

ONTARIANS BUY OVER \$1 BILLION IN BONDS IN THREE WEEKS

*Ontario Savings Bonds Support Initiatives like Healthcare,
Infrastructure and Skills Training*

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Ontario Savings Bonds (OSBs) demonstrated their safety and security as an investment vehicle as the McGuinty government today announced over \$1 billion in sales for the 2009 campaign.

This year, OSB sales were double those of 2008, despite a very competitive investment market and an economic downturn.

OSBs offer a safe and secure investment – 100 per cent guaranteed by the Ontario government. OSB sales also help support important provincial initiatives like healthcare, infrastructure and skills training.

QUOTES

“During these challenging times, it is encouraging to see Ontarians come together to invest in our province. Ontario Savings Bonds sales are vital building blocks for government programs that support our families and communities, building a stronger Ontario.”

- Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance

QUICK FACTS

- Final sales were tallied at \$1.04 billion.
- Two new investment options were offered this year – two and five year Fixed – Rate Bonds.
- Available only to Ontario residents, OSBs were on sale during the first three weeks of June, offering competitive rates.
- OSBs are sold in amounts of \$100 up to \$500,000 accommodating small, medium and large investors across the province.