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Support for equalization: 2023 update

Results from the 2023 Confederation
of Tomorrow Survey of Canadians

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The Confederation of Tomorrow surveys are annual studies conducted by an association of the country's leading public policy and socio-economic research organizations. The surveys give voice to Canadians about the major issues shaping the future of the federation and their political communities.

The 2023 study consists of:

- a survey of 5,300 adults
- conducted **online** in the provinces between January 26 and February 9
- conducted **by telephone** in the territories between January 24 and February 26*

* Respondents in the territories were not asked the question about equalization.



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Support for equalization: summary

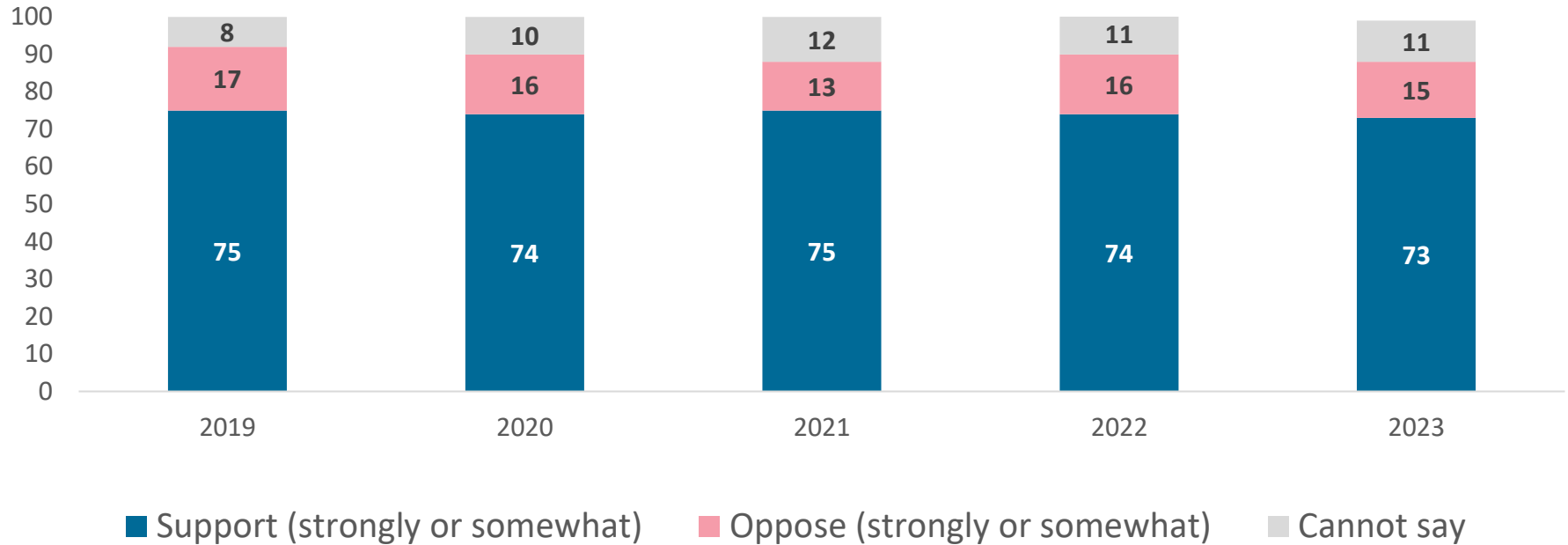
- Overall support for the equalization program in Canada remains steady.
- Support has increased in Alberta since 2019 (+13 pts).
- Support remains steady in non-recipient provinces, but has fallen by 8 points since 2019 in recipient provinces.
- The gap in levels of support between Quebec and Alberta has narrowed, from 29 points in 2019 to six points.

Survey question

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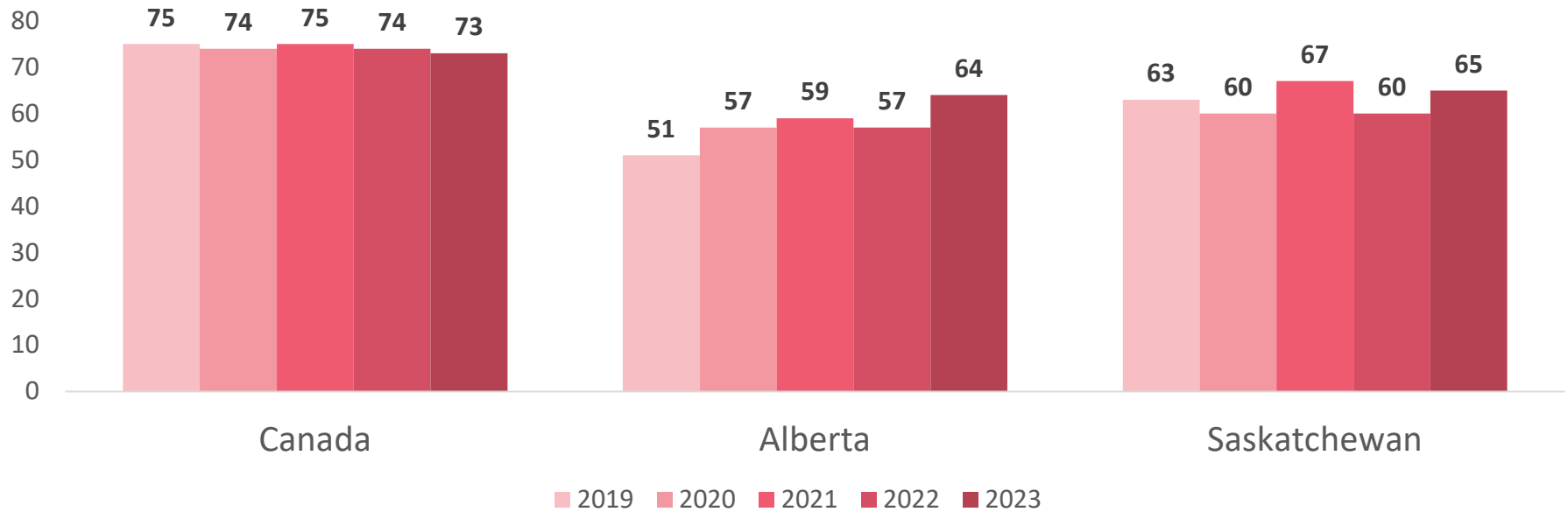
As you may know, under the federal equalization program, the federal government transfers money to the poorer provinces, in order to ensure that Canadians living in every province have access to similar levels of public services. How much do you support or oppose the equalization program?

More than seven in ten Canadians support the equalization program

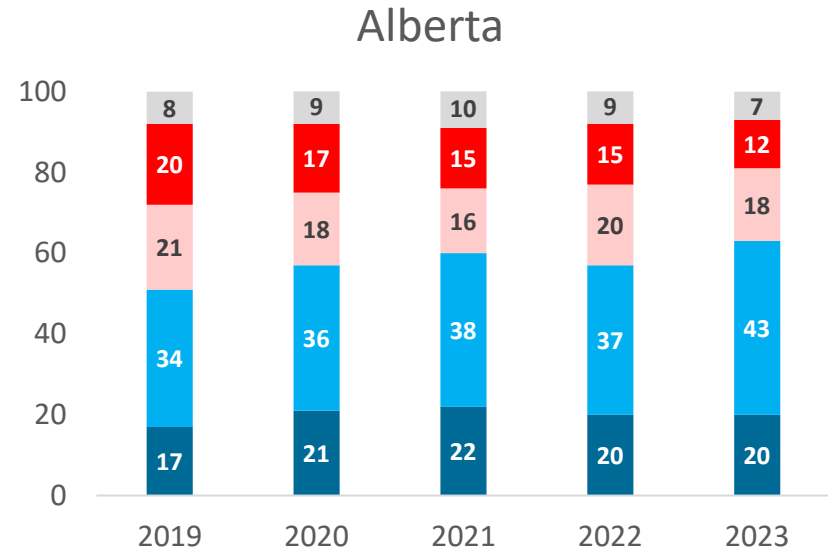
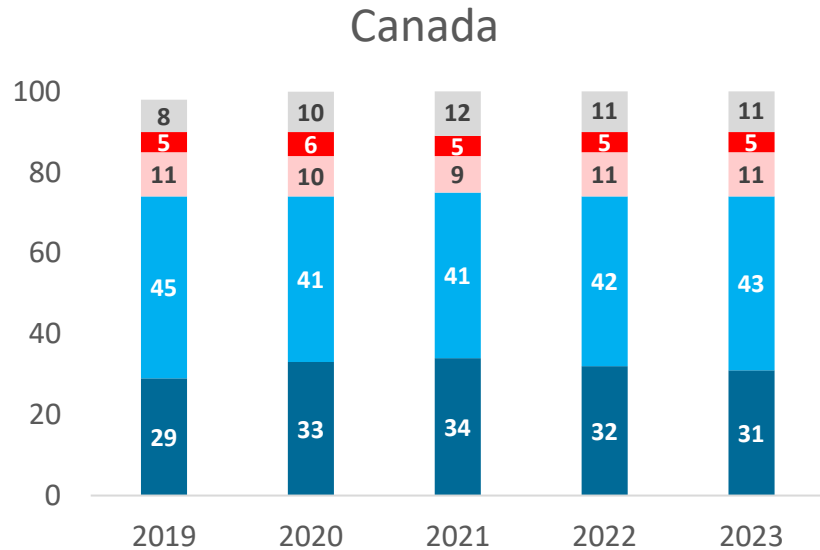


In Alberta, support for equalization has increased since 2019

Strongly or somewhat support



Support for equalization in Canada and Alberta: detail

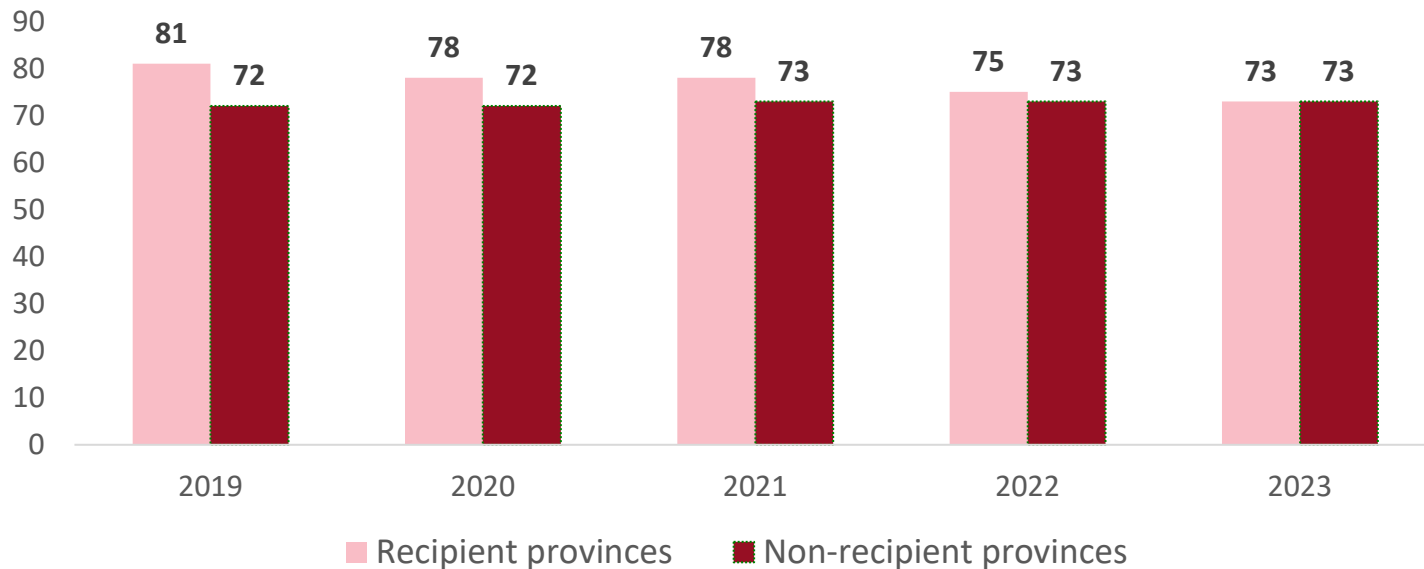


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The gap in support for equalization between recipient and non-recipient provinces has narrowed

Strongly or somewhat support



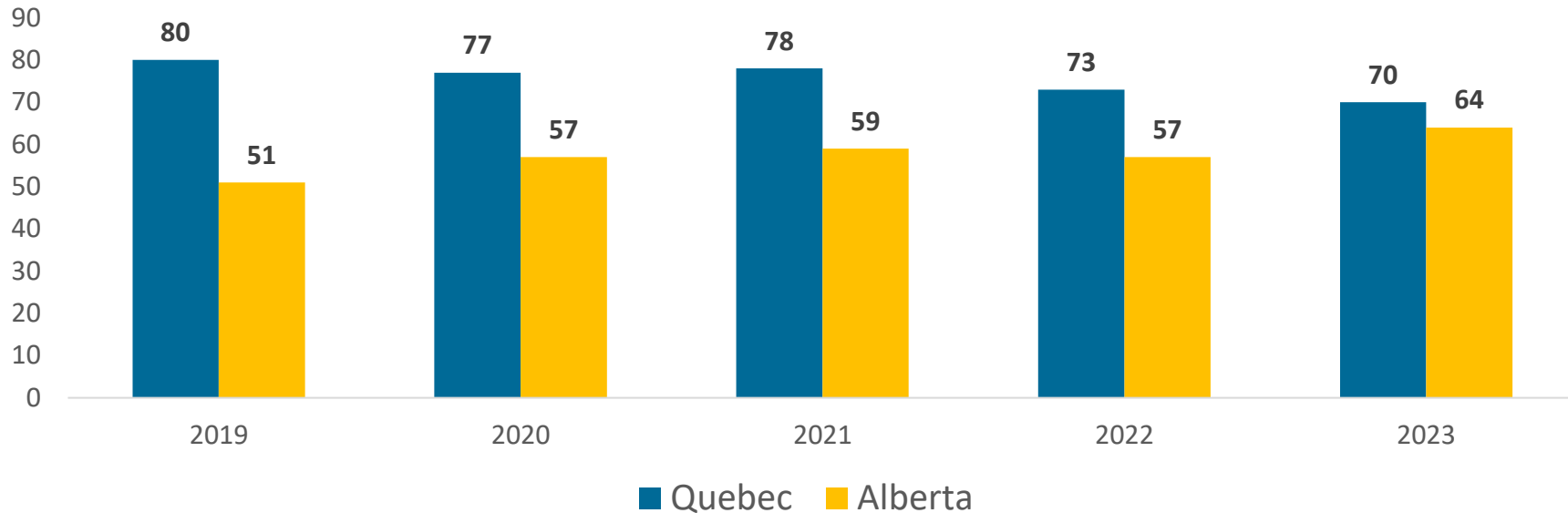
For the purposes of this slide:

Recipients: PEI, NS, NB, QC, MB

Non-recipients: NL, ON, SK, AB, BC

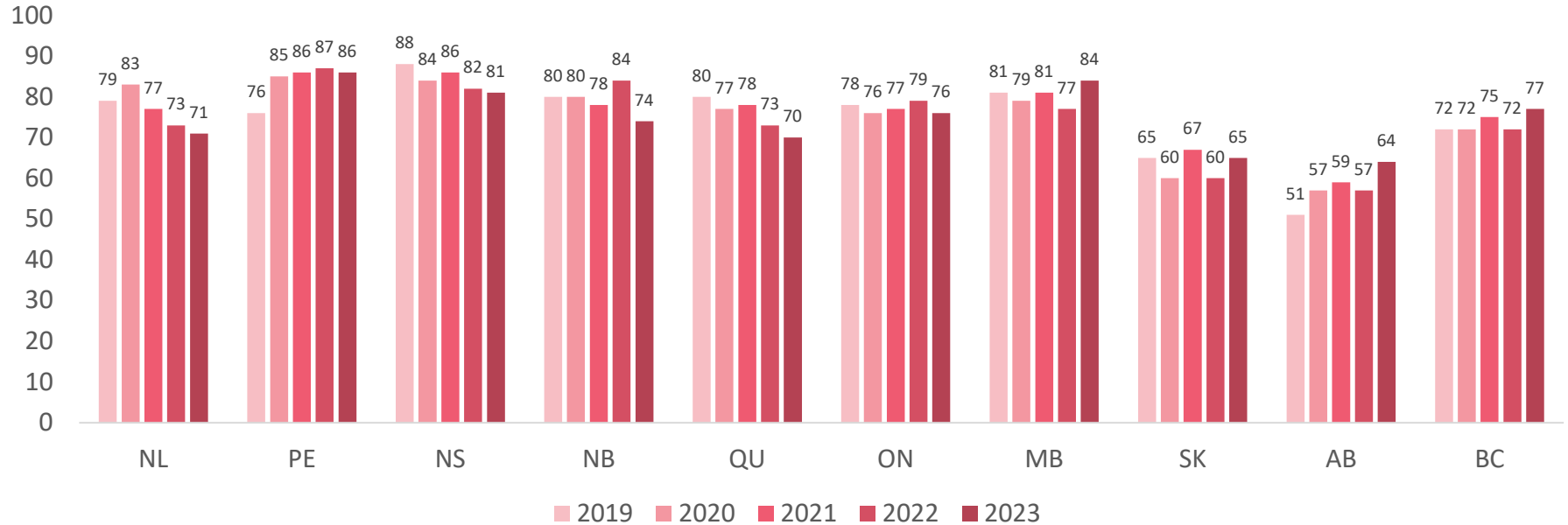
More specifically, the gap in support for equalization between Quebec and Alberta has narrowed

Strongly or somewhat support



Support for equalization by province: detail

Strongly or somewhat support





[Click here](#) to read more about attitudes towards the equalization program, including information about how aware Canadians are about whether their province receives equalization payments, in our 2022 report on [Support for Equalization](#).

About the Environics Institute

The Environics Institute for Survey Research was established by Michael Adams in 2006 with a mandate to conduct in-depth public opinion and social research on the issues shaping Canada's future. It is through such research that Canadians can better understand themselves and their changing society.





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