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Methodology:

Results are based on an online survey conducted on February 25 and February 26, 2025, among 701 Ontario adults, including 666 decided voters in the 2025 provincial election. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.7 percentage points for the entire sample and +/- 3.9 percentage points for the sample of decided voters, nineteen times out of twenty.

Voting Intention Among Decided Voters

PC - 46% (+1) Liberal - 30% (-1) NDP - 17% (+2) Green - 5% (+1) Other / Indep. - 2% (-2)

Approval Ratings

Doug Ford – 56% (=) Marit Stiles – 47% (+4) Bonnie Crombie – 43% (-5) Mike Schreiner – 40% (=)

Best Premier

Doug Ford – 44% (-2) Bonnie Crombie – 26% (+4) Marit Stiles – 14% (+3) Mike Schreiner – 5% (=) Not sure – 14% (+4)

Progressive Conservatives Headed for Fresh Term in Ontario

Doug Ford maintains sizeable leads over his rivals in both approval ratings and the "Best Premier" question.

Vancouver, BC [February 26, 2025] – Public support for the governing Progressive Conservatives has not dwindled in the final stages of Ontario's provincial election campaign, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative sample of Ontarians, 46% of decided voters (+1 since a similar Research Co. poll <u>conducted</u> <u>in mid-February</u>) say they will support the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party tomorrow or have already done so.

The Ontario Liberal Party is in second place with 30% (-1), followed by the Ontario New Democratic Party (NDP) with 17% (+2) and the Ontario Green Party with 5% (+1). An additional 2% of decided voters (-2) would support other parties or independent candidates.

"More than half of decided voters aged 55 and over in Ontario (55%) are backing the Progressive Conservatives," says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. "Support for the governing party is lower among decided voters aged 35-to-54 (49%) and aged 18-to-34 (37%)."

The approval rating for Premier and Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leader Doug Ford is unchanged at 56%. Just under half of Ontarians (47%, +4) are satisfied with the way Official Opposition and Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles has managed her duties. The numbers are lower for Ontario Liberal Party leader Bonnie Crombie (43%, -5) and Ontario Green Party leader Mike Schreiner (40%, =).

The four main party leaders reach the final day of campaigning with negative momentum scores: -4 for Crombie, -3 for Ford and -1 for both Stiles and Schreiner.

Ford maintains a large lead on the "Best Premier" question, with 44% (-2). Crombie is second with 26% (+4), followed by Stiles (14%, +3) and Schreiner (5%, =).

Three-in-ten Ontarians (30%, +2) identify the economy and jobs as the most important issue facing the province, followed by housing, poverty and homelessness (28%, =), health care (18%, -1), government accountability (5%, =) and crime and public safety (4%, -1).



About Research Co.

Simply put, we are curious about what people think and the decisions they will make. Some call it public opinion, others call it polling or public affairs. We never compromise facts for profit. Our agenda is the truth.

We have a global network of partners in the qualitative, data collection and data visualization specialities.

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