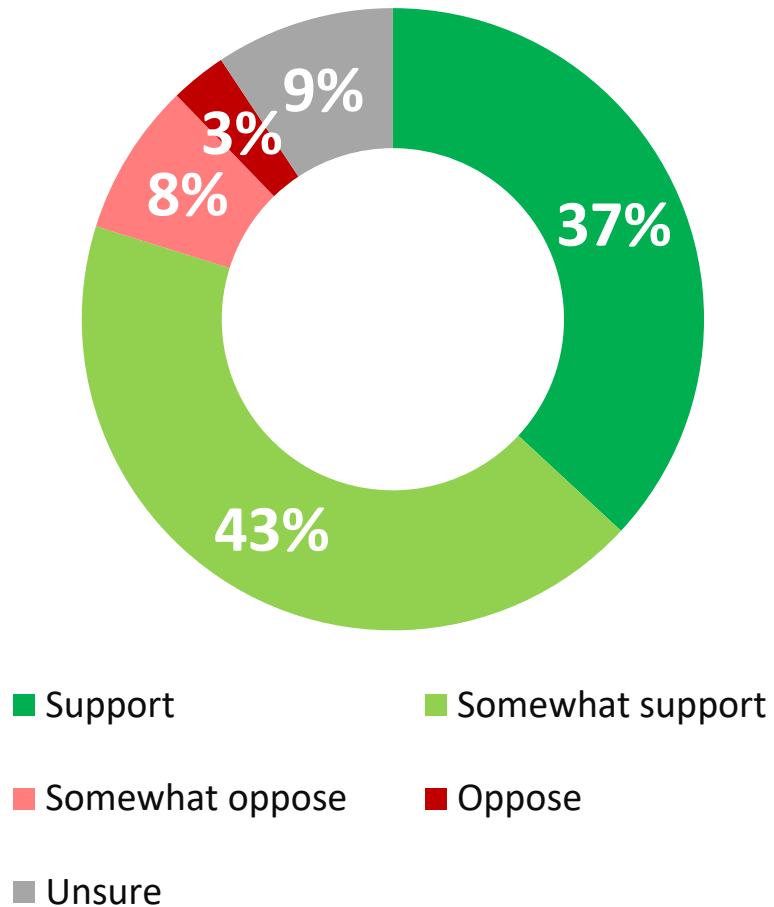
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	Calgary (n=392)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=174)	South (n=142)	
Support/Somewhat support	87.1%	84.8%	88.5%	86.0%	
	Men (n=471)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=299)
	86.9%	86.4%	86.7%	86.5%	86.6%
Not support/Somewhat not support	8.8%	9.4%	6.2%	6.1%	
	Men (n=471)	Women (n=532)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=299)
	9.1%	6.9%	7.1%	8.1%	8.6%

Q – Many courthouses in Alberta are aging out and require major facility repairs, upgrades and lack the ability to support digital capabilities. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [ROTATE] **The Government of Alberta investing in physical court infrastructure**

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,008 residents of Alberta.

Support for Government investing in digital court infrastructure



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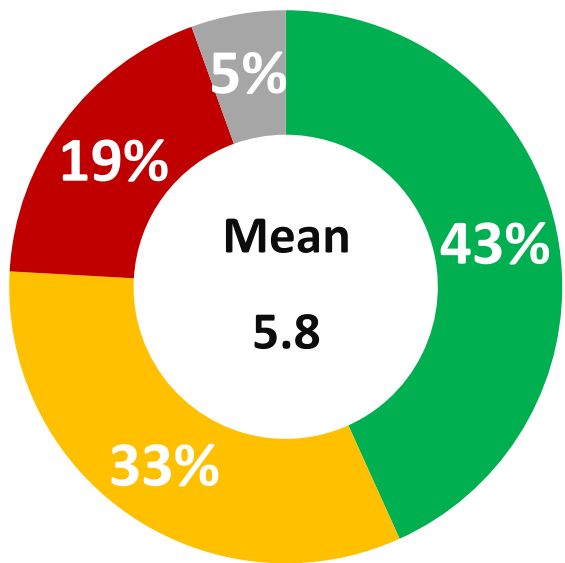
Support/Somewhat support	Calgary (n=388)	Edmonton (n=299)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	80.0%	81.3%	76.3%	81.9%	
	Men (n=469)	Women (n=531)	18 to 34 (n=288)	35 to 54 (n=419)	55 plus (n=298)
	78.5%	80.9%	82.7%	81.9%	75.5%
Not support/Somewhat not support	Calgary (n=388)	Edmonton (n=299)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	11.2%	10.9%	12.5%	7.4%	
	Men (n=469)	Women (n=531)	18 to 34 (n=288)	35 to 54 (n=419)	55 plus (n=298)
	12.3%	9.6%	9.3%	10.7%	12.2%

Q – Many courthouses in Alberta are aging out and require major facility repairs, upgrades and lack the ability to support digital capabilities. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [ROTATE] **The Government of Alberta investing in digital court infrastructure**

Source: Nanos Research, online representative panel survey, August 9th to 16th, 2024, n=1,005 residents of Alberta.

Confidence in Rule of Law in Alberta

Q – On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is no confidence at all and 10 is complete confidence, how much confidence do you have in the following: [RANDOMIZE] **That the Rule of Law is applied in Alberta, that is that all receive fair and equal treatment in the delivery of justice**



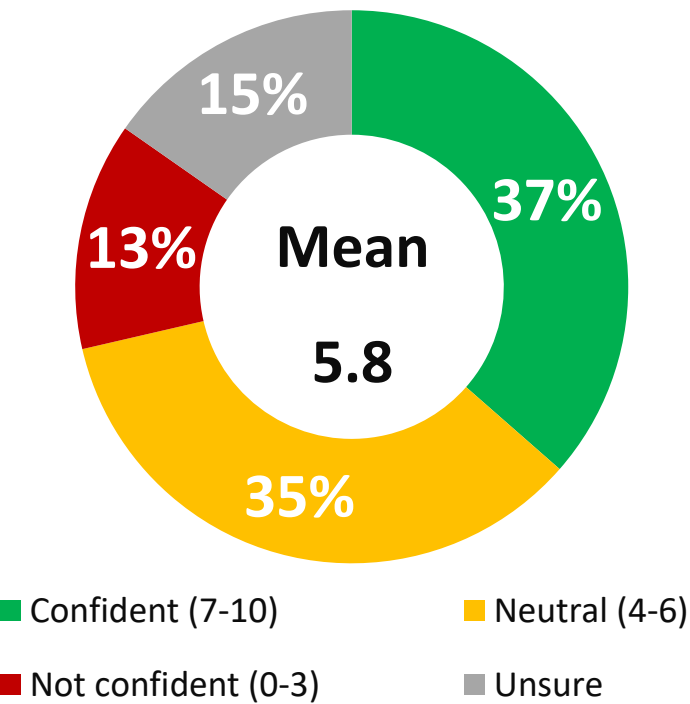
- Confident (7-10)
- Neutral (4-6)
- Not confident (0-3)
- Unsure

Mean	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	6.1	6.0	5.2	5.6	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.9

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Independence of the judiciary branch of the government

Q – On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is no confidence at all and 10 is complete confidence, how much confidence do you have in the following: [RANDOMIZE] **That the judiciary branch of government is independent from the executive and legislative branches of government in Alberta**



Mean	Calgary (n=393)	Edmonton (n=300)	North (n=175)	South (n=143)	
	6.1	6.1	5.4	5.5	
	Men (n=473)	Women (n=533)	18 to 34 (n=289)	35 to 54 (n=422)	55 plus (n=300)
	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.6	6.0

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METHODOLOGY

Nanos conducted a representative non-probability online survey of 1,011 Albertans, 18 years of age or older, between August 9th and 16th, 2024. The sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Alberta.

A margin of error cannot be calculated on a non-probability sample. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 1,011 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The research was commissioned by CBA Alberta Branch and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.



Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch (CBA)	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Alberta. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	1011 residents of Alberta	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior, or in law/legal industry to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Source of Sample	QuestMindshare	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without internet access could not participate.
Type of Sample	Representative non-probability	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Alberta.
Margin of Error (for a comparative probability sample)	For comparison purposes, a probability sample of 1,011 respondents would have a margin of error of ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	Not applicable.
Mode of Survey	Online survey	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Sampling Method Base	Non-probability	Question Content	All questions asked are contained in the report.
Demographics (Captured)	Alberta; Men and Women; 18 years or older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Field Dates	August 9 th to 16 th , 2024.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone: (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com .
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in English.	Data Tables	By region, age and gender
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/		



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