

Do you feel that the Alberta government is currently spending too much, the right amount or not enough on public education?

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Too much	36 5%	25 6%	11 3%	6 2%	17 5%	12 6%
The right amount	175 22%	113 29%	61 15%	63 24%	54 17%	52 27%
Not enough	558 70%	245 62%	313 78%	185 70%	243 74%	125 63%
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Not enough	558 70%	187 67%	190 72%	69 71%	56 72%	56 70%	181 71%
(DK/NS)	31 4%	9 3%	11 4%	5 5%	2 3%	3 4%	11 4%

As you may be aware, some school boards in the province of Alberta are experiencing financial difficulties. Based on anything you may have seen, read or heard, who do you think is MOST to blame for causing the financial difficulties facing these school boards in the province?

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		Male A	Female B	18-34 C	35-54 D	55+ E
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School teachers	73 9%	53 13% B	19 5%	17 6%	33 10%	22 11%
The government of Alberta	445 56%	191 48%	254 63% A	176 66% DE	172 53%	96 48%
The school boards	164 21%	100 25% B	65 16%	42 16%	69 21%	48 24% C
All of the above	68 8%	34 9%	34 8%	15 6%	31 9%	20 10%
None of the above	14 2%	4 1%	10 2%	4 1%	5 1%	4 2%
No one is to blame	2 0	1 0	1 0	0 -	2 1%	0 -
(DK/NS)	34 4%	13 3%	21 5%	11 4%	15 5%	7 4%

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The government of Alberta	445 56%	154 55%	149 56%	56 57%	41 52%	45 56%	141 55%
The school boards	164 21%	75 27% BDBF	45 17%	17 18%	11 15%	15 19%	44 17%
All of the above	68 8%	14 5%	30 11% AA	9 9%	10 13% A	5 7%	24 9%
None of the above	14 2%	4 1%	7 3%	1 1%	1 1%	1 2%	3 1%
No one is to blame	2 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	1 1%	0 -	2 1%
(DK/NS)	34 4%	11 4%	11 4%	6 6%	3 4%	3 4%	12 5%

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PUBLIC EDUCATION - KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12						
Very important	665 83%	314 79%	352 87%	227 86%	267 82%	164 83%
Somewhat important	103 13%	62 16%	41 10%	34 13%	45 14%	21 10%
Not very important	22 3%	14 3%	9 2%	2 1%	13 4%	7 3%
Not at all important	7 1%	5 1%	2 1%	0 -	2 1%	5 3%
(DK/NS)	2 0	2 1%	0 -	1 0	0 -	1 1%
Summary						
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	768 96%	375 95%	393 97%	261 99%	312 96%	185 93%
Low2Box - Not Important (Not very/Not at all)	29 4%	19 5%	11 3%	2 1%	15 4%	12 6%

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PUBLIC EDUCATION - KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12							
Very important	665 83%	225 80%	214 80%	88 90%	69 89%	70 88%	227 89%
Somewhat important	103 13%	38 14%	42 16%	8 8%	7 9%	8 10%	23 9%
Not very important	22 3%	11 4%	9 3%	2 2%	0 -	1 1%	3 1%
Not at all important	7 1%	4 2%	0 -	0 -	1 2%	1 1%	2 1%
(DK/NS)	2 0	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Summary							
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	768 96%	263 94%	256 96%	96 98%	76 98%	77 98%	250 98%
Low2Box - Not Important (Not very/Not at all)	29 4%	15 5%	9 3%	2 2%	1 2%	2 2%	5 2%

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		A	B	C	D	E
Base: All respondents	800	400	400	230	377	179
Weighted	800	396	404	264	326	198
HEALTHCARE						
Very important	705 88%	329 83%	376 93%	225 85%	291 89%	179 91%
Somewhat important	87 11%	61 15%	25 6%	37 14%	30 9%	17 9%
Not very important	7 1%	6 1%	1 0	1 0	5 1%	1 1%
Not at all important	1 0	0 -	1 0	1 1%	0 -	0 -
Summary						
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	792 99%	390 99%	401 99%	262 99%	322 99%	197 99%
Low2Box - Not Important (Not very/Not at all)	8 1%	6 1%	2 1%	3 1%	5 1%	1 1%

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Very important	705 88%	234 84%	233 88%	89 91%	75 96%	74 93%	238 93%
Somewhat important	87 11%	43 15%	29 11%	9 9%	3 4%	3 4%	15 6%
Not very important	7 1%	3 1%	2 1%	0 -	0 -	2 3%	2 1%
Not at all important	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Summary							
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	792 99%	276 99%	262 99%	98 100%	78 100%	77 97%	253 99%
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Base: All respondents	800	400	400	230	377	179
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THE ENVIRONMENT						
Very important	561 70%	257 65%	304 75%	178 67%	230 71%	147 74%
Somewhat important	208 26%	116 29%	92 23%	76 29%	85 26%	43 22%
Not very important	25 3%	18 5%	7 2%	10 4%	10 3%	4 2%
Not at all important	4 1%	4 1%	1 0	0 -	1 0	3 1%
(DK/NS)	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	1 1%
Summary						
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	770 96%	374 94%	396 98%	254 96%	315 97%	190 96%
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Very important	561 70%	186 67%	193 73%	76 77%	58 74%	49 62%	182 72%
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Not very important	25 3%	13 5%	7 3%	0 -	0 -	4 6%	4 2%
Not at all important	4 1%	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 2%	1 1%	2 1%
(DK/NS)	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Summary							
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	770 96%	264 95%	258 97%	98 100%	76 98%	74 93%	248 97%
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INFRASTRUCTURE						
Very important	329 41%	188 48% B	141 35% C	77 29% C	151 46% D	96 49% E
Somewhat important	377 47%	167 42% B	210 52% A	151 57% DE	145 44% DE	76 39% DE
Not very important	55 7%	26 7% A	29 7% DE	31 12% DE	19 6% DE	5 3% DE
Not at all important	11 1%	4 1% A	7 2% DE	3 1% DE	4 1% DE	4 2% DE
(DK/NS)	27 3%	10 3% A	17 4% DE	2 1% DE	8 2% DE	15 8% CD
Summary						
Top2Box - Important (Very/Somewhat)	706 88%	355 90% A	351 87% DE	227 86% DE	296 91% DE	173 87% DE
Low2Box - Not Important (Not very/Not at all)	67 8%	31 8% A	36 9% DE	34 13% DE	22 7% DE	10 5% DE

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Low2Box - Not Important (Not very/Not at all)	67 8%	26 9% A	22 8% B	5 5% C	11 14% D	3 4% E	19 7% F

There is a debate across North America on the issue of class size in schools, that is, the appropriate number of students in a class with one teacher. Thinking about this, would you say that you personally strongly agree, moderately agree, moderately disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements related to class size? (OVERALL, CLASS SIZE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION DELIVERED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

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OVERALL, CLASS SIZE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION DELIVERED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
Strongly agree	548 68%	234 59%	314 78%	195 74%	233 71%	112 57%
Moderately agree,	170 21%	107 27%	64 16%	50 19%	65 20%	55 28%
Moderately disagree	56 7%	39 10%	16 4%	17 6%	17 5%	20 10%
Strongly disagree	21 3%	13 3%	8 2%	2 1%	9 3%	9 4%
(DK/NS)	5 1%	4 1%	1 0	0 -	3 1%	2 1%
Summary						
Top2Box - Agree	718 90%	340 86%	378 94%	245 93%	298 91%	167 84%
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(DK/NS)	8 1%	7 2%	1 0	3 1%	4 1%	1 0
Summary						
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Moderately agree,	233 29%	85 31%	75 28%	23 23%	22 28%	27 35%	72 28%
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