

Insights West

BC Survey on the Senate (February 24, 2014)

We'd like to ask you some questions about the Senate of Canada. Do you know how many of the 105 seats in the Senate of Canada are allocated to British Columbia? Please type your response, in numeric form, in the box below.

	British Columbia		Gender				Age						BC Region					
			Female		Male		18 - 34		35 - 54		55+		Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley		Vancouver Island		Rest of BC	
Correct answer (6)	17%	138	15%	67	20%	71	15%	17	20%	59	16%	62	18%	95	19%	28	11%	15
Incorrect answers	83%	672	85%	395	80%	277	85%	95	80%	238	84%	337	82%	430	81%	121	89%	121

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Do you know the name of any of the Senators who currently represent British Columbia in the Senate of Canada? Please type their name(s) in the box below. If you don't know any, please click on the "Don't know" box.

	British Columbia		Gender				Age						BC Region					
			Female		Male		18 - 34		35 - 54		55+		Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley		Vancouver Island		Rest of BC	
Wrote at least one current BC Senator	25%	194	20%	82	29%	110	15%	31	26%	72	30%	92	28%	136	18%	24	19%	33
Wrote something other than at least one current BC Senator	4%	37	5%	27	3%	12	4%	10	4%	13	4%	14	4%	22	4%	7	4%	8
Clicked on the "Don't know" box	71%	579	75%	322	68%	258	81%	178	70%	198	66%	202	68%	331	78%	111	77%	138

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All things considered, which of these options would you prefer for the Senate of Canada? Choose one.

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			Female		Male		18 - 34		35 - 54		55+		Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley 100% (525)		Vancouver Island		Rest of BC	
Leaving the Senate as it is, with senators appointed by the Prime Minister	2%	20	3%	12	2%	8	5%	11	2%	5	1%	4	3%	17	2%	3	0%	0
Creating a selection committee that would appoint non-partisan Senators	14%	116	14%	61	14%	55	16%	36	13%	37	14%	42	15%	72	12%	17	15%	27
Reforming the Senate to allow Canadians to elect their senators	32%	263	33%	142	32%	121	33%	73	34%	95	31%	95	32%	158	37%	53	29%	52
Abolishing the Senate of Canada altogether	35%	280	29%	123	41%	157	24%	53	32%	91	44%	135	34%	166	35%	50	36%	64
Not sure	16%	132	22%	93	10%	39	21%	46	19%	54	10%	31	16%	76	14%	20	21%	37

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As you may know, there is a vacant British Columbia seat in the Senate of Canada. The Province of Alberta has held several non-binding elections to choose nominees for appointment to the Senate. Would you agree or disagree with holding a similar election in British Columbia? Choose one.

	British Columbia		Gender				Age						BC Region					
			Female		Male		18 - 34		35 - 54		55+		Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley		Vancouver Island		Rest of BC	
Strongly agree	24%	198	21%	90	28%	108	17%	38	23%	66	30%	93	24%	118	27%	39	22%	40
Moderately agree	39%	316	42%	182	35%	133	50%	110	38%	108	31%	97	40%	198	35%	49	39%	69
Moderately disagree	8%	67	7%	30	10%	37	9%	20	8%	24	7%	23	9%	43	4%	6	9%	17
Strongly disagree	9%	74	7%	28	12%	46	2%	4	9%	26	14%	43	9%	43	11%	15	9%	16
Not sure	19%	156	23%	100	15%	56	21%	47	20%	58	17%	51	18%	86	23%	32	21%	38