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Parti Québécois, Liberals in tight race as Quebec heads to polls

PCQ remains competitive as Parti Québécois projected to form minority government

Toronto, October 4th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among Quebec voters ahead of the October 5th provincial election, the Parti Québécois holds a narrow lead, with 26% of those who are decided or leaning likely to vote for the party. The Parti libéral du Québec follows closely with 25%, while the Parti conservateur du Québec (PCQ) receives 21%. Québec solidaire receives 13% support, while the Coalition Avenir Québec receives 13%. Voter support is low for other parties (2%).

Parti Québécois projected to form minority government with 47 seats

Despite the close race in popular support, we project the Parti Québécois to form a minority government with 47 seats, followed by the Parti libéral du Québec with 34 seats, the Coalition Avenir Québec with 19 seats, the PCQ with 15 seats, and Québec solidaire with 12 seats.

“Quebec is heading into election day with a very close race, with just one point separating the Parti Québécois and Liberals in voter support,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. “The PCQ also remains competitive, but our seat projections point to the Parti Québécois emerging with the most seats and forming a minority government.”

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,227 randomly selected Quebec residents over the age of 18, 70% by cellphone and 30% on landlines, with 81% of interviews conducted in French and 19% in English. The poll was conducted from October 3 to 4, 2026. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 2.8%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at <https://old.forumresearch.com/tools-sample-estimator.asp>.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll included:

Note: TOTAL (u/w) indicates the unweighted count of respondents. TOTAL (w/t) indicates the count weighted for age and gender.

Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have already voted for, in the Quebec provincial general election to be held on October 5th? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?

[Decided/ Leaning]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Other Gender
TOTAL (u/w)	1183	136	143	195	211	498	674	494	15
TOTAL (w/t)	1183	231	170	189	245	348	571	597	14
Parti Québécois	26	19	25	30	20	34	30	23	25
Parti libéral du Québec	25	18	19	22	31	31	22	28	21
Parti conservateur du Québec	21	20	30	31	25	10	25	18	22
Coalition Avenir Québec	13	17	5	5	14	17	10	15	0
Parti Québec solidaire	13	25	20	10	9	6	11	15	27
Other	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6

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Region

%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
TOTAL (u/w)	1183	448	193	490	239	251
TOTAL (w/t)	1183	416	218	499	247	252
Parti Québécois	26	21	23	33	33	33
Parti libéral du Québec	25	35	17	19	21	17
Parti conservateur du Québec	21	13	35	22	21	23
Coalition Avenir Québec	13	16	7	13	15	12
Parti Québec solidaire	13	13	16	11	10	13
Other	2	2	0	2	1	3

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