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A Third of Canadians Feeling Negatively About Job Security Two thirds think a recession is likely in the next three years

Toronto, June 5th, 2019 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1633 Canadians 18 or older, a third (BTM2: 32%) are feeling very negatively about their current job security, with about one-fifth (17%) saying that they're feeling very negatively about their job security right now.

About two-thirds (TOP2: 68%) say that they are feeling positively about their current job security, with about 4 in 10 (41%) saying they are feeling very positively about their job security right now.

Respondents most likely to say they're feeling negatively (BTM2) about their job security includes those aged 55-64 (38%), or 65+ (35%), the least wealthy (54%), the least educated (41%), living in Alberta (45%), and supporting the Conservatives (37%) or NDP (39%).

Respondents most likely to say they're feeling positively (TOP2) about their job security includes those aged 18-34 (73%), the most wealthy (81%), with a college/university (72%) or post-graduate degree (72%), living in Québec (74%), and supporting the Liberals (74%) or Greens (76%).

Two-thirds think recession is likely

Two-thirds (TOP2: 67%) say that a recession is likely within the next three years, with one-fifth (21%) saying a recession is very likely.

A third (BTM2: 33%) say a recession is not likely, but only 1 in 10 (12%) think a recession is not likely at all.

Respondents most likely to say they expect a recession is likely (TOP2) includes anyone over the age of 34: 35-44 (69%), 45-54 (68%), 55-64 (70%), 65+ (69%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (75%), the least educated (71%) or with some college/university (69%), living in Alberta (75%), and supporting the Conservatives (75%) or Greens (72%).

Respondents most likely to say they expect a recession is not likely (BTM2) includes those aged 18-34 (38%), those earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (36%), \$60,000-\$80,000 (37%), or the most wealthy (35%), with a college/university

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"A third of Canadians are feeling negatively about their job security right now," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "A feeling of job insecurity is particularly prevalent amongst the lowest income earners, with more than half saying they're feeling negatively about their job security right now; that's an alarming number, and is far higher than all of the other income categories by a considerable margin."



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(35%) or post-graduate degree (35%), living in Atlantic Canada (41%) or the prairies (MB/SK) (38%), and supporting the Liberals (45%).

Two-thirds say Canada has become more expensive

Two-thirds (65%) of Canadians say that, over the last three years, Canada has become more expensive for their family.

Few (2%) say Canada has become less expensive, while just under a third (29%) say that it's become neither more, nor less, expensive.

Few (3%) aren't sure.

Respondents most likely to say Canada has become more expensive for their family includes those aged 45-54 (72%) or 55-64 (70%), the least educated (67%) or with some college/university (69%), living in Atlantic Canada (76%) or BC (75%), and supporting the Conservatives (80%).

"A third of Canadians are feeling negatively about their job security right now," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "A feeling of job insecurity is particularly prevalent amongst the lowest income earners, with more than half saying they're feeling negatively about their job security right now; that's an alarming number, and is far higher than all of the other income categories by a considerable margin."

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1633 randomly selected Canadians across the country. The poll was conducted from May 31-June 2, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20, measured as the average deviation across all response categories. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied.

Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100

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Job security

Right now would you say you are feeling positively or negatively about your current job security?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	1633	216	235	260	370	552	836	755	42
NET: TOP2	68	73	67	66	62	65	70	67	33
NET: BTM2	32	27	33	34	38	35	30	33	67
Very positively	41	44	38	41	38	42	42	41	14
Somewhat positively	27	30	29	25	24	23	28	25	19
Somewhat negatively	16	14	17	16	16	17	15	16	33
Very negatively	17	13	16	18	22	18	15	18	33

Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1633	124	403	597	122	167	220
NET: TOP2	68	68	74	67	67	55	68
NET: BTM2	32	32	26	33	33	45	32
Very positively	41	44	49	40	35	31	38
Somewhat positively	27	24	26	26	33	24	30
Somewhat negatively	16	20	13	16	16	21	12
Very negatively	17	12	13	17	17	24	19



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Income

%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Sample	1633	137	270	229	189	183	356
NET: TOP2	68	46	58	59	67	75	81
NET: BTM2	32	54	42	41	33	25	19
Very positively	41	20	29	30	45	46	56
Somewhat positively	27	27	29	29	21	29	25
Somewhat negatively	16	17	20	17	17	13	11
Very negatively	17	36	22	23	17	12	8

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1633	287	405	644	297
NET: TOP2	68	59	63	72	72
NET: BTM2	32	41	37	28	28
Very positively	41	33	36	43	50
Somewhat positively	27	26	27	29	22
Somewhat negatively	16	16	20	12	16
Very negatively	17	25	16	16	12



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Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc Quebecois	People's Party of Canada	Other
Sample	1633	535	487	165	195	97	62	22
NET: TOP2	68	63	74	61	76	71	55	53
NET: BTM2	32	37	26	39	24	29	45	47
Very positively	41	38	45	37	41	47	33	45
Somewhat positively	27	25	28	24	35	24	22	8
Somewhat negatively	16	17	14	20	12	19	18	8
Very negatively	17	20	12	19	13	10	28	38



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Recession

How likely do you think it is that Canada will face a recession within the next three years?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	1633	216	235	260	370	552	836	755	42
NET: TOP2	67	62	69	68	70	69	66	67	74
NET: BTM2	33	38	31	32	30	31	34	33	26
Very likely	21	19	21	24	23	21	22	20	38
Somewhat likely	46	43	48	44	47	48	44	48	36
Not very likely	21	24	21	21	20	20	23	20	14
Not likely at all	12	14	10	11	10	11	11	12	12

Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1633	124	403	597	122	167	220
NET: TOP2	67	59	69	67	62	75	64
NET: BTM2	33	41	31	33	38	25	36
Very likely	21	19	21	20	23	29	22
Somewhat likely	46	40	48	47	39	46	42
Not very likely	21	26	23	20	21	17	24
Not likely at all	12	15	8	13	16	8	12



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Sample	1633	137	270	229	189	183	356
NET: TOP2	67	68	64	75	63	69	65
NET: BTM2	33	32	36	25	37	31	35
Very likely	21	28	21	24	23	17	19
Somewhat likely	46	39	43	51	40	52	47
Not very likely	21	19	22	16	22	20	24
Not likely at all	12	13	13	9	16	11	11

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1633	287	405	644	297
NET: TOP2	67	71	69	65	66
NET: BTM2	33	29	31	35	34
Very likely	21	27	20	19	23
Somewhat likely	46	45	49	46	42
Not very likely	21	19	19	24	20
Not likely at all	12	10	12	11	14



Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc Quebecois	People's Party of Canada	Other
Sample	1633	535	487	165	195	97	62	22
NET: TOP2	67	75	55	64	72	74	67	74
NET: BTM2	33	25	45	36	28	26	33	26
Very likely	21	30	11	17	19	24	29	43
Somewhat likely	46	45	44	47	52	50	37	32
Not very likely	21	17	26	26	19	20	22	9

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Not likely at all	12	8	19	9	9	6	11	17
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Cost of living

In your opinion, over the last three years, has Canada become less expensive for your family, more expensive for your family, or neither more expensive nor less expensive?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	1633	216	235	260	370	552	836	755	42
Less expensive	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	7
Neither more nor less expensive	29	32	30	23	26	34	28	30	29
More expensive	65	62	64	72	70	60	67	64	62
Don't know	3	5	3	2	2	3	3	4	2

Region

%	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	ATL
Sample	1633	124	403	597	122	167	220
Less expensive	2	2	3	2	1	2	3
Neither more nor less expensive	29	20	40	29	25	26	20
More expensive	65	76	51	66	72	71	75
Don't know	3	2	5	3	2	2	2



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%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Sample	1633	137	270	229	189	183	356
Less expensive	2	2	3	2	4	1	2
Neither more nor less expensive	29	25	30	28	27	31	32
More expensive	65	65	62	67	67	68	65
Don't know	3	8	6	3	2	1	1

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1633	287	405	644	297
Less expensive	2	3	2	2	3
Neither more nor less expensive	29	24	26	29	38
More expensive	65	67	69	65	59
Don't know	3	6	3	4	1

Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc Quebecois	People's Party of Canada	Other
Sample	1633	535	487	165	195	97	62	22
Less expensive	2	1	4	4	1	3	4	5
Neither more nor less expensive	29	18	39	32	35	42	18	17
More expensive	65	80	53	59	61	52	74	65
Don't know	3	2	4	5	3	3	4	13



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