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# **Majority Support Rules For Airbnb in Toronto**

Toronto, June 27<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> among 1040 Toronto voters, the majority (59%) support the regulation of Airbnb in Toronto, which is up 12 points since March (March 16: 47%). A quarter (24%) say Airbnb should not be regulated, up 4 points (March 16: 20%), while fewer than 2 in 10 (17%) say they don't know, which is down 16 points (March 16: 33%).

Amongst users of the service, the majority is slightly smaller (52%), up 11 points (March 16: 42%), while just over 4 in 10 (41%) are opposed to regulation, up 3 points (March 16: 38%).

Amongst non-users, the proportion of those supporting regulation is much higher (61%), up 13 points (March 16: 48%), while fewer than 2 in 10 (19%) say they are not in favour of regulation, up 3 points (March 16: 19%). Less than a quarter (20%) say they do not know if the service should be regulated.

# Almost half approve of limiting Airbnb rentals to primary residence only

Just under half (48%) of respondents say that they approve of the city limiting Airbnb rentals to a person's primary residence only, while just under a third (31%) disapprove of the proposal. Fewer than one quarter (21%) say they do not know.

Users of the service are more likely to disapprove (53%) of these limits than the general public, with 4 in 10 (40%) they would approve. Only (7%) of users do not know whether they approve.

Amongst non-users, support is much higher, with half (50%) saying they approve of limiting short-term rentals to a person's primary residence, with only a quarter (25%) saying they disapprove, and a quarter (24%) saying they do not know

# The majority approve of registration for Airbnb landlords

More than half (57%) say they approve of the city's proposal that anyone wishing to offer their home for short-term rental should be registered, while fewer than one third (29%) disapprove. A small proportion (14%) say they do not know.

Amongst users there is a statistical tie in support for registration, with just under half (48%) saying they approve of the registration plan, while (45%) disapprove. Only (7%) say they do not know.

Amongst non-users, almost two-thirds (60%) say they approve of a registration system for Airbnb landlords, while only a quarter (25%) say they disapprove. (16%) say they do not know.

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> "The constant downpours of the spring and early summer have thrust sewage bypasses into the news," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "Even though the majority says they are unconcerned about partially treated sewage dumped into the lake, more than four in ten say their summer swimming habits are more likely to change in response."





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"Overall, Toronto residents are pleased with the proposed plans to regulate short-term rental services such as Airbnb in the city," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "People who use Airbnb are slightly less likely to approve of these reforms than people who don't, but the people who use it are still vastly outnumbered by the people who don't."

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.

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## Methodology

The Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1040 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted June 20-22, 2017.

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 <u>www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp</u>

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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#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	85	135	131	112	115	236
Yes	59	40	60	54	64	59	64
No	24	25	18	24	28	27	29
Don't know	17	35	21	22	8	14	7

## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1040	121	217	437	265
Yes	59	57	51	61	62
No	24	19	28	23	26
Don't know	17	24	21	16	12

### Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1040	373	85	206	150	63	163
Yes	59	61	74	53	57	61	60
No	24	27	9	24	26	22	23
Don't know	17	12	17	23	17	17	17

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Sample	1040	399	288	54	51	27	221
Yes	59	59	56	59	59	47	68
No	24	30	22	28	18	34	9
Don't know	17	11	22	14	23	19	24

### **Provincial Voter Intention**

%	Total	Liberal	Progressive Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party	Undecided
Sample	1040	310	365	202	70	22	71
Yes	59	61	55	68	56	37	52
No	24	22	31	17	25	43	11
Don't know	17	17	14	15	19	20	37





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Should Airbnb be regulated in Toronto? [BASE=used Airbnb in the last 12 months

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	171	57	49	23	27	15	91	74
Yes	52	48	54	47	76	69	52	51
No	41	47	40	45	15	18	42	42
Don't know	6	6	6	8	9	12	6	7

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	171	9	18	18	18	19	53
Yes	52	44	70	48	47	71	46
No	41	56	8	50	53	21	54
Don't know	6	0	22	2	0	8	0

## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	171	7	27	74	63
Yes	52	62	34	57	55
No	41	38	56	41	35
Don't know	6	0	10	3	10

## Region

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%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	171	85	11	31	17	10	17
Yes	52	57	86	42	32	51	67
No	41	39	14	48	65	49	21
Don't know	6	5	0	11	3	0	12

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No	41	50	41	32	14	100	16					
Don't know	6	1	7	5	33	0	8					

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Sample	869	117	136	159	193	264	437	417
Yes	61	58	59	63	60	63	59	62
No	19	21	22	20	18	13	25	15
Don't know	20	20	18	16	23	24	16	23

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%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
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Sample	869	288	74	175	133	53	146
Yes	61	62	72	57	61	65	59
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Sample	171	9	18	18	18	19	53
Approve	40	48	31	22	54	55	49
Disapprove	53	52	42	78	46	26	48
Don't know	7	0	27	0	0	19	2

### Education

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Approve	40	38	19	43	50
Disapprove	53	62	69	48	47
Don't know	7	0	12	9	3

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Sample	171	85	11	31	17	10	17
Approve	40	50	42	32	27	35	49
Disapprove	53	40	54	63	70	65	39
Don't know	7	10	4	5	3	0	12



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Sample	171	68	56	14	15	2	16
Approve	40	39	41	46	43	0	44
Disapprove	53	59	49	48	49	100	32
Don't know	7	2	10	5	8	0	24

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%	Total	Liberal	Progressive Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party	Undecided
Sample	171	54	60	32	16	3	6
Approve	40	44	26	52	72	75	34
Disapprove	53	45	70	37	28	25	66
Don't know	7	11	4	12	0	0	0





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Sample	869	76	117	113	94	96	183
Approve	50	40	46	47	54	51	52
Disapprove	25	27	31	22	19	30	32
Don't know	24	32	24	32	27	18	15

#### Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree	
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Approve	50	33	48	54	57	
Disapprove	25	25	31	22	25	
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Approve	50	49	46	53	54	46	61
Disapprove	25	33	22	17	21	18	15
Don't know	24	18	32	29	25	36	24

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Approve	50	51	49	62	60	37	24
Disapprove	25	24	31	19	13	33	24
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