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Methodology

Sample	Online survey of n=1,001 Alberta adults (18+).
Field dates	November 3rd to 13th, 2026.
Reporting	Questions commissioned by Public Interest Alberta and fielded in Western Canadian Perspective Wave 14. Full question wording is in each slide's footnote.
Weighting	Weighted by region, gender and age to the Alberta adult population.
Regions	Edmonton, Calgary and Rest of Alberta. Party groups are current provincial vote intention including leaners.
Reliability	Online panels cannot be assigned a margin of error. A probability sample of n=1,001 would carry a margin of error of +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20; larger for subgroups.
Language	English.

REGION	SAMPLE SIZE (Unweighted)	MARGIN OF ERROR
Edmonton	239	+/- 6.3%
Calgary	311	+/- 5.6%
Rest of Alberta	451	+/- 4.6%
TOTAL ALBERTA	**1,001**	**+/- 3.1%**

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57% - 17%

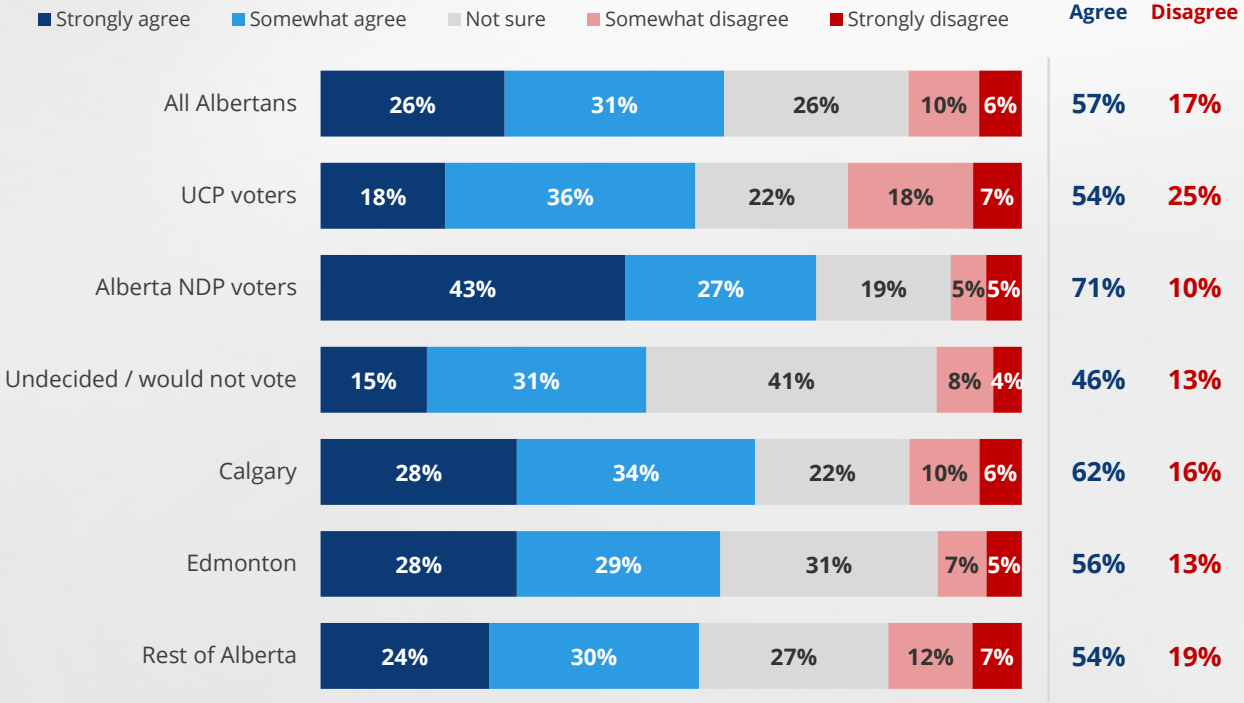
Albertans agree urban communities should be kept together in their ridings, not combined with rural areas.

Key findings

- **Keep cities whole:** 57% want urban communities kept together in their ridings rather than combined with rural areas; only 17% disagree.
- **Across party lines:** UCP voters agree 54% - 25%, and agreement outnumbers disagreement in every region and demographic group.
- **Bill 40 goes the other way:** passed on November 25, its map splits Lethbridge four ways and gives a rural vote 26% more weight than an urban one (PIA Fair Maps). The Alberta NDP says it will likely go to court.
- **Public health care:** 79% of Albertans want the province to improve public health care rather than allow more patients to pay privately for surgery. Only 13% disagree.
- **A consensus:** majorities in every group agree, including 67% of UCP voters, 70% of 2025 federal Conservative voters and 89% of women over 50.

Electoral boundaries: 57% of Albertans want urban communities kept together in their ridings; only 17% disagree

KEEP URBAN COMMUNITIES TOGETHER RATHER THAN COMBINING URBAN AND RURAL IN ONE CONSTITUENCY



57% agree

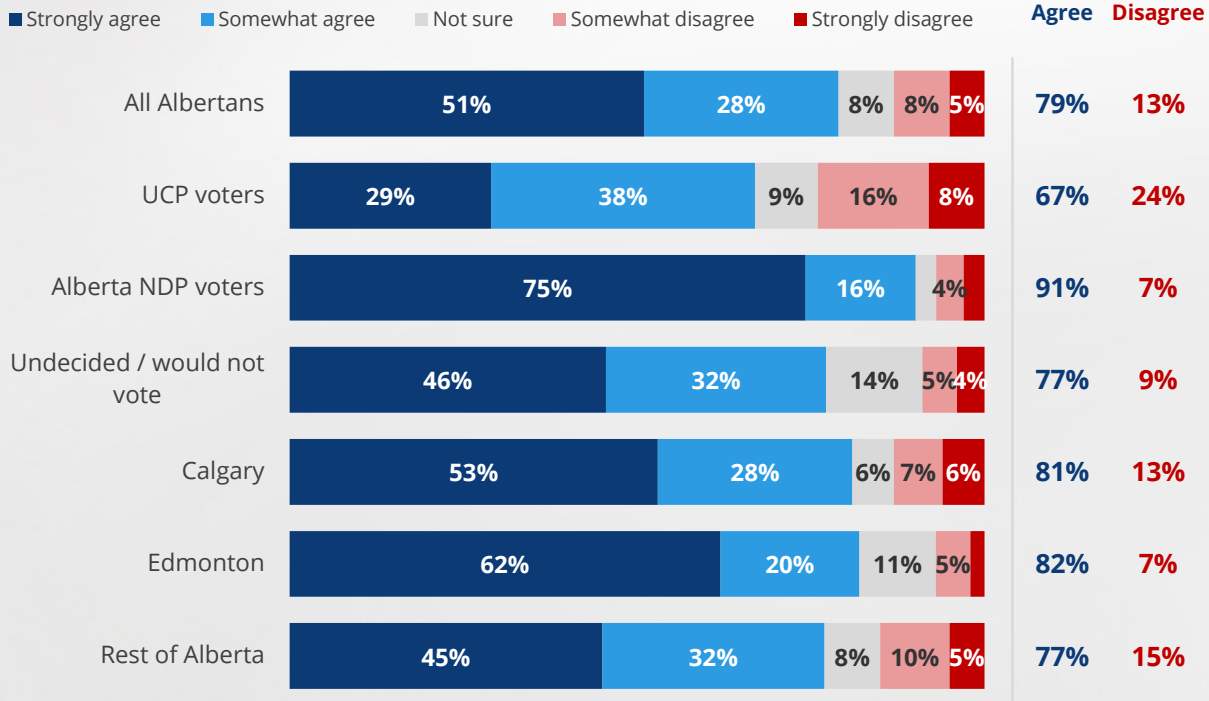
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- Agreement outnumbers disagreement in every group, including UCP voters (54% - 25%).
- Calgary 62%, Edmonton 56%, rest of Alberta 54%.
- Parents 62%, union members 61%, men 50+ 61%.
- 2025 federal Conservative voters: 55% - 20%.

Q X35. "Provincial electoral boundaries should keep urban communities together wherever possible, rather than combining urban and rural communities in the same constituency." Agree or disagree. Base: all Albertans (n=1,001); UCP n=306, NDP n=391, undecided n=265, Calgary n=311, Edmonton n=239, rest of Alberta n=451. Online survey of 1,001 Alberta adults, November 3 to 13, 2026, weighted by region, age and gender. A probability sample of this size would carry a margin of error of ±3.1 points, 19 times out of 20. Question commissioned by Public Interest Alberta. Pollara, Western Canadian Perspective Wave 14.

Public health care: 79% of Albertans want public health care improved rather than more private-pay surgery; 13% disagree

IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE RATHER THAN ALLOW MORE PATIENTS TO PAY PRIVATELY FOR SURGERY



79% agree

13% disagree

- Majorities in every group, including 67% of UCP voters.
- Women 83%, men 75%. Women 50+: 89% (67% strongly).
- Union members 81%, parents 81%, born outside Canada 86%, racialized Albertans 77%.
- 2025 federal Conservative voters: 70%.

Q X35. [Full statement wording from questionnaire: "The Alberta government should ... patients to pay privately for surgery."] Agree or disagree. Base: all Albertans (n=1,001); UCP n=306, NDP n=391, undecided n=265, Calgary n=311, Edmonton n=239, rest of Alberta n=451; women n=553, men n=443, union members n=212, parents n=295, born outside Canada n=123, racialized n=294. Online survey of 1,001 Alberta adults, November 3 to 13, 2026, weighted by region, age and gender. A probability sample of this size would carry a margin of error of ±3.1 points, 19 times out of 20. Question commissioned by Public Interest Alberta. Pollara, Western Canadian Perspective Wave 14.

PIA's Fair Maps: find your riding, see what the new map changes, and add your voice to the case against it

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Commission's map: Lethbridge in 2 city ridings



Bill 40: city split 4 ridings



Lethbridge: 146 km² of city ridings becomes 30,834 km² reaching to the U.S. border.

- Bill 40 passed November 25; the Alberta NDP says a court challenge is likely.
- Find your riding: compare the commission's map with the panel's map in Bill 40, with 2023 results re-counted on the new lines.
- Have your say: PIA is gathering Albertans' stories to build its case to challenge the redraw.
- The case: the Charter right to effective representation (s. 3), as in the Saskatchewan (SCC, 1991) and Nova Scotia (2017) references and Raîche v. Canada (2004).
- Contact: office@pialberta.org

30+ vs 0

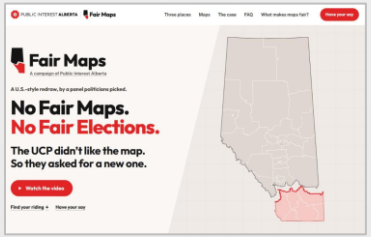
public hearings held by the commission vs panel

+26%

extra weight per rural vote, panel map

13

ridings 10%+ below average size, all UCP-held in 2023



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Scan to find your riding

Source: Public Interest Alberta, Fair Maps (fairmaps.ca), accessed November 25, 2026. Lethbridge maps: Electoral Boundaries Commission final map vs panel majority map (Bill 40), from Fair Maps. Hearings, submissions, vote weights and riding populations as reported by PIA. Precedents as cited by PIA: Reference re Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Sask.), Supreme Court of Canada, 1991; Reference re the Final Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission (Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, 2017); Raîche v. Canada (Federal Court, 2004). Bill 40 status and court challenge: CP24/Canadian Press, November 25, 2026.

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