

Tables 48A, 48B, and 48C present the results for a battery of questions on a number of important employment and training issues. While specific demographic and attitudinal (i.e. key ballot questions) breaks for each question are available in the appended detailed tables, the most salient points are highlighted below:

- There is overwhelming support (87%) for allowing welfare recipients to re-train while still receiving their welfare benefits.
- There is a strong belief (80%) that jobs lost during the recession will not come back. However, there is still a sense that jobs are going unfilled because of a lack of qualified candidates. The key to new employment opportunities for the unemployed is seen to be training.
- 84% believe the federal government should focus on creating the right climate for private sector job creation rather than creating jobs directly.
- A majority (62%) agree that many unemployed Canadians are illiterate.
- There is a general belief that there should be an expansion of the role of business/workers in training, accompanied by a less "monopolistic" role for government.
- Moving to find employment is acceptable; both as a focus for government policy, and as a personal response to unemployment.
- Targeting of training programs to assist disadvantaged groups is a controversial practice in terms of public opinion. A slim majority (54%) agree with special training initiatives for target group members.
- The federal government's performance in providing assistance to older workers looking for work is seen as inadequate.