



Election Day Final PVT Results

The International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) was monitoring the second round of the 2018 Presidential Elections in all electoral districts around Georgia. ISFED Observation Mission consisted of **651** short-term observers (STO) at polling stations, **73** observers deployed at district electoral commissions and **78** mobile teams. ISFED observers were also present at **12** polling stations abroad. PVT and Incident Centers were operating in the central office staffed with **15** operators and **10** lawyers.

ISFED observation of the second round of Presidential Elections was based on the Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) methodology, which enables us to timely detect violations, systematically evaluate the entire Election Day process and verify the accuracy of the official election results.

Key Conclusions

Based on the observation, ISFED can conclude that the tabulation of votes was mostly conducted in compliance with relevant electoral procedures. Similarly to the voting process, number of violations were reported during counting of votes, such as, improper filling of summary protocols and other procedural shortcomings. Incidents of violence were identified in Marneuli and Lagodekhi after closing of polling stations.

ISFED filed **53** complaints with Precinct Electoral Commissions (PECs) and **76** complaints with District Electoral Commissions (DECs).

PVT Findings

According to ISFED PVT data received from observers, voter turnout across the country was **56.2%**, (with a margin of error of $\pm 0.7\%$), which is significantly higher than the voter turnout during the first round of elections - 46.6%.

Based on the information received about the Election Day process, ISFED is confident in its PVT results. ISFED received information from **99.9%** of its observers deployed at random representative sample of polling. Below are the results of the presidential candidates. For each result the margin of error is $\pm 0.8\%$ and is calculated at 95% confidence interval.

Candidate	PVT result	Margin of error	Lowest Possible Result	Highest Possible Result
#48 Salome Zourabichvili	59.1%	0.8%	58.3%	59.9%
#5 Grigol Vashadze	40.9%	0.8%	40.1%	41.7%

According to ISFED, the percentage of invalid ballots across the country is **3.0%** with a margin of error of +/-0.1%. This result is similar to the first round of the Presidential Elections when invalid ballot rate was 3.2%. The percentage of invalid ballots in Tbilisi for the runoff election is **4.5%** which represents an increase compared to the first round of Elections (4.1%).

Violations observed by ISFED at the time of the statement

ISFED's observers reported following violations:

Cases of violence

- Near the *United National Movement* office in Lagodekhi district #15, there was a shooting by an unidentified gunman. Police were mobilized at the location of the incident.
- At PEC #59 of the election district #22 (Marneuli), a physical confrontation ensued between the representatives of *Georgian Dream* and opposition. According to the opposition, Grigol Vashadze had won the precinct and a copy of summary protocol was not given to them. Population supporting the opposition gathered and opposition representatives also confronted with police. After some time, situation subdued.

Restriction of observer rights

- At PEC #20 of the election district #14 (Dedoplistskaro), an observer was prevented from taking a photograph of a ballot paper during vote count.
- At PEC #65 of the election district #20 (Rustavi), an observer was prevented from taking a photograph of a ballot paper during vote count. As a follow-up, the observer attempted to write a complaint on the case, however, the complaint was not registered.

Violations related to the summary protocols

- At PEC #89 of the election district #9 (Nadzaladevi) and at PEC #26 of the election district #83 (Khelvachauri), number of invalid ballots were not indicated in the summary protocol.
- At PEC #34 of the election district #13 (Sighnaghi) and at PEC #15 of the election district #7 (Chugureti), summary protocols were not validated with a stamp.
- At PEC #22 of the election district #70 (Poti), time of drawing up of the summary protocol was missing.
- At PEC #30 of the election district #70 (Poti), time and date of drawing up of the summary protocol were missing.
- At PEC #32 of the election district #21 (Gardabani), time and date of drawing up a summary protocol was included in the protocol, however, this information was missing in the copy of document given to the observer.
- At PEC #31 of the election district #25 (Tsalka), observer was given a copy of a summary protocol that did not have a signature of the secretary.
- At PEC #7 of the election district #61 (Lanchkhuti), a copy of a summary protocol was not validated with a stamp.

Number of ballot papers exceeding the number of signatures

- At PEC #2 of the election district #83 (Khelvachauri) and at PEC #11 of the election district #30 (Kaspi), number of ballot papers exceeded the number of signatures by one.
- At PEC #37 of the election district #7 (Chugureti), number of ballot papers exceeded the number of signatures by two.

Breach of the rules of casting of lots

- At PEC #42 of the election district #84 (Khulo), a representative from *United National Movement* was allowed to participate in casting lots for counting officers and ultimately, was assigned with the function of first counting officer.

Issues related to ballot papers

- During counting at PEC #76 of the election district #2 (Vake), 20 ballot papers were discovered printed for the precinct #65.
- At PEC #49 of the election district #9 (Nadzaladevi), a ballot in which candidate Salome Zourabichvili was crossed off, was counted in favor of her.

Violation of sealing procedure of election materials

- At PEC #8 of the election district #5 (Isani), a commission stamp was submitted to the DEC without sealing it.

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