

NEWS RELEASE



MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1-in-6 have been victims of violent crime

One half want race-based crime stats gathered

TORONTO, April 11th, 2015 - As many as one-in-six Torontonians have been the victims of violent crime such as assault, a mugging or a robbery at gun point (15%), and this is just slightly down from close to one fifth noted in August, 2012 (18%). Incidence of being a victim is commonest to the youngest (21%), the least wealthy (a proxy for youth - 23%), residents of Scarborough (20%) and York (19% - caution: small base size), Doug Ford voters (23%), provincial New Democrats (21%) and those who disapprove of the job Tory is doing as mayor (25%).

One half want police to gather race-based crime statistics

One half of Toronto voters want to see Toronto Police gather race-based crime statistics (50%) and this hasn't changed since August, 2012 (49%). One third do not favour the idea now (35%) and 3-in-10 then (31%). One-in-six don't have an opinion (15%). Agreement is characteristic of the youngest (54%), males (56%), the wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 65%), in North York, Etobicoke, and Scarborough (55% each), in East York (60% - caution: small base size) and those who disapprove of Mayor Tory (57%).

Three quarters support handgun ban

Support for a handgun ban in Toronto is very high whenever we poll the issue. Currently, three quarters approve of such a ban (75%), down slightly from 8-in-10 in January 2013 (81%) and stable from three quarters in August of 2012 (75%).

Fewer feel unsafe in Toronto now

Just one fifth of Torontonians now think their personal safety is at risk in the city (21%), well down from one third in August 2012 (34%). Those most likely to see risk in Toronto are Boomers (55 to 64 - 24%), females (25%), the least wealthy (30%), in North York (26%), East York (31% - caution: small base size), among Doug Ford voters (29%), provincial New Democrats (26%) and those who disapprove of John Tory (28%).

"It would appear Toronto has become a safer city, or at least its citizens believe it has. Our last wave of polling on violent crime was during the summer of 2012, when gun crime was headline news, and that may have influenced the findings then," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D. is the president and founder of Forum Research. He can be reached at lbozinoff@forumresearch.com or at (416) 960-9603.

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS:

- As many as one-in-six Torontonians have been the victims of violent crime.
- One half of Toronto voters want to see Toronto Police gather race-based crime statistics (50%) and this hasn't changed since August, 2012 (49%).
- Three quarters approve of handgun ban (75%).
- Just one fifth of Torontonians now think their personal safety is at risk in the city (21%), well down from one third in August 2012 (34%).
- "It would appear Toronto has become a safer city, or at least its citizens believe it has. Our last wave of polling on violent crime was during the summer of 2012, when gun crime was headline news, and that may have influenced the findings then," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 865 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on April 7-8th, 2015.

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 www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

Violent Crime Victim - Trending

%	April 11 th , 2015	August 10 th , 2012
Sample	865	812
Yes	15	18
No	85	82

TPS to Gather and Publish Race-Based Crime Statistics - Trending

%	April 11 th , 2015	August 10 th , 2012
Sample	865	812
Agree	50	49
Disagree	35	31
Don't know	15	20

Handgun Ban - Trending

%	April 11 th , 2015	June 28 th , 2013	January 25 th , 2013	August 10 th , 2012
Sample	865	1212	1099	812
Agree	75	75	81	75
Disagree	19	18	11	15
Don't know	6	7	8	11

Personal Safety at Risk in Toronto - Trending

%	April 11 th , 2015	August 10 th , 2012
Sample	865	812
Agree	21	34
Disagree	72	59
Don't know	7	7

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President

lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

416.960.9603

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

Violent Crime Victim

'Have you ever suffered a violent crime, such as being mugged, robbed at gunpoint or being assaulted?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	865	188	128	183	159	207	450	415
Yes	15	21	10	14	18	9	18	13
No	85	79	90	86	82	91	82	87

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	865	327	183	192	163
Yes	15	15	9	17	20
No	85	85	91	83	80

Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K	250K+
Sample	865	105	124	117	102	74	175	37
Yes	15	23	12	14	18	13	13	20
No	85	77	88	86	82	87	87	80

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	865	149	351	126	59
Yes	15	23	11	15	22
No	85	77	89	85	78

Last Provincial Vote

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	865	178	351	111	40	36
Yes	15	14	12	21	13	33
No	85	86	88	79	87	67

180 Bloor Street W., #1400

Toronto, ON M5S 2V6

T 416.960.9600

F 416.960.9602

forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
 lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
 416.960.9603

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

TPS to Gather and Publish Race-Based Crime Statistics

‘Do you agree or disagree Toronto Police should gather and publish race-based crime statistics?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	865	188	128	183	159	207	450	415
Agree	50	54	54	47	42	45	56	44
Disagree	35	33	30	42	41	34	32	38
Don't know	15	12	16	11	18	21	12	18

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	865	327	183	192	163
Agree	50	42	55	49	55
Disagree	35	41	28	39	31
Don't know	15	17	16	11	14

Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K	250K+
Sample	865	105	124	117	102	74	175	37
Agree	50	38	54	52	52	65	49	49
Disagree	35	37	32	30	36	25	42	43
Don't know	15	25	14	18	12	10	9	7

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	865	149	351	126	59
Agree	50	57	45	34	53
Disagree	35	24	43	52	29
Don't know	15	19	12	14	19

Last Provincial Vote

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	865	178	351	111	40	36
Agree	50	50	44	47	64	56
Disagree	35	34	42	43	22	24
Don't know	15	16	14	10	14	20

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
 Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
 T 416.960.9600
 F 416.960.9602
 forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
 lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
 416.960.9603

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

Handguns Ban

'Do you agree or disagree the city of Toronto should ban handguns?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	865	188	128	183	159	207	450	415
Agree	75	69	74	80	73	86	71	79
Disagree	19	25	20	16	17	9	24	14
Don't know	6	7	6	4	10	5	5	7

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	865	327	183	192	163
Agree	75	82	75	70	73
Disagree	19	14	19	21	22
Don't know	6	5	6	9	6

Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K	250K+
Sample	865	105	124	117	102	74	175	37
Agree	75	70	79	82	75	74	84	69
Disagree	19	19	14	14	20	20	15	22
Don't know	6	11	7	4	5	5	1	9

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	865	149	351	126	59
Agree	75	72	77	87	69
Disagree	19	21	19	9	23
Don't know	6	8	4	5	9

Last Provincial Vote

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	865	178	351	111	40	36
Agree	75	70	85	82	51	61
Disagree	19	26	9	14	37	24
Don't know	6	5	6	4	12	15

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
 Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
 T 416.960.9600
 F 416.960.9602
 forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
 lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
 416.960.9603

TORONTO
April 11th, 2015

Personal Safety at Risk in Toronto

‘Do you agree or disagree that your personal safety is at risk in Toronto?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	865	188	128	183	159	207	450	415
Agree	21	21	19	23	24	19	16	25
Disagree	72	73	72	73	71	71	79	66
Don't know	7	6	8	5	6	10	5	9

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	865	327	183	192	163
Agree	21	17	26	20	21
Disagree	72	79	65	74	70
Don't know	7	4	9	6	9

Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K	250K+
Sample	865	105	124	117	102	74	175	37
Agree	21	30	29	19	21	23	13	11
Disagree	72	56	65	72	77	72	82	89
Don't know	7	14	6	9	2	6	5	0

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	865	149	351	126	59
Agree	21	29	14	11	30
Disagree	72	63	80	84	62
Don't know	7	7	6	5	8

Last Provincial Vote

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	865	178	351	111	40	36
Agree	21	19	14	26	21	34
Disagree	72	75	79	68	73	56
Don't know	7	6	6	6	6	10

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
 Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
 T 416.960.9600
 F 416.960.9602
 forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

For more information:

Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D.

President

Forum Research Inc.

Tel: (416) 960-9603

Fax: (416) 960-9602

E-mail: lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President

lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

416.960.9603

TORONTO

April 11th, 2015

180 Bloor Street W., #1400

Toronto, ON M5S 2V6

T 416.960.9600

F 416.960.9602

forumresearch.com