

### **Rental Housing in Toronto**

### Majority of Torontonians believe the city should have authority on housing issues

Toronto, February  $25^{th}$  — In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> among 1077 Torontonians 18 years of age or older, two thirds (TOP2: 65%) say the city of Toronto should have authority on housing issues such as evictions and the use of private bailiffs.

A third (36%) say that the city of Toronto should have some authority. 3 in 10 (29%) say that the city should have a lot of authority.

1 in 10 (9%) say the city should not have a lot of authority, a similar proportion (7%) say no authority at all.

A fifth (19%) say they are not sure.

### Torontonians say the city is not doing enough to increase the supply of housing

7 in 10 (69%) say the city of Toronto is not doing enough to increase the supply of rental housing across the city.

1 in 10 (9%) say the city is doing enough, few (7%) say more than enough.

One-sixth (15%) say they are not sure.

Respondents who are most likely to say the city is not doing enough are those 34 and younger (75%), earning \$20,000 to \$40,000 (75%) or \$80,000 to \$100,000 (78%), and living in former City of Toronto (80%).

#### A third say current housing laws favour landlords

A third (33%) of Torontonians say current housing laws favour landlords. A quarter (23%) say tenants are favoured.

One-sixth (15%) say neither landlords or tenants are favoured.

3 in 10 (29%) are not sure who the current housing laws favour.

Respondents who are most likely to say the current housing laws favour landlords are those 34 and younger (42%), earning \$20,000 to \$40,000 (36%), \$60,000 to \$80,000 (39%), or \$80,000 to \$100,000 (36%), and living in Former City of Toronto (38%) or York (37%).

Respondents who are most likely to say the current housing laws favour tenants are those age 35-44 years (33%), the most wealthy (33%), and living in East York (29%) or York (31%).

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#### Torontonians are spilt on shortening waiting periods for evictions

Torontonians are spilt on shortening the waiting period for evictions, nearly a third (29%) say they approve, the same proportion (29%) disapprove.

4 in 10 (42%) say they don't know.

#### Sentiments mixed on using private bailiffs to handle evictions

A third (35%) say they disapprove of using private bailiffs to handle evictions. A quarter (26%) say they approve.

4 in 10 (39%) say they don't know.

Respondents most likely to disapprove are those 34 and younger (44%), earning \$20,000 to \$40,000 (43%) or the most wealthy (42%), and living in former City of Toronto (49%).

Respondents most likely to approve are those age 35-44 (32%) or 55-64 (30%), earning \$80,000 to \$100,000 (33%) or the most wealthy (30%), and living in East York (31%) or Scarborough (30%).

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#### Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1077 randomly selected Torontonians. The poll was conducted February 21-22, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at <a href="https://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp">www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp</a>

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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### Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied.

Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100

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#### **Current housing laws**

Generally, do you think current housing laws favour tenants or landlords, or neither?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1077	188	175	211	226	277	488	564
Landlords	33	42	33	35	27	20	36	31
Tenants	23	17	33	22	24	19	27	19
Neither	15	16	11	15	20	16	15	15
Not sure	29	25	24	28	29	45	22	35

#### Community

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1077	297	91	227	186	77	199
Landlords	33	38	29	30	32	37	31
Tenants	23	20	29	24	24	31	21
Neither	15	18	16	11	19	8	16
Not sure	29	23	27	36	24	24	32

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1077	150	194	128	124	100	193
Landlords	33	32	36	35	39	36	29
Tenants	23	17	21	21	20	27	33
Neither	15	12	11	13	17	12	21
Not sure	29	39	32	30	24	24	18

#### **Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1077	138	253	432	254
Landlords	33	29	36	33	33
Tenants	23	15	17	28	24
Neither	15	11	16	14	18
Not sure	29	44	31	26	24

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#### Waiting periods for evictions

Do you approve or disapprove of shortening the waiting period for evictions?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1077	188	175	211	226	277	488	564
Approve	29	20	39	29	30	31	33	24
Disapprove	29	43	27	24	26	15	31	28
Don't know	42	37	33	47	44	55	36	49

#### **Community**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	of East North York York Etobico		Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1077	297	91	227	186	77	199
Approve	29	28	31	24	35	26	31
Disapprove	29	39	28	26	24	36	24
Don't know	42	33	41	50	41	38	45

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1077	150	194	128	124	100	193
Approve	29	23	21	26	31	33	35
Disapprove	29	30	37	27	30	26	29
Don't know	42	47	42	47	39	41	36

#### **Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1077	138	253	432	254
Approve	29	25	24	28	36
Disapprove	29	33	31	29	26
Don't know	42	43	44	43	38

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#### Using private bailiffs to handle evictions

Do you approve or disapprove of using private bailiffs to handle evictions?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1077	188	175	211	226	277	488	564
Approve	26	21	32	26	30	26	31	21
Disapprove	35	44	32	32	33	25	39	30
Don't know	39	35	36	42	37	49	30	48

#### **Community**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1077	297	91	227	186	77	199
Approve	26	23	31	25	27	28	30
Disapprove	35	49	27	31	27	32	29
Don't know	39	28	42	45	47	40	41

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1077	150	194	128	124	100	193
Approve	26	23	15	22	29	33	30
Disapprove	35	32	43	33	31	36	42
Don't know	39	44	42	46	40	31	28

#### **Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree	
Sample	1077	138	253	432	254	
Approve	26	25	23	27	29	
Disapprove	35	29	35	35	38	
Don't know	39	47	42	38	33	

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#### City of Toronto and authority over housing issues

In your opinion, how much authority should the city of Toronto have on housing issues such as evictions and the use of private bailiffs?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1077	188	175	211	226	277	488	564
No authority at all	7	6	8	9	8	4	9	5
Not a lot of authority	9	6	9	12	11	10	10	8
Some authority	36	42	40	30	30	30	32	40
A lot of authority	29	33	26	25	30	29	34	24
Not sure	19	13	17	23	21	27	15	23

#### **Community**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1077	297	91	227	186	77	199
No authority at all	7	6	7	8	8	7	8
Not a lot of authority	9	6	15	9	10	8	12
Some authority	36	31	30	37	29	35	44
A lot of authority	29	40	27	26	30	28	18
Not sure	19	17	21	20	24	22	17

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K
Sample	1077	150	194	128	124	100	193
No authority at all	7	10	11	3	6	4	7
Not a lot of authority	9	8	9	9	12	11	9
Some authority	36	35	29	39	31	40	35
A lot of authority	29	25	31	27	35	31	32
Not sure	19	22	21	22	17	13	17

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Sample	1077	138	253	432	254
No authority at all	7	7	8	7	7
Not a lot of authority	9	12	8	10	7
Some authority	36	34	37	37	33
A lot of authority	29	21	30	29	33
Not sure	19	26	17	17	21

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#### Supply of rental housing in Toronto

Is the City of Toronto doing enough to increase the supply of rental housing across the city, or not?

#### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1077	188	175	211	226	277	488	564
Not enough	69	75	71	64	65	61	68	70
Enough	9	6	6	16	11	12	10	8
More than enough	7	2	14	4	7	6	7	6
Not sure	15	16	10	15	16	21	15	16

#### **Community**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1077	297	91	227	186	77	199
Not enough	69	80	65	64	61	59	67
Enough	9	8	14	10	10	10	8
More than enough	7	4	7	6	9	8	9
Not sure	15	9	15	19	20	23	16

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K
Sample	1077	150	194	128	124	100	193
Not enough	69	68	75	72	64	78	67
Enough	9	6	10	5	10	9	10
More than enough	7	5	3	3	9	4	12
Not sure	15	21	11	21	17	9	11

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%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1077	138	253	432	254
Not enough	69	68	70	67	71
Enough	9	5	8	9	12
More than enough	7	1	9	6	6
Not sure	15	26	13	17	11

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