

2026 Perspectives on Calgary Survey Report Omnibus #3 – Perceptions of Safety

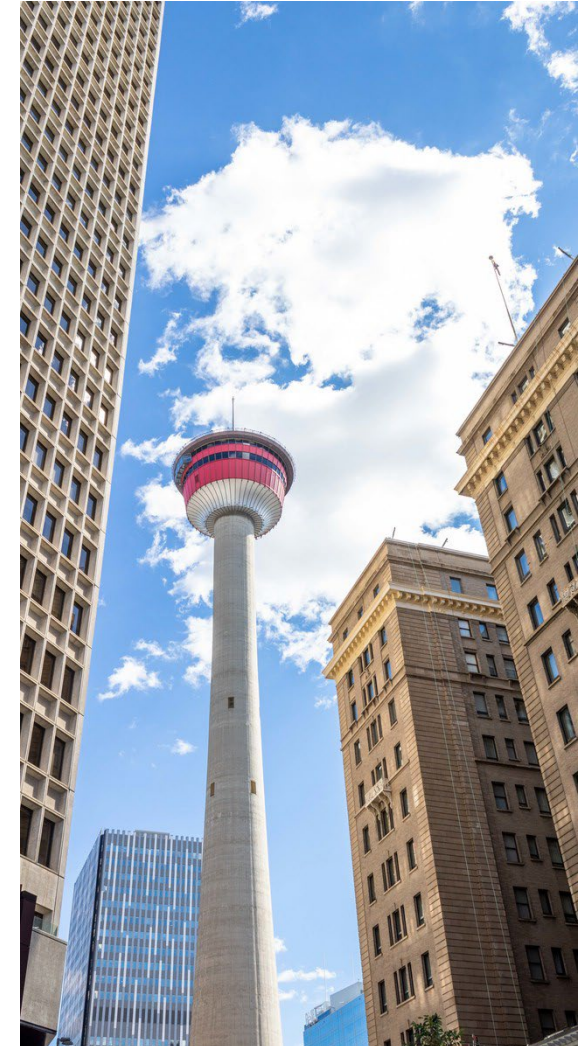
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Background and methodology

Background

The City of Calgary surveys Calgarians about their opinions, preferences, and attitudes to support data-driven City decision-making. The Perspectives on Calgary Survey is one of the ways by which data are collected, and this survey is conducted multiple times throughout the year. For this wave of research, The City's Corporate Research team focused on construction, Scotia Place, community services, transit safety and noise bylaw questions. **This report focuses on safety results only.** The safety questions are trended against previous safety studies.

Methodology

The telephone survey was conducted by Advanis from September 10th to September 23rd 2026 with 500 Calgarians. The average time to complete the survey was 19.4 minutes.

The survey was completed using numbers from both landlines (26%) and cell phones (74%) to obtain a random and statistically representative sample of Calgarians.

The margin of error (MOE) for the total sample of n=500 is ± 4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20 (though larger among subgroups of the total).

To ensure the data was gathered from a representative group of Calgarians, sample quotas were set by age, gender, and city quadrant of the general population aged 18 and older.

Data were weighted based on the latest federal census for age, gender, and city quadrant. The weighting efficiency was 76.9%. Although the results are weighted, sample sizes for each question represent the number of actual respondents (i.e., unweighted n).

Some charts and tables do not add to 100% due to rounding.

Background and methodology (continued)

Responses are being trended (where applicable) against the following survey waves of data collection

Past surveys asking safety questions	Data collection dates	n=
Wave 8 – Sep 2026 (current Omnibus)	Sep 10 – 23, 2026	500
Wave 7 – Apr 2026	Apr 9 – Apr 23, 2026	500
Wave 6 – Nov 2025	Nov 24 – Dec 13, 2025	500
Wave 5 – Oct 2024	Oct 15 – 29, 2024	502
Wave 4 – April 2024	Apr 16 – 26, 2024	500
Wave 3 – Nov 2023	Nov 13 – 23, 2023	500
Wave 2 – May 2023	May 16 – 26, 2023	500
Wave 1 – July 2022	Jul 19 – 28, 2022	500

Segment differences explanation

Any statistical differences between demographic groups are indicated with arrows to show where a group is statistically higher or lower than all other segments combined.

- To illustrate, the statistical tests performed when comparing three groups are as follows:



- This approach identifies differences between one group and everyone else who is not part of that group. To illustrate using the example below, 55+ year olds are significantly less likely to believe that people in Calgary are very welcoming and friendly compared to everyone who is not part of that group (i.e., those aged 18 to 54).
- Note that we cannot conclude that this sentiment is lower for those who are 55+ years old when compared 18-to-34-year-olds or 35-to-54-year-olds individually (which may not be true).

	Age group		
	18-34 (n=82)	35-54 (n=185)	55+ (n=234)
People in Calgary are very welcoming and friendly (% agree)	51%	56%	43% ↓

Key findings

Three-in-five Calgarians feel safe during the day either waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (64%) or riding a Calgary Transit bus (62%). When asked about safety after dark these ratings decline to two-in-five indicating they feel safe waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (38%) or riding a Calgary Transit bus (42%).

- Results for the CTrain are similar, with 59% indicating they feel safe riding a CTrain during the day, but decreasing to 37% after dark, and 56% feeling safe waiting at a CTrain station during the day, dropping to 32% after dark.
- While approximately six-in-ten (57%) Calgarians feel safe walking alone downtown during the day, this declines to three-in-ten (31%) after dark.

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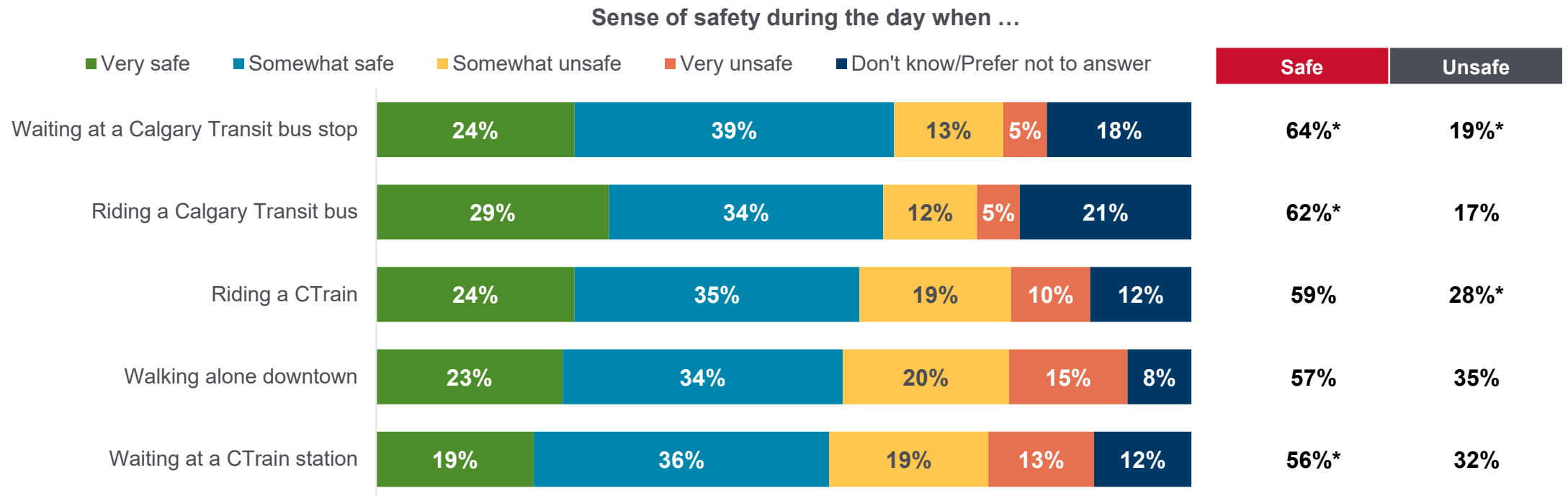
	Daytime		After Dark
	64% (+1 pt)	Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	38% (0 pt)
	62% (-1 pt)	Riding a Calgary Transit bus	42% (0 pt)
	59% (+1 pt)	Riding a CTrain	37% (+5 pt)
	56% (+2 pt)	Waiting at a CTrain station	32% (+5 pt)
	57% (+5 pt)	Walking alone downtown	31% (+5 pt)



Detailed findings – Perceptions of safety

Safety during the day

Around six-in-ten Calgarians feel safe during the day when waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (64%), riding a Calgary Transit bus (62%), or riding a CTrain (59%). Just over one-half (56%) feel safe during the day waiting at a CTrain station, while a similar proportion (57%) feel safe walking alone downtown.



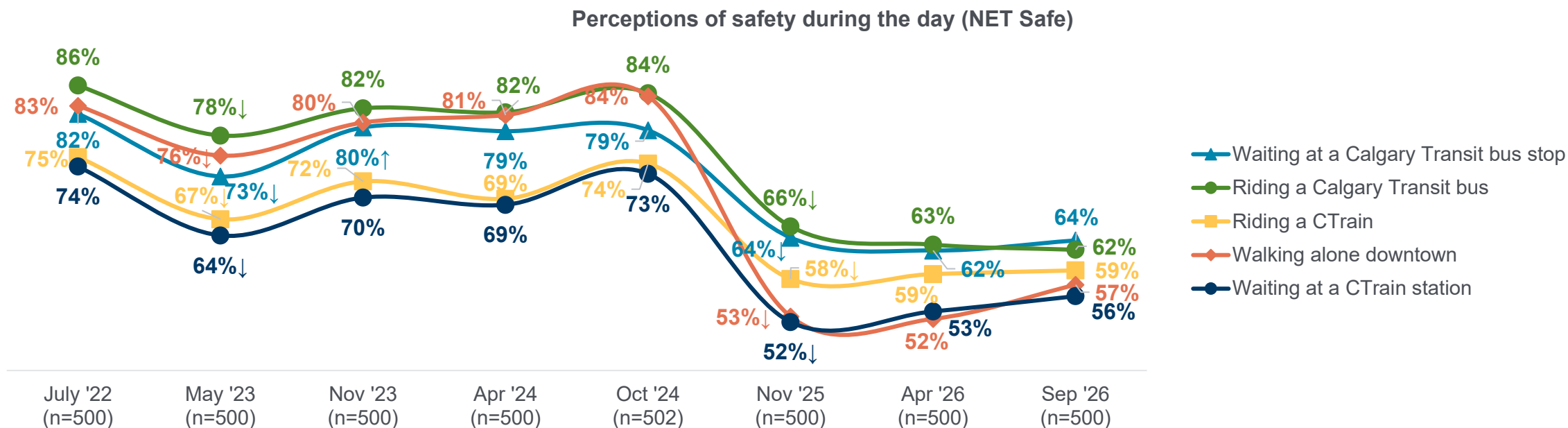
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Q8a. Using the same safety scale as before, how safe or unsafe do you feel doing the following **during the day**?

Base: Valid respondents (n=500)

Tracking perceptions of safety during the day

Perceptions of safety during the day have remained stable with results from November 2025 and April of 2026.

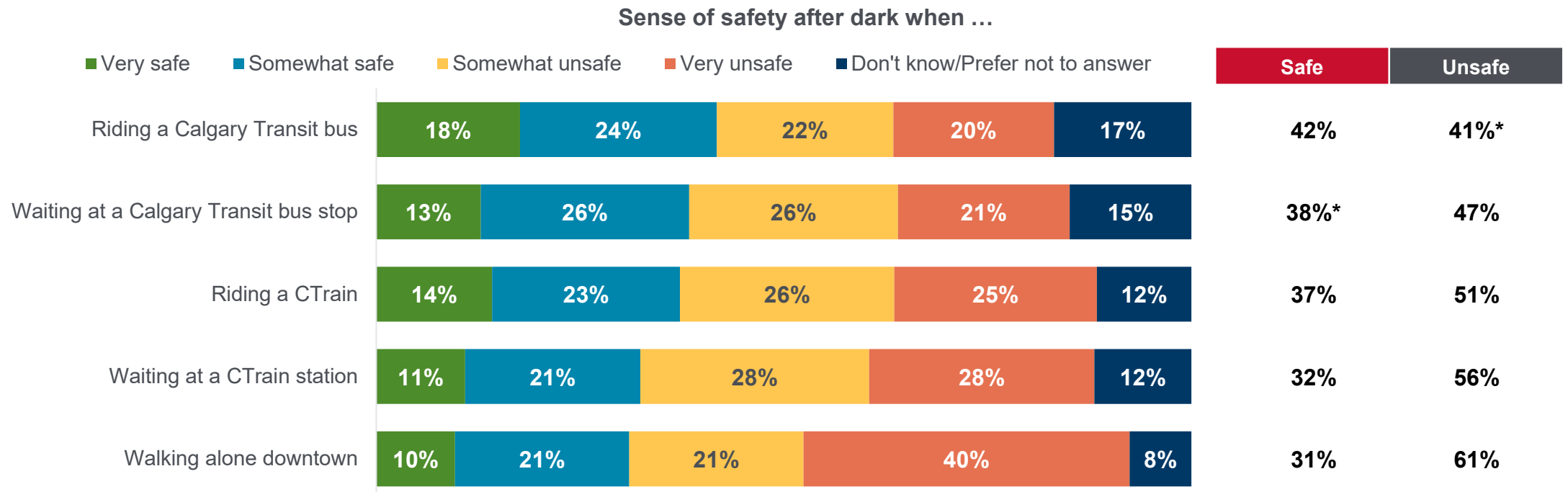


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↓ Statistically lower than the previous wave

Q8a. Using the same safety scale as before, how safe or unsafe do you feel doing the following **during the day**?
Base: Valid respondents

Safety after dark

Calgarians are less likely to feel safe at night compared to during the day. About two-in-five Calgarians feel safe at night when riding a Calgary Transit bus (42%), waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (38%), or riding a CTrain (37%). Approximately one-in-three feel safe waiting at a CTrain station after dark (32%) or walking alone downtown after dark (31%).



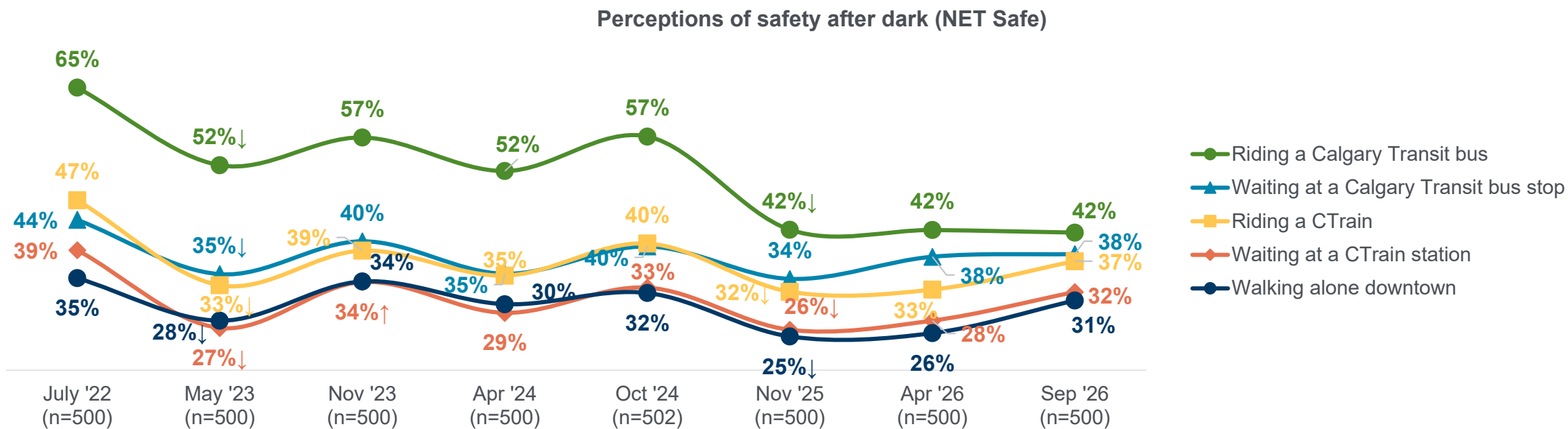
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Q8b. And how safe or unsafe do you feel doing the following **after dark**?

Base: Valid respondents (n=500)

Tracking perceptions of safety after dark

Similar to perceptions of safety during the day, perceptions of safety after dark have remained stable compared to November 2025 and April 2026.



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Q8b. And how safe or unsafe do you feel doing the following **after dark**?
Base: Valid respondents



Segment differences

Segment differences overview

Calgarians 55 years of age or older (*n=129-264*)

- With respect to safety, Calgarians aged 55 and older are less likely to feel safe riding a Calgary Transit bus regardless of if it is during the daytime (55%) or after dark (31%), as well as less likely to feel safe after dark when waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (32%) or walking downtown alone (23%).

Calgarian women (*n=159-229*)

- Women were less likely than men to feel safe walking alone downtown whether it was in daylight (48%) or after dark (15%). Similarly, they are less likely to feel safe waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop (59% during the daytime, 26% after dark), waiting at a CTrain station (50% daytime, 20% after dark), or riding a CTrain (26%) or Calgary Transit bus (32%) after dark.

Calgarians who are Racialized (*n=86-112*)

- Calgarians who are Racialized are more likely to feel safe when riding a Calgary Transit bus regardless of whether it is during the daytime (72%), or after dark (56%). They are also more likely to feel safe walking alone downtown (41%) after dark.

Calgarians not born in Canada (*n=115-161*)

- Calgarians who were not born in Canada are more likely to feel safe after dark when riding a Calgary Transit bus (53%) or walking alone downtown (41%).

Calgarians with education of high school or less (*n=65*)*

- Calgarians with education of high school or less are less likely to feel a sense of safety walking alone downtown (40%) during the day.



Respondent profile

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Gender	Unweighted %	Weighted %
Woman	44%	48%
Man	53%	48%
Non-binary person	1%	1%
Prefer to self-describe	<1%	<1%
Prefer not to answer	2%	2%

Quadrant	Unweighted %	Weighted %
Southwest	31%	28%
Southeast	22%	24%
Northwest	28%	28%
Northeast	19%	20%

Age	Unweighted %	Weighted %
18-24	6%	10%
25-34	9%	19%
35-44	16%	19%
45-54	16%	19%
55-64	14%	9%
65-74	20%	13%
75+	19%	12%

People in household	
1	16%
2	28%
3 to 4	41%
5 or more	14%
Unhoused/homeless or living in a group setting	<1%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Children in household	
Yes	35%
No	64%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Senior in household	
Yes	34%
No	65%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Tenure in Calgary	
Less than 5 years	11%
5 to less than 10 years	9%
10 to less than 15 years	9%
15 to less than 20 years	11%
20 to less than 30 years	15%
30 to less than 40 years	14%
40 years or more	30%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Disability in household**	
Yes - myself	10%
Yes - someone in my household	11%
No	79%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Identify as 2SLGBTQIA+	
Yes	7%
No	92%
Prefer not to answer	1%

**Multiple responses allowed

Base: Valid respondents (n=500, unless otherwise specified)

Respondent profile (continued)

Racialized (excludes Indigenous)	
Yes	26%
No	72%
Prefer to self-describe	0%
Prefer not to answer	2%

Born in Canada	
Yes	63%
No	37%
Prefer not to answer	0%

Identify as Indigenous**	
Yes - First Nations	2%
Yes - Métis	2%
Yes - Inuit	<1%
Yes - Prefer to self-describe	<1%
No	94%
Prefer not to answer	2%

Annual household income	
Less than \$50,000	13%
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	26%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	19%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	12%
\$200,000 or more	19%
Don't know	4%
Prefer not to answer	7%

Own/Rent home	
Own	67%
Rent	30%
Neither/Other	2%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Education	
Did not complete high school or equivalent	2%
Completed high school or equivalent	12%
Some post-secondary education	11%
Completed an apprenticeship, trades, college program, certificate or diploma	24%
Completed a university certificate, diploma or degree	51%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Employment**	
Employed full-time	47%
Employed part-time	9%
Self-employed	13%
Retired	23%
Unemployed	7%
Unable to work because of sickness or disability	2%
Looking after home and/or family	3%
Doing unpaid or voluntary work	2%
Student	3%
Other	<1%
Prefer not to answer	<1%

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**Multiple responses allowed



Appendix: Differences by sub-groups

Segment differences (continued)

	Age			Gender		Disability		Racialized		Born in Canada	
	18 - 34 (n=75)	35 - 54 (n=161)	55+ (n=264)	(n=271)	(n=229)	Yes (n=111)	No (n=384)	Yes (n=112)	No (n=377)	Yes (n=339)	No (n=161)
Sense of safety during the day when ... (% Safe)											
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	65%	67%	58%	68%↑	59%↓	56%	66%	66%	63%	63%	64%
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	66%	66%	55%↓	65%	59%	57%	64%	72%↑	58%↓	62%	63%
Riding a CTrain	58%	63%	57%	64%	55%	56%	60%	62%	58%	59%	60%
Walking alone downtown	53%	61%	56%	67%↑	48%↓	56%	58%	63%	55%	54%	62%
Waiting at a CTrain station	54%	56%	57%	61%↑	50%↓	52%	56%	60%	54%	55%	57%
Sense of safety after dark when ... (% Safe)											
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	47%	47%	31%↓	52%↑	32%↓	36%	44%	56%↑	37%↓	35%↓	53%↑
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	39%	44%	32%↓	51%↑	26%↓	32%	40%	41%	37%	36%	42%
Riding a CTrain	33%	44%↑	33%	49%↑	26%↓	33%	39%	39%	36%	34%	42%
Waiting at a CTrain station	28%	38%	29%	45%↑	20%↓	26%	34%	33%	31%	29%	38%
Walking alone downtown	30%	39%↑	23%↓	47%↑	15%↓	28%	32%	41%↑	28%↓	25%↓	41%↑

Base: all respondents

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Segment differences (continued)

	Quadrant				Household Size				Household Income				
	Southwest (n=153)	Southeast (n=108)	Northwest (n=142)	Northeast (n=97)	1 (n=95)	2 (n=174)	3 - 4 (n=169)	5+ (n=58)*	<\$50K (n=64)*	\$50K - <\$100K (n=128)	\$100K - <\$150K (n=94)	\$150K - <\$200K (n=63)*	\$200K+ (n=84)
Sense of safety during the day when ... (% Safe)													
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	61%	69%	62%	62%	60%	65%	63%	67%	62%	67%	63%	69%	62%
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	61%	58%	67%	63%	55%	63%	63%	67%	67%	68%	58%	59%	60%
Riding a CTrain	59%	59%	59%	60%	55%	65%	53%↓	73%↑	52%	67%	58%	63%	55%
Walking alone downtown	57%	54%	58%	60%	55%	58%	58%	59%	49%	60%	49%	69%	64%
Waiting at a CTrain station	56%	59%	54%	52%	55%	60%	50%	64%	60%	63%	48%	55%	52%
Sense of safety after dark when ... (% Safe)													
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	40%	40%	43%	46%	40%	43%	39%	49%	48%	48%	39%	49%	35%
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	36%	37%	39%	43%	34%	41%	37%	43%	38%	43%	35%	43%	38%
Riding a CTrain	32%	39%	36%	45%	36%	40%	34%	43%	41%	43%	32%	42%	35%
Waiting at a CTrain station	30%	33%	34%	34%	31%	35%	30%	35%	39%	37%	24%	41%	28%
Walking alone downtown	29%	30%	32%	34%	33%	28%	30%	37%	27%	36%	19%↓	43%	35%

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Segment differences (continued)

	Children in Household		Home Ownership		Education			Employment	
	Yes	No	Own	Rent	High school or less	Non-university certificate or diploma	University or higher	Employed	Not employed
	(n=137)	(n=359)	(n=371)	(n=118)	(n=65)*	(n=180)	(n=251)	(n=276)	(n=223)
Sense of safety during the day when ... (% Safe)									
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	64%	63%	64%	65%	64%	60%	66%	65%	61%
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	65%	61%	60%	66%	58%	59%	66%	64%	60%
Riding a CTrain	56%	61%	61%	55%	55%	58%	62%	60%	58%
Walking alone downtown	56%	58%	60%	53%	40%↓	60%	61%	61%↑	51%↓
Waiting at a CTrain station	49%	59%	57%	50%	49%	56%	58%	56%	55%
Sense of safety after dark when ... (% Safe)									
Riding a Calgary Transit bus	45%	40%	39%	49%	36%	36%	48%↑	48%↑	31%↓
Waiting at a Calgary Transit bus stop	38%	39%	38%	40%	39%	33%	42%	43%↑	30%↓
Riding a CTrain	38%	37%	37%	41%	37%	34%	40%	40%	32%
Waiting at a CTrain station	31%	33%	33%	34%	34%	27%	36%	35%	28%
Walking alone downtown	30%	32%	29%	35%	29%	27%	35%	36%↑	21%↓

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