

**ONTARIO  
FEDERATION OF  
LABOUR**

# ONTARIANS' ATTITUDES ON KEY ISSUES

**REPORT**

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**ENVIRONICS**  
RESEARCH



# RESEARCH METHODS

This report is based on an online survey of 1,000 Ontarians, 18 years of age or older, that was conducted from November 29 to December 10, 2022. The survey was commissioned by the Ontario Federation of Labour.

At the analysis stage, the data was weighted to ensure the final sample reflects the actual distribution of region, age and gender to the Ontario population per 2021 Census data.

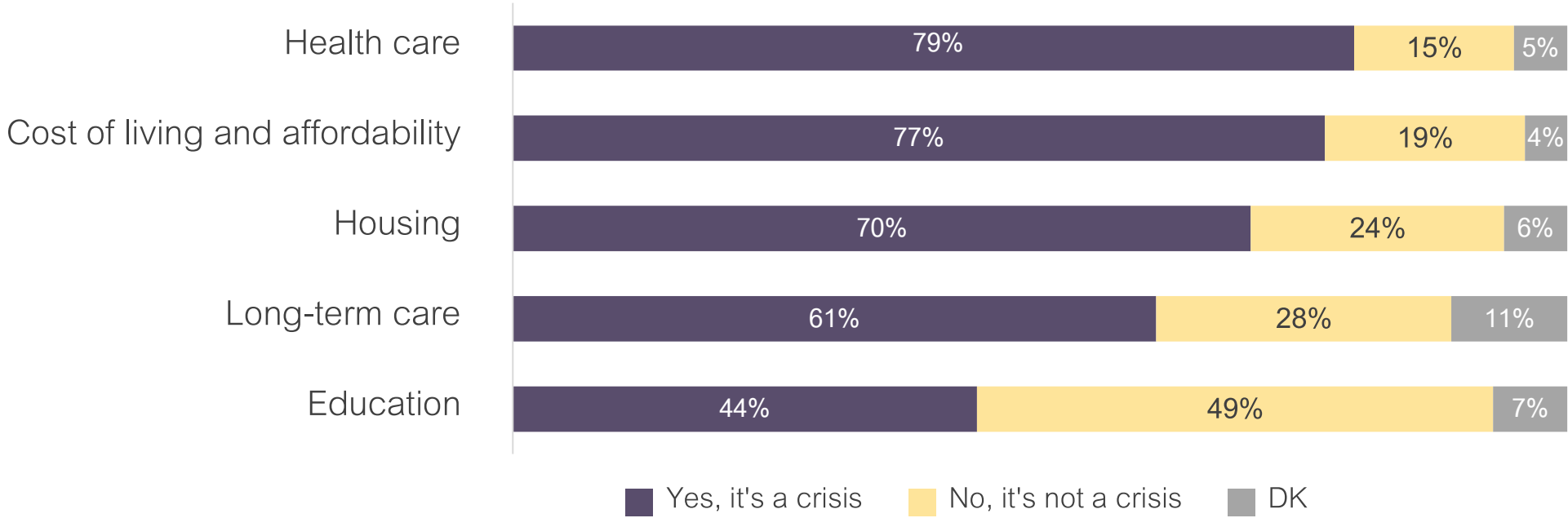
Because this online survey uses a non-probability sample, no margin of sampling error can be calculated.

	Total	Ottawa - Eastern	Central	City of Toronto	905 suburbs	Southwest	Hamilton-Niagara	Northern
Sample size (unweighted/actual)	1,000	101	53	167	182	163	71	61
Sample size (weighted)	1,000	101	61	168	190	162	72	47
Proportion of Ontario Population (%) per Census	100%	12%	8%	21%	24%	20%	9%	6%

# Ontario | **Issues in State of Crisis**

Eight in ten Ontarians believe that health care is in a state of crisis in the province. Large majorities also believe the cost of living/affordability, housing and long-term care are also in states of crisis.






*Would you say that each of the following is currently in a state of crisis in Ontario or not?*

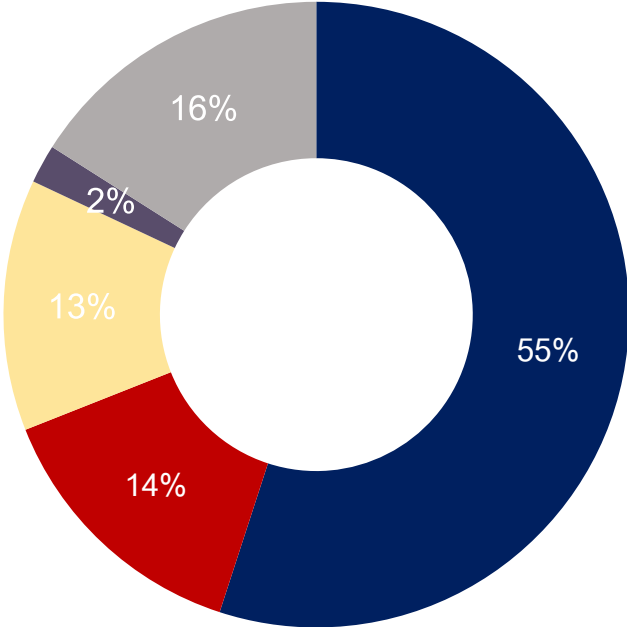


# Health Care Crisis | **Responsibility**

A majority of Ontarians feel the Ford provincial PC government is most responsible for the current health care crisis. Much smaller proportions blame the federal Liberal or previous Ontario Liberal governments.

*Who do you feel is most responsible for the current crisis in health care in Ontario, if any? Is it...?*

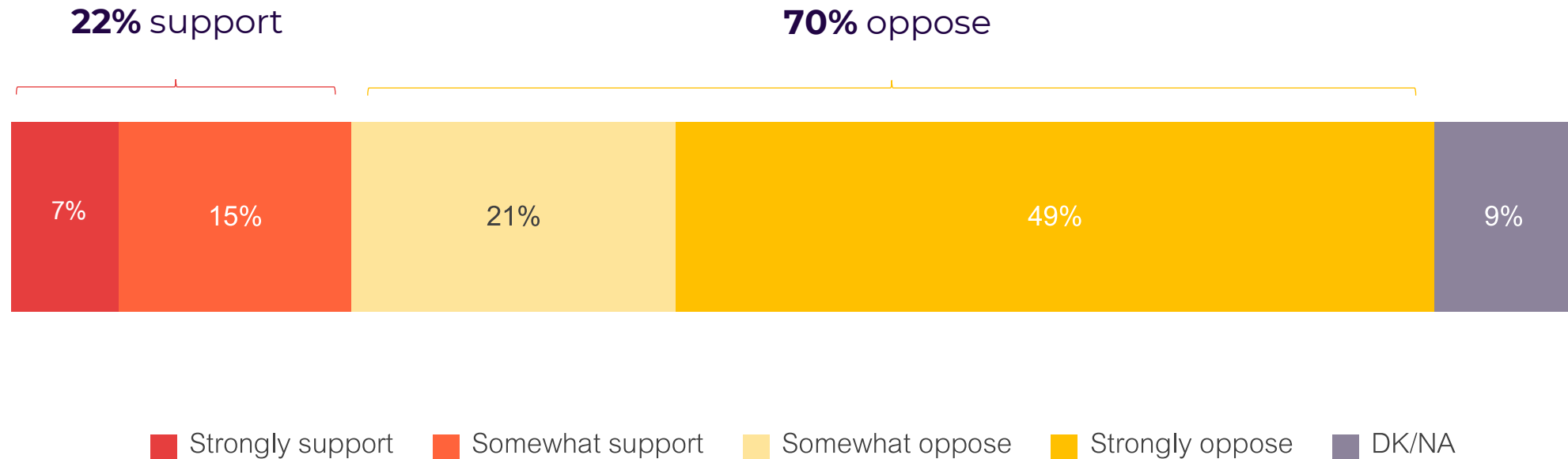
-  Doug Ford's Ontario PC government
-  Justin Trudeau's federal Liberal government
-  Past Ontario Liberal governments under Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne
-  None, there is no crisis in health care
-  Don't know



# Bill 124 | Support/Oppose Caps on Wage Increases

Seven in ten Ontarians oppose Bill 124, capping wage increases for public sector workers at 1%. Just 22 percent support this. Among those who voted PC last election 53% oppose Bill 124 and 39% support it.

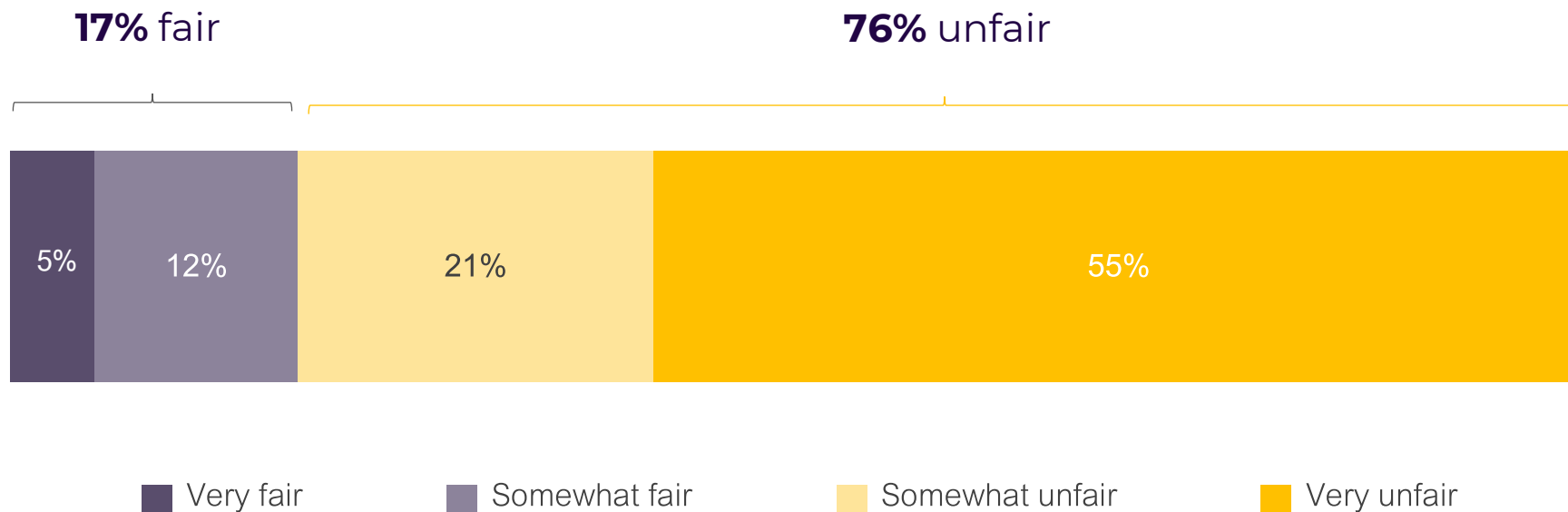
*Three years ago, the Ford government passed Bill 124 that caps any wage increases for public sector workers, including health care workers to just one percent per year. To what extent do you support or oppose this?*



# Bill 124 | Fairness of Cap on Frontline HC Workers' Wages

Over three-quarters of Ontarians feel that the 1% cap on wage increases for nurses and other front-line health care workers is somewhat or very unfair.

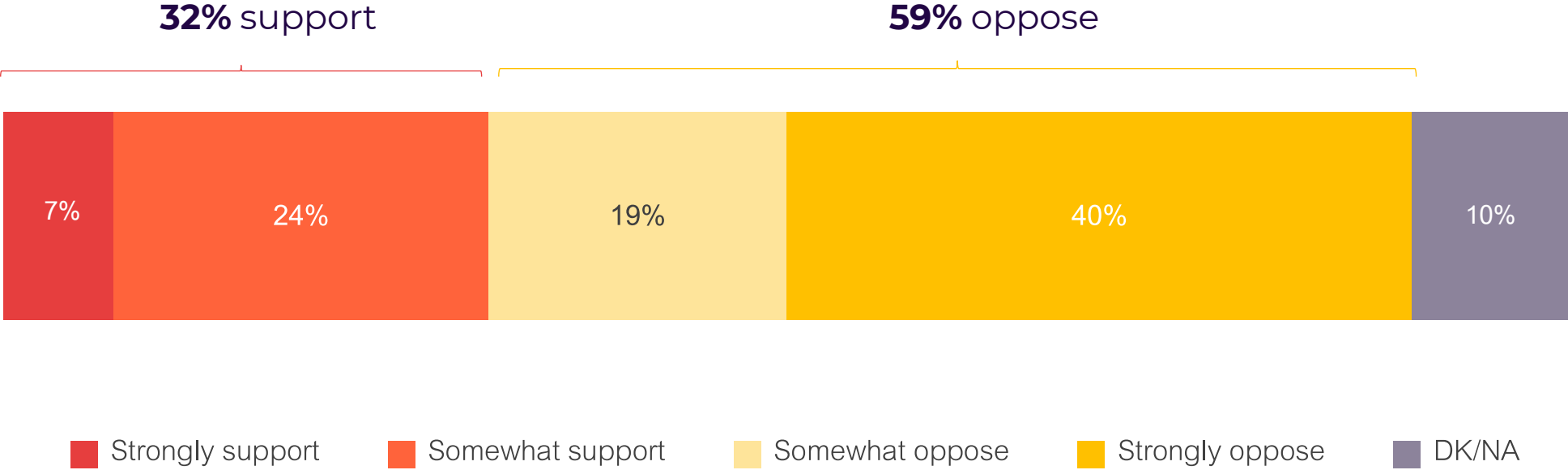
*This year alone the cost of living in Ontario has gone up by over 6%. Do you think this 1% cap on wage increases for nurses and other front-line health care workers is...?*



# Health Care in Ontario | **Support for Private Involvement**

Six in ten Ontarians oppose more involvement by private for-profit health care providers as a solution to the problems facing health care in the region.

*Some people say that a good way to solve the problems facing health care in Ontario is for there to be more involvement by private for-profit health care providers. To what extent do you support or oppose this?*



# Private Involvement in Health Care | **Attitudinal Statements**

Majorities strongly agree that allowing private companies to offer health care means people with more money will get faster access to health care and that the main objective of private for-profit health care companies is to make more money for their owners and shareholders.

*To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about private, for-profit health care?*

