

## **2024 Budget Planning Survey**General Population Survey Results

Results weighted to ensure statistical validity to the Leduc Population

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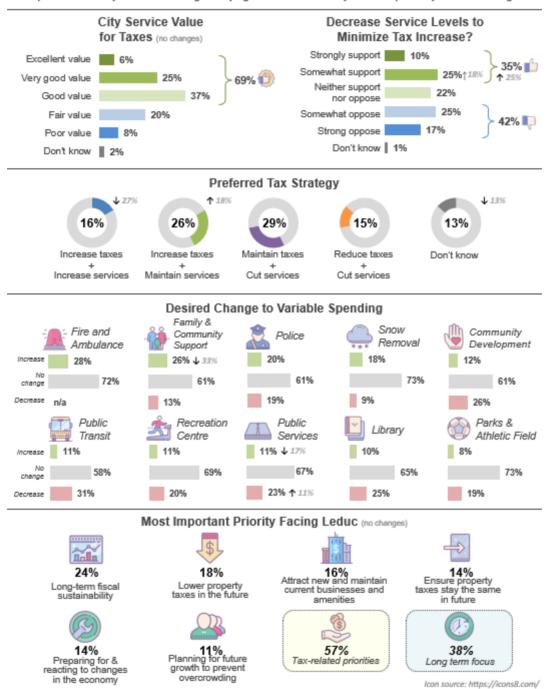




### 1 Budget Planning Survey Highlights

### 2024 Budget Planning Survey Highlights

Survey of 503 adult Leduc residents contacted by phone and postcard from May 1st to May 31st, 2023, and completed the survey. Results are weighted by age. Results below may not add up exactly due to rounding.

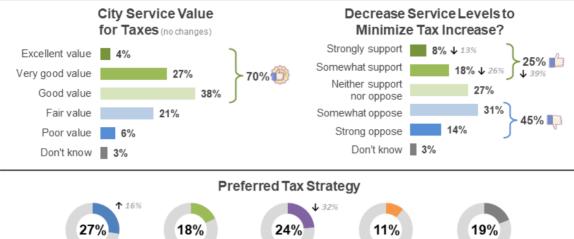


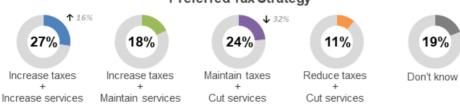


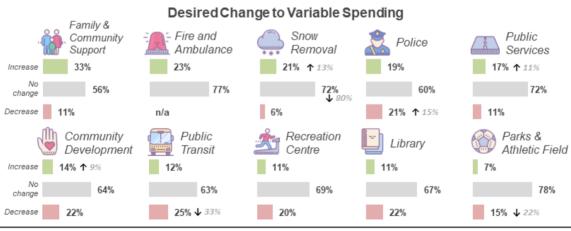


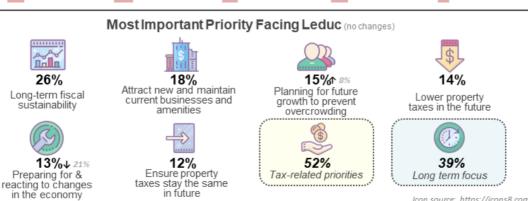
### 2023 Budget Planning Survey Highlights

Survey of 475 adult Leduc residents contacted by phone and postcard from May 2rd to May 31st, 2022, and completed the survey. Results are weighted by age. Results below may not add up exactly due to rounding.













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### 2 Detailed Project Description

### 2.1 Project Background

In spring 2023, the City of Leduc ("the City") contracted Advanis to conduct the 2024 City of Leduc General Population Budget Planning Survey. The primary purpose of this study is to assess the views of City of Leduc residents concerning the budgetary planning process for the 2024 budget. In total, 503 randomly selected City of Leduc residents aged 18 and older completed the survey between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

This report outlines the results of the 2024 General Population Budget Planning Survey. Comparisons to previous years' survey data are included where appropriate to determine any shifts in the perceptions and opinions of Leduc residents. Note that results are not available for the year of 2020, as the survey was not administered that year due the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 2.2 Methodology

All components of the project were designed and executed in close consultation with the City of Leduc. A detailed description of each task of the project is outlined in the remainder of this section.

### 2.2.1 Project Planning

Advanis team members reviewed the documents and met with City employees charged with leading this research to ensure total understanding of the purpose and needs of this study. Both the City and Advanis agreed upon a research methodology and detailed work plan. As with previous years, few changes were made to the Budget Planning surveys as detailed in the following sections.

As with previous years, the City wanted to attempt to capture responses from younger (16 or 17-year-old) residents of Leduc. While these younger residents were not a part of this General Population study, they were allowed to complete the Stakeholder study's survey. One 16 or 17-year-old completed the Stakeholder version of the survey in 2023.

### 2.2.2 Survey Design

The 2024 Budget Planning Survey was based on the 2023 Budget Planning Survey, which was conducted in spring 2022. As with previous years, the survey was administered online to allow graphics to be shown in the survey to respondents. This maintained consistency between years and allowed many results to be compared between years. Specific changes made to the survey included:

• Updating all dates in the survey to reflect 2024 dates and all budget percentages to reflect what was actually budgeted for in 2023.

Advanis provided the City with a draft of the survey which the City provided feedback on. Advanis incorporated this feedback and the survey was programmed and tested. The City had the opportunity to review the survey online and provided additional feedback, which Advanis incorporated. A text version of the final questionnaire is provided in the Appendix (section 4.4).





### 2.2.3 Survey Population and Data Collection

Advanis purchased a random set of landline telephone numbers and used Advanis' proprietary General Population Random Sample<sup>1</sup> wireless numbers for the City of Leduc. Potential participants were contacted by telephone and recruited to complete the online survey. A link to the online survey was provided either by email or text message.

The City also sent a postcard to every household in Leduc. The postcard included a passcode that residents could send to a phone number via text message to receive a link to the survey. In total, 373 residents completed the General Population survey through this recruiting approach.

Although survey respondents were recruited two different ways (i.e., telephone and postcard), both methodologies are considered statistically representative. Indeed, the telephone recruitment is considered a random sample, while providing a postcard to every household is considered conducting a census. Furthermore, since all respondents completed the survey online, we can be confident that the methodology is sufficiently consistent with previous years.

The City remains cognizant of the increased use of mobile devices within our community and recognized the importance of creating a mobile friendly platform for the 2024 Budget Planning Survey in order to engage all Leduc residents



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most effectively. As mentioned, the survey platform used in 2023 allowed for a mobile-optimized experience ensuring that those who chose to complete the survey on a smartphone or tablet could do so with ease. In total, 77% of surveys collected for this report completed the survey on a mobile device (compared to 71% in 2022).

A soft launch of the survey was conducted on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The purpose of the soft launch was to ensure the survey was functioning as intended on the survey platform, by collecting a limited number of completed surveys and reviewing the results. Since data checks did not flag any concerns, these results were included in the final report and the survey was fully launched. The primary fielding dates for the remainder of respondents who completed the survey was from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. In total, 503

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For more information, visit https://www.advanis.net/general-population-random-sample-gprs.



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respondents completed the survey which implies a margin of error no greater than ±4.4% at 95% confidence.

Similar to previous years, for this analysis, weights were assigned based on the ages of residents to ensure that their representation in the City-wide sample was proportionate to the City of Leduc population as determined by the 2021 Canadian Census. Specific details of the weighting scheme used can be found in the Appendix (section 4.2).

### 2.2.4 Survey Awareness

Survey participants were asked if they recalled seeing or hearing an advertisement for the survey. In total, 68% mentioned that they learned about the survey from the postcard they received in the mail, 7% from social media, 7% from the City of Leduc website, 7% from billboard signs, 3% through phone call, and 1% saw or heard an advertisement for the survey somewhere else. Compared to 2022, channels that were down significantly were social media (from 11%). However, 18% did not recall seeing or hearing an advertisement for the survey (compared to 35% in 2022).





### 3 Study Findings

This section details the results of each specific topic in the survey. In this section, there are a few things to note:

- The term "significant" means "statistically significant at 95% confidence". Prior to 2021, statistical testing used the unweighted base in calculations. Beginning in 2021, the effective base is used in statistical testing to better control for the effects of weighting the data.
- The analysis checked for statistical differences between the following groups:
  - Age (18 to 44 ♠, 45 to 54 ♠, 55 to 64 ♠, 65 or older ♠);
  - Children in household (children in no children in no
  - o Income (under \$60,000 ෧, \$60,000 to \$99,999 ෧) \$100,000 to \$149,999 ෧), \$150,000 or more ♣);
  - Employment status (employed full/part time , on leave/homemaker/student/not employed/retired ;);
  - Home ownership (owning renting );
  - Perceived value from taxes (good/very good/excellent , fair/poor );
  - Preference regarding decreasing services to limit tax increases (support 6, neutral 8, oppose 7); and
  - Preferred tax strategy (prefer to increase taxes , prefer to cut services
- The subgroup differences mentioned above are statistically tested in mutually exclusive groupings. For example, if a result says that it is statistically higher for those aged 18 to 44, this means that the result among those aged 18 to 44 is statistically higher than those who are not aged 18 to 44.
- To improve readability, bars with values less than 5% may not have the value shown. Actual percentages are available in separate tables.
- Results have been rounded to remove decimal places. As a result, adding up values may not exactly equal the total expected (e.g., stacked bar charts may not add up to exactly 100%).
- Arrows may appear on graphs that compare results over time. These indicate if the results are statistically (at 95% confidence) higher or lower than the previous year's results.
- The term "(VOL)" at the start of labels indicate that this level was volunteered by respondents who put text into the "other specify" level. These results are likely lower than they would have been had all respondents seen these as levels. Since these levels are volunteered by respondents each year, they are not trended year-to-year.
- For results with a base size of fewer than 30 respondents, percentages are shown. However, results should be interpreted with caution due to the small base sizes. Additionally, statistical differences are not shown if a respondent subgroup has a base size of fewer than 30 respondents.
- Note that icons used in this report are from icons8.com.



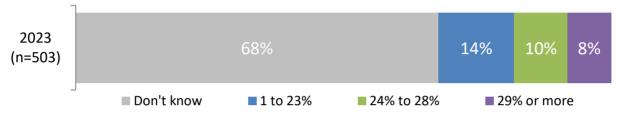


### 3.1 Property Tax Value

Respondents were informed that a portion of property tax is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta and goes to pay for education. The percent of property tax that paid for education in 2022 was 26%.

When asked what percent of property tax goes to the province, nearly seven-in-ten (68%, compared to 66% in 2022) did not know. 10% of respondents came close to the correct answer (compared to 10% in 2022), mentioning between '24% and 28%', while only 1% of respondents correctly identified that '26%' of property tax pays for education.

### Percent of Property Tax Collected on Behalf of the Province of Alberta



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Subgroups that are significantly more likely to answer in the 24% to 28% range include:

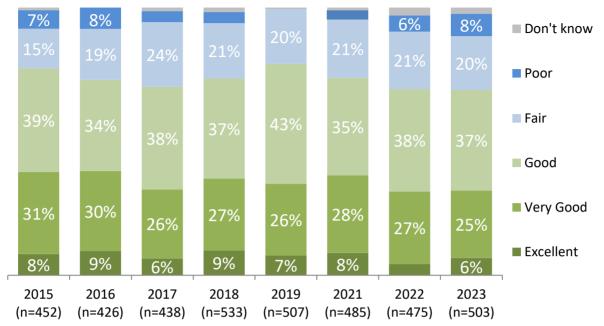
- 18%: Those aged 65 or older;
- \$\tag{15%: Those who are not employed (on leave/homemaker/student/not employed/retired;
- 11%: Those who own their primary residence.

Respondents were then made aware that 26% of property taxes are collected on behalf of the province to pay for education. They were then asked what level of value they felt they received from the remaining 74% used to fund city services. Consistent with 2023 results, sentiment continues to be quite positive.





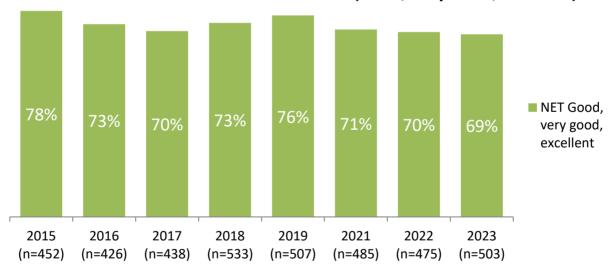
### **Perceived Value Received for Taxes Paid**



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The percent of residents that feel they received "good", "very good", or "excellent" value for their taxes (69%) continues to remain high in 2023, however this is down significantly from the 2019 result.

### Perceived Value Received for Taxes Paid (Good, Very Good, Excellent)



Subgroups that are significantly more likely to feel they receive "good", "very good", or "excellent" value include:

83%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;

77%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.



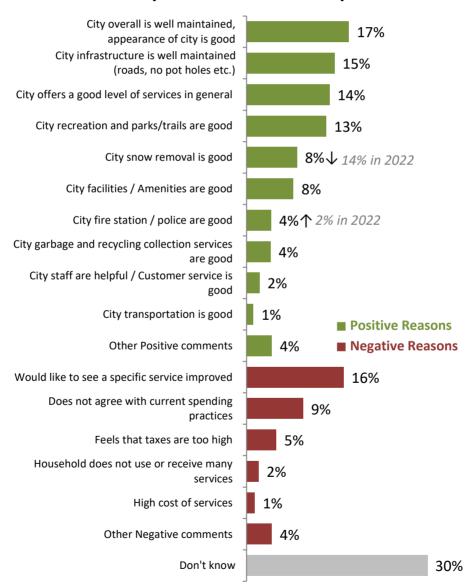


All respondents were asked the reason why they felt that way. Given that most respondents feel that they have received "good" or better value, it is not surprising that most reasons provided are positive.

Although there were a number of different reasons mentioned, the top **positive** reasons are that the City overall is well maintained (17%), the City infrastructure is well maintained (15%), the City offers a good level of services in general (14%), and city recreation and parks/trails are good (13%).

The top **negative** reason provided by 16% of respondents is the desire to see a specific service improved. Note that nearly one-third (30%) of respondents were unable to provide a reason for the value they receive. Overall, 50% of respondents have provided positive reasons for receiving good value which is inline with 2022.

### Why Residents Feel this Way



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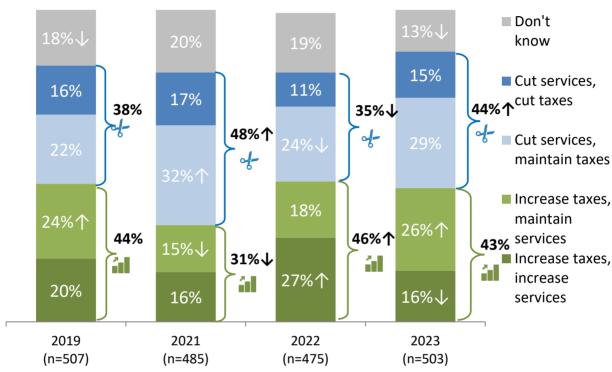




### 3.2 Overall Property Tax Preference

Next, respondents were shown four different tax strategies and asked for their preference. 44% of respondents prefer  $\checkmark$  cutting services to maintain or reduce taxes, and 43% prefer an  $\overset{\bullet}{\blacksquare}$  increase to taxes to maintain or increase services. A further 13% did not provide an opinion (down from 2022). More residents would prefer a cut in services than in 2022 and, while the proportion of residents who want to increase taxes has stayed consistent with 2022, fewer want to see an increase in services.

### **Preferred Tax Strategy**



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Significant subgroup differences include those who:

Increase taxes, increase services	Increase taxes, maintain services	Cut services, maintain taxes	Cut services, cut taxes
26%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;  22%: Those who are not employed;  19%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.	45%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;  34%: Aged 65 or older;  32%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.	<ul> <li>48%: Support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;</li> <li>40%: Those who are 55 to 64 years old;</li> <li>32%: Own their primary residence.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ 30%: Support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;</li> <li>∠ 26%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes;</li> <li>▲ 18%: Those employed full- or part-time.</li> </ul>

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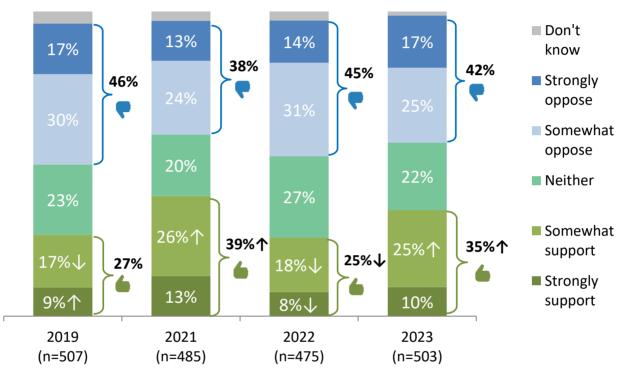
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The City is sensitive to the economic climate and residents' desire to keep tax increases to a minimum. As such, respondents were asked for their level of support or opposition for decreasing service levels to minimize tax increases.

In 2023, residents where more supportive (35%) to a decrease in service to maintain service levels compared to 2022. Opposition to a decrease in service to maintain taxes (42%) has been stable. A little under one-quarter (22%) did not feel strongly either way, while 1% did not have an opinion.

### Support/Opposition for a Decrease in Service Levels to Maintain Taxes



Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to **support** decreasing service levels to maintain taxes include:

- √ 62%: Those who prefer to cut services;
- 47%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes;
- 38%: Those who own their primary residence.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to **oppose** decreasing service levels to maintain taxes include:

- 69%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;
- 47%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.
- 50%: Those aged 65 or older.

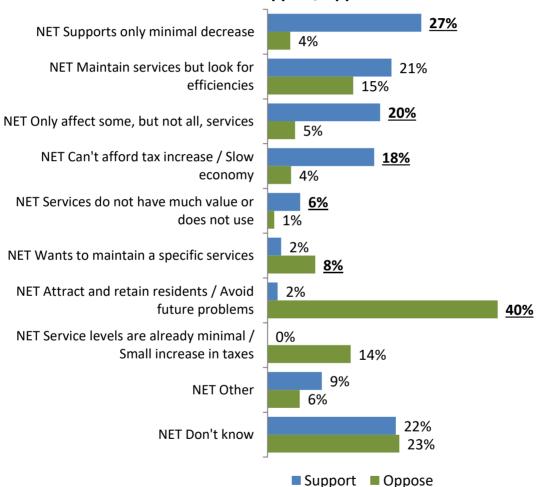




In terms of why residents support or oppose decreasing service levels to minimize tax increases, those who *support* decreasing service levels (about one-third of respondents, 35%): would support only a minimal decrease (27%); would maintain services but look for efficiencies (21%); and would like to only affect some, but not all, services (18%).

In contrast, those who *oppose* decreasing service levels (two-fifths of respondents, 42%): feel that services are important to attract and retain residents to avoid future problems (40%); suggest maintaining services but look for efficiencies (15%); and insist service levels are already minimal (14%). It should be noted that over two-fifths (22% of those who support and 23% of those who oppose) did not provide any reasons for supporting or opposing a decrease to service levels.

### **Reasons for Support/Opposition**



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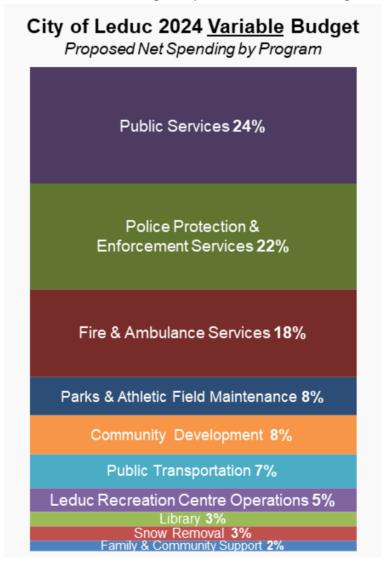


### 3.3 Adjustments to Variable Spending

The City of Leduc budget includes two spending categories:

- Fixed Spending (55%) includes items that are necessary to govern, operate and maintain the City of Leduc and do not vary based on the level of service provided, including:
  - Mayor and City Council;
  - Corporate and Legislative Services;
  - Engineering Services;
  - Planning Services;
  - Facility Services;
  - Debt Repayment; and
  - Capital Transfer.
- Variable Spending (45%) includes categories where spending can be increased or decreased depending on the level of service provided.

The proposed City of Leduc 2024 variable budget is split between the following services:







Respondents were asked to rate their preference for how the City should allocate funds (increase, decrease, or remain the same) for each of the services. **Overall, this year's results show most residents want spending for most services to remain the same.** That said, the following services had the highest percentage of residents requesting an **increase** in spending:

28%: Fire & Ambulance Services;

26%: Family and Community Support Services; and

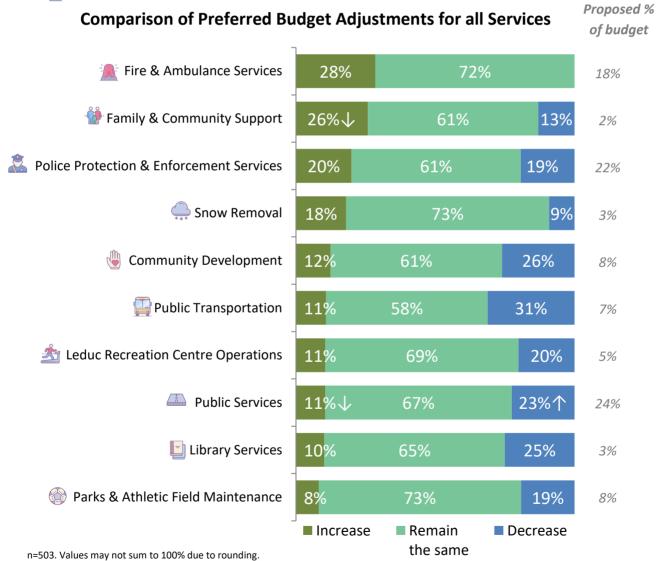
20%: Police Protection & Enforcement Services.

Services that had the highest percentage of residents requesting a decrease in spending include:

31%: Public Transportation;

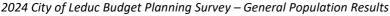
26%: Community Development; and

25%: Library Services.



\* Fire and ambulance services are contracted services provided by the City on behalf of the Province of Alberta and cannot be reduced.

The remainder of this section of the report explores each of these services in more detail.



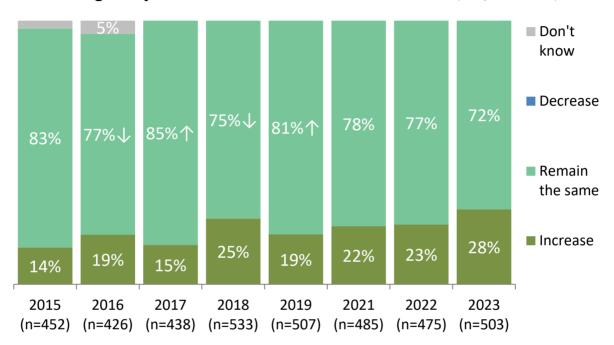




### 3.3.1 Fire & Ambulance Services (Proposed 18%)

Fire and Ambulance Services are contracted services provided by the City on behalf of the Province of Alberta and cannot be reduced. Similar to 2022, approximately seven out of ten residents (72%) would like the budget for fire and ambulance services to remain the same, while three out of ten (28%) would like to see an increase in services. These results are statistically consistent with the 2022 results although they are up significantly from 2019.

**Budget Adjustment for Fire & Ambulance Services** (Proposed 18%)



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding include:

44%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;

44%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and 44%: Those who rent their primary residence.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **remain the same** include:

88%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

86%: Those who prefer to cut services; and

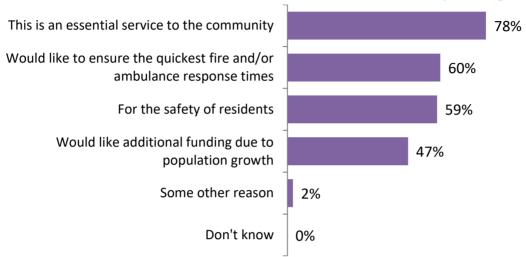
74%: Those who own their primary residence.





Respondents who would **increase** spending on *Fire and Ambulance Services* most often explained that this is an essential service to the community (78%). Additionally, over half said they would like to ensure the quickest response times (60%) and guarantee the safety of respondents (59%). These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

### **Reasons to Increase Fire & Ambulance Services Spending**



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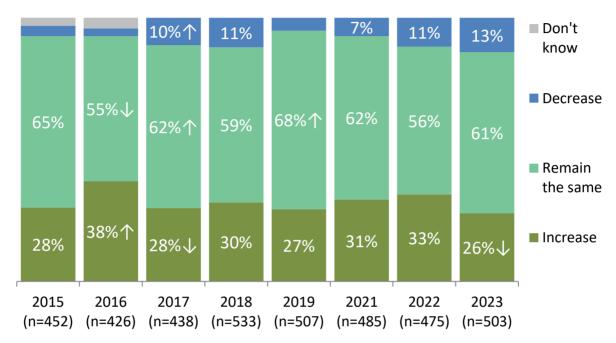




### 3.3.2 Family & Community Support (Proposed 2%)

Consistent with last year, about three out of five (61%) residents prefer *Family and Community Support Services* funding to remain the same. However, about one-quarter (26%) would like funding increased, which is lower compared to 2022. On the other hand, 13% would prefer to see funding decrease.

### **Budget Adjustment for Family & Community Support** (Proposed 2%)



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding include:

40%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;

38%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

👬 34%: Those who have children in their household; and

33%: Those aged 18-44.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to remain the same include:

73%: Those aged 55-64;

72%: Those aged 65+;

72%: Those who have an income up to \$60,000; and

66%: Those who do not have children in the household.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a **decrease** in funding include:

4 24%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and

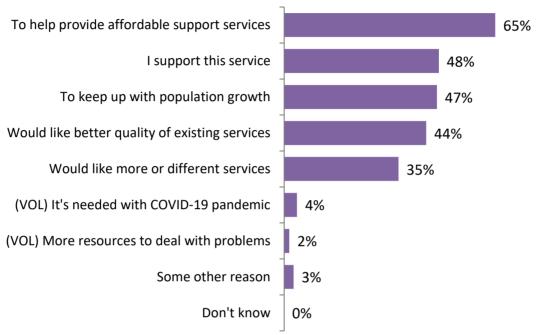
22%: Those who prefer to cut services.





Most of the respondents who would **increase** spending on *Family and Community Support Services* felt that funding helps provide affordable support services (65%). Close to half of respondents would like to increase the spending as they support the service (48%), think that additional funding is needed to keep up with population growth (47%), or would like to improve the quality of existing services (44%). About one-third would like different types of services available (35%).

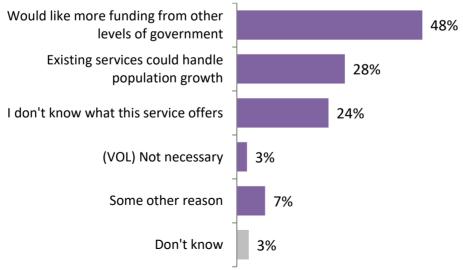
### **Reasons to Increase Family & Community Support Spending**



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Nearly half (48%) of respondents would like funding of *Family and Community Support Services* to **decrease** because they would like more funding from other levels of government. In addition, 28% believe existing services can handle population growth and 24% don't know what this service offers.

### Reasons to Decrease Family & Community Support Spending



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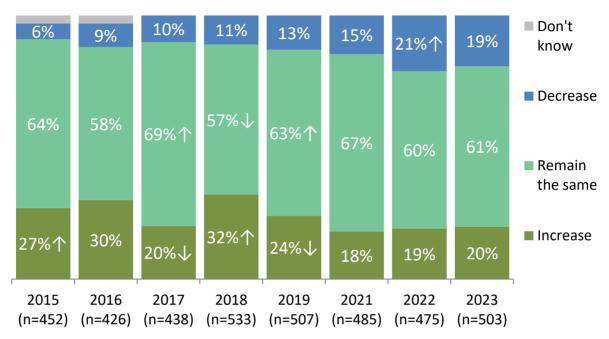




### Police Protection & Enforcement Services (Proposed 22%)

One-fifth (20%) of residents would like funding to increase for Police Protection and Enforcement Services. However, most residents continue to want funding to remain the same (61%), while 19% would like funding to decrease. These results remain the same compared to 2022.

Budget Adjustment for Police Protection & Enforcement Services (Proposed 22%)



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding include:



36%: Those aged 65 or older;



28%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and



27%: Those who prefer to increase taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **remain the same** include:



72%: Those aged 45-54.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a decrease in funding include:



30%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes;



27%: Those aged 18 to 44; and

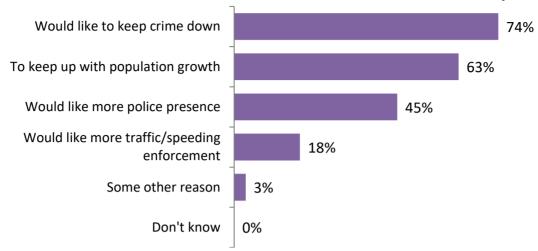
26%: Those who prefer to cut services.

Respondents who would increase spending on Police Protection and Enforcement Services most often explained that they would like to keep crime down (74%) and would like enforcement to keep up with population growth (63%). Moreover, nearly half of respondents mentioned they would like more police presence (45%).





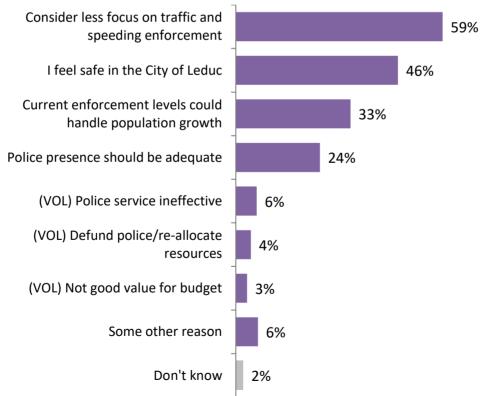
### **Reasons to Increase Police Protection & Enforcement Services Spending**



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Approximately three-fifths (59%) of respondents who would **decrease** spending on *Police Protection and Enforcement Services* suggested less focus on traffic and speeding enforcement, while nearly half (46%) said they feel safe in the City. In addition, 33% said that current enforcement levels could handle population growth and 24% say that the current police presence should be adequate.

### **Reasons to Decrease Police Protection & Enforcement Services Spending**



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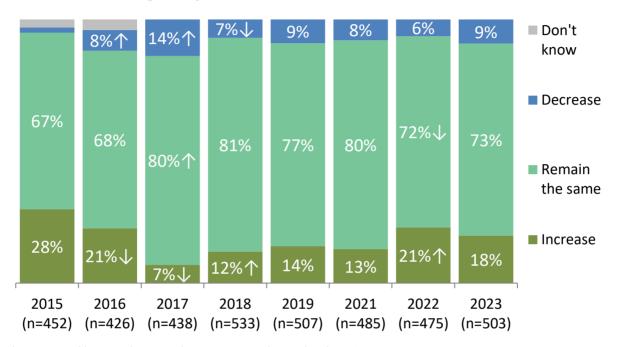






About seven-in-ten (73%) residents want spending on *Snow Removal* to stay the same, while 18% want spending to increase and 9% want spending to decrease. These results remain the same compared to last year.

### **Budget Adjustment for Snow Removal (Proposed 3%)**



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Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding include:



26%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and

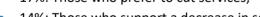
24%: Those who prefer to increase taxes.

There were no subgroups significantly more likely to want the funding to remain the same.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a **decrease** in funding include:



17%: Those who prefer to cut services;



14%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and



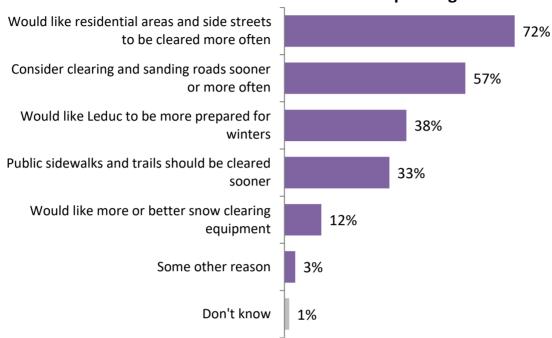
14%: Those who have children in their household.





The most common reasons mentioned by respondents who would **increase** funding for *Snow Removal* are that they would like residential areas and side streets to be cleared more often (72%), roads cleared and sanded sooner or more often (57%), and for Leduc to be more prepared for winter (38%).

### **Reasons to Increase Snow Removal Spending**



n=84. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.





Among respondents who would like to **decrease** funding for *Snow Removal*, approximately one-third would consider replacing or maintaining the snow removal equipment less frequently (37%), clearing roads less frequently during prolonged storms (34%), and they believe the residential areas and side streets could be cleared less often (31%). Other reasons mentioned by about one-quarter of respondents include waiting longer to clear public sidewalks and trails (26%) and suggesting considering waiting longer before clearing and sanding roads (24%).

### **Reasons to Decrease Snow Removal Spending** Consider replacing and/or maintaining snow 37% removal equipment less frequently Consider clearing roads less frequently 34% during prolonged storms Residential areas and side streets could be 31% cleared less often Consider waiting longer to clear public 26% sidewalks and trails Consider waiting longer before clearing and 24% sanding roads (VOL) Snow clearing already minimal 10% (VOL) Don't schedule snow clearing when 7% unneeded (VOL) Global warming / less snow 5% Some other reason 6% Don't know 7%

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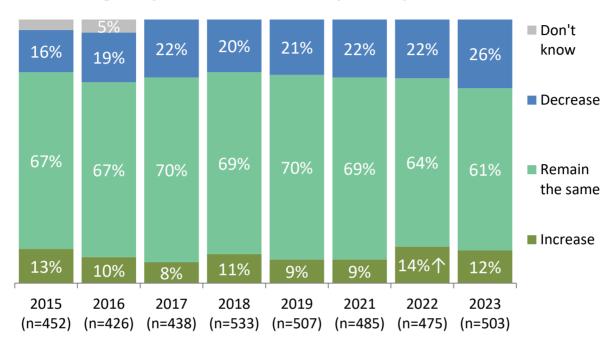




### 3.3.5 Community Development (Proposed 8%)

Around one-in-eight (12%) residents would like the funding for *Community Development* to increase, while 26% would like funding to decrease. In contrast, most residents (61%) would like spending to remain the same. These results remain the same compared to 2022.

### **Budget Adjustment for Community Development** (Proposed 8%)



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to increase include:



28%: Those who rent their primary residency;



19%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;



17%: Those aged 18 to 44; and



16%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to remain the same include:



73%: Those aged 65 or older;



71%: Those who are on leave/homemaker/student/not employed/retired;



70%: Those who prefer to increase taxes; and

69%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a **decrease** in funding include:



44%: Those who prefer to cut services; and



38%: Those who support a decrease in services levels to minimize tax increases;



29%: Those who are employed full- or part-time; and



28%: Those who own their primary residence.





Those respondents who would **increase** spending on *Community Development* mentioned a number of different reasons including promoting a healthy lifestyle (58%), making Leduc an attractive place to live (57%), they would like more community programs or events (48%), and they would like to increase the quality of existing parks (46%). These results are statistically consistent with those provided by respondents in 2022.

**Reasons to Increase Community Development Spending** 

# To promote a healthy lifestyle This makes Leduc an attractive place to live Would like more community programs and/or events Would like to increase the quality of existing parks Would like to increase the quality and/or frequency of existing programs Would like more parks Would like more parks

Some other reason

Don't know

n=51. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.

Respondents who would **decrease** spending on *Community Development* were mainly feel that the number (64%) and quality (60%) of existing parks are adequate. These results are statistically consistent with those provided by respondents in 2022.

3%

0%

# The number of parks is adequate The quality of existing parks is adequate Consider lowering the quality and/or frequency of existing programs My household does not use or attend existing parks or programs Some other reason Don't know Don't know O%

n=127. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.

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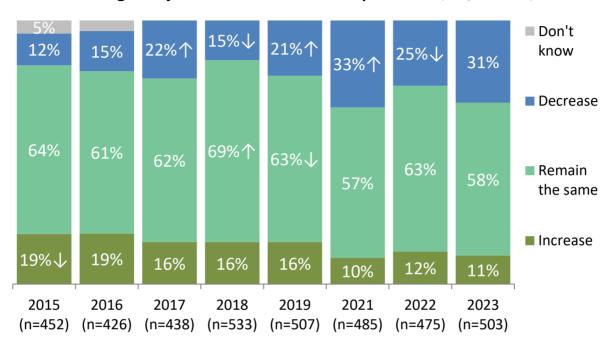






In 2023, around three in five residents (58%) would like the budget for *Public Transportation* to remain the same, 11% would like to see it increase, and three in ten residents (31%) would like the budget to decrease. These results are statistically similar with those provided by residents in 2022.

### **Budget Adjustment for Public Transportation** (Proposed 7%)



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding include:

20%: Those who prefer to increase taxes; and

18%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to remain the same include:

§ 70%: Those whose income is under \$60,000;

\$\sigma\$ 69%: Those who are on leave/homemaker/student/not employed/retired; and

61%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a **decrease** in funding include:

48%: Those who prefer to cut services;

45%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

44%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes;

34%: Those employed full- or part-time; and

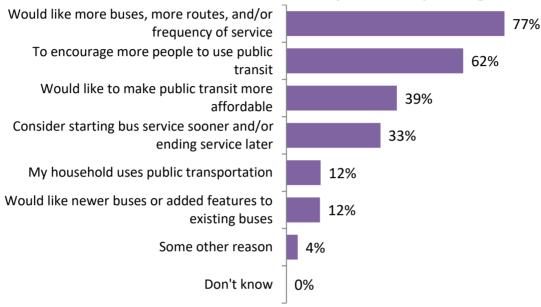
33%: Those who own their primary residence.





About three-quarters (77%) respondents who would **increase** spending on *Public Transportation* said they would like to see more buses, routes, and/or more frequent service. Additionally, about three-fifths (62%) would also like more funds to encourage more people to use public transit, while about two-in-five (39%) would like to make public transit more affordable and 33% would like the City to consider starting bus service sooner or ending service later. These numbers are consistent with the ones reported in 2022.

### **Reasons to Increase Public Transportation Spending**



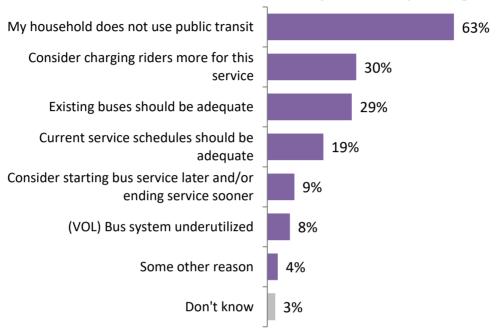
n=52. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.





A lack of personal and household use of *Public Transportation* (63%) is the most common reason mentioned by respondents who would **decrease** spending. An additional three-in-ten suggest charging riders more for the service (30%) and feel existing buses should be adequate (29%). These answers are statistically consistent with those provided by respondents in 2022.

### **Reasons to Decrease Public Transportation Spending**



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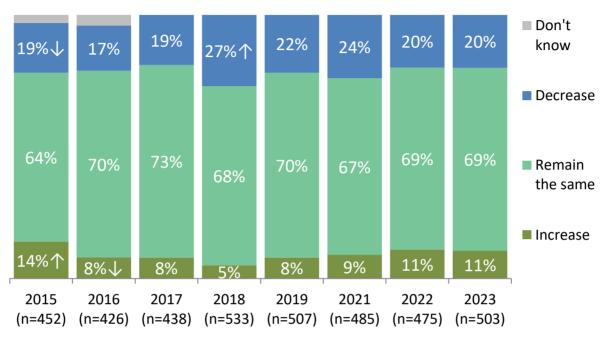




### Leduc Recreation Centre Operations (Proposed 5%)

Similar to last year, one out of five (20%) residents want the Leduc Recreation Centre Operations funding decreased, most (69%) would like it to remain the same while 11% would like funding to be increased.

### **Budget Adjustment for Leduc Recreation Centre Operations (Proposed 5%)**



Values may not add to 100% due to rounding. Bars missing values are less than 5%.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an **increase** in funding:



20%: Those who prefer to increase taxes; and



17%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **remain the same** include:



73%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a decrease in funding include:



33%: Those who prefer to cut services;



33%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes; and



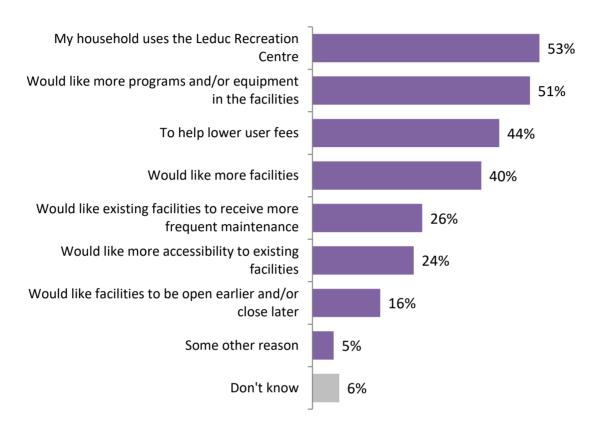
31%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases.





Having the household use the *Leduc Recreation Centre* (53%) and wanting to see more programs and/or equipment in the facilities (51%) are the most mentioned reasons provided by respondents who would **increase** spending on *Leduc Recreation Centre Operations*. In addition, around two-in-five respondents believe the increase in spending would help lower user fees (44%). These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided last year.

### **Reasons to Increase Leduc Recreation Centre Operations Spending**



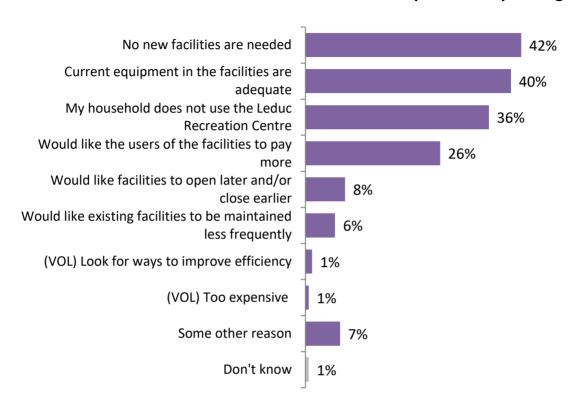
n=56. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.





About two-in-five respondents who would **decrease** spending on *Leduc Recreation Centre Operations* feel that no new facilities are needed (42%) and say the current equipment in the facilities is adequate (44%). An additional 36% say their household does not use the Centre and 26% would like the users of the facilities to pay more. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

### **Reasons to Decrease Leduc Recreation Centre Operations Spending**



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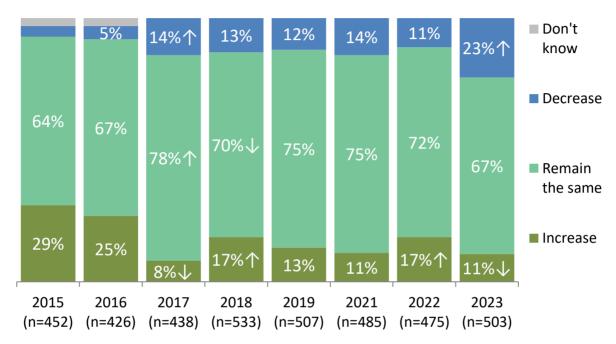




### 3.3.8 Public Services (Proposed 24%)

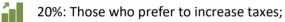
Residents' opinions regarding spending on *Public Services* has changed compared to the 2022 results with significantly less residents want spending to increase (11%) and more residents want spending to decrease (23%) when compared to 2022. However, most residents still want spending to stay the same (67%).

### **Budget Adjustment for Public Services** (Proposed 24%)



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Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding for *Public Services* to **increase** include:



16%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and

13%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **remain the same** include:

75%: Those who are neutral toward a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and

70%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a decrease in funding include:

38%: Those who prefer to cut services;

**a** 37%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

37%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes

28%: Those who aged 18-44; and

26%: Those who are employed full- or part-time.

When it comes to *Public Services*, those who would like an **increase** in funding about half of respondents believe that population growth would require more roads, sidewalks, and other trails (56%) and they

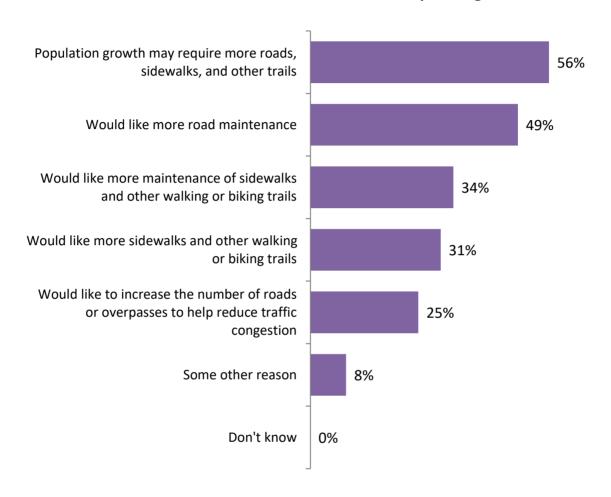
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would like to see more road maintenance (49%). Additionally, 34% would like more maintenance of sidewalks and other walking or biking trails. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

### **Reasons to Increase Public Services Spending**



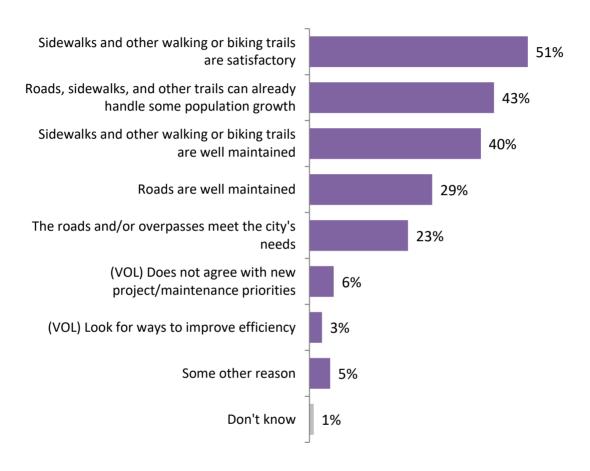
n=54. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.





In contrast, those respondents who suggested a **decrease** in funding for *Public Services* often mentioned that sidewalks and other trails are satisfactory (51%) and can already handle population growth (43%). Additionally, 40% feel that sidewalks and other walking or biking trails already well maintained and 29% feel that roads are well maintained. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

### **Reasons to Decrease Public Services Spending**



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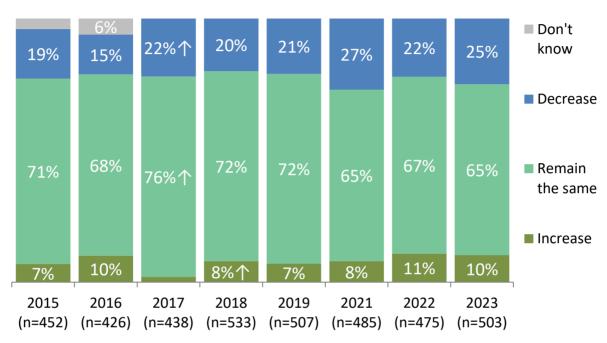




# 3.3.9 Library Services (Proposed 3%)

Few residents feel that the budget for Library Services should increase (10%). In contrast, one-fourth (25%) feel that the budget should decrease, while the remaining 65% feel that the budget should remain the same. These results are similar to 2022.

**Budget Adjustment for Library Services** (Proposed 3%)



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Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want an increase in funding include:



18%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;



16%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases; and



14%: Those aged 18-44.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **remain the same** include:



77%: Those aged 65+; and



73%: Those who are on leave/homemaker/student/not employed/retired.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a **decrease** in funding include:



40%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;



40%: Those aged 45-54;



38%: Those who prefer to cut services; and



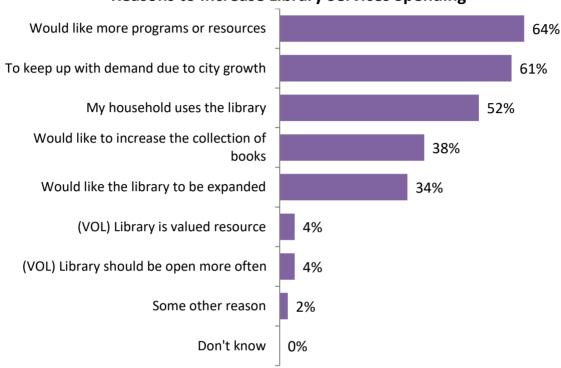
32%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes.





The most-cited reason for suggesting an **increase** in spending for *Library Services* increasing spending is for more programs or resources (64%). In addition, 61% would like to increase spending to keep up with the demands for city growth, and 52% mention that their household uses the library. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

# **Reasons to Increase Library Services Spending**



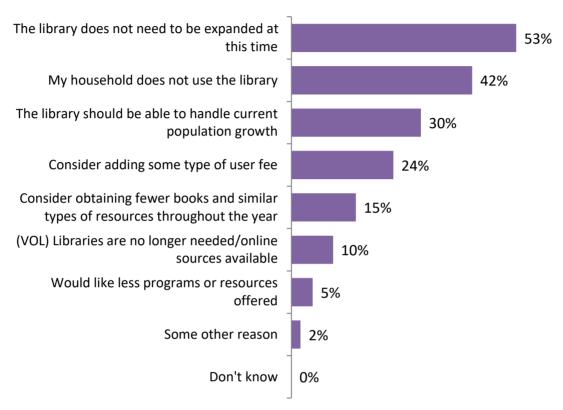
n=43. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.





Half of those respondents who would like *Library Services'* budget to **decrease** said that an expansion is not needed at this time (53%). A further 42% mentioned that their household does not use the library and 30% feel that the library should already be able to handle population growth in the next year. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

## **Reasons to Decrease Library Services Spending**



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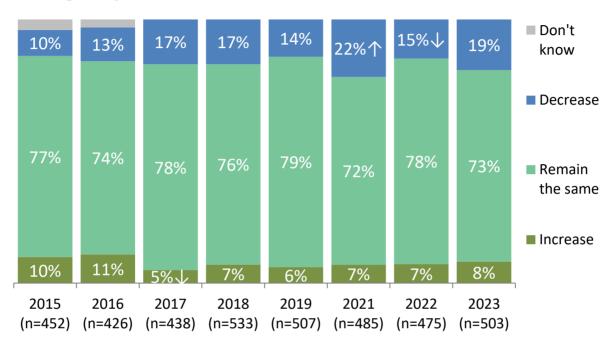




# 3.3.10 Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance (Proposed 8%)

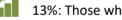
In total, 19% of residents feel that the budget for Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance should decrease, compared to only 8% who feel that the budget should increase. The remaining 73% think that the budget should remain the same. These proportions are statistically similar to the ones found in 2022.

## **Budget Adjustment for Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance** (Proposed 8%)



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Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to **increase** funding:



13%: Those who prefer to increase taxes; and

12%: Those aged 18-44.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want funding to remain the same include:

83%: Those aged 65+;

31%: Those who prefer to increase taxes;

80%: Those who oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

78%: Those who have children in their household; and

76%: Those who receive good/very good/excellent value from taxes.

Subgroups that are significantly more likely to want a decrease in funding include:

33%: Those who support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases;

33%: Those who prefer to cut services;

31%: Those who receive fair/poor value from taxes; and

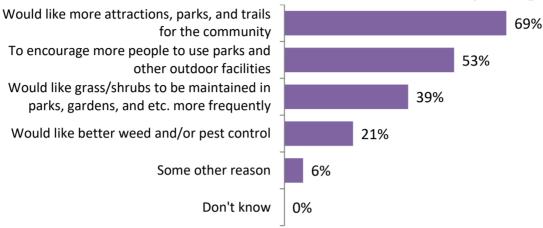
29%: Those who have a household income up to \$60,000.





Although very few respondents mentioned that they would like to **increase** spending on *Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance*, the most common reasons cited are wanting more attractions, parks, and trails for the community (69%) and wanting to encourage more use of parks and other outdoor facilities (53%). These results are statistically consistent with the reasons mentioned in 2022.

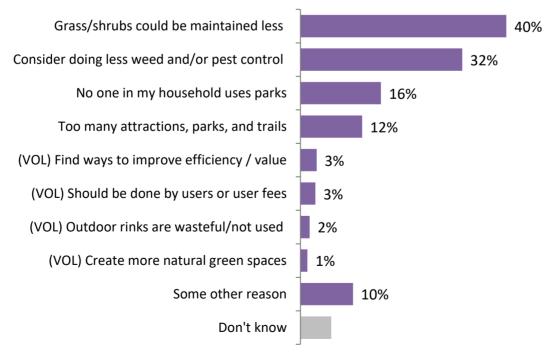
# Reasons to Increase Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance Spending



n=35. Values may sum to more than 100% as multiple mentions were allowed.

Among respondents who would like a **decrease** in funding for *Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance*, two-in-five respondents (40%) mentioned that grass and shrubs could be maintained in parks, gardens, and boulevards less frequently and about one-third (32%) suggest doing less weed and/or pest control. These results are statistically consistent with the comments provided in 2022.

# Reasons to Decrease Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance Spending



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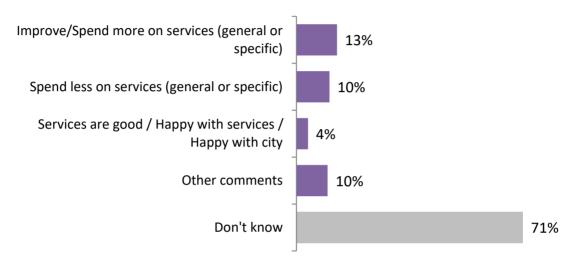




#### 3.3.11 Other Variable Spending Feedback

After respondents rated their preference for how the City should allocate funds, they were provided with an additional chance to offer any other feedback on spending that may not have already been covered. Given that they had just provided feedback for the ten different services categories, only 29% provided further feedback. In total, 13% reiterated that they would like spending to **increase** in general or for specific services, compared to 10% who reiterated that they wanted spending to **decrease**. These results are similar to those in 2022.

## **Other Variable Spending Feedback**



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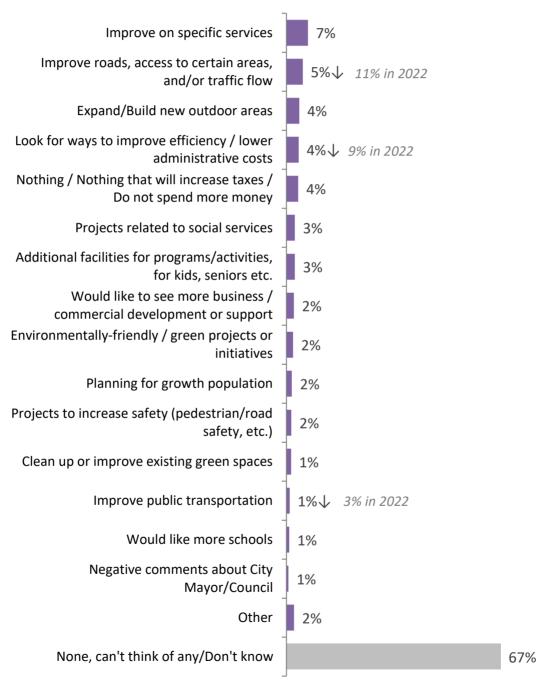




## 3.4 Other Projects and Priorities

Respondents were also provided an opportunity to state other projects or goals for the City to consider. The vast majority (67%) could not think of any other projects or goals. That said, the top suggestions were to improve some specific services (7%), improve roads, access to certain areas, and/or traffic flow (5%, down from 11% in 2022), and expand/build new outdoor areas (4%).

# **Other Projects or Goals to Consider**



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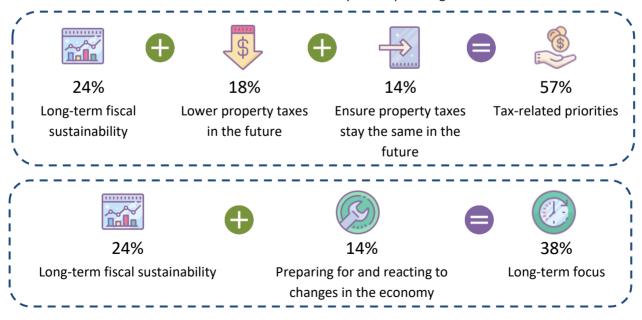


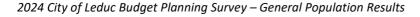
Finally, when asked about the top priority facing the City, about one in four choose long-term fiscal sustainability (i.e., smooth tax strategies, 24%). A further 18% would like to see a reduction in the property taxes, while 16% would like to see the City find ways of attracting new, and maintain current, businesses and amenities, 14% would like to ensure property taxes stay the same in the future, and a further 14% would like to prepare for changes in the economy. Finally, 11% would like the City to plan for future growth to prevent overcrowding.

## **Most Important Priority Facing the City** Long-term fiscal sustainability 24% (smooth tax strategies) Lower property taxes in the future 18% Attract new and maintain current 16% businesses and amenities Ensure property taxes stay the 14% same in the future Preparing for and reacting to 14% changes in the economy Planning for future growth to 11% prevent overcrowding Other

n=503. Values may not add to 100% due to rounding.

After grouping some of the categories we find that 57% of residents would like the City to prioritize the taxation of residents and another 38% would like the City to adopt a long term focus.







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# 4 Appendices

# **4.1** Weighted Respondent Demographics

	Percent of Respondents							
	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Age	n=503	n=475	n=485	n=507	n=533	n=438	n=426	n=452
18 to 24 years	3%	6%	10%	0%	7%	2%	6%	4%
25 to 34 years	25%	22%	18%	6%	23%	30%	26%	31%
35 to 44 years	22%	20%	20%	45%	16%	18%	18%	18%
45 to 54 years	16%	18%	18%	15%	21%	18%	19%	18%
55 to 64 years	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%
65 years or older	19%	19%	19%	19%	18%	17%	15%	13%
Not stated	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Employment status	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	L	<u> </u>	L	<u> </u>	L	
Working full time, including								
self-employment	54%	55%	49%	47%	51%	49%	53%	63%
(more than 30 hours/ week)								
Working part time, including								
self-employment	11%	8%	9%	15%	11%	14%	15%	8%
(30 hours per week or less)								
On leave (disability,	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4%	n/a	n/a
paternity, etc.)	4/0	370	2/0	470	2/0	470	II/ a	11/ a
Homemaker	4%	3%	3%	8%	6%	6%	7%	9%
Student	1%	1%	6%	0%	5%	3%	3%	1%
Not employed	2%	1%	6%	2%	2%	3%	6%	3%
Retired	20%	22%	21%	20%	18%	16%	15%	14%
Prefer not to answer	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	1%	1%
Household Income								
Under \$20,000	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	n/a	n/a
\$20,000 to \$39,999	6%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	n/a	n/a
\$40,000 to \$59,999	9%	10%	8%	8%	10%	11%	n/a	n/a
\$60,000 to \$79,999	9%	7%	18%	9%	12%	9%	n/a	n/a
\$80,000 to \$99,999	12%	14%	12%	12%	11%	12%	n/a	n/a
\$100,000 to \$124,999	15%	15%	10%	19%	14%	18%	n/a	n/a
\$125,000 to \$149,999	8%	10%	6%	10%	10%	10%	n/a	n/a
\$150,000 or more	22%	18%	20%	15%	17%	14%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to answer	18%	17%	15%	19%	19%	n/a	n/a	n/a





Primary residence								
Own	83%	86%	80%	91%	81%	92%	89%	92%
Rent	13%	10%	13%	8%	14%	7%	11%	7%
Not stated	4%	4%	7%	1%	5%	1%	1%	1%
City of Leduc Employee?								
Yes	3%	3%	2%	6%	5%	5%	3%	4%
No	93%	93%	94%	90%	92%	90%	96%	95%
Not stated	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	1%	1%
Children (under 18) in Househo	old?							
Yes	35%	35%	38%	53%	45%	49%	n/a	n/a
No	65%	65%	61%	46%	55%	50%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	n/a	n/a

Values may not add to 100% due to rounding.

# 4.2 Data Weighting

The data was weighted to the age characteristics of the residents of Leduc as determined by the 2021 Federal Census. The following outlines the weighting factors utilized in this research:

Age group	Number of completed surveys	Proportion of completed surveys	Census proportions*	Weight factor
18 to 34	70	14%	28%	2.02
35 to 54	180	36%	39%	1.08
55 to 64	108	21%	14%	0.66
65 or older	143	28%	19%	0.66
Unknown/Refused*	2	0.4%	0%	1.00

<sup>\*</sup> Respondents were allowed to refuse to answer their age as long as they confirmed that they are at least 18 years old. These cases are left unweighted (i.e., with a weight of 1) and the census proportions for this group are scaled to match accordingly.





# 4.3 Survey Methodology Summary

Research sponsor (including all financial sponsors)	City of Leduc
Research/data collection supplier	Advanis
Population represented	City of Leduc Residents
Sample size	n=503
Mode of data collection	Telephone recruitment to an online survey Postcard mail-out to households with a phone number to send an SMS to receive a link to the online survey (English only)
Source of sample	<ul> <li>Advanis General Population Random Sample,</li> <li>Advanis Wireless RDD,</li> <li>ASDE Listed &amp; Unlisted RDD landline numbers</li> <li>Postcards to all households in Leduc via Canada Post</li> </ul>
Type of sample	Telephone numbers and postcards to every household
Sample design	All sample contacted
Start and end dates of data collection	May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023
Strategies used to gain cooperation	Request permission on the phone, reminders to those who agreed to do the survey Sent postcard to every household City advertised that the survey would occur
Margin of sampling error for total sample	+/- 4.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
Is data weighted?	Yes, based on resident age to the 2021 Federal Census. See section 4.2 above for details.
Contact for more information	Patrick Kyba, pkyba@advanis.net  Advanis (780) 229-1135
Survey text	See section 4.4 below

# 4.4 Survey

What follows is a draft of the web survey.





# **Budget Planning Survey 2024**



City of Leduc

Languages: English

# **Section Survey Content**

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#### Intro1



Have your say in your city's budget planning process! The City of Leduc is committed to gathering input from citizens regarding the planning for the future of the City, as demonstrated through the Citizen Satisfaction Survey and Community Visioning Workshops. In 2023, the City is seeking input from citizens to assist in the 2024 budget planning process through this survey.

The budget is a plan for tomorrow's Leduc and this is your chance to share your thoughts with City Council and Administration to help guide the 2024 budget. Doing so makes you eligible to **enter a draw** to win a gift certificate to a local Leduc business of your choice (valued at \$150).

We want to hear from you! Press the right arrow to continue.

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#### Intro2

Please read each question and statement carefully. Throughout the survey, information will be provided to you so that you are able to reflect and provide an informed response to the questions. Pressing this icon \*?\* when shown will provide additional information. For each question, please select the response(s) that best represents your point of view.

#### Survey is open until May 31, 2023.

\*?\* This is just an example info button. On future questions where this button appears, you will see additional information that you may wish to review to help inform your answers.

#### D1

To begin, how old are you?

- <sub>0</sub> 15 or younger
- O<sub>1</sub> 16 or 17
- O <sub>2</sub> 18 to 24
- O<sub>3</sub> 25 to 34
- O<sub>4</sub> 35 to 44
- O<sub>5</sub> 45 to 54
- O<sub>6</sub> 55 to 64
- O<sub>7</sub> 65 or older
- O<sub>8</sub> Prefer not to say

### **D1a** Show if D1 Refused (D1 = 8)

In order to be eligible for this survey, please confirm that you are over the age of 15.

- O<sub>1</sub> You are 18 years old or older
- O <sub>2</sub> You are 16 or 17 years old
- O<sub>3</sub> You are 15 years old or younger

### **T1** Show if Younger than 16 ((D1 = 0) OR (D1a = 3))

Unfortunately, you do not meet the eligibility requirements to complete this survey. Thank you for your time.

Status Code: 503

#### **S1**

Do you live within the city limits of Leduc?

- O<sub>1</sub> Yes
- O<sub>2</sub> No
- O<sub>3</sub> Prefer not to answer





**T2** Show if S1 Does not live in Leduc (S1 != 1)

Unfortunately, you do not meet the eligibility requirements to complete this survey. Thank you for your time.

Status Code: 502

#### **D4**

Do you own or rent your primary residence in the City of Leduc?

- O<sub>1</sub> Own
- O<sub>2</sub> Rent
- -8 Not applicable

### Q0

(if D4 Owns residence (D4 = 1)) A portion of your property tax bill is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay for education.

To the best of your knowledge, what percent of your property tax bill is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay **for education**?

(if D4 Owns residence (D4 = 1)) A portion of your property tax bill is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay for education.

To the best of your knowledge, what percent of your property tax bill is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay **for education**?

(if D4 Owns residence (D4 = 1)) A portion of property tax is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay for education.

To the best of your knowledge, what percent of property tax is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay **for education**?

(if Default) A portion of property tax is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay for education.

To the best of your knowledge, what percent of property tax is collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta to pay **for education**?

Minimum: 1	, Maximum: 99
	_ %
<sub>_9</sub> D	on't know





#### O1a

(if D4 Owns residence (D4 = 1)) In fact, of your property tax bill collected in 2022: (if Default) In fact, of property tax collected in 2022:

- 26% is collected on behalf of the province to pay for education.
- 74% goes to the City of Leduc to fund city services.

Province **26%** 



Thinking about the **74%** used to fund **city services**, would you say you receive...?

- O<sub>1</sub> Excellent value
- O<sub>2</sub> Very good value
- O<sub>3</sub> Good value
- O<sub>4</sub> Fair value
- O 5 Poor value
- Don't know

### Q1b Show if Q1a not DK (Q1a != Don't know)

(if Q1a excellent (Q1a = 1)) What is the **main reason** you feel that you receive excellent value? (if Q1a verygood (Q1a = 2)) What is the **main reason** you feel that you receive very good value? (if Q1a good (Q1a = 3)) What is the **main reason** you feel that you receive good value? (if Q1a fair (Q1a = 4)) What is the **main reason** you feel that you receive fair value? (if Q1a poor (Q1a = 5)) What is the **main reason** you feel that you receive poor value?

☐ -9 Don't know / No comment

#### **Q1c** Show if Q1a DK (Q1a = Don't know)

(if D4 Owns residence (D4 = 1)) Why can you not rate the value that you received from the **74%** of your property tax bill that goes to the City of Leduc to fund city services?

(if Default) Why can you not rate the value that you received from the **74%** of property tax that goes *to the City of Leduc* to fund **city services**?


No comment





#### Q2

The City of Leduc understands and recognizes residents' desire to keep tax increases to a minimum. In order to do this, the city may need to consider reducing current service levels.

(if version 2 (version = 2)) Would you support or oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases in 2024?

(if Default) Would you oppose or support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases in 2024?

- O 1 Strongly oppose a decrease in service levels
- O <sub>2</sub> **Somewhat oppose** a decrease in service levels
- O 3 Neither oppose nor support a decrease in service levels
- O 4 Somewhat support a decrease in service levels
- O 5 Strongly support a decrease in service levels
- Don't know

**Q2a** Show if Q2 support or oppose decrease but not neither (Q2 = 1,2,4,5)

(if Q2 stronglysupport (Q2 = 5)) Why do you say you **strongly support a decrease in service levels** to minimize tax increases in 2024?

(if Q2 stronglyoppose (Q2 = 1)) Why do you say you strongly oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases in 2024?

(if Q2 somewhat oppose (Q2 = 2)) Why do you say you somewhat oppose a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases in 2024?

(if Q2 somewhat support (Q2 = 4)) Why do you say you somewhat support a decrease in service levels to minimize tax increases in 2024?

<u></u>	Don't know / No comment	

# Q3

Next, thinking about the City of Leduc infrastructure (public buildings, roads, etc.) and services overall, which of the following tax strategies **best represents** your preference?

- O 1 Increase taxes to fund growth needs, infrastructure maintenance and improve services
- O <sub>2</sub> Increase taxes to maintain all existing infrastructure and services
- O<sub>3</sub> Cut existing services to maintain current taxes
- O 4 Cut existing services to reduce taxes
- Don't know





#### **BIntro**

The City of Leduc budget includes two spending categories:

**Fixed Spending (55%)** includes items that are necessary to govern, operate and maintain the City of Leduc and do not vary based on the level of service provided:

- Mayor and City Council
- Corporate and Legislative Services
- Engineering Services
- Planning Services
- Facility Services
- Debt Repayment
- Capital Transfer

The next section will not include these budget items.

Variable Spending (45%) includes categories where spending can be increased or decreased depending on the level of service provided. As shown below, the next section seeks your input into spending in these areas.

Press the right arrow to continue.

#### **BInstruction**

(if version 2 (version = 2)) The next section wishes to understand your opinions on how the **City of Leduc** spending should be altered (if at all). For each service, please specify if you think spending should decrease, remain the same or increase in 2024. A description of each service can be found by pressing this icon:\*?\*. If you are asked why you made the choice you did, please let us know **all** the reasons you feel the way you do.

(if Default) The next section wishes to understand your

opinions on how the **City of Leduc** spending should be altered (if at all). For each service, please specify if you think spending should increase, remain the same or decrease in 2024. A description of each service can be found by pressing this icon:\*?\*. If you are asked why you made the choice you did, please let us know **all** the reasons you feel the way you do.

Have your say in your city's budget planning process! Press the right arrow to continue.

\*?\* This is just an example info button. On future questions where this button appears, you will see additional information that you may wish to review to help inform your answers.

# City of Leduc 2024 Variable Budget

Proposed Net Spending by Program

Public Services 24%

Police Protection & Enforcement Services 22%

Fire & Ambulance Services 18%

Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance 8%

Community Development 8%

Public Transportation 7%

Leduc Recreation Centre Operations 5%

Library 3%

Snow Removal 3%

Family & Community Support 2%





B1a, B1b, B1c

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How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for Police Protection & Enforcement Services (proposed 22%)? \*?\* \*?\* This includes RCMP contract and detachment administrative support, community safety, animal control and other bylaw enforcement.  $O_1$ Increase spending (may increase taxes) Spending should remain the same O 2 Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)  $O_3$ B<sub>1</sub>b Show if B1a increase police (B1a = 1) Why would you increase spending on Police Protection & Enforcement Services? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 22% of the variable budget. This includes RCMP contract and detachment administrative support, community safety, animal control and other bylaw enforcement. Would like to keep crime down \* To keep up with population growth \* Would like more police presence \* □ 3 Would like more traffic/speeding enforcement \* Some other reason (specify): □ 5 Don't know ٩. 🗆 Levels marked with \* are randomized B<sub>1</sub>c Show if B1a decrease police (B1a = 3) Why would you decrease spending on Police Protection & Enforcement Services? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 22% of the variable budget. This includes RCMP contract and detachment administrative support, community safety, animal control and other bylaw enforcement. I feel safe in the City of Leduc \* Current enforcement levels could handle population growth \*  $\Box$  3 Police presence should be adequate \* Consider less focus on traffic and speeding enforcement \* 

Levels marked with \* are randomized

Don't know

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Some other reason (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

B2a, B2b

B2a
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B<sub>2</sub>b

How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for **Fire & Ambulance Services** (proposed 18%)?\*?\* **Note:** Ambulance services are contracted services provided by the City of Leduc on behalf of the Province of Alberta and cannot be reduced.

\*?\* This includes Fire and Ambulance response, rescue and patient treatment services, community prevention and inspection services and emergency preparedness.

O 1 Increase spending (may increase taxes)

O 2 Spending should remain the same

Show if B2a increase fire (B2a = 1)

Why would you <u>increase</u> spending on **Fire & Ambulance Services**? \*?\* Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 18% of the variable budget. This includes Fire and Ambulance response, rescue and patient treatment services, community prevention and inspection services and emergency preparedness.

revention	and inspection services and emergency preparedness.
□ 1	Would like additional funding due to population growth *
$\Box$	Would like to ensure the quickest fire and/or ambulance response times *

☐ 3 This is an essential service to the community \*
☐ 4 For the safety of residents \*

□ some other reason (specify):

☐ -9 Don't know





B3a, B3b, B3c

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*?* This in	ould you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for Public Services (proposed 24%)?*?*  ncludes maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, multi-ways, bridges, overpasses, traffic controls, including: pot hole patching, crack rading, guard repair, cleaning, dust control, and pavement marking.  Increase spending (may increase taxes)
O 2	Spending should remain the same
O 3	Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)
B3b	Show if B3a increase publicservices (B3a = 1)
Why w	ould you increase spending on Public Services? *?*
Please s	elect all that apply.
	osed 24% of the variable budget. This includes maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, multi-ways, bridges, overpasses, traffic controls, pot hole patching, crack sealing, grading, guard repair, cleaning, dust control and pavement marking.
	Population growth may require more roads, sidewalks, and other trails *
	Would like more maintenance of sidewalks and other walking or biking trails *
□ 3	Would like more sidewalks and other walking or biking trails *
	Would like more road maintenance *
☐ <sub>5</sub>	Would like to increase the number of roads or overpasses to help reduce traffic congestion *
	Some other reason (specify):
_ 0 	Don't know
-	narked with * are randomized
ВЗс	Show if B3a decrease publicservices (B3a = 3)
Why w	ould you decrease spending on Public Services? *?*
Please s	elect all that apply.
	osed 24% of the variable budget. This includes maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, multi-ways, bridges, overpasses, traffic controls,
	pot hole patching, crack sealing, grading, guard repair, cleaning, dust control and pavement marking.
	Roads, sidewalks, and other trails can already handle some population growth *
□ 2	Sidewalks and other walking or biking trails are well maintained *
$\square$ 3	Sidewalks and other walking or biking trails are satisfactory *
	Roads are well maintained *

Levels marked with \* are randomized

Don't know



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The roads and/or overpasses meet the city's needs \*

Some other reason (specify):

B4a, B4b, B4c

#### B4a

How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for **Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance** (proposed 8%)?\*?\*

\*?\* This includes maintenance, grass cutting, cleaning and repairs to cemetery, sports fields, tennis courts, outdoor ice rinks, skateboard parks, lakes and storm ponds, garden plots and playgrounds, parks landscaping and pest control.  $O_1$ Increase spending (may increase taxes)  $\bigcirc$  2 Spending should remain the same Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)  $O_3$ B4b Show if B4a increase parks (B4a = 1) Why would you increase spending on Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 8% of the variable budget. This includes maintenance, grass cutting, cleaning and repairs to cemetery, sports fields, tennis courts, outdoor ice rinks, skateboard parks, lakes and storm ponds, garden plots and playgrounds, parks landscaping and pest control. Would like grass/shrubs to be maintained in parks, gardens, and boulevards more frequently Would like better weed and/or pest control (e.g., mosquitoes) \* Would like more attractions, parks, and trails for the community \* □ 3 To encourage more people to use parks and other outdoor facilities \* Some other reason (specify): Don't know ٩. 🗆 Levels marked with \* are randomized B4c Show if B4a decrease parks (B4a = 3) Why would you decrease spending on Parks & Athletic Field Maintenance? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 8% of the variable budget. This includes maintenance, grass cutting, cleaning and repairs to cemetery, sports fields, tennis courts, outdoor ice rinks, skateboard parks, lakes and storm ponds, garden plots and playgrounds, parks landscaping and pest control. Grass/shrubs could be maintained in parks, gardens, and boulevards less frequently \* Consider doing less weed and/or pest control (e.g., mosquitoes) \* There are too many attractions, parks, and trails in the community \* □ 3 No one in my household uses parks or other outdoor facilities \* □ 5 Some other reason (specify): \_\_\_

Levels marked with \* are randomized

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B5a, B5b, B5c

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How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for Leduc Recreation Centre Operations (proposed

5%)? \*?\* \*?\* This includes Leduc Recreation facility maintenance and operations, sports & tourism, guest services, fitness centre and track, pool services, ice skating, field house and programmed services (i.e. child minding).  $O_1$ Increase spending (may increase taxes)  $\bigcirc$  2 Spending should remain the same Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)  $O_3$ B<sub>5</sub>b Show if B5a increase rec centre (B5a = 1) Why would you increase spending on Leduc Recreation Centre Operations? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 5% of the variable budget. This includes Leduc Recreation facility maintenance and operations, sports & tourism, guest services, fitness centre and track, pool services, ice skating, field house and programmed services (i.e. child minding). Would like more accessibility to existing facilities \* Would like more facilities \*  $\square$  2 Would like existing facilities to receive more frequent maintenance \* □ 3 Would like more programs and/or equipment in the facilities \* Would like facilities to be open earlier and/or close later \* □ 5 To help lower user fees \* My household uses the Leduc Recreation Centre \* □ 7 Some other reason (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ 9- 🔲 Don't know Levels marked with \* are randomized B<sub>5</sub>c Show if B5a decrease rec centre (B5a = 3) Why would you decrease spending on Leduc Recreation Centre Operations? \*?\* Please select all that apply. \*?\* Proposed 5% of the variable budget. This includes Leduc Recreation facility maintenance and operations, sports & tourism, guest services, fitness centre and track, pool services, ice skating, field house and programmed services (i.e. child minding). No new facilities are needed \* Would like existing facilities to be maintained less frequently \*  $\square$  2 Current equipment in the facilities are adequate \* □ 3 Would like facilities to open later and/or close earlier \* Would like the users of the facilities to pay more \* □ 5 My household does not use the Leduc Recreation Centre \*  $\Box$  6

Levels marked with \* are randomized

Don't know



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Some other reason (specify):

B6a, B6b, B6c

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B6a				
	ould you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for <b>Snow Removal</b> (proposed 3%)? *?*			
	ncludes street, parking lot and alleyway sanding, snow plowing and snow removal.			
$O_1$	Increase spending (may increase taxes)			
$O_2$	Spending should remain the same			
O 3	Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)			
B6b	Show if B6a increase snow removal (B6a = 1)			
Why w	ould you increase spending on Snow Removal? *?*			
Please s	elect all that apply.			
*?* Propo	sed 3% of the variable budget. This includes street, parking lot and alleyway sanding, snow plowing and snow removal.			
	Would like Leduc to be more prepared for winters *			
	Consider clearing and sanding roads sooner or more often *			
□ 3				
□ 4				
□ 5	Public sidewalks and trails should be cleared sooner *			
□ 6	•			
☐ <sub>-9</sub> Don't know				
Levels n	narked with * are randomized			
В6с	Show if B6a decrease snow removal (B6a = 3)			
Why w	ould you decrease spending on Snow Removal? *?*			
-	elect all that apply.			
*?* Propo	sed 3% of the variable budget. This includes street, parking lot and alleyway sanding, snow plowing and snow removal.			
	Consider clearing roads less frequently during prolonged storms *			
□ 2	Consider waiting longer before clearing and sanding roads *			
□ 3	Consider replacing and/or maintaining snow removal equipment less frequently *			
□ 4	Residential areas and side streets could be cleared less often *			
□ 5	Consider waiting longer to clear public sidewalks and trails *			
□ 6	Some other reason (specify):			
9- 🔲	Don't know			
Levels n	narked with * are randomized			





B7a, B7b, B7c

How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for <b>Community Development</b> (proposed 8%)? *?	•
*?* This includes parks (e.g. spray parks, playgrounds, off-leash areas, etc.), recreation and culture planning and development including build	ing
playgrounds, Communities in Bloom, Healthy Hearts, and Canada Day programs.	

- O<sub>1</sub> Increase spending (may increase taxes)
- O<sub>2</sub> Spending should remain the same
- O<sub>3</sub> Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)

### **B7b** Show if B7a increase community development (B7a = 1)

# Why would you increase spending on Community Development? \*?\*

#### Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 8% of the variable budget. This includes parks (e.g. spray parks, playgrounds, off-leash areas, etc.), recreation and culture planning and development including building playgrounds, Communities in Bloom, Healthy Hearts, and Canada Day programs.

<b>]</b> 1	Would like more parks *
<b>]</b> 2	Would like to increase the quality of existing parks *
<b>]</b> 3	Would like more community programs and/or events (e.g. Rock the Rails, etc.) *
<b></b> 4	Would like to increase the quality and/or frequency of existing programs *
<b></b> 5	To promote a healthy lifestyle *
<b></b> 6	This makes Leduc an attractive place to live *
<b>]</b> 7	Some other reason (specify):
<b>_</b> -9	Don't know

Levels marked with \* are randomized

#### **B7c** Show if B7a decrease community development (B7a = 3)

## Why would you decrease spending on Community Development? \*?\*

### Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 8% of the variable budget. This includes parks (e.g. spray parks, playgrounds, off-leash areas, etc.), recreation and culture planning and development including building playgrounds, Communities in Bloom, Healthy Hearts, and Canada Day programs.

- $\square$  1 The number of parks is adequate \*
- The quality of existing parks is adequate \*
- Consider lowering the quality and/or frequency of existing programs \*
- □ <sub>5</sub> Some other reason (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_a Don't know





B8a, B8b, B8c

#### B8a

### How would you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for Public Transportation (proposed 7%)? \*?\*

\*?\* Leduc Transit provides Leduc Assisted Transportation Service (LATS) to seniors (65+) and persons with disabilities within the City of Leduc. Leduc Transit also provides a separate inter-municipal transit service, in partnership with Leduc County, offering service that connects the Leduc and Nisku areas and also stops at the Edmonton International Airport and the Century Park LRT station in south Edmonton.

- O 1 Increase spending (may increase taxes)
- O<sub>2</sub> Spending should remain the same
- O 3 Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)

#### **B8b** Show if B8a increase transit (B8a = 1)

# Why would you <u>increase</u> spending on **Public Transportation**? \*?\*

Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 7% of the variable budget. Leduc Transit provides Leduc Assisted Transportation Service (LATS) to seniors (65+) and persons with disabilities within the City of Leduc. Leduc Transit also provides a separate inter-municipal transit service, in partnership with Leduc County, offering service that connects the Leduc and Nisku areas and also stops at the Edmonton International Airport and the Century Park LRT station in south Edmonton.

<b>」</b> 1	Would like more busses, more routes, and/or frequency of service *
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<b>_</b> 2	Would like newer busses or added features to existing buses *
<b>]</b> 3	Would like to make public transportation more affordable *
<b>」</b> ₄	To encourage more people to use public transportation *
<b></b> 5	Consider starting bus service sooner and/or ending service later *
<b></b> 6	My household uses public transportation *
<b>]</b> 7	Some other reason (specify):
و۔ 🗖	Don't know

Levels marked with \* are randomized

### **B8c** Show if B8a decrease transit (B8a = 3)

# Why would you <u>decrease</u> spending on **Public Transportation**? \*?\*

Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 7% of the variable budget. Leduc Transit provides Leduc Assisted Transportation Service (LATS) to seniors (65+) and persons with disabilities within the City of Leduc. Leduc Transit also provides a separate inter-municipal transit service, in partnership with Leduc County, offering service that connects the Leduc and Nisku areas and also stops at the Edmonton International Airport and the Century Park LRT station in south Edmonton.

<b>_</b> 1	Current service schedules should be adequate *
□ 2	Existing buses should be adequate *
<b>□</b> 3	Consider charging riders more for this service *
<b>□</b> 4	My household does not use public transportation *
□ 5	Consider starting bus service later and/or ending service sooner *
<b>□</b> 6	Some other reason (specify):
9- 🔲	Don't know





B9a, B9b, B9c

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\*?\* This includes provision of children, teen and adult literary programs, exam proctoring, e-resources, e-books, internet access, audio books, DVD's, CD's, outreach services and access to resources from over 150 Alberta libraries.

- O 1 Increase spending (may increase taxes)
- O<sub>2</sub> Spending should remain the same
- O 3 Decrease spending (may decrease taxes)

**B9b** Show if B9a increase library (B9a = 1)

Why would you increase spending on Library Services? \*?\*

Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 3% of the variable budget. This includes provision of children, teen and adult literary programs, exam proctoring, e-resources, e-books, internet access, audio books, DVD's, CD's, outreach services and access to resources from over 150 Alberta libraries.

<b>□</b> 1	To keep up with demand due to city growth *
□ 2	Would like the library to be expanded *
<b>□</b> <sub>3</sub>	Would like more programs or resources *
<b>□</b> <sub>4</sub>	Would like to increase the collection of books *
<b>□</b> 5	My household uses the library *
<b>□</b> 6	Some other reason (specify):
9- 🔲	Don't know

Levels marked with \* are randomized

**B9c** Show if B9a decrease library (B9a = 3)

Why would you decrease spending on Library Services? \*?\*

Please select all that apply.

\*?\* Proposed 3% of the variable budget. This includes provision of children, teen and adult literary programs, exam proctoring, e-resources, e-books, internet access, audio books, DVD's, CD's, outreach services and access to resources from over 150 Alberta libraries.

- Consider adding some type of user fee \*
- The library should be able to handle current population growth \*
- ☐ 3 The library does not need to be expanded at this time \*
- ☐ 4 Would like less programs or resources offered \*
- Consider obtaining fewer books and similar types of resources throughout the year \*
- My household does not use the library \*
- □ <sub>7</sub> Some other reason (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ -9 Don't know





B10a, B10b, B10c

### B10a

Why would you increase spending on Family & Community Support Services? *?*  Please select all that apply.  *?* Proposed 2% of the variable budget. This includes family counseling and support, support, prevention and education regarding social issues, meals on wheels program, senior support, and homemaking services.	How w	ould you adjust the variable spending in 2024 for Family & Community Support Services					
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# **Section MAIN2**

Q4, Q5, Q6, DTxt, D2, D6, D3, D5a, D5b, D7GP, D7S, I0, I1, End

Q4			
	you for your input on the City of Leduc's variable spending budget. Is there any additional ck you would like to provide regarding your choices?		
☐ -8	No additional feedback		
Q5			
	ther projects or goals (if any) should the City be thinking of when planning the budget for 2024 yond? These may result in a tax increase.		
	None/Cannot think of any		
Q6			
•	with respect to the budget process, which of the following would you say is the ${\color{blue} \textbf{most important}}$		
priority	facing the City?		
$O_2$	Focusing on long-term fiscal sustainability (smooth tax strategies) *		
O 3	Planning for future growth to prevent overcrowding *		
O 4	Attract new and maintain current businesses and amenities *		
O 5	Finding ways to lower property taxes in the future *		
O 6			
O 7	Preparing for and reacting to changes in the economy * Other (specify):		
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### DTxt

In order for the City to better understand the different views and needs of citizens, this final set of questions will allow us to analyze the data by sub-groups. Please be assured that nothing will be recorded to link your answers with you or your household.

Please press the right arrow to continue.





Are there any children under the age of 18 in your household?    1	D2	Show if 18 or older ((D1 = 2,3,4,5,6,7) OR (D1a = 1))
D6  Which of the following categories applies to your total household income before taxes in 2022?  1 Under \$20,000  2 \$20,000 to \$39,999  3 \$40,000 to \$59,999  4 \$60,000 to \$79,999  5 \$80,000 to \$99,999  6 \$100,000 to \$124,999  7 \$125,000 to \$149,999  9 \$155,000 to \$149,999  9 \$150,000 or more  9 Prefer not to answer   D3  Which of the following best describes your current employment status?  0 1 Working full time, including self-employment (more than 30 hours per week)  0 2 Working part time, including self-employment (30 hours per week or less)  3 0 n leave (disability, maternity, paternity, etc.)  4 Homemaker  5 Student  6 Not employed  7 Retired  9 Prefer not to answer   D5a Show if D3 employed (D3 = 1,2)  And, do you work for the City of Leduc?  0 1 Yes  D5b Show if D3 on leave (D3 = 3)  Immediately prior to the start of your leave, did you work for the City of Leduc?  0 1 Yes	Are th	ere any children under the age of 18 in your household?
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D7GP	Show if Gen Pop Survey (recruit_type = 1)			
Which	of the following are places that you have heard or seen advertisements	s promoting this survey?		
Please s	elect all that apply			
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□ 2	Social media *			
□ 3	City of Leduc website *			
9	Postcard *			
□ 5	Other (specify):			
□ 6	I have not heard or seen any advertisements promoting this survey	(Exclusive)		
Levels n	narked with * are randomized			
D7S	Show if Stakeholder Survey (recruit_type = 2)			
How did you learn about this survey?				
Please s	elect all that apply			
<b></b> 7	Billboard signs *			
□ 2	Social media *			
□ 3	City of Leduc website *			
<b>9</b>	Postcard *			
□ 5	Other (specify):			
Levels marked with * are randomized				
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Thank you for completing the survey! You now have the option to enter a randomly selected prize draw for people who have taken part in the survey. Doing so makes you eligible to **enter a draw to win a gift certificate to a local Leduc business of your choice (valued at \$150)**.

Do you wish to be entered into this draw? Your contact information will only be used for the purposes of the draw and will not be tied to your survey responses.

- Yes, I allow Advanis to provide the City of Leduc with my contact information should I be the winner of this draw
- O<sub>2</sub> No, remove me from the draw





#### **I1** Show if IO yes draw (IO = 1)

Please provide your contact details[[Personal information will remain confidential and **only** be used to contact the individual who has won the draw.

Personal information provided as part of the City of Leduc Budget Survey contest is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.]] so that we may contact you should you be the winner of the draw.

First name:	
Last name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Not interested in entering draw	

End

□ -8



Thank you very much for your participation in this important study, your time and feedback are greatly appreciated by the City of Leduc!

Please note that the results of this survey will be shared with City Council during the budget planning process for 2024. Should you have any additional questions, please contact:

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You will be redirected shortly to the City of Leduc website.

Status Code: -1



