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Unofficial Results for the 2018 Provincial General Election

TORONTO, June 8, 2018 – Elections Ontario transformed the voting experience for electors across the province during the 42^{nd} general election. The introduction of technology in the polls allowed media outlets to project a winner under 15 minutes from the time polls closed.

Unofficial results currently indicate that 58.0% of eligible voters in the province cast their ballot, including those who voted by mail, at returning offices, in hospital, through home visit, during advance voting and on election day. This is an increase from the 51.3% of eligible voters who cast their ballot during the 41st general election.

Official tabulation will take place for all 124 electoral districts across the province from June 9 to June 11. As part of the unofficial results, the number of declined, rejected and unmarked ballots will be available at <u>www.elections.on.ca</u>.

Quote

"The 42nd general election saw a transformation in Ontario's electoral process thanks to technology in the polls. We are proud that our measured and principled approach to modernization made voting even easier for many electors across the province while maintaining the integrity and security of our elections."

- Greg Essensa, Ontario's Chief Electoral Officer

Quick Facts

- E-Poll books make it easier and faster for an elector to get a ballot. Election officials used e-Poll books to strike voters' names from the Voters List before providing them with their ballot.
- Voters then cast their ballot using vote tabulators, delivering faster and improved service to Ontario's electors.
- The number of electoral districts in Ontario increased from 107 to 124 for the 2018 general election.
- Information about official tabulation and judicial recounts is available online at <u>www.elections.on.ca</u>.

Elections Ontario is the non-partisan agency responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections and referenda. For more information visit <u>elections.on.ca</u> or call 1-888-668-8683 (TTY: 1-888-292-2312).

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