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## Most Quebeckers support Quebec's immigration policy

## Young people and QS voters more likely to be pro-immigration

Toronto, June 14<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> among 1471 Quebec voters, 4-in-10 (39%) want to keep the number of immigrants the same, one-third (32%) want to allow fewer immigrants, and one-quarter (25%) want to allow more immigrants.

Respondents who want to keep the number of immigrants the same include those aged 55-64 (46%), males (42%), those earning \$60k-\$80k (44%), and those voting for the Liberals (41%), the PQ (41%), and the CAQ (42%).

Respondents who want to allow fewer immigrants include those aged 45-54 (39%), those earning \$20k-\$40k (40%), and those voting for the PQ (43%), the CAQ (41%), and those undecided (41%).

Respondents who want to allow more immigrants include those aged 18-34 (32%), earning \$60k-\$80k (29%) and \$100k-\$250k (29%), those living in Quebec City (33%), and those voting for the QS (52%).

## Plurality agree with the Quebec government's immigration measures

A majority of Quebec voters (TOP2: 61%) agree with the Quebec government's intention to increase the number of immigrants it receives annually to 52,500 by 2022, with one-third (32%) agreeing completely and almost a third (29%) agreeing somewhat. 4-in-10 respondents (BTM2: 39%) disagree with this measure, with one-fourth (23%) disagreeing somewhat and one-sixth (16%) disagreeing completely.

Respondents more likely to agree completely include those aged 18-34 (37%), the highest-earners (61%), those living in Montreal (34%) and Quebec City (31%), and those voting for the QS (53%).

Respondents more likely to agree somewhat include those aged 35-44 (35%), 55-64 (33%), and 65+ (33%), those living in Quebec City (41%), and those voting for CAQ (33%).

Respondents more likely to disagree somewhat include those over 45 (25% of those 45-54%, 24% of those 55-64%, and 26% of those 65+), males (25%), those living in ROQ (26%), North Shore (27%), and South Shore (26%), and those voting for the PQ (30%), CAQ (27%), and other parties (28%).

Respondents more likely to disagree completely include those aged 45-54 (21%), males (17%), those living in Montreal (18%), and those voting for the PQ (23%) and other parties (23%).

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## Methodology

The Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1471 randomly selected Quebec Voters. The poll was June 11<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

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. Actual results depend on a Candidate's ability to get their voters out. 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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### Amount of Immigration

*In your opinion, should Québec allow more immigrants into the province, fewer immigrants, or keep the number of immigrants about the same?* 

### Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female
Sample	1471	133	218	236	351	533	752	704
Allow fewer immigrants	32	28	31	39	32	34	31	33
Keep the number of immigrants the same	39	39	40	31	46	42	42	38
Allow more immigrants	25	32	25	25	19	19	25	24
Don't know	4	1	4	5	4	5	2	5

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20k	\$20k- \$40k	\$40k- \$60k	\$60k- \$80k	\$80k- 100k	\$100k- \$250k	\$250k+
Sample	1471	130	298	249	192	160	267	19
Allow fewer immigrants	32	34	40	35	24	37	27	37
Keep the number of immigrants the same	39	32	35	38	44	38	42	40
Allow more immigrants	25	29	20	24	29	21	29	24
Don't know	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	0

### Region

%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	1471	539	159	773	402	371
Allow fewer immigrants	32	33	22	34	33	35
Keep the number of immigrants the same	39	40	42	39	42	35
Allow more immigrants	25	25	33	23	21	25
Don't know	4	3	2	4	3	5

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#### Voter Intention

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	1471	229	210	715	175	78	202
Allow fewer immigrants	32	18	43	41	12	30	41
Keep the number of immigrants the same	39	41	41	42	36	38	34
Allow more immigrants	25	36	13	14	52	23	16
Don't know	4	4	3	3	1	9	8

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#### **Immigration Policy**

The Quebec government recently announced its intention to increase the number of immigrants it receives annually to 52,500 by 2022, after reducing it from 50,000 to 40,000 this year. What is your level of agreement with this plan?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female
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Agree completely	32	37	30	31	27	31	33	31
Agree somewhat	29	25	35	23	33	33	25	32
Disagree somewhat	23	22	20	25	24	26	25	22
Disagree completely	16	17	16	21	17	10	17	15

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Agree somewhat	29	21	29	31	25	29	30	27
Disagree somewhat	23	20	27	25	21	27	20	6
Disagree completely	16	17	18	15	14	17	14	6

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Disagree completely	16	17	23	14	8	23	30

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