



# **PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT ON SENIORS AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**A NATIONAL SURVEY OF 1,650 CANADIAN ADULTS CONDUCTED FOR  
HEAL, ORGANIZATIONS FOR HEALTH ACTION.**

**HEAL**



Organizations for Health Action

**ABACUS DATA**

**First phase release of survey results – Nov 1, 2018**



## METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted online with 1,650 Canadian residents aged 18 and over from October 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ✓ 7 in 10 Canadians feel that the federal government should make investing in and optimizing Canada's health care system to respond to its aging population a top or very high priority.
  - More feel this way than other issues the country is facing including the rising cost of housing, public debt and deficits, climate change, rising global extremism, or economic and employment disruption.
- ✓ Canadians in all regions and provinces, both men and women and clear majorities across age groups think preparing the health care system for an aging population should be a top or very high priority.
- ✓ There is broad public support for all the HEAL proposals tested.

# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Investing and optimizing our healthcare system to deal with some of its chronic issues including financial sustainability, quality & access to care, & technologies in the context of pressures created by Canada's aging population.

Dealing with the rising cost of housing in most communities across Canada.

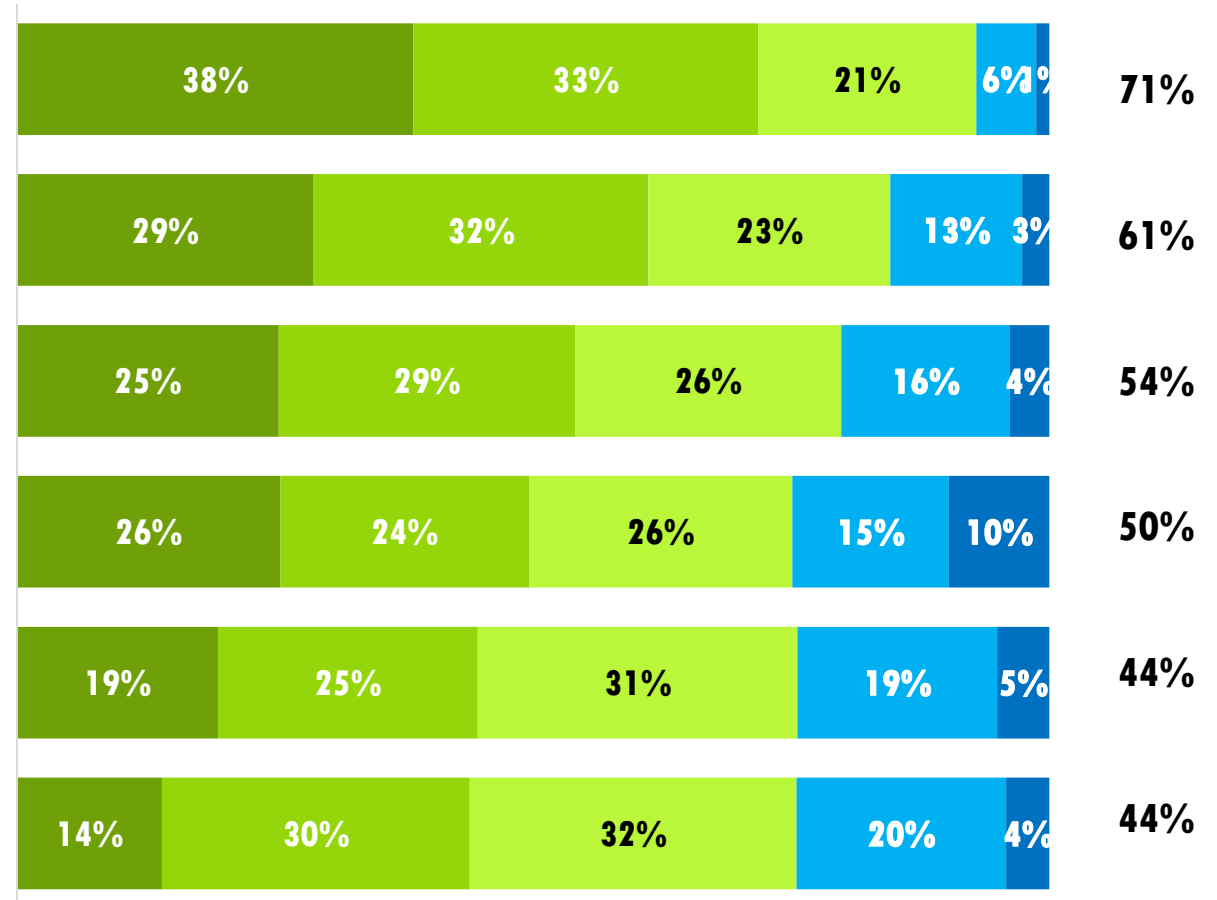
Balancing the federal deficit and starting to reduce the amount of public debt we have.

Tackling climate change by transitioning our economy away from fossil fuels and reducing emissions.

Addressing the rise of extremism around the world and the impacts of mass migration.

Helping Canadians prepare for the major disruption to work and jobs due to increased automation in the workplace.

Top/  
Very High  
Priority



■ Top priority

■ Very high priority

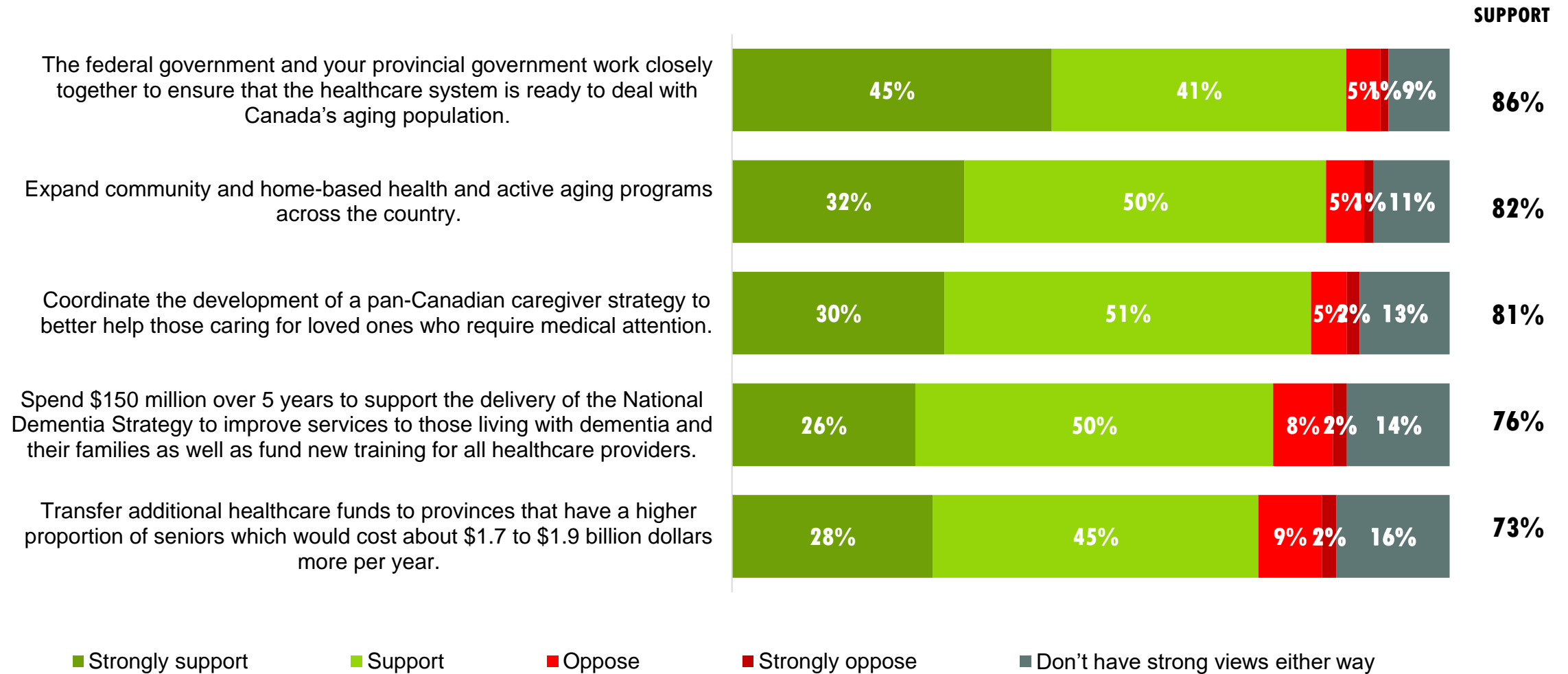
■ High priority

■ Moderate priority

■ Low priority

There are many issues that Canadians will likely have to face over the coming years. How much of a priority should the federal government make dealing with each of the following?

# PREPARING CANADA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR AN AGING POPULATION



Several health-related organizations in Canada are calling on the federal government to act to prepare Canada's healthcare system for the impacts of our aging population. Would you support or oppose the federal government...