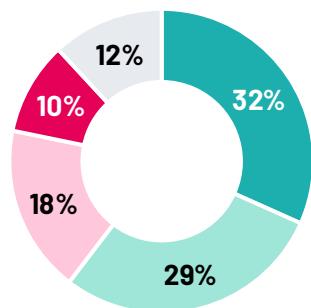


SIX IN TEN (61%) CANADIANS SAY COST OF LIVING IS WORSENING BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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INFLATION, TARIFFS, GOVERNMENT SEEN AS TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO COST OF LIVING SPIKES

"Inflation and cost of living is getting worse because the federal government is spending too much"

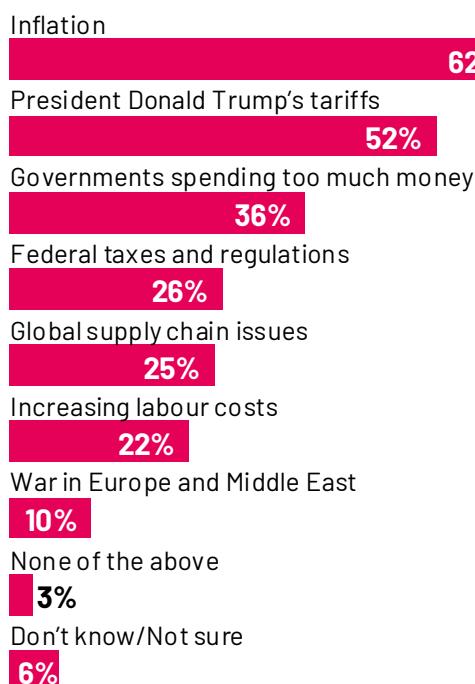


61% AGREE

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/Not sure

Ahead of Prime Minister Mark Carney's first federal budget, six in ten (61%) Canadians agree that cost of living is getting worse because the federal government is spending too much. Agreement tends to be consistent across most demographics, though those with kids (69%) are more likely to agree than those without (58%). While inflation (62%) and U.S. President Trump's tariffs (52%) are seen as the top two contributors to cost-of-living increases, government spending (36%) and federal taxes (26%) follow close behind.

Of the following, in your view, what is to blame for the cost-of-living increases in Canada? (% selected)



MAJORITY CONCERNED GOVERNMENT WON'T DO ENOUGH TO HELP IN COMING YEARS

"I am worried that government and public services in my country will do too little to help people in the years ahead"

69% AGREE

31%

39%

15%

4%

11%

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/Not sure

Seven in ten Canadians (69%) express worry that the government and public services in Canada will do too little to help people in the years ahead, rising to 73% among those 35-54 and 72% among those 18-34, compared to 64% among those 55+.

About This Study

ABOUT THE STUDY

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 25 and 27, 2025, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed online. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadians aged 18+ been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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