

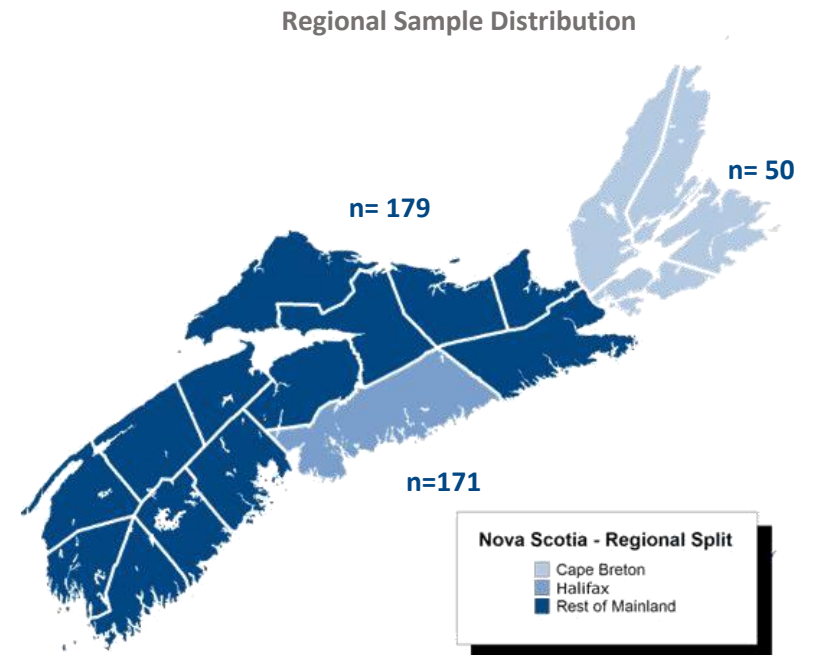
Doctors Nova Scotia

CRA Commissioned Survey Findings



Methodology

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| Method | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Probability telephone survey |
| Number of Interviews | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400 |
| Sampling | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Random sample of adults aged 18+ years from Nova Scotia |
| Data Collection Dates | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 10 to October 24, 2017 |
| Response Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5% - Cooperative Contacts (792) divided by total eligible (14,850) |
| Margin of Error | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall results accurate to within ± 4.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20 |
| Reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current results are compared with tracking data from previous Atlantic Quarterly surveys conducted from 2013 to 2017.• Results may not equal 100 percent due to rounding. |

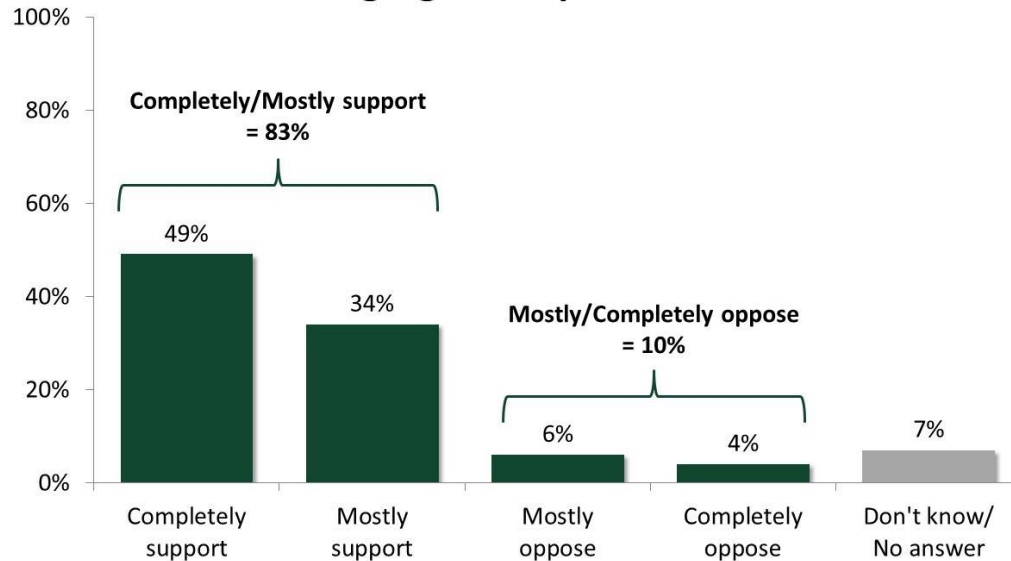


Highlights

- There is widespread public support for Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle both the issue of Government not following previously agreed upon contract terms for Nova Scotia's doctors and the issue of monies owed to Doctors Nova Scotia for physicians' health benefits.
- In both instances, support stems from the public feeling the agreements should be honoured and the disputes settled, and to some extent, to address the need for doctors. In the case of physicians' health benefits, support also stems from perceptions of doctors deserving the benefits and needing to be fairly compensated.
- While there is already widespread support of the court request to settle the issue of monies owed for physicians' health benefits, support is even stronger based on the information that the government has not made any payments in 12 months or that the government owes more than \$4 million.
- The Nova Scotia public has very limited trust and confidence in the provincial government's ability to address the current physician shortage in Nova Scotia.

Court action related to contract terms

Opinion of Court Request to Settle Issue of Government Not Following Agreed Upon Contract Terms



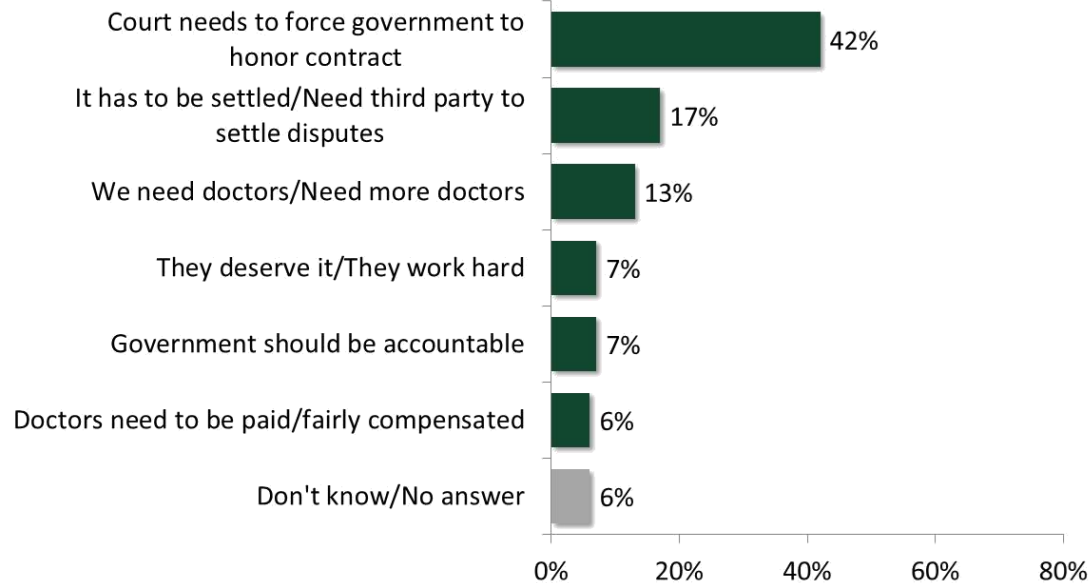
Q.D1a: As you may know, Doctors Nova Scotia, which is the organization that represents doctors in Nova Scotia, recently announced it intends to ask the courts to settle two contract issues with the provincial Government. These issues include the government not following previously agreed upon contract terms for Nova Scotia's doctors and monies owed to Doctors Nova Scotia by the Government for physicians' health benefits. These issues have not been resolved after 12 months of effort. All things considered, do you completely support, mostly support, mostly oppose, or completely oppose Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of Government not following previously agreed upon contract terms for Nova Scotia's doctors? (n=400)

- There is widespread support for Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of Government not following previously agreed upon contract terms for Nova Scotia's doctors. Specifically, one-half *strongly support* and one-third *mostly support* this action, for a combined total of more than eight in ten Nova Scotians in support.
- Levels of support are similar across the province.

Why the public supports court action

Reasons for Supporting Court Request to Settle Issue of Government Not Following Agreed Upon Contract Terms

Key Unaided Mentions, Among Those Who Support the Issue



The primary reason given for supporting the court request related to previously agreed upon contract terms pertained to ***honouring the contract***. Another less prevalent reason was ***needing the issue to be settled***, while the third most identified reason is a ***need for doctors***.

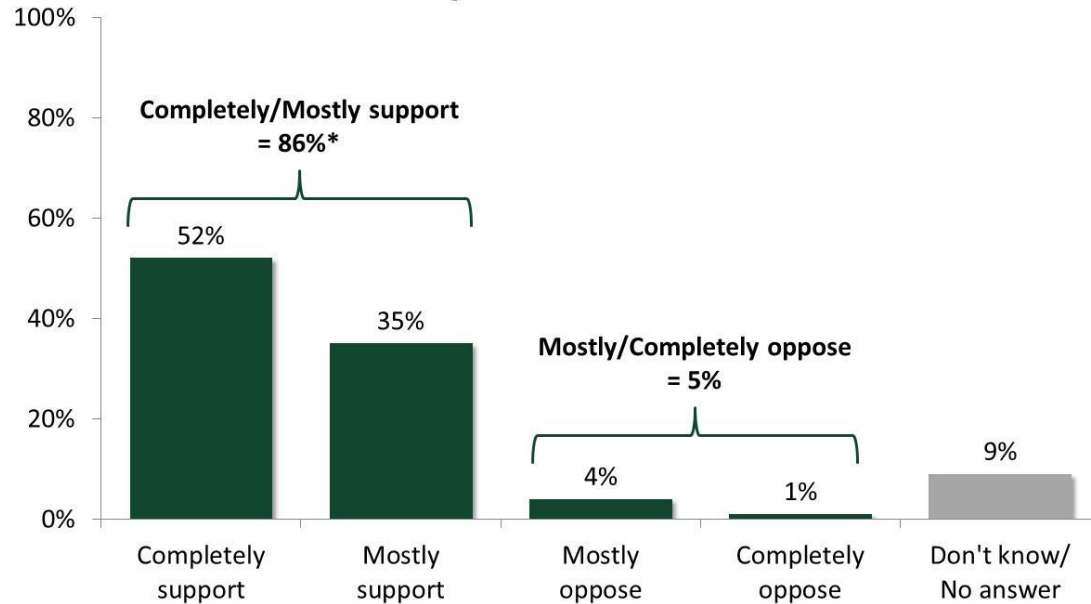
Q.D2a: [IF "COMPLETELY/MOSTLY SUPPORT" IN Q.D1a] Why do you completely/mostly support Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of Government not following previously agreed upon contract terms for Nova Scotia's doctors? Probe: Any other reasons? (n=324)

Why the public opposes court action

Among the very few opposing the court request related to previously agreed upon contract terms, reasons for opposition include belief that the ***issue should be resolved without going to court***, feeling ***doctors are well paid***, and belief that ***government should honour the contract without court involvement***.

Court action related to monies owed to DNS

Opinion of Court Request to Settle Issue of Monies Owed for Physicians' Health Benefits



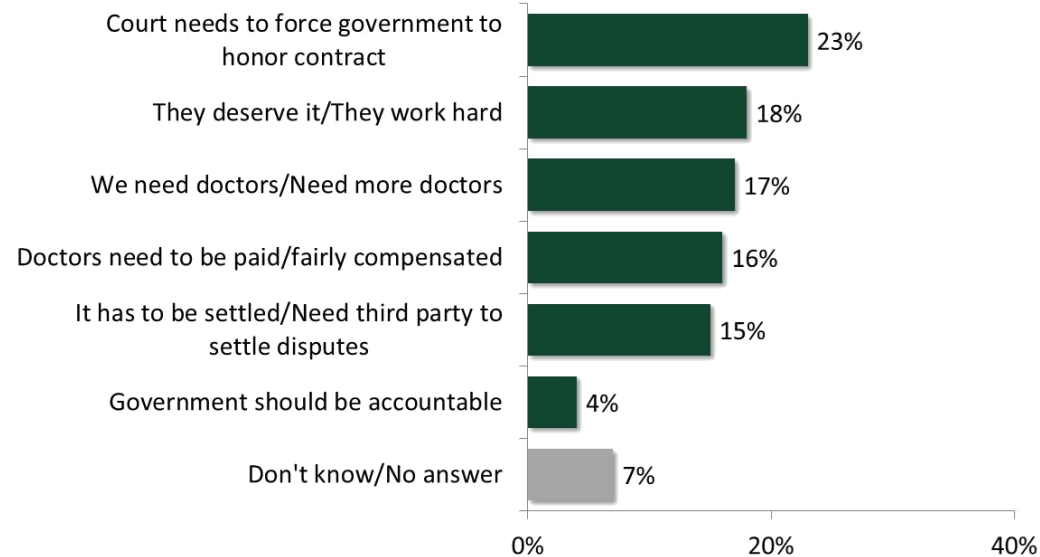
Q.D1b: All things considered, do you completely support, mostly support, mostly oppose, or completely oppose Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of monies owed to Doctors Nova Scotia for physicians' health benefits? (n=400) *Due to rounding.

- There is widespread support for Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of monies owed to Doctors Nova Scotia for physicians' health benefits. Specifically, **one-half strongly support and one-third mostly support this action**, for a combined total of nearly **nine in ten** Nova Scotians expressing support.
- Levels of support are similar across the province and various population characteristics.

Why the public supports court action

Supporting Court Request to Settle Issue of Monies Owed for Physicians' Health Benefits

Key Unaided Mentions, Among Those Who Support the Issue



Q.D2b: [IF "COMPLETELY/MOSTLY SUPPORT" IN Q.D1b] Why do you completely/mostly support Doctors Nova Scotia asking the courts to settle the issue of monies owed to Doctors Nova Scotia for physicians' health benefits? Probe: Any other reasons? (n=342)

A variety of reasons were given for supporting the court request to settle the issue of monies owed for physicians' health benefits include ***forcing government to honour the contract, doctors deserving it, needing more doctors, doctors needing to be fairly compensated, and needing the issue to be settled.***

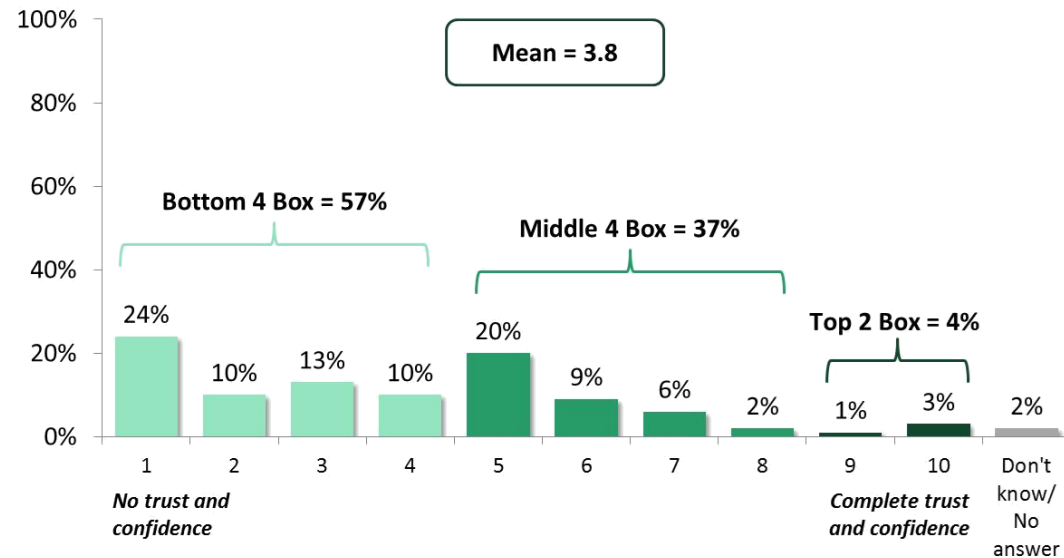
Why the public opposes court action?

Among the very few opposing the court request related to monies owed for physicians' health benefits, reasons for opposition include feeling ***doctors do not need it/are well paid*** and the ***issue should be resolved without going to court.***

Nova Scotians have limited trust in the provincial gov't to address physician shortage

Level of Confidence in Provincial Government's Ability to Address Current Physician Shortage in Nova Scotia

Rating on 10-pt Scale: 1=No trust and confidence, 10=Complete trust and confidence



Q.D4: All things considered, how much trust and confidence do you have in the provincial government's ability to address the current physician shortage in Nova Scotia? Please use a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is 'no trust and confidence' and 10 is 'complete trust and confidence'. (n=400) *Note: 'Don't know/No answer' responses are excluded from mean score calculations.*

The Nova Scotia public has very limited trust and confidence in the provincial government's ability to address the current physician shortage in Nova Scotia.

Specifically, only 4 percent of Nova Scotians indicate a high level of trust and confidence in the provincial government's ability to address the current physician shortage.