

Data Tables

Attitudes to Questions Arising from Withdrawal of Services Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan

The following tables display results from a poll conducted Friday October 11 and Saturday October 12, 2002. Telephone interviews were completed with 598 individuals from a random sample which, province-wide, would produce data with a margin of error of 4%, 19 times out of 20. Margins for individual questions vary based on response rates for that question.

In the following tables, “Percent” refers to the proportion of the total sample represented by those who gave any particular response. “Valid Percent “ refers to the proportion calculated after non-respondents or those who were not asked because of a skip pattern have been excluded from the denominator.

Health Sciences Association Services Withdrawal – October 2002

Question 1: The Health Sciences Association is a union that represents 2,500 professional health workers. They have been on strike since September 18. Do you believe the government should legislate the striking employees back to work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	303	50.7%	56.0%
	No	238	39.8%	44.0%
	Total	541	90.5%	100.0%
Missing	DK	52	8.7%	
	NR	5	0.8%	
	Total	57	9.5%	
Total		598	100.0%	

Question 2: When would you say the government should legislate the employees back to work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Never	47	7.9%	21.5%
	If no negotiation	56	9.4%	25.6%
	If severely at risk	116	19.4%	53.0%
	Total	219	36.6%	100.0%
Missing	DK	9	1.5%	
	NR	10	1.7%	
	System	360	60.2%	
	Total	379	63.4%	
Total		598	100.0%	

Question 3: The Health Sciences Association represents a variety of health professions. If the government introduces back-to-work legislation, should it include:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Only hospital/emergency	171	28.6%	31.5%
	Employees and others	371	62.0%	68.5%
	Total	542	90.6%	100.0%
Missing	DK	49	8.2%	
	NR	6	1.0%	
	System	1	0.2%	
	Total	56	9.4%	
Total		598	100.0%	

Question 4: The employer is offering wage increases to Health Sciences workers that average 21% over four years. Do you consider the offer to be:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Reasonable	359	60.0%	66.9%
	Too low	98	16.4%	18.2%
	Too high	80	13.4%	14.9%
	Total	537	89.8%	100.0%
Missing	DK	54	9.0%	
	NR	7	1.2%	
	Total	61	10.2%	
Total		598	100.0%	

Question 5: How confident are you that the health system will be able to provide the care you or your family may need if the strike continues?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very confident	53	8.9%	9.2%
	Somewhat confident	146	24.4%	25.4%
	Somewhat unconfident	149	24.9%	25.9%
	Not confident at all	227	38.0%	39.5%
	Total	575	96.2%	100.0%
Missing	DK	19	3.2%	
	NR	4	0.7%	
	Total	23	3.8%	
Total		598	100.0%	