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# Ontario Perceptions on Local Property Taxes

## SES Research Survey

### Methodology

Between August 24th and August 26th, SES Research conducted a random telephone survey of 501 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 Canadian census results for Ontario. Results should be considered representative of the Ontario population. Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

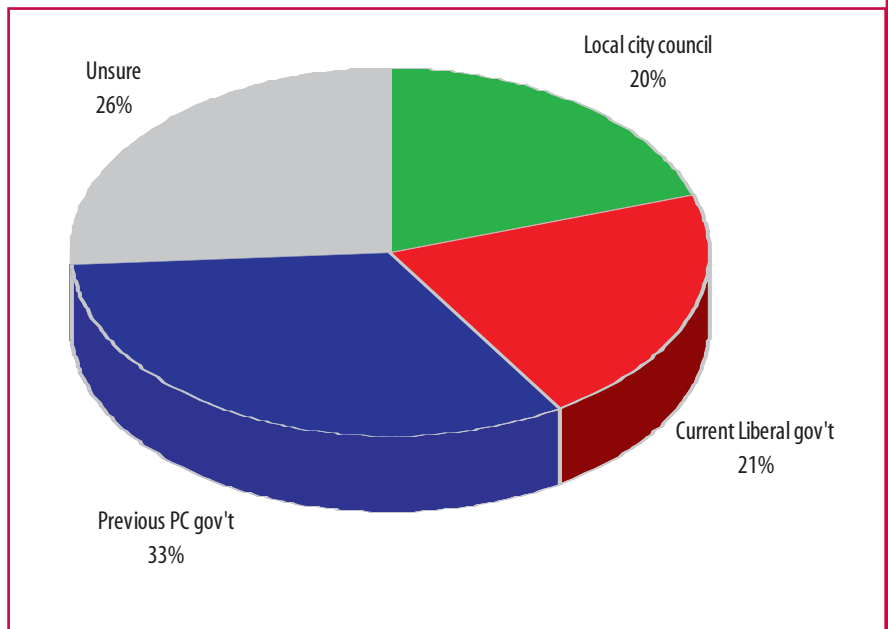
The initiative was part of the SES Ontario Omnibus Survey and was registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which SES is a Gold Seal Corporate Member.

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**Question:** Currently, Ontario's homeowners pay the highest property taxes in Canada due in part to provincial downloading of social programs and services such as welfare. Who do you believe is most responsible for high local property taxes? Would it be...[rotate] Local City Councils; The current provincial Liberal government; the previous Harris/Eves provincial Conservative government?



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Local City Councils	Current Liberal gov't	Previous PC gov't	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
Ontario ( $\pm 4.5\%$ )	20	21	33	26
Men ( $\pm 6\%$ )	25	22	31	22
Women ( $\pm 6\%$ )	14	20	35	31
18 to 29 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	20	26	21	33
30 to 39 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	18	18	35	29
40 to 49 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	25	14	39	23
50 to 59 ( $\pm 11\%$ )	10	26	48	15
60 plus ( $\pm 9\%$ )	23	23	24	30