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Methodology

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Field Window	Wave 9 – April 24 to May 11, 2026
Sampling	Online survey of randomly-selected sample of 1,210 Adult (18+) Alberta Residents
Reliability	As a guideline, a probability sample of this size carries a margin of error of ± 2.8% , 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is larger for sub-segments.
Weighting	Data has been weighted using the most current age, gender, region, and education Census data, to ensure the sample reflects the actual population of adult Albertans.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION		
REGION	UNWEIGHTED Counts	Margin of Error
Calgary	215	±6.7%
Edmonton	214	±6.7%
Calgary Suburbs	100	±9.8%
Edmonton Suburbs	105	±9.6%
Rural North	176	±7.4%
Rural Central	200	±6.9%
Rural South	200	±6.9%
TOTAL ALBERTA	1,210	± 2.8%

WAVE	DATES IN FIELD	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
W1	Oct 21 – 28, 2020	1,300
W2	Apr 30 – May 7, 2021	1,228
W3	Oct 21 – Nov 4, 2021	1,221
W4	Jul 6 – 19, 2022	1,206
W5	Sept 15 – Oct 4, 2023	1,202
W6	Jun 14 – 24, 2024	1,200
W7	April 17 – 28, 2025	1,201
W8	Aug 8 – 20, 2025	1,200
W9	April 24 – May 11, 2026	1,210

Priorities & Impressions

Affordability & Cost-of-Living tops list of priority issues for Albertans

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- Affordability & cost-of-living (46%) remains top priority that respondents would like Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government to address, far ahead of health care (22%) and Alberta's economy (16%).
- Affordability & cost-of-living is top priority of majority of 18-34s (50%) and 35-54s (51%).
- Policing and public safety is the top priority of only 2% of Albertans.

Priority Issues	TOTAL				REGION								GENDER		AGE		
	W9	W8	W7	W6	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	All Rural	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+
Affordability and Cost-of-Living	46	43	41	48	48	41	46	41	50	49	49	49	44	49	50	51	39
Health Care	22	20	27	24	13	27	22	36	20	25	24	23	19	26	15	16	33
Alberta's Economy	16	19	16	14	19	18	19	8	14	15	10	13	20	11	16	14	16
Climate Change & Environment	3	3	4	4	5	4	2	1	1	-	3	1	3	3	4	5	2
Education	3	4	3	3	4	3	0	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	1
Policing and Public Safety	2	1	2	1	2	3	4	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Indigenous Reconciliation	1	2	1	0	-	1	1	-	2	3	-	1	1	1	1	1	0



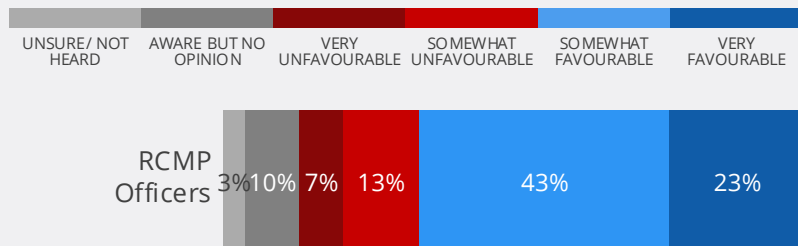
2. When it comes to the following issues facing Alberta today, which is your top priority that you would like the Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government address? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200).

Two-thirds of Albertans have favourable impression of RCMP Officers

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- Favourable impressions of RCMP Officers (66%) within range of results over past eight waves (65% to 71%).
- Favourable impressions of RCMP Officers are highest in Calgary suburbs (77%) and Edmonton suburbs (76%).

Impression of RCMP



% FAVOURABLE (Very/Somewhat)

TOTAL	REGION							RCMP SERVED	
	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	Yes	No/ Unsure
W9									
66	63	67	77	76	59	71	65	71	63

	W9	W8	W7	W6	W5	W4	W3	W2	W1
RCMP Officers	66	70	66	67	69	66	71	65	70

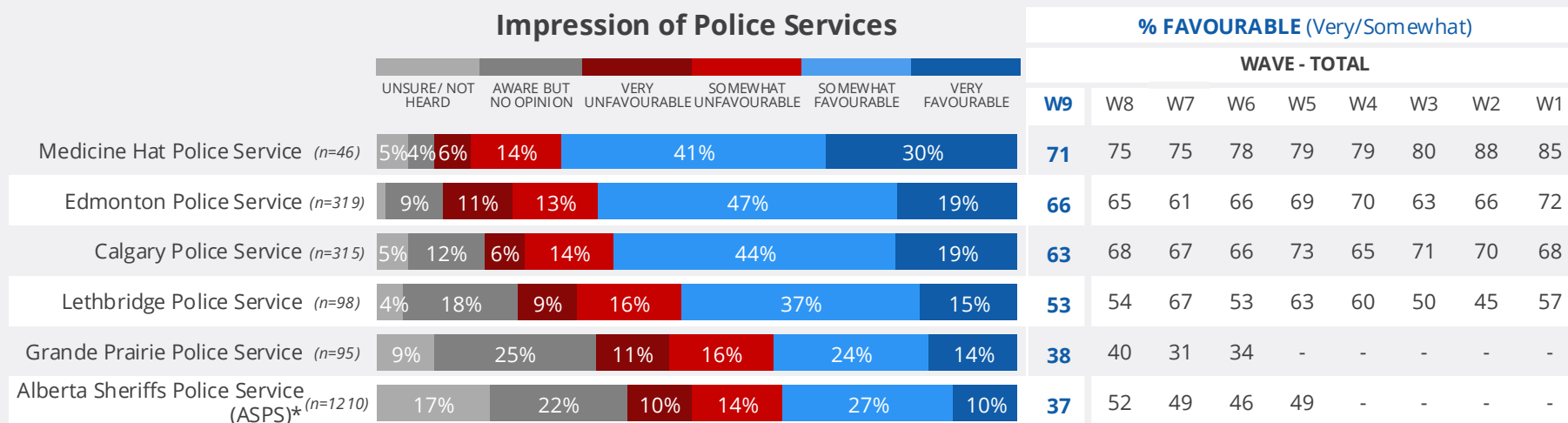


3. Do you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of the following people or organizations? If you are unaware of any, please click that response option.
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200); W5 (N=1,202); W4 (N=1,206); W3 (N=1,221); W2 (N=1,228); W1 (N=1,300).

Police and Sheriff services in Alberta have net-favourable impressions

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- Awareness of Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) (61%) is lower relative to "Alberta Sheriffs" in wave 8 (74%).
- ASPS has net-favourable impressions with 37% favourable and 24% unfavourable.
- Police services tested are net-favourable. Edmonton Police Service (66%) is within range of wave 1-8 results, while Calgary Police Service (63%) is at a lower level relative to previous waves.



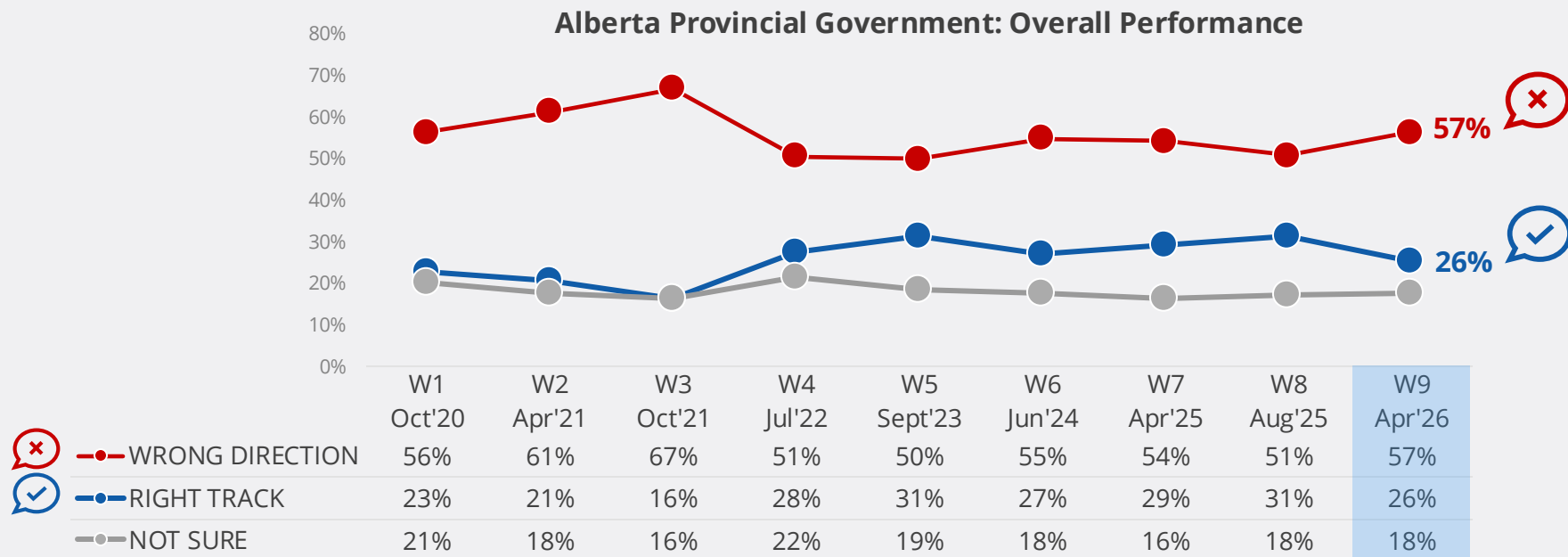
3. Do you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of the following people or organizations? If you are unaware of any, please click that response option.
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=Varies). Note: Data <2% not labeled. *Previous versions listed "Alberta Sheriffs"

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Majority of Albertans say provincial government heading off in wrong direction

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- Those saying provincial government is on “right track” declines 5% since wave 8.



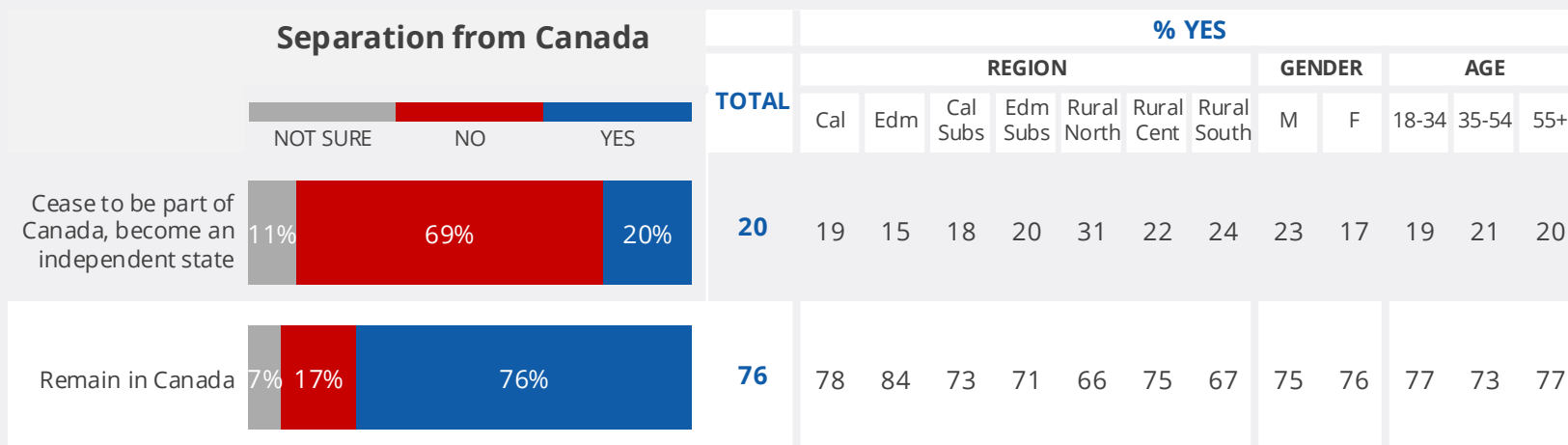
1. In Alberta today, do you think the provincial government is on the right track, or do you think it is heading off in the wrong direction?

Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200); W5 (N=1,202); W4 (N=1,206); W3 (N=1,221); W2 (N=1,228); W1 (N=1,300).

Three-quarters choose remaining in Canada

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- 76% agree Alberta should remain in Canada while 17% disagree. In an alternate question, 20% agree Alberta should cease to be a part of Canada to become an independent state, while 69% disagree.
- Results are consistent by age, but marginally different by gender (23% men, 17% women) with women more likely to be undecided (15%) vs. men (7%).



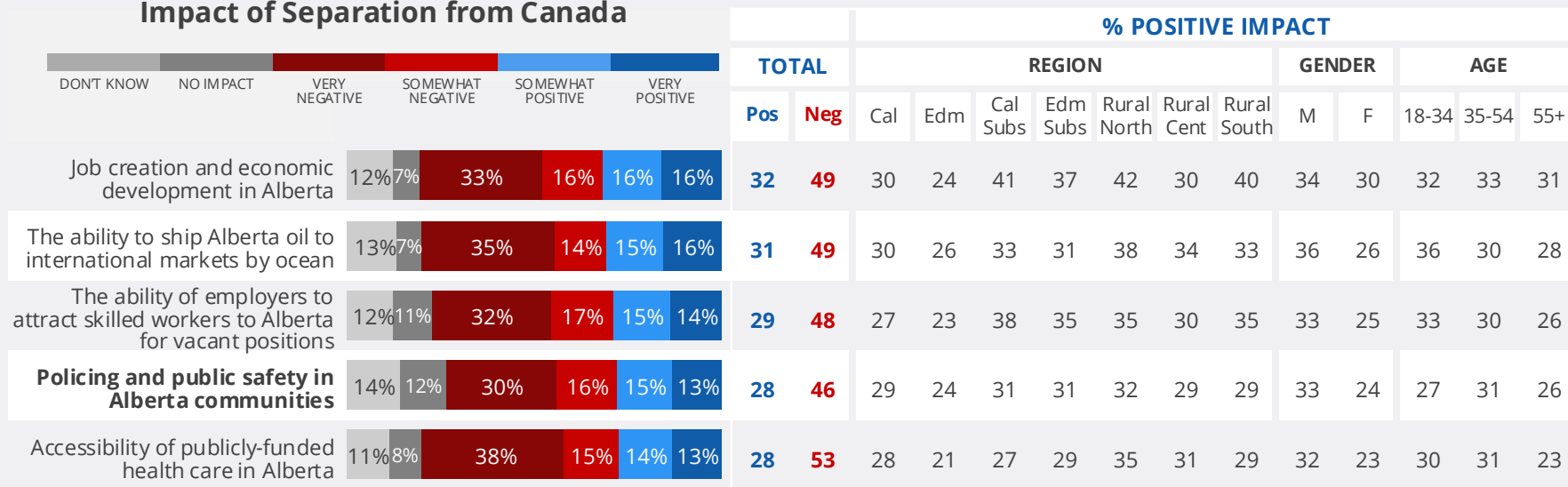
4A. Do you agree that the Province of Alberta should cease to be a part of Canada to become an independent state?
 4B. Do you agree that Alberta should remain in Canada?
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

Plurality say separating from Canada will have negative impact on a range of issues, but positive impact is higher than current support for separation

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- With support from separation ranging from 17% to 20%, those saying separation will have a positive impact on Canada in key areas is at a higher level (28% to 32%) suggesting that there is room to grow for separatist sentiment.
- On policing and public safety in Alberta communities, 28% say separation would have a positive impact.

Impact of Separation from Canada



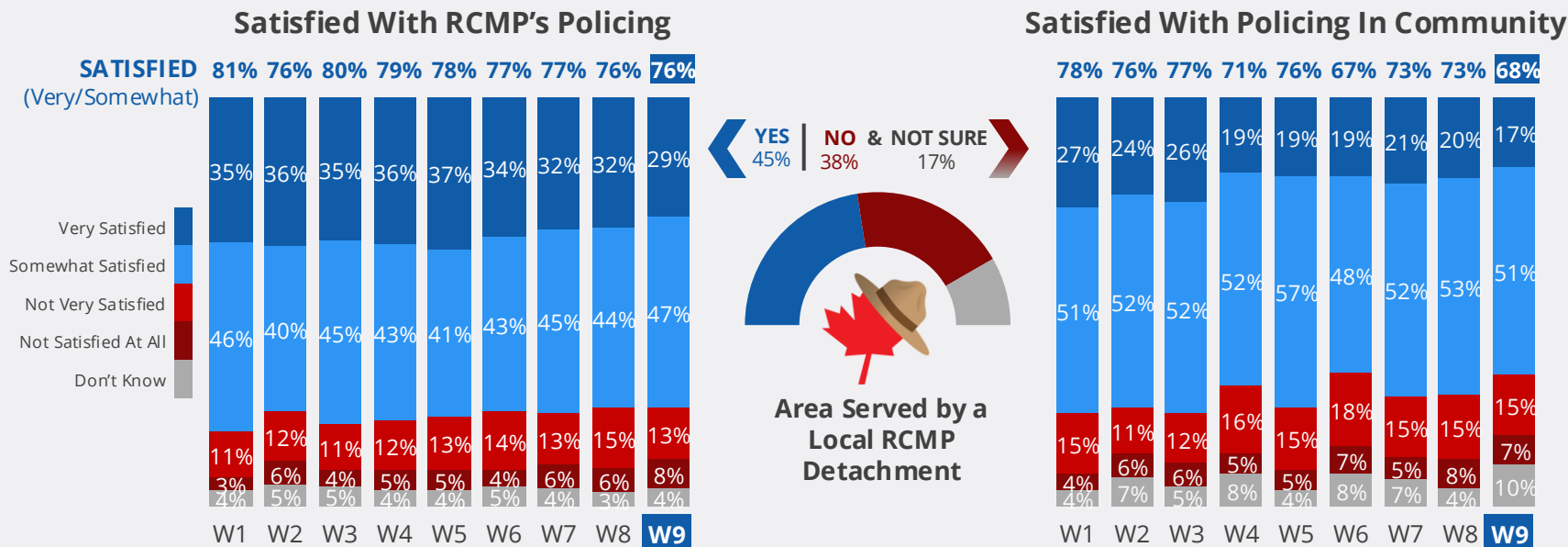
5. If Alberta were to separate from Canada and become an independent country, what impact do you think this would have on each of the following?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

RCMP Satisfaction, Confidence, and Believability

Over three-quarters satisfied with RCMP's policing

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- Satisfaction with RCMP's policing of their community (76%) consistent with wave 8; those very satisfied (29%) marginally declined.
- Satisfaction with policing in non-RCMP communities (68%) declines 5% compared to wave 8, and level of those very satisfied (17%) lower than RCMP-served communities.

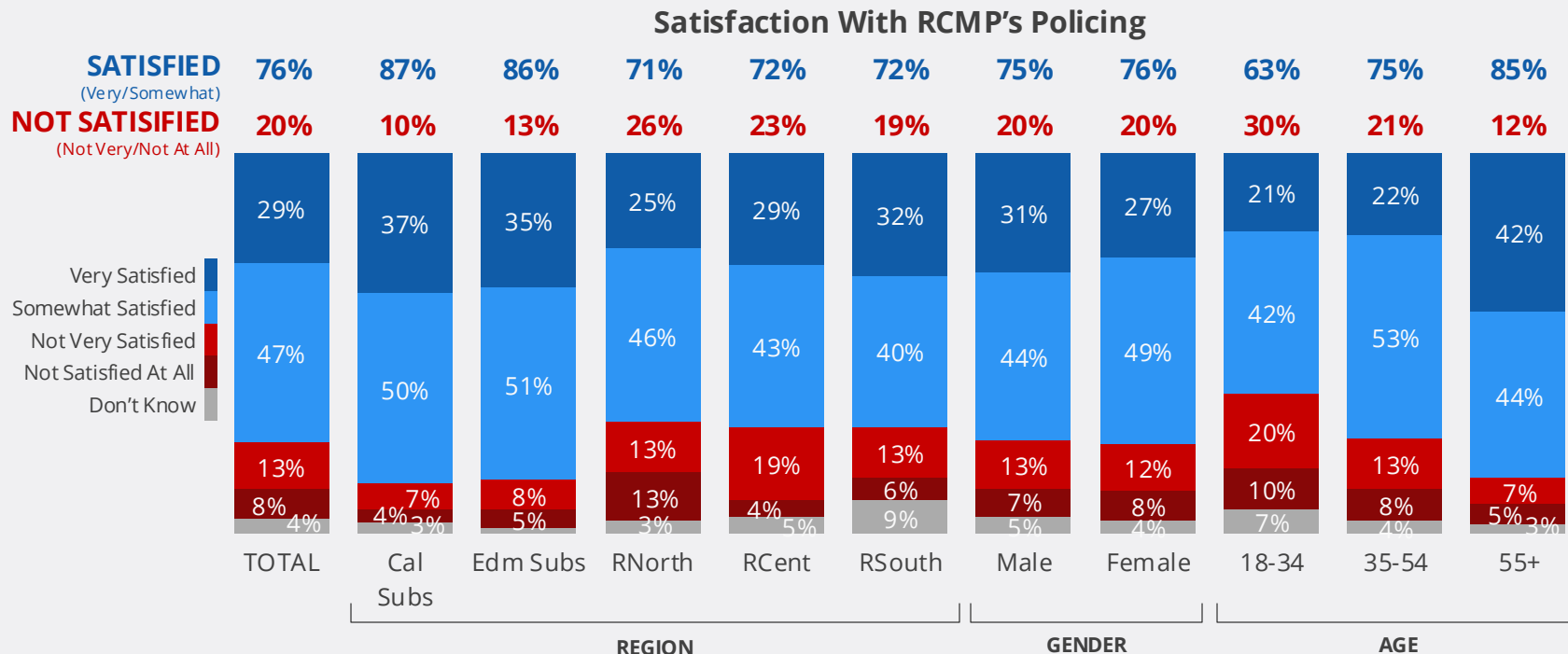


Q Now, here are some questions about policing in Alberta. | 12. Is your municipality or local area served by a local RCMP detachment? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201) | 13. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=687); W8 (N=729); W7 (N=718); W6 (N=678); W5 (N=699); W4 (N=696); W3 (N=727); W2 (N=733); W1 (N=809) | 14. How satisfied are you with the policing in your community? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=523); W8 (N=471); W7 (N=483); W6 (N=522); W5 (N=503); W4 (N=510); W3 (N=494); W2 (N=495); W1 (N=491).

Satisfaction with RCMP's policing 71% or above across RCMP-served regions

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- Regionally, satisfaction ranges from 71% in Rural North to 87% in Calgary suburbs.
- 55+ age group most satisfied with RCMP's policing (85%); men (75%) and women (76%) at about same level of satisfaction.



13. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community?
Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687). Note: Data <2% not labeled.

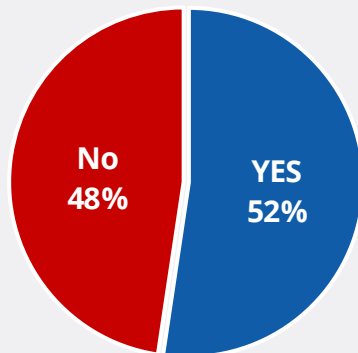
RCMP Contract Renewal and Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

Slim majority aware of Alberta government's plan to create the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

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- 52% awareness of Alberta government's plan to create the ASPS, with higher level of awareness among 55+ age group (69%), men (59%), and rural Alberta residents (56%).

**Awareness of Alberta's Plan to
Replace RCMP with Alberta
Sheriffs Police Service**



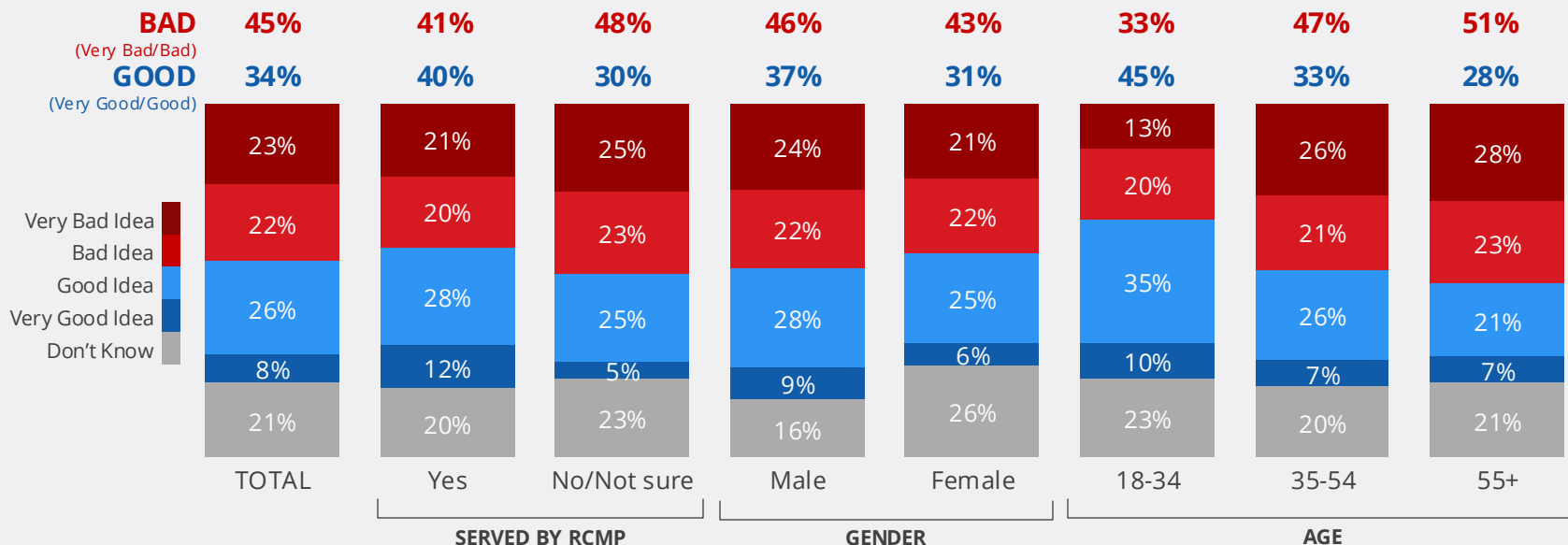
22. Before responding to this survey, had you read, seen or heard anything about the Alberta government's plan to create a new provincial police service called the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

Plurality says creating a new ASPS at this time is a “bad idea”

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- 45% say creating the ASPS at this time is a bad idea, including 23% who say it's a “very bad idea”. Young people – 18-34 age group – are more likely to say it's a good idea (+12% good vs. bad) compared to 35-54 (-14%) and 55+ (-23%).

Perception on Creating a New Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)



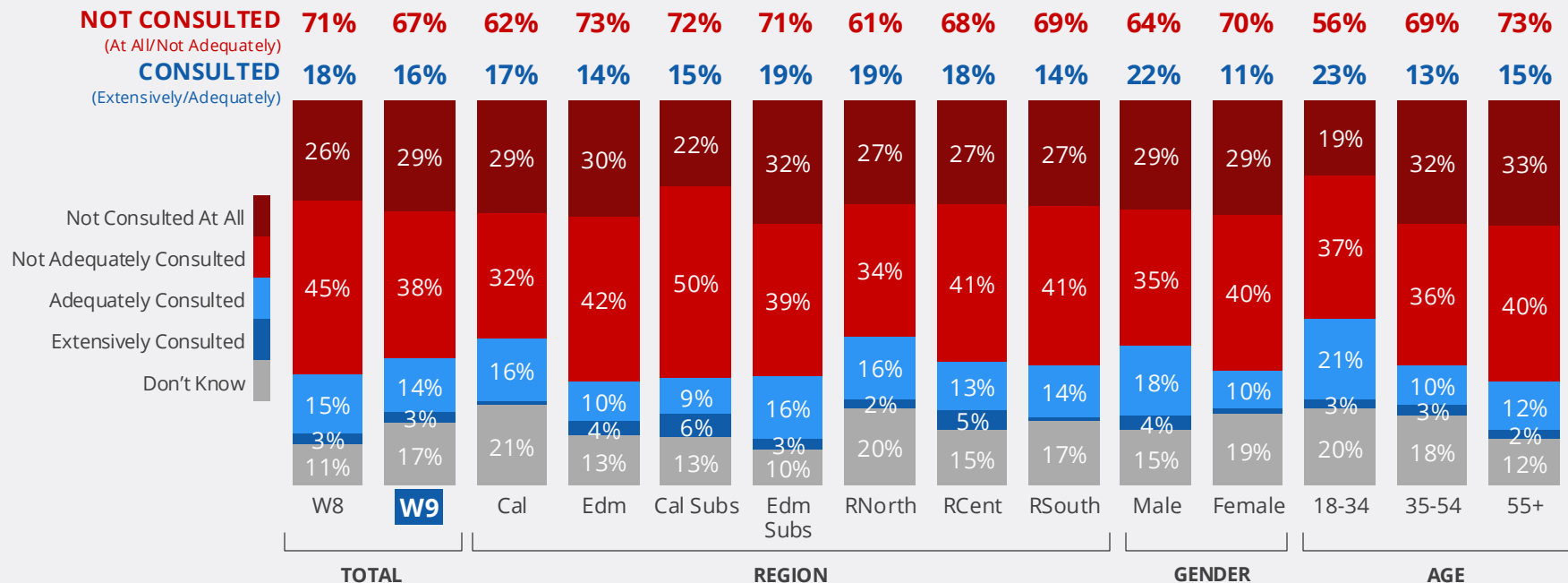
23. In February 2026, the Alberta government announced its plan to create a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS). Thinking about this, do you feel the Alberta government creating an additional provincial police service – the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) – at this time is a good idea or a bad idea?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

Two-thirds say that the public has not been adequately consulted about creating a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service

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- Broad consensus across gender, age, and region groups that consultation has not been adequate.

Perceived Extent of Public Consultation About Creating a New ASPS

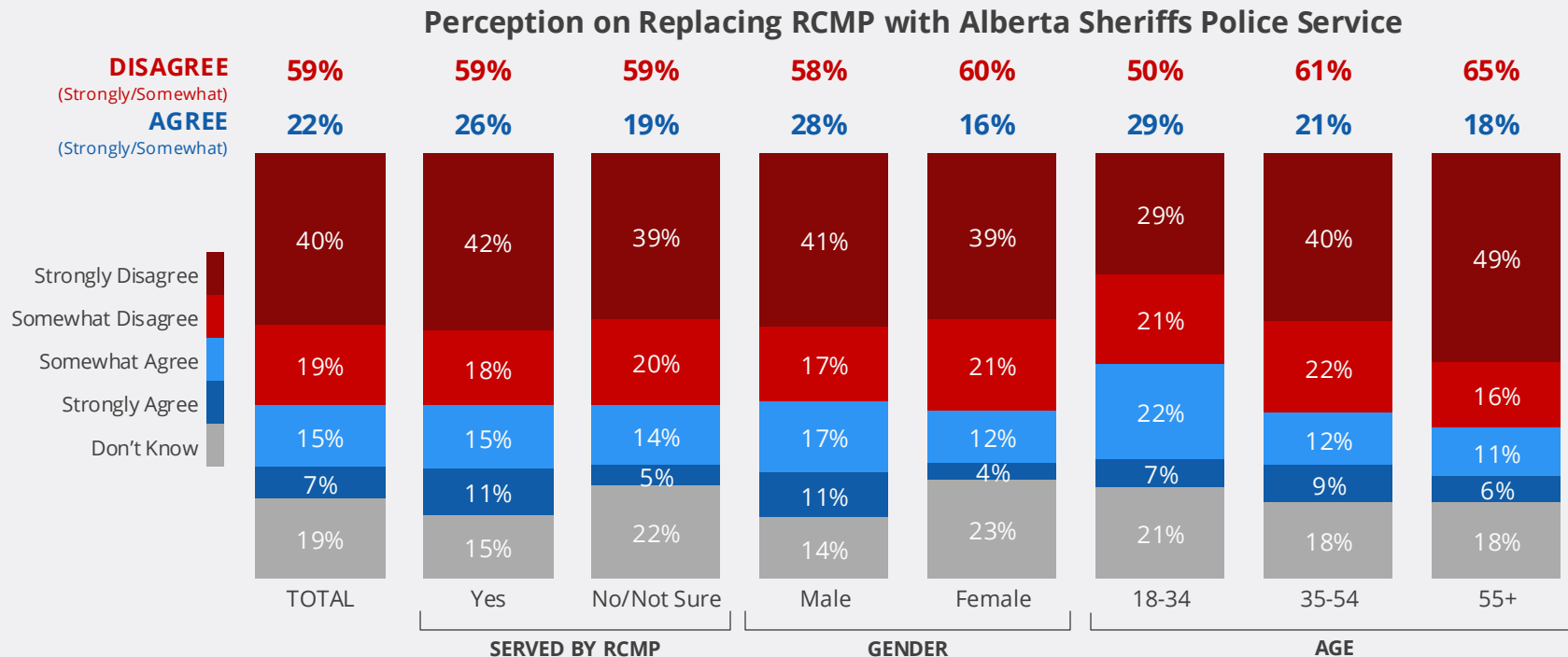


24. To what extent do you think the public has been consulted about creating a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200). Note: Data <2% not labeled.

Majority disagree that ASPS should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when RCMP contract expires in 2032

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- Majority disagree across age, gender, and region groups that ASPS should replace RCMP in 2032.



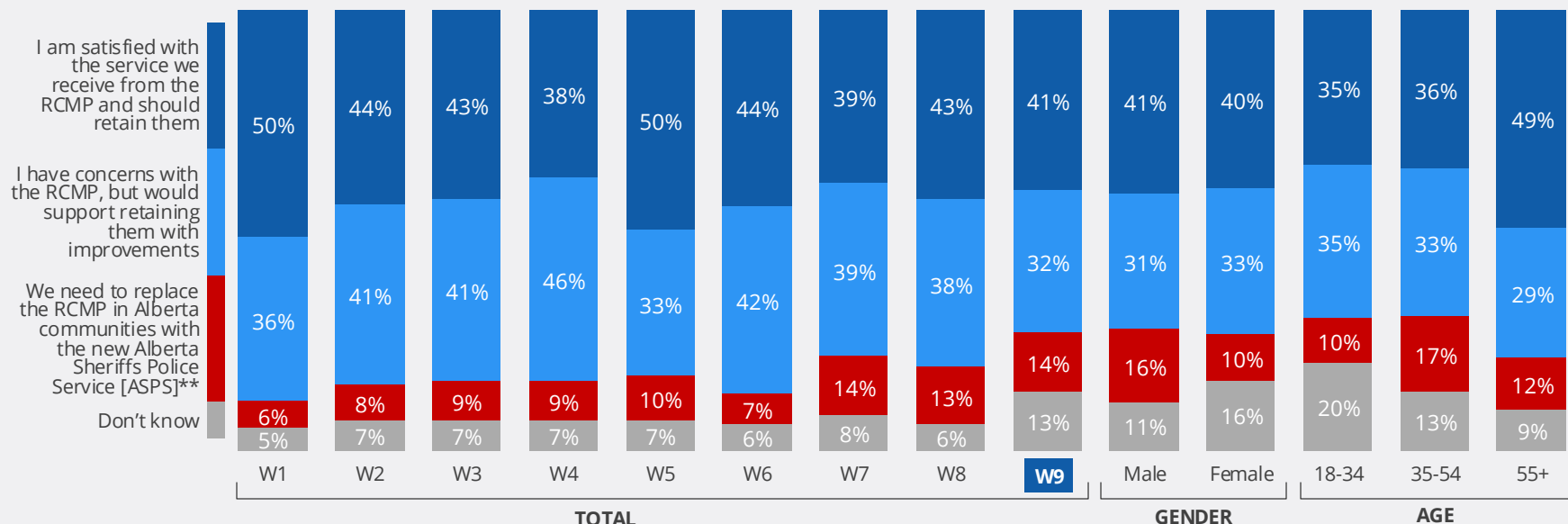
25. Do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMPs contract expires in 2032?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

In RCMP-served areas, over 7-in-10 satisfied or prefer retaining them with improvements, while 1-in-7 choose replacing the RCMP with ASPS

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- Level of satisfied/retain with improvement has declined from 86% in wave 1 to 73% in wave 9; the replace RCMP option has moved from 6% to 14% across wave 1 to 9, while undecided has risen to 13%. Undecided is higher among 18-34s (20%) and women (16%).

Viewpoint on Replacing or Retaining the RCMP



26. Which of the following statements best reflects your point of view?

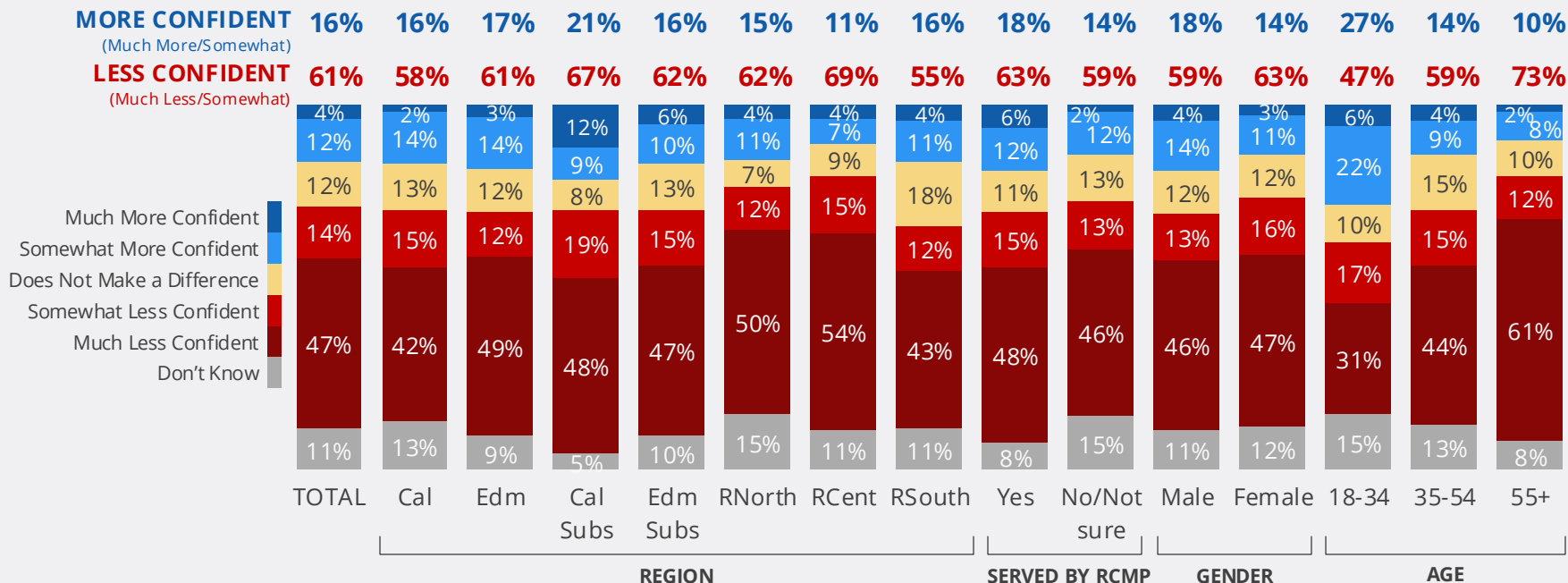
Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687); W8 (N=729); W7 (N=718); W6 (N=678); W5 (N=699); W4 (N=695); W3 (N=727); W2 (N=733); W1 (N=809). *W1 Read: "...if there were significant improvements". **Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPS..

Training comparison between RCMP and ASPS makes majority feel less confident about Alberta government's policing plan

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- Plurality much less confident based on comparison of training for RCMP officers (26 weeks) and ASPS (6 weeks). Overall, 47% are much less confident (61% overall less confident). Almost half (48%) of those in RCMP-served areas are much less confident.

Perceptions of RCMP Training Compared to Proposed Alberta Sheriffs Training



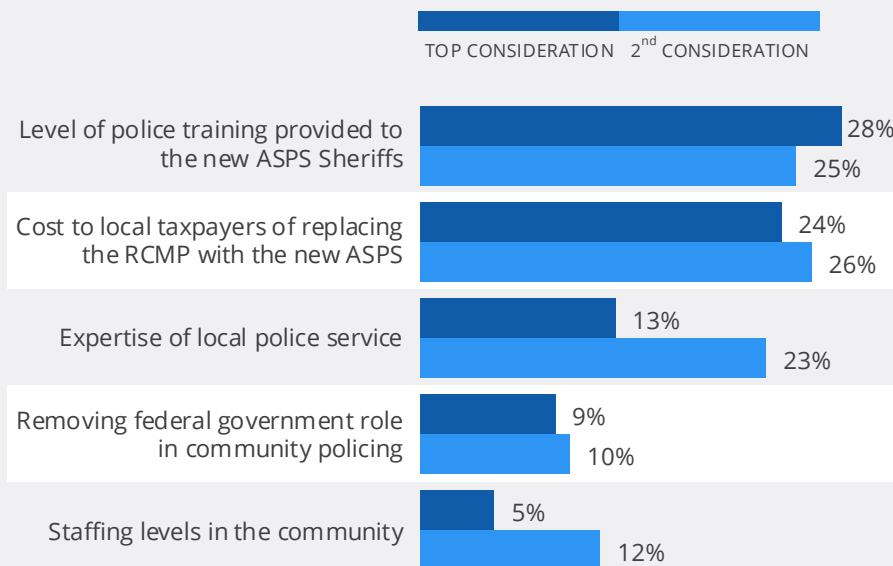
27. RCMP officers undergo 26 weeks of training at the RCMP Training Depot in Regina. The Alberta government is proposing that Alberta Sheriffs receive 6 weeks of training to become police officers. Thinking about this, does it make you feel more confident or less confident about the Alberta government's policing plan for communities in Alberta, or does it make no difference? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

Level of police training and taxpayer cost are leading considerations for those in RCMP-served areas

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- 18-34 place equal importance on level of training and cost to taxpayers, while 35-54 place higher importance on cost to taxpayer, and 55+ place higher importance on level of training.

Most Important Considerations If Replacing RCMP with ASPS



OVERALL CONSIDERATION

TOTAL	REGION					GENDER		AGE		
	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+
48	53	49	45	48	53	45	52	43	44	56
47	47	55	44	46	40	45	49	40	52	46
33	31	42	25	33	33	34	32	30	33	35
18	29	16	18	18	22	21	13	18	19	16
15	16	9	14	22	12	20	11	21	13	14

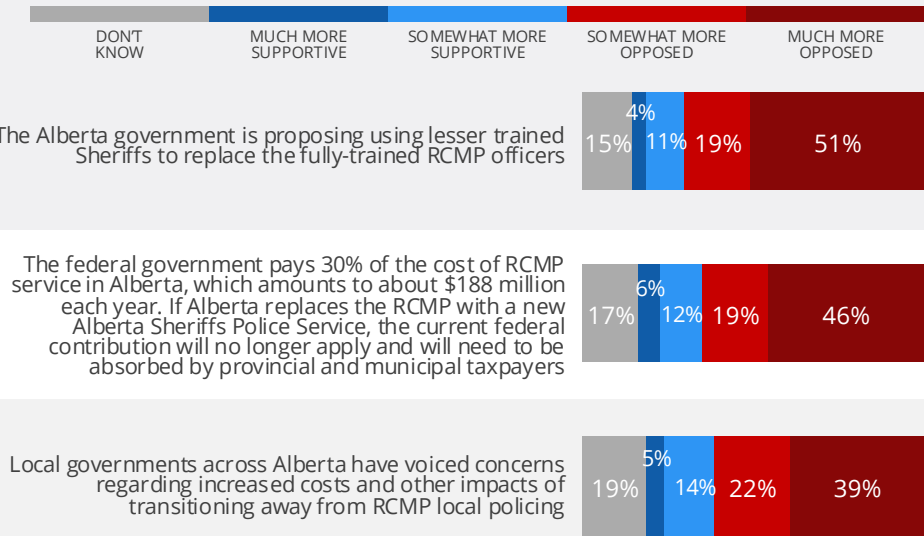


28/29. The Alberta government has stated that its intention is to offer the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) as an option to communities for their local policing, to replace the RCMP. What do you think should be the most important consideration for communities in considering whether to replace the RCMP with the newly-created Alberta Sheriffs Police Service? Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687)

Using lesser trained officers/sheriffs makes half much more opposed to creation of new ASPS

- 7-in-10 (70%) more opposed to ASPS based on Alberta government proposing to use lesser trained Sheriffs to replace fully trained RCMP officers. Messaging outlining federal government 30% contribution and local governments voicing concerns make over 6-in-10 (65%) more opposed, and consistent with previous waves.

Support/Opposition For ASPS*



% OPPOSED (Much More/Somewhat More)															
TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REGION							TOTAL		
W9	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	W8	W7*	W6*
70	65	75	62	68	77	69	73	75	69	69	73	62	-	-	-
65	62	68	52	64	74	63	72	66	66	57	60	63	64	65	-
61	61	61	51	60	70	61	70	56	64	56	59	52	58	57	63

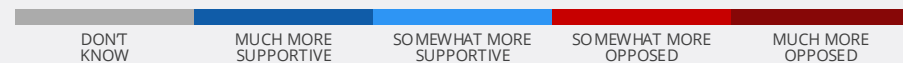
Q 30. Here are some general statements about policing in Alberta. Please indicate whether they make you more supportive or more opposed to the creation of a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); TOTAL Sample Split W7 (600-601). *Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPS.

Non-disclosure of detailed costing makes majority more opposed to ASPS plan

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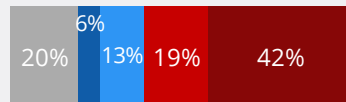
- Of those who say replacing the RCMP with the ASPS is a good idea, 33% become more opposed to the plan based on non-disclosure of detailed costing. 55+ age group more likely to be more opposed (71%).

Support/Opposition For ASPS*

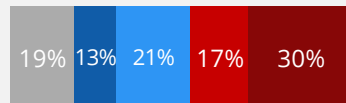


The province has not released detailed costing of the plan to create a new police service but a 2021 report commissioned by the government said a new provincial police service would have start-up costs of \$372 million plus and additional \$164 million each year in operating costs compared to current provincial RCMP costs

Overall crime rates and the severity of crime are falling in Alberta, with Criminal Code violations down 8.5%, and the Crime Severity Index down 21% since 2019. This shows costly changes to policing in Alberta are not needed



Ending the contract with the RCMP will give Albertans more control over policing, with less interference from Ottawa



% OPPOSED (Much More/Somewhat More)

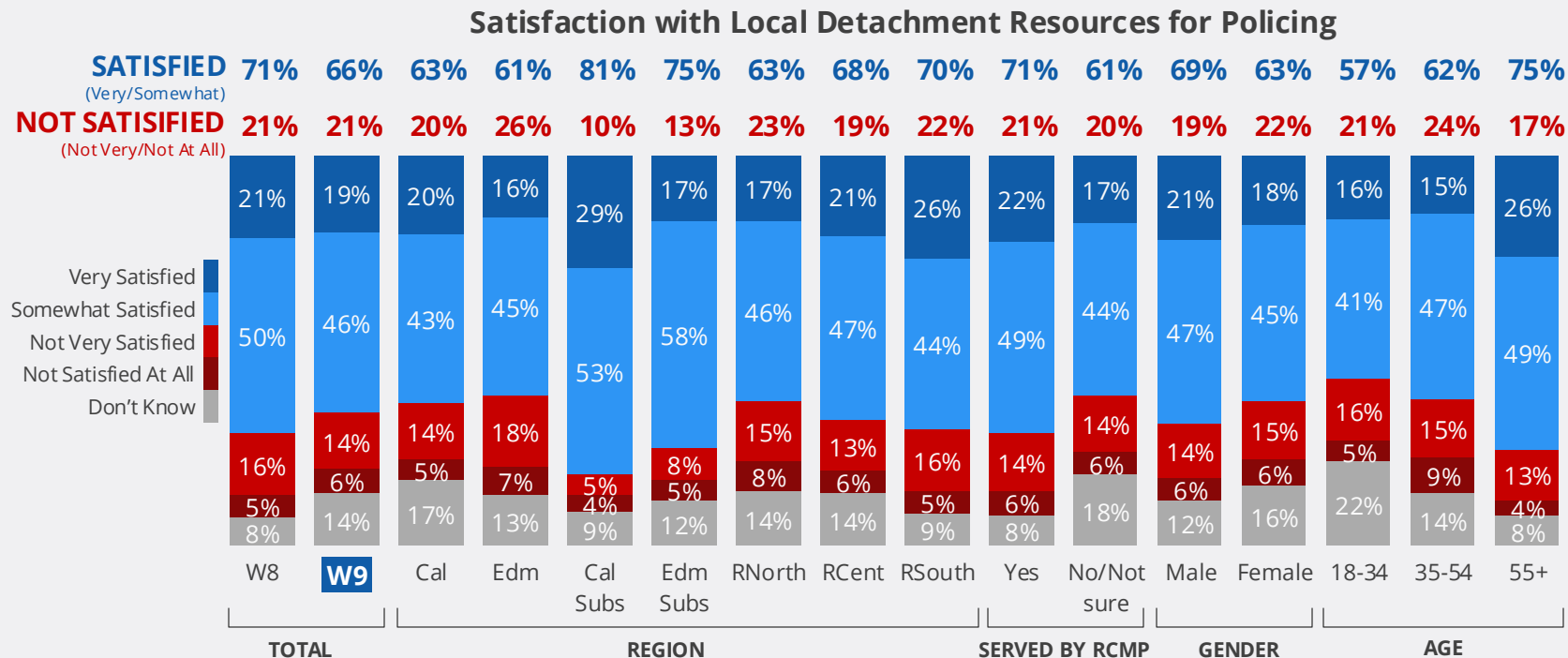
TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REGION							TOTAL		
W9	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	W8	W7*	W6*
61	59	63	48	60	71	53	73	65	61	59	57	61	63	59	-
51	52	49	46	48	57	49	60	43	53	45	50	42	-	-	-
47	48	46	37	47	55	47	57	39	53	42	44	34	45	42	-



30. Here are some general statements about policing in Alberta. Please indicate whether they make you more supportive or more opposed to the creation of a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); TOTAL Sample Split W7 (600-601). *Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPS.

Two-thirds satisfied that their local detachment has adequate resources to police their community

- 66% say they are satisfied with resources for local detachment, with higher level in RCMP-served areas (71%).



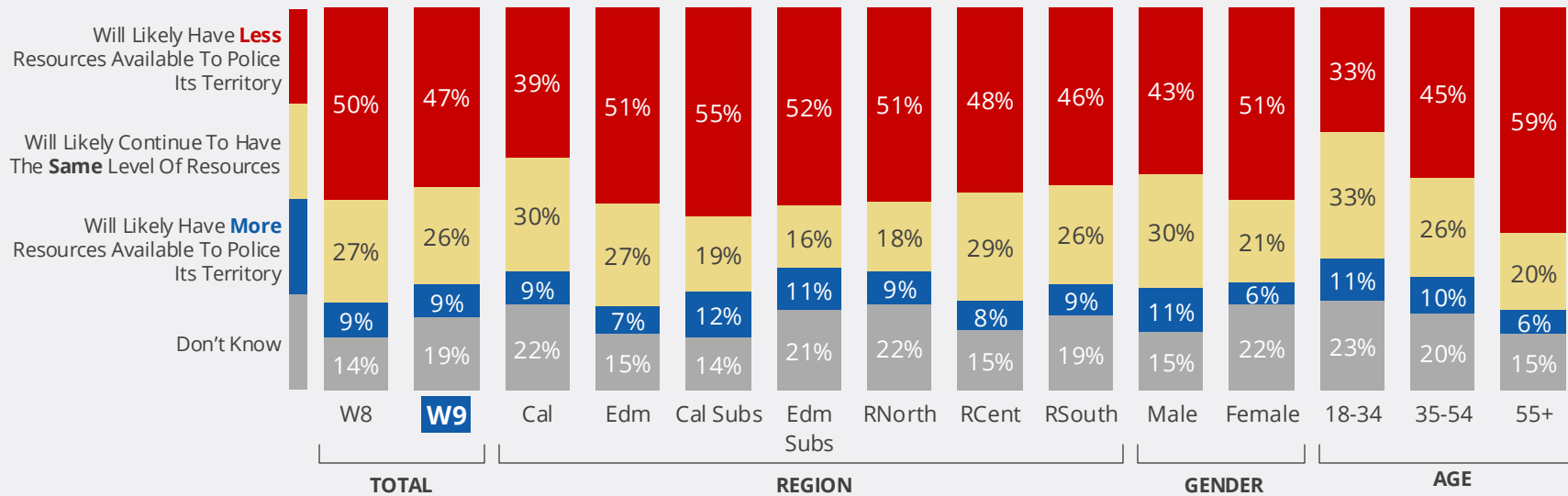
31. Thinking about policing in your community, how satisfied are you with your local detachment having adequate resources to police your community?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

About half say there will likely be less resources available to police its territory if RCMP is replaced with ASPS

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- 47% say there will likely be less resources available to police its territory if RCMP is replaced with ASPS, including half of those in RCMP-served areas (50%), women (51%) and 55+ age group (59%).

Expected Resource Levels if RCMP is Replaced with Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



Q 32. Do you feel that your community's police service will have more, less, or the same level of resources available to police its territory?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

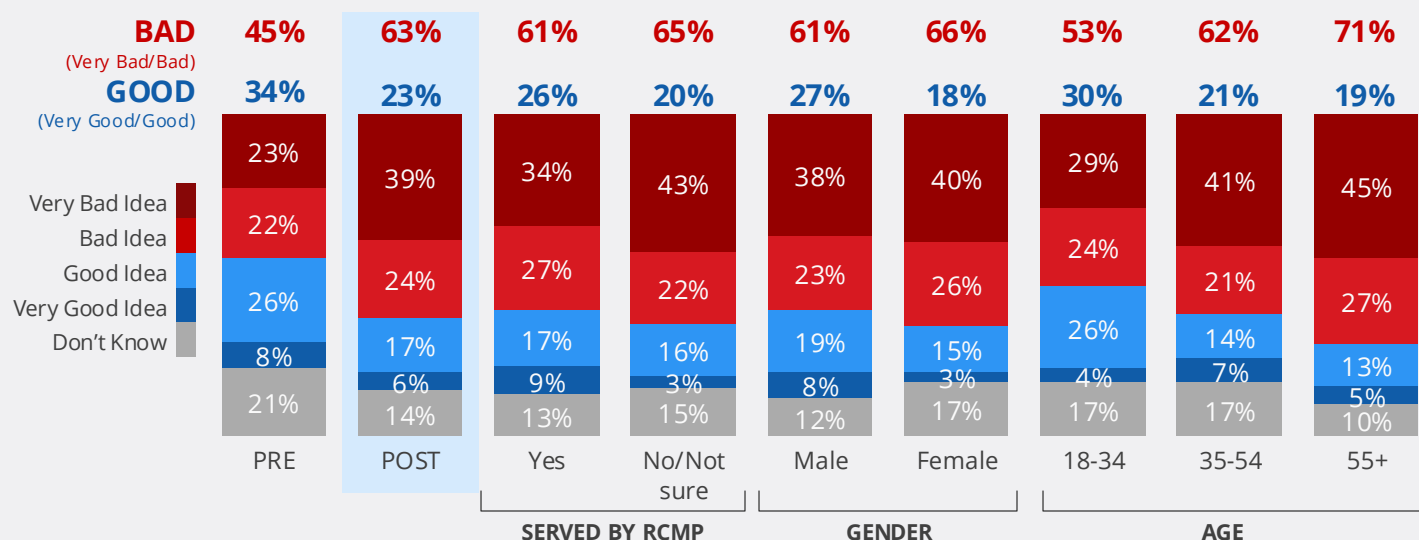
Post-Tests:
RCMP Contract Renewal and
Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

Post-test: Majority now say creating a new ASPS at this time is a “bad idea” after more information is provided

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- Proportions feeling it's a bad idea increases 19pts from 45% to 63%, with 16pt increase in those who say it's a “very bad idea”.
- Majority of those in RCMP-served areas feel it's a bad idea (61%); increase of 21pts compared to pre-test.
- Increase of +21pts among 18–34-year olds and +20pts among 55+ year olds who feel it is a “bad idea”.

Post Test: Perception of Creating a New Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)



23. In February 2026, the Alberta government announced its plan to create a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS). Thinking about this, do you feel the Alberta government creating an additional provincial police service – the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) – at this time is a good idea or a bad idea?

34. Based on the additional information you've reviewed, do you feel the Alberta government creating an additional provincial police service – the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) – at this time is a good idea or a bad idea?

Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

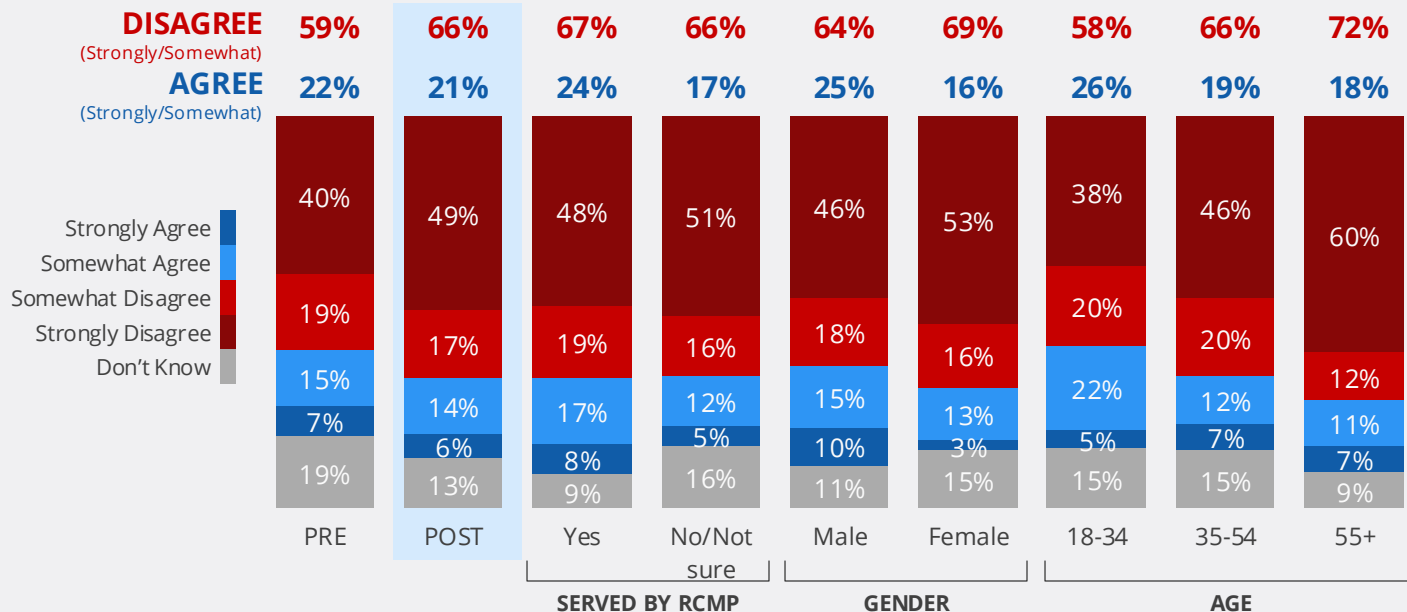


Post-Test: Majority continue to disagree that ASPS should replace the RCMP; 7pt increase in disagreement, while proportions who agree remain steady

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- 7pt increase in disagreement among RCMP-served region, and 9pt increase among 18-34 year olds after receiving more information.

Post Test: Perception on Replacing the RCMP with the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



25. Do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMP's contract expires in 2032?
 35. And, do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMP's contract expires in 2032?
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

Public Safety & Politics

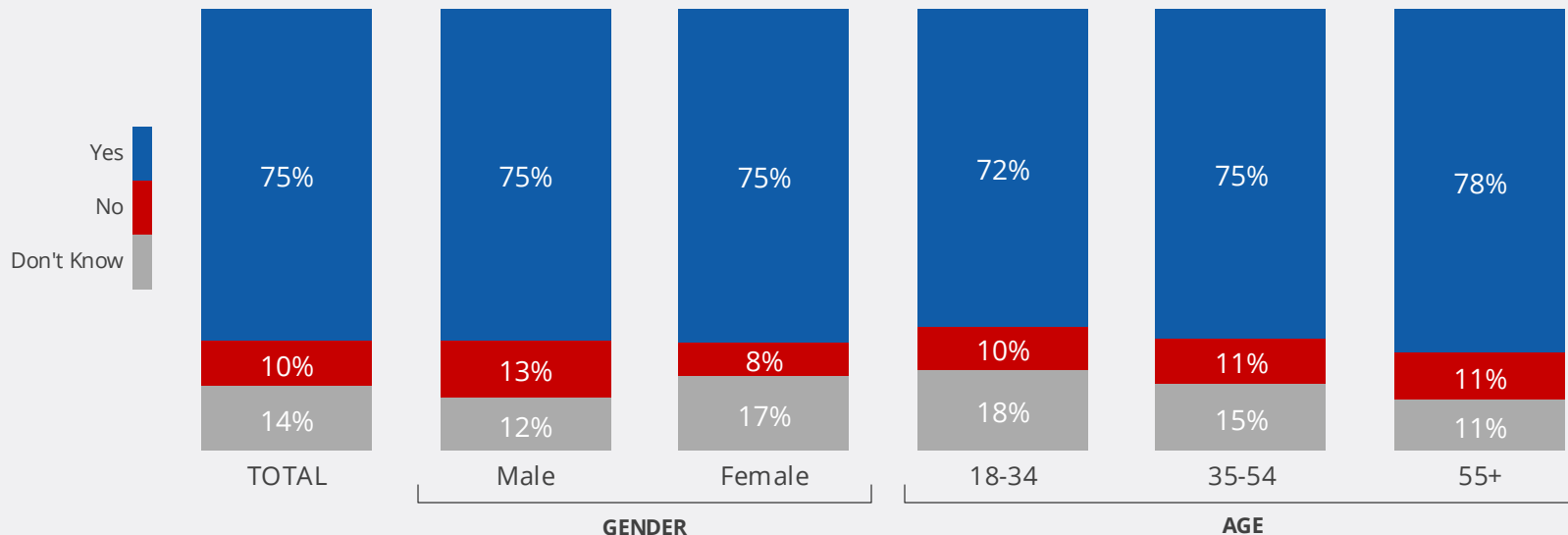


3-in-4 Albertans say the government should ask voters for approval in a province-wide referendum before proceeding with plan to replace the RCMP

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- Broad consensus (75%) among Albertans to have province-wide referendum before proceeding with any plan to replace the RCMP with a provincially run Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS). Consistent support among age and gender groups.

Public Views on Whether Alberta Should Replace the RCMP with a Provincially Run Police Service



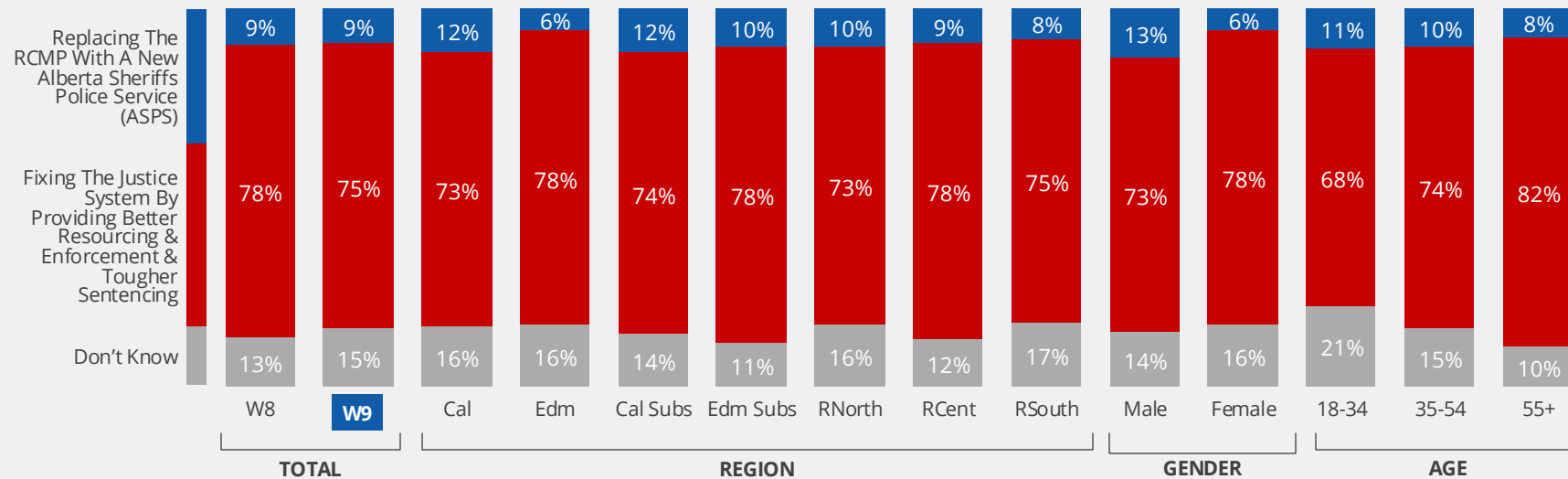
36. The Alberta government is putting forward nine referendum questions to voters this fall, none of which relate to policing. Before proceeding with any plan to replace the RCMP with a provincially run Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS), should the government ask Alberta voters for their approval in a referendum?
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

Almost 3-in-4 Albertans prefer focus on fixing the justice system instead of replacing the RCMP with a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

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- Most Albertans prefer Premier to focus on fixing the justice system by providing better resourcing and enforcement and tougher sentencing (75%) compared to replacing the RCMP with a new ASPS (9%).

Premier Danielle Smith and UCP Government's Focus on Public Safety in Alberta



37. When it comes to public safety in Alberta, do you think the Premier and the United Conservative Party (UCP) governments focussould be on...
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

3-in-4 agree that we need to strengthen national institutions, not weaken them

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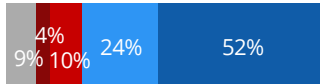
- Over 8-in-10 (83%) Albertans agree that there needs to be a detailed accounting of costs/impacts to service levels.
- Over 3-in-4 (76%) agree that there are “more important priorities to deal with in Alberta right now than changing who policies local communities”, including 83% of 55+ voters.

Agreement with Policing Statements

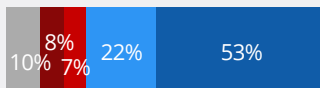


Before any changes to policing in Alberta are agreed to, there needs to be a detailed accounting of the costs and impacts to service levels

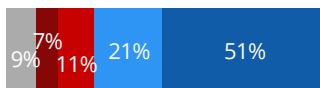
There are other more important priorities to deal with in Alberta right now than changing who polices local communities



Given the threat from Donald Trump and the United States, we need to strengthen our national institutions, not weaken them



This is not the time to explore expensive new police services in Alberta



% AGREE (Strongly/Somewhat)

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REGION							TOTAL		
W9	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	W8	W7	W6
83	82	85	73	84	91	80	87	89	84	80	84	84	87	89	87
76	72	80	69	75	83	77	81	77	72	69	77	75	81	81	84
75	75	76	73	71	81	77	81	70	74	67	73	70	81	80	-
73	69	76	68	70	79	74	76	75	78	67	71	62	75	75	-

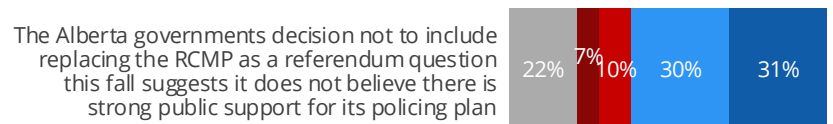
Q 39. Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200). *W6 Scale Read: SUPPORT (Much More/Somewhat).

Over 7-in-10 agree government should be boosting funding for existing local police services instead of spending millions of dollars on setting up ASPS

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- Majority (72%) agree that Alberta government should be boosting funding for local police services than spending dollars setting up the ASPS and majority (61%) agree that not putting policing on referendum ballot suggests government does not believe its plan has strong support.

Agreement with Policing Statements



% AGREE (Strongly/Somewhat)														
TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REGION								
W9	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	W8	
72	70	74	71	66	78	70	80	69	73	66	70	66	-	
61	63	59	61	59	64	61	71	60	57	53	58	54	-	

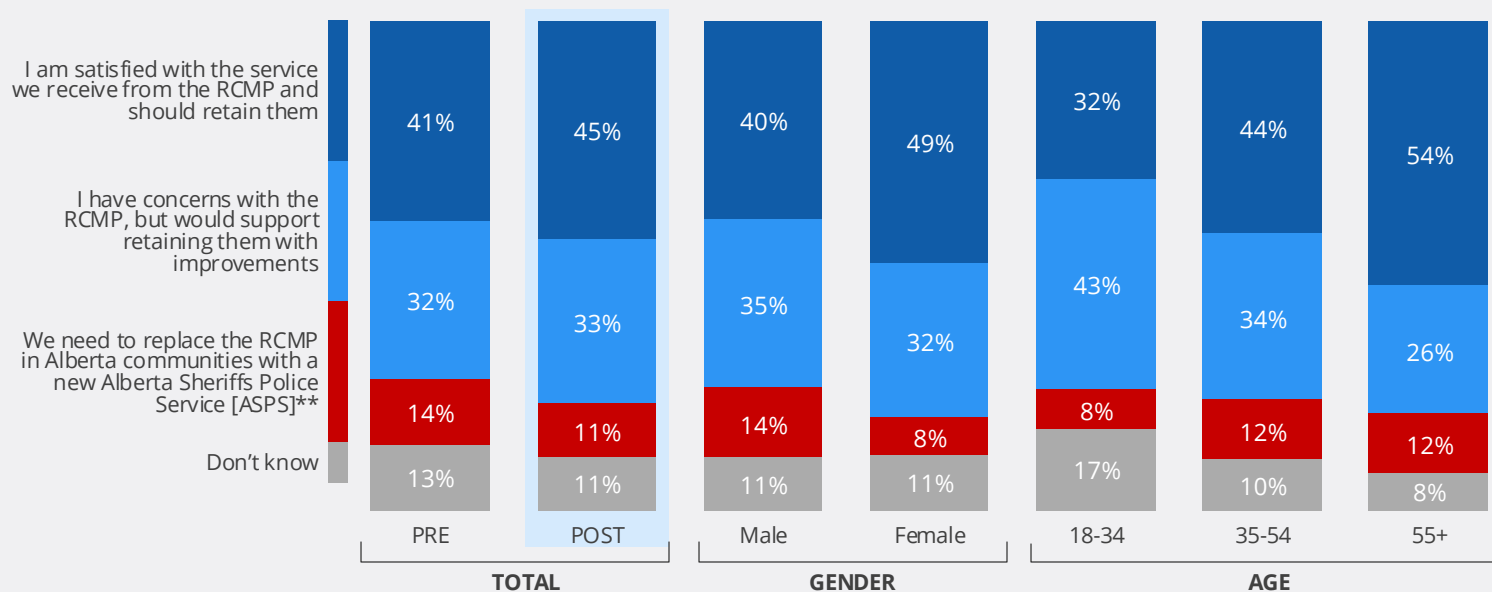
Post-Test: Retaining RCMP

Post-test: Almost 4-in-5 in RCMP-served communities say they are satisfied with the service from RCMP and should retain them / with improvements

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- In the post-test, those saying that the RCMP needs to be replaced in Alberta communities with a new ASPS drops from 14% to 11%, while retain / retain with improvements rises from a combined 73% to 78%.

Post Test: Viewpoint on Replacing or Retaining the RCMP



26. Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint?

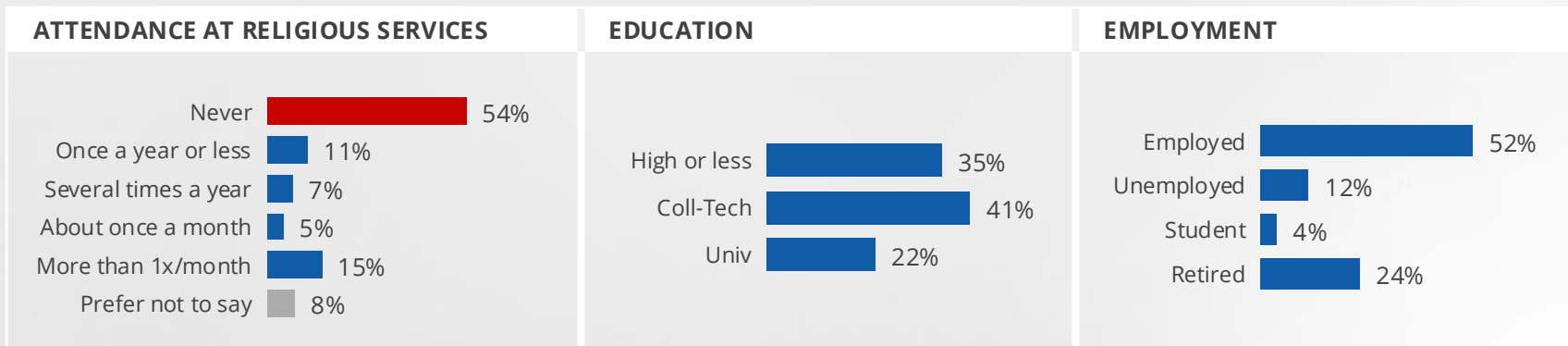
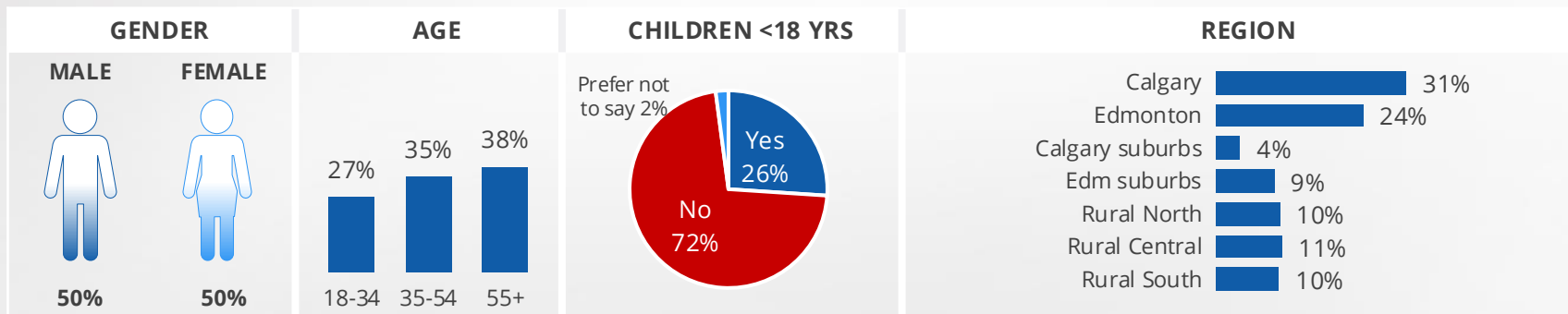
40. Now that you reviewed additional information, which of the following statements best reflects your point of view?

Base: Local Area Served by RCMP (N=687) **Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPS.

APPENDIX

Demographics

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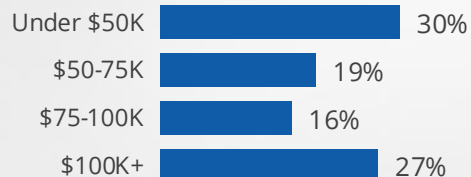


Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

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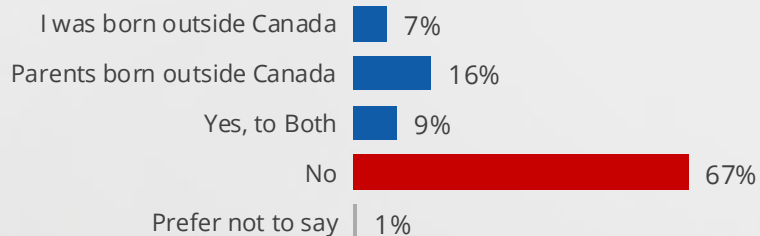
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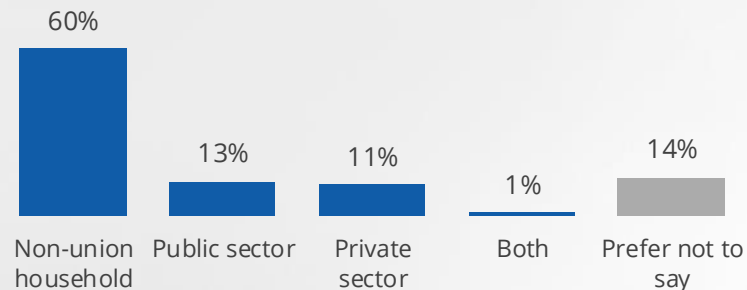
ETHNICITY



BIRTHPLACE OUTSIDE CANADA



UNION MEMBERSHIP



Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

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