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# Ontario Perceptions Water Infrastructure Costs



## SES/Osprey Media Poll

### Methodology

Between August 12th and August 15th, 2006, SES Research conducted a random telephone survey of 500 Ontarians 18 years and older.

The aggregate survey results are accurate  $\pm 4.4\%$ , 19 times out of 20. Margins of accuracy are wider for subgroup samples. Readers should note that the data was weighted for gender and age to match the 2001 Canadian census results for Ontario. Results should be considered representative of the Ontario population. Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The initiative was part of the SES Ontario Omnibus Survey and was registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which SES is a member.

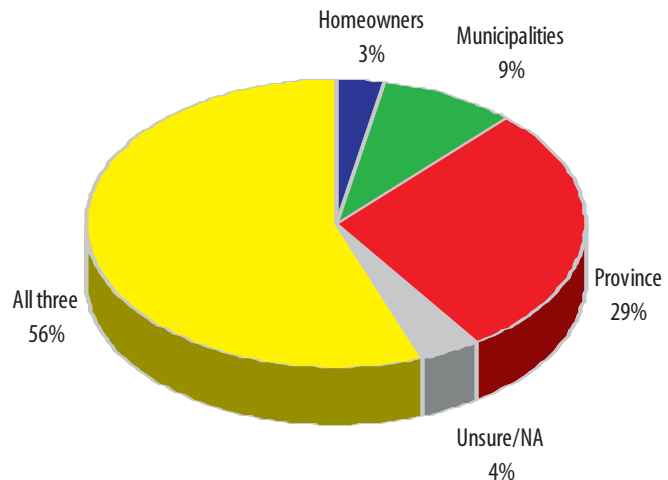
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**Question:** The Ontario government has passed new regulations requiring municipalities to meet stringent standards for drinking water quality. Those regulations have resulted in substantial new infrastructure costs for municipalities. Who should pay those costs? (Read and Rotate)

- a. Homeowners
- b. Municipalities
- c. The province
- d. All three



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Homeowners	Municipalities	The P rovince	All three	Unsure / NA
	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ( $\pm 4.5\%$ )	3	9	29	56	4
Men ( $\pm 6\%$ )	5	10	28	54	3
Women ( $\pm 6\%$ )	1	7	29	58	4
18 to 29 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	7	9	23	58	3
30 to 39 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	1	6	33	56	4
40 to 49 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	5	11	30	51	4
50 to 59 ( $\pm 11\%$ )	0	10	20	63	7
60 plus ( $\pm 9\%$ )	2	7	35	55	1

