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By David Ljunggren/Reuters

OTTAWA — The opposition Liberals are still ahead in public opinion but their lead over the ruling Conservatives has shrunk since June, according to a poll released Monday.

The Nanos Research survey put the Liberals on 33.8%, down from the 36.3% recorded by the same firm two months ago. The Conservatives were on 31.3%, down from 32.2%.

A string of polls in recent weeks show the Liberals and the Conservatives virtually tied, with neither able to reach the 36.5% mark needed to form a minority government.

“If an election took place in the near future, the outcome would be uncertain,” said pollster Nik Nanos.

The Liberals are threatening to present a non-confidence motion when the House of Commons reconvenes next month. The Liberals say Prime Minister Stephen Harper is not doing enough to help the jobless.

Nanos said 29.5% of Canadians thought Mr. Harper would make the best prime minister, down from 32.2% recorded in a poll done by the same firm in April. Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff was in second place with 26.2%, down from 27.4%.

The Nanos poll of 1,002 adults was carried out from July 30 to August 2 and is considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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*Photo: Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff and Prime Minister Stephen Harper during separate news conferences on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, June 17, 2009. (Chris Wattie/Reuters)*

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