
OCFP OMNI - Report

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Methodology

Methodology/Sample: Online survey of randomly-selected sample of **816** adult (18+) residents of Ontario.

Field Window: May 16th to 18th 2022

Reliability: Non-probability samples cannot be assigned a margin of error. *As a relative guideline, we have provided margins of error for a probability sample of this size. Data weighted by age, gender within region as per the latest census, such that it is representative of the actual adult population of Ontario.

Region	Number of Interviews	Margin of error*
Toronto	152	± 8.0%
GTA 905	205	± 6.8%
Hamilton/Niagara	80	±11.0%
East	140	± 8.3%
Southwest	185	± 7.2%
North	54	± 13.3%
Ontario	816	± 3.4%



Key Findings

When being told that 1.3 million residents do not have a family doctor, Ontarians believe this is a serious problem that is not being addressed in the upcoming provincial election. While the strong majority feels none of the political parties have a plan, almost all Ontarians think whoever wins will have to deal with this issue.

- Four-fifths of Ontarians see the 1.3 million residents without a family doctor as a serious problem, with one-third saying this is a crisis almost half saying it is a major problem. An additional 16% see it as a moderate problem.
- Three-quarters of Ontarians feel the doctor shortage is not being talked about enough as an issue in the upcoming election and that none of the political parties seem to have a plan to ensure that every Ontarians who needs a family doctor has one. Despite this, more than nine-in-ten Ontarians believe that whoever wins the election needs to deal with this issue, with three-fifths strongly agreeing this needs to happen.

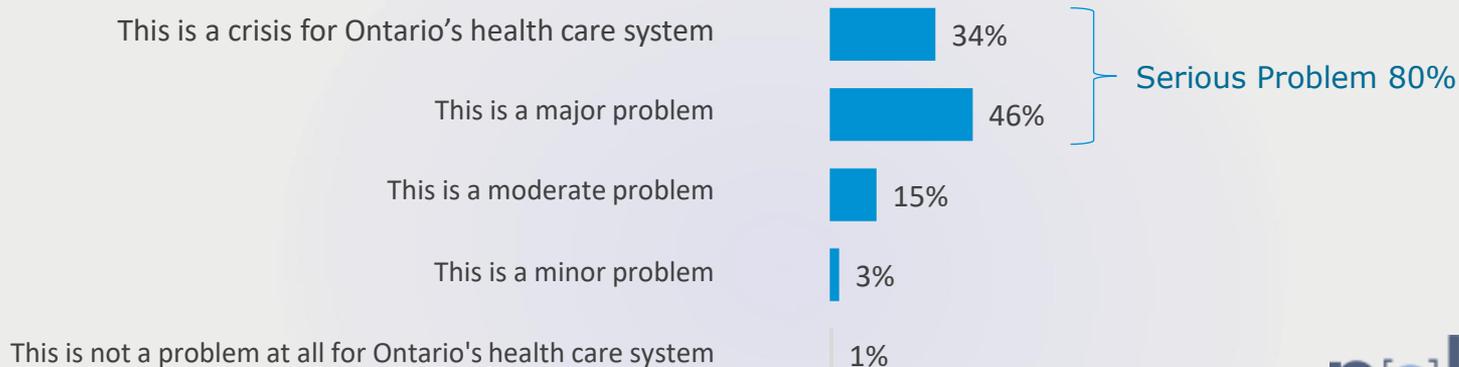
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- When told that 1.3 million Ontarians do not have a family doctor, 80% of Ontario residents found this to be a serious problem, with one-third (34%) saying it is a crisis and almost half (46%) a major problem. An additional 15% consider this to be a moderate problem.
- While those living in Toronto and the GTA consider this a serious problem (71% and 77% respectively) at a similar rate to the rest of the province, they are less likely to consider it a crisis (21% and 30% respectively), particular when compared to those in Eastern Ontario (42%) and Hamilton/Niagara (41%).
- Women are more likely to consider this a crisis than men (43% vs. 26%).



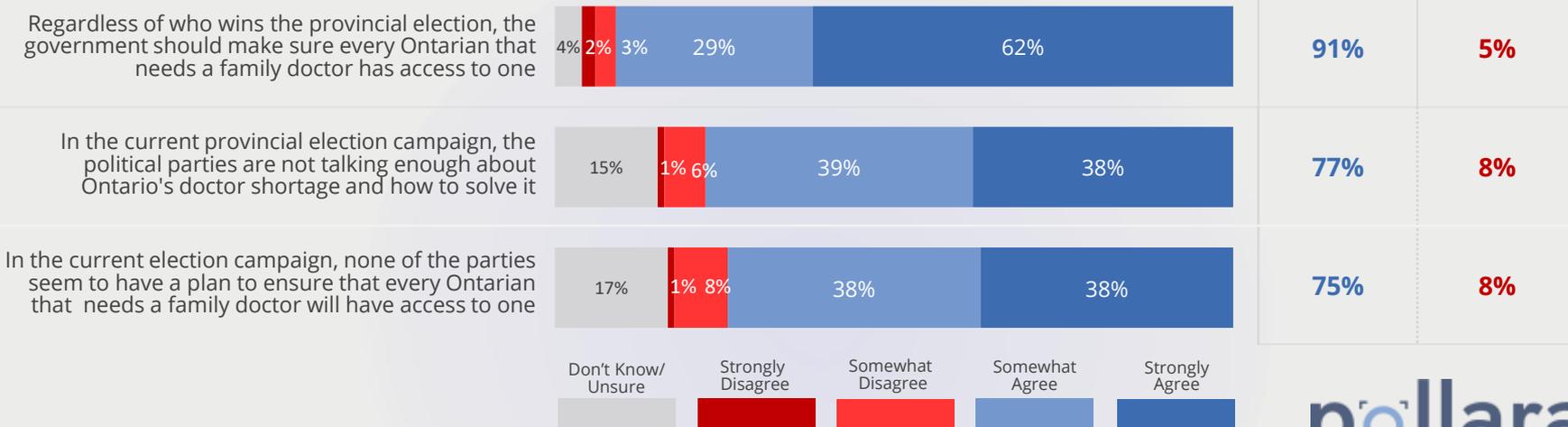
1.3 MILLION ONTARIANS DO NOT HAVE A FAMILY DOCTOR: IS THIS AN ISSUE?



Q1. As you may know, about 1.3 million Ontarians do not have a family doctor. In your opinion, do you feel that... **Base: (Total N=816)**

Ontarians believe this issue is not being considered in the election campaign, but needs to be solved after the election.

- A strong majority of respondents believe this issue is not being considered in the upcoming provincial election, with 77% saying all parties are not talking enough about the problem and 75% thinking that none have a plan to solve it. More than nine-in-ten feel that regardless of who wins the election, the provincial government should make sure that every Ontarian that needs a family doctor has access to one.
- Residents 55 years of age and older are more likely to think the issue is not being talked about enough in the election campaign (84%), that no party has a plan to fix this (83%) and that it needs to be dealt with after the election (95%)



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