

Poll Shows Tight Race

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A new poll finds Ontario is likely headed toward a minority government for the first time since 1985.

The Forum Research survey -- published in the Toronto Star -- polled over 40 thousand people and found the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives are deadlocked.

The two parties were separated by only 107 respondents, each holding even with 35 per cent support.

According to the survey, the NDP hold 23 per cent while the Green party holds 5 per cent.

The numbers were broken down riding by riding, and the results show that 28 of the ridings were too close to call.

In Bruce Grey Owen Sound -- the Progressive Conservatives have 39 per cent support followed by the Liberals at nearly 31 per cent, the NDP at 18 per cent and the Green party at 11 per cent.

In Huron Bruce -- the Tories have 42 per cent support followed by the Liberals at nearly 26 per cent, the NDP at 25 per cent and the Green party at 5 per cent.

In Simcoe Grey -- the Tories have a comfortable lead at 48 per cent, followed by the Liberals at 28 per cent, the NDP at 14 per cent and the Green party at 9 per cent.

In Simcoe North -- the Conservatives have 40 per cent support, followed by the Liberals at 29 per cent, the NDP at 22 per cent and the Green party at 9 per cent.

With more than 40 thousand respondents, this is one of the largest polling samples in Canadian history.

Owen Sound , 97.9 The Beach, Port Elgin , 97.7 The Beach, Wasaga Beach