## Scottish Independence Referendum – When will referendum results be announced?

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Here's a quick rundown of what will be happening when tonight:

Postal votes arrived just before 10pm, and they will be the first ones counted, right at 10 pm. As for the day-of votes, here's what the Edinburgh Council has said:

"All votes are secure and accounted for so that the final result can be trusted. Every ballot paper, whether used, unused or spoilt, is accounted for and treated as highly sensitive and confidential.

Votes will be counted as soon as possible after the close of the poll at 10pm. Separate counts will be held by each local authority in Scotland with 32 local totals leading to one overall national result.

Full details of vote security and counting are available on the Council website."

Obviously, with such a high turnout, the exact times of each area's announcement are hard to predict. But the first results are expected around 2 am.