

Macoupin County

# 2024 Primary Post-Election Report

March 19, 2024



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# Welcome

Dear Friends,

The votes are counted, the results are certified, and the March 19, 2024 Primary Election is officially a wrap.

This year's primary saw many firsts for Macoupin County. This was the first primary with the new Voting Center across the street from the Courthouse for early voting, the first election with the county's new voter registration and election management software, and the first election with an official Macoupin Election Judge Manual written by Macoupin. With all these firsts, we thought it would be a good first election to prepare a Post-Election Report.

This report has been put together to provide a comprehensive look at voting totals, trends, and statistics throughout Macoupin County. Full results can be found, as always, on [macoupinvotes.gov](https://macoupinvotes.gov).

This report gives us a chance to discuss things like the trend on voter registration numbers, how many ballots were cast before Election Day vs at a polling place, how many election judges worked, etc. With more attention being paid to election administration, we want to provide better access to common questions on data in a simple format. Hopefully you find it useful and if you have suggestions for data to include in future Post-Election Reports, please feel free to share it.

Until November,



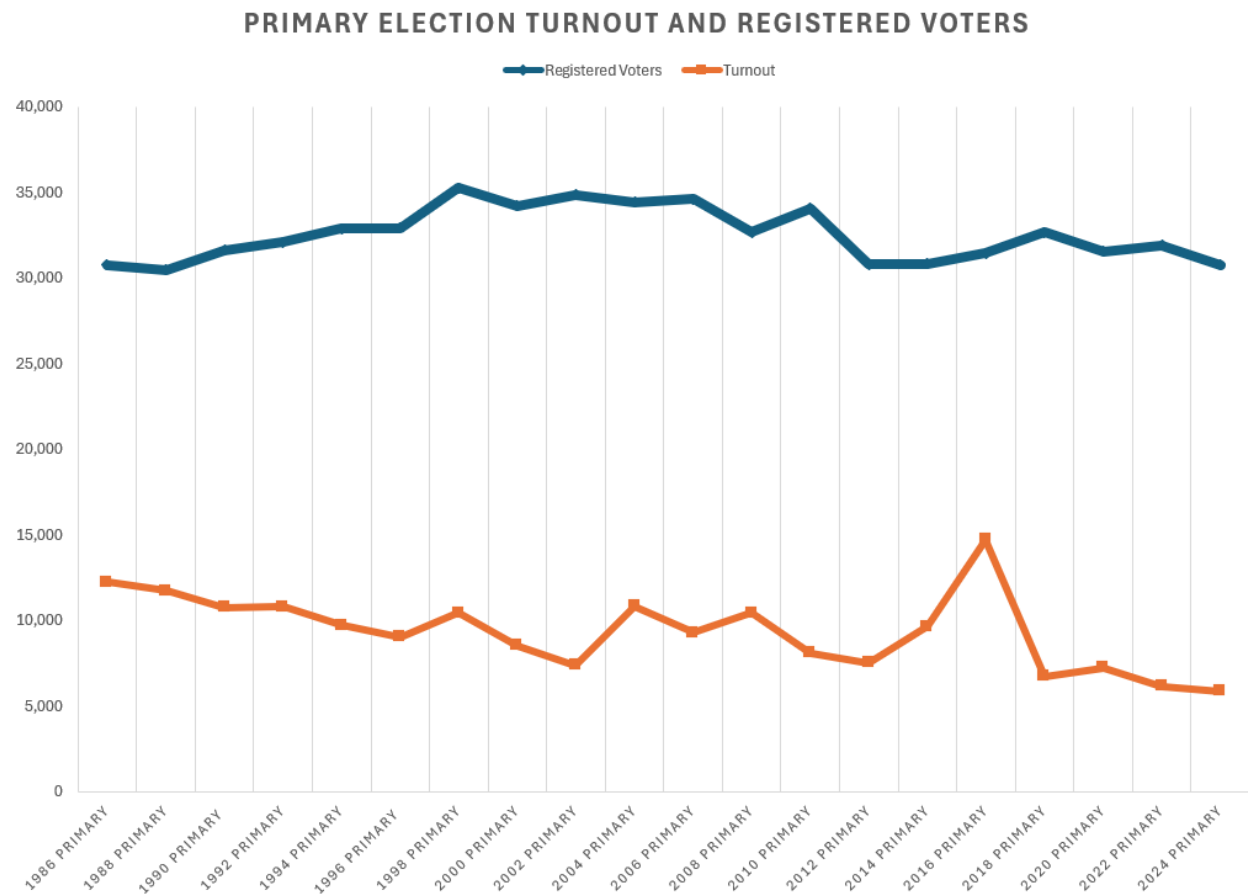
Pete Duncan  
Macoupin County Clerk



# Post Election Report

## Lowest Primary Turnout in Macoupin History

Right at 19% turnout, the 2024 Presidential Primary was the lowest in Macoupin history. The previous lowest record was the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary, though without any contested local races and with the date being moved to June 28<sup>th</sup> due to census delays, it was expected to be a low turnout affair. Macoupin records go back to 1938, and no percentage turnout was smaller. It is also the first time since 2004 that there have been three primaries in a row where the turnout decreased.



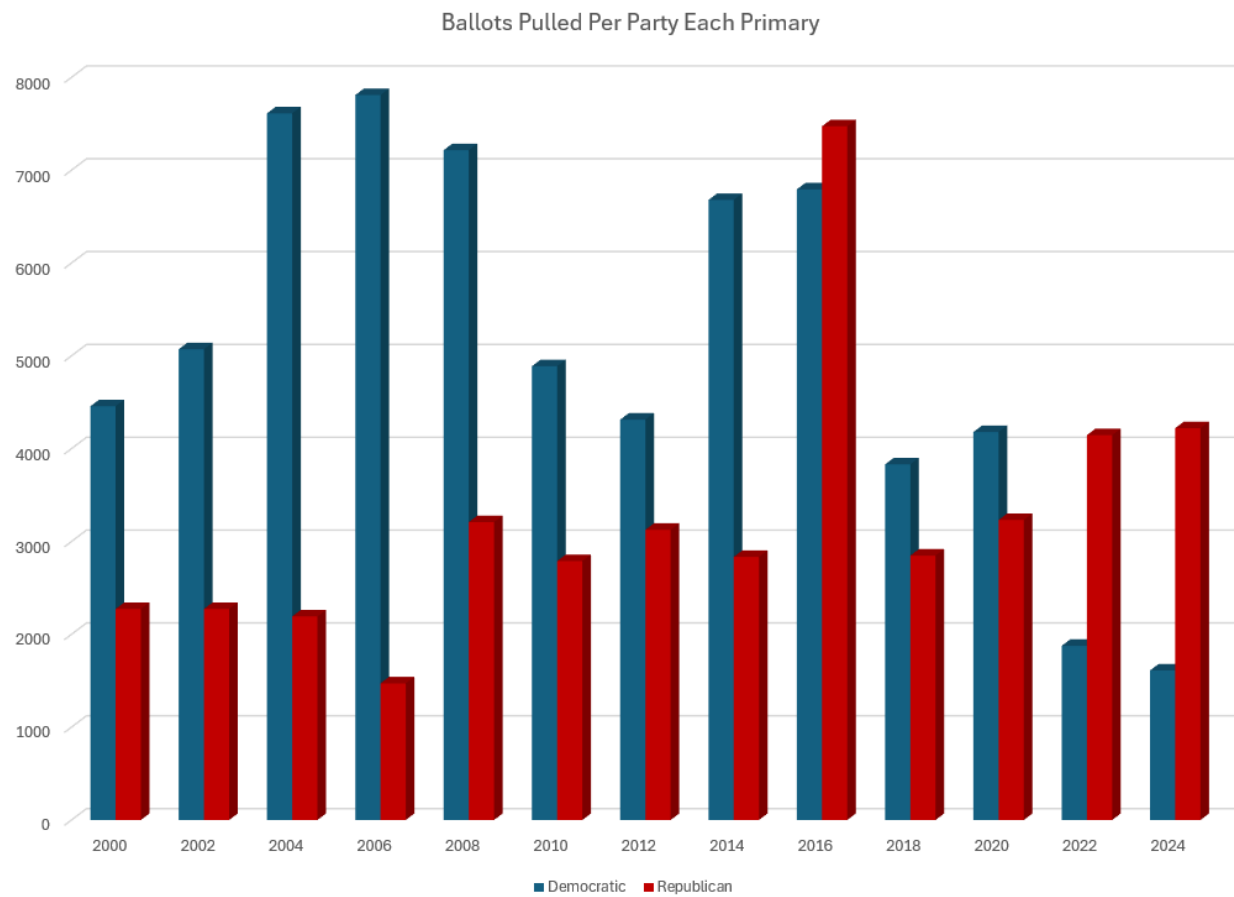
## Voter Registration Continuing to Remain Constant

Since 2010 when Pete took office and began consistent voter file maintenance again, the number of registered voters in the county has remained between 30,000 and 32,000. Considering online voter registration and automatic voter registration both went into effect in that same time period, this demonstrates that the voter rolls are being maintained and is kept as clean as legally possible.

| Election     | Registered Voters | Turnout |        |
|--------------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| 1986 Primary | 30,744            | 12,225  | 39.76% |
| 1988 Primary | 30,456            | 11,705  | 38.43% |
| 1990 Primary | 31,613            | 10,753  | 34.01% |
| 1992 Primary | 32,060            | 10,772  | 33.60% |
| 1994 Primary | 32,868            | 9,711   | 29.55% |
| 1996 Primary | 32,898            | 9,009   | 27.38% |
| 1998 Primary | 35,243            | 10,428  | 29.59% |
| 2000 Primary | 34,180            | 8,512   | 24.90% |
| 2002 Primary | 34,859            | 7,363   | 21.12% |
| 2004 Primary | 34,414            | 10,816  | 31.43% |
| 2006 Primary | 34,592            | 9,289   | 26.85% |
| 2008 Primary | 32,641            | 10,440  | 31.98% |
| 2010 Primary | 34,040            | 8,107   | 23.82% |
| 2012 Primary | 30,794            | 7,498   | 24.35% |
| 2014 Primary | 30,814            | 9,638   | 31.28% |
| 2016 Primary | 31,424            | 14,713  | 46.82% |
| 2018 Primary | 32,632            | 6,727   | 20.61% |
| 2020 Primary | 31,534            | 7,228   | 22.92% |
| 2022 Primary | 31,893            | 6,165   | 19.33% |
| 2024 Primary | 30,757            | 5,843   | 19.00% |

## Historical Turnout by Party

For the second primary in a row, more voters pulled a Republican Ballot than Democratic ballots. Both parties had a decrease from the number of ballots from the most similar Presidential Primary for their party. Republicans last open Presidential race was in 2016 while the last Democratic incumbent running for re-election was in 2012.



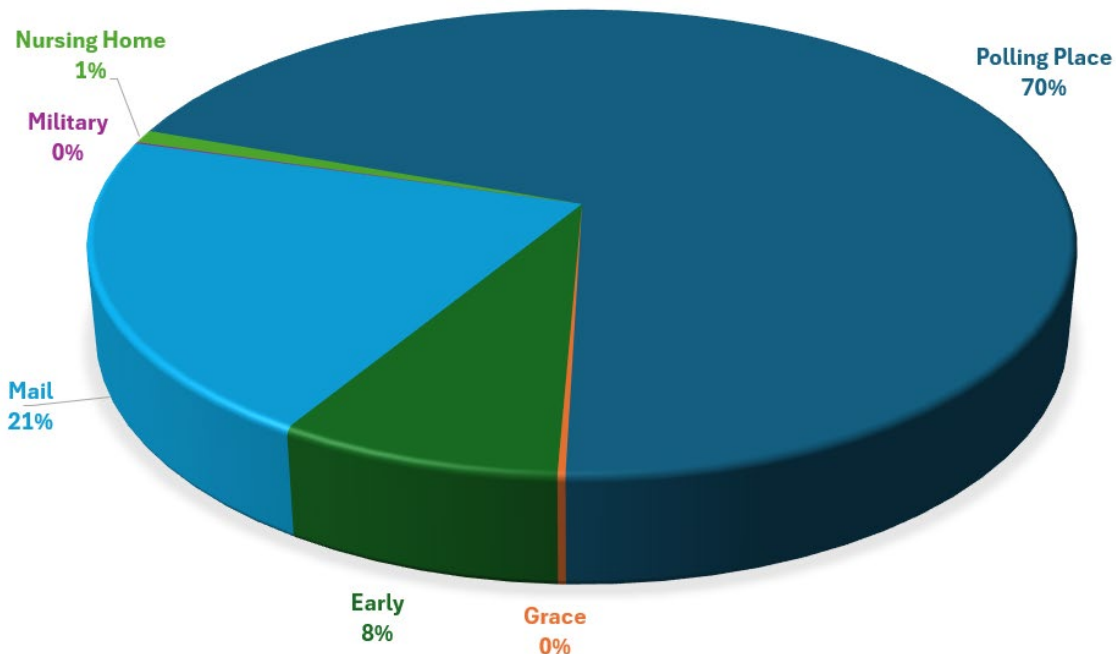
|            | 2000 | 2002 | 2004 | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 | 2024 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Democratic | 4457 | 5071 | 7612 | 7809 | 7215 | 4888 | 4313 | 6679 | 6793 | 3831 | 4179 | 1876 | 1611 |
| Republican | 2273 | 2273 | 2193 | 1472 | 3209 | 2789 | 3126 | 2834 | 7473 | 2848 | 3232 | 4146 | 4221 |

## Record Number of Votes Cast Before Election Day

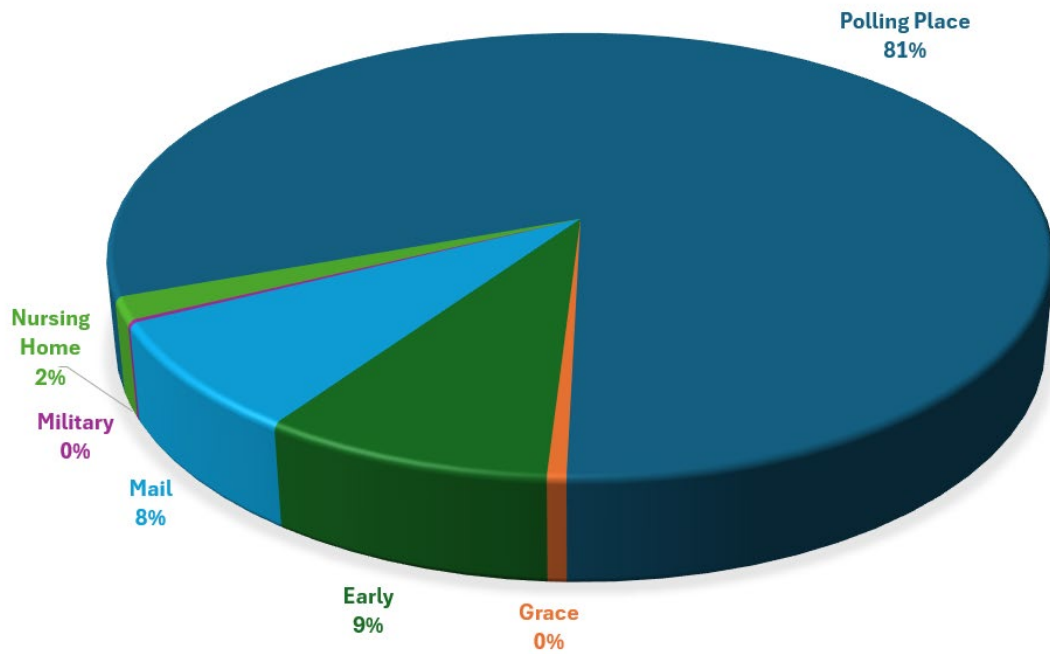
A record setting 30% of the vote was cast before Election this Primary Election. Eight years ago in the Presidential Primary, only 8% of the total vote was cast before Election Day. Vote by mail accounted for the highest increase in terms of the different types of pre-election day voting. These voting types include early voting in person, vote by mail ballots, military and overseas voting, nursing home votes, and grace period registration. Grace period registration is when a voter registers or changes their registration after the deadline and must cast a ballot the same day.

|      | Polling Place | Grace | Early | Mail | Military | Nursing Home |
|------|---------------|-------|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| 2016 | 13545         | 110   | 530   | 415  | 11       | 102          |
| 2020 | 4991          | 35    | 534   | 491  | 13       | 101          |
| 2024 | 4084          | 13    | 471   | 1216 | 5        | 54           |

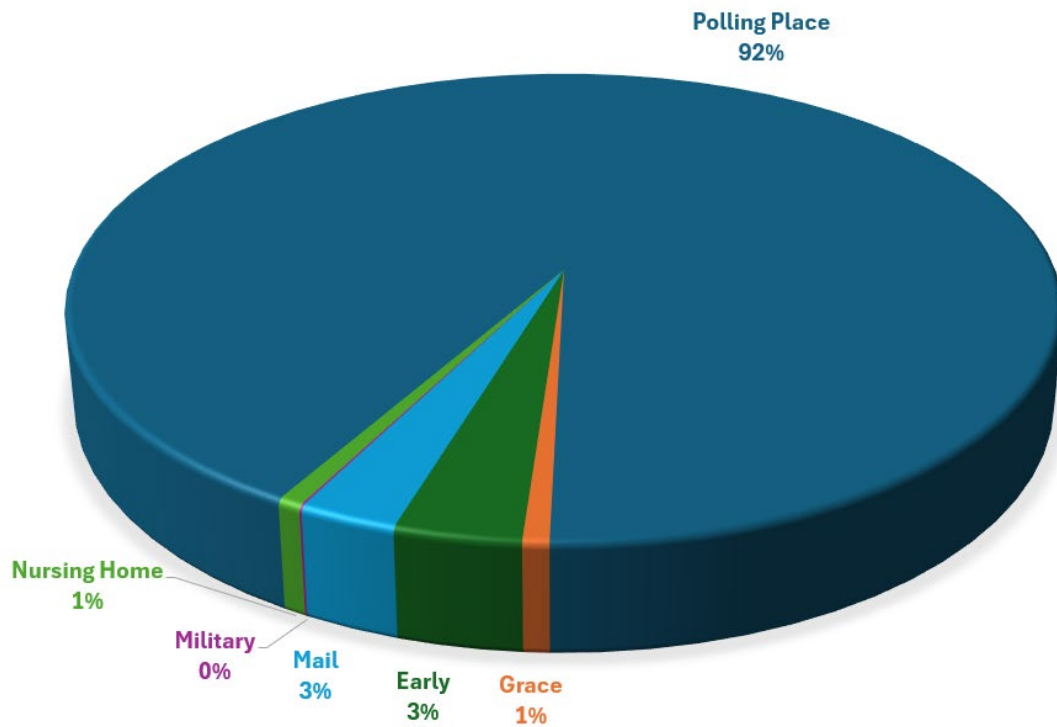
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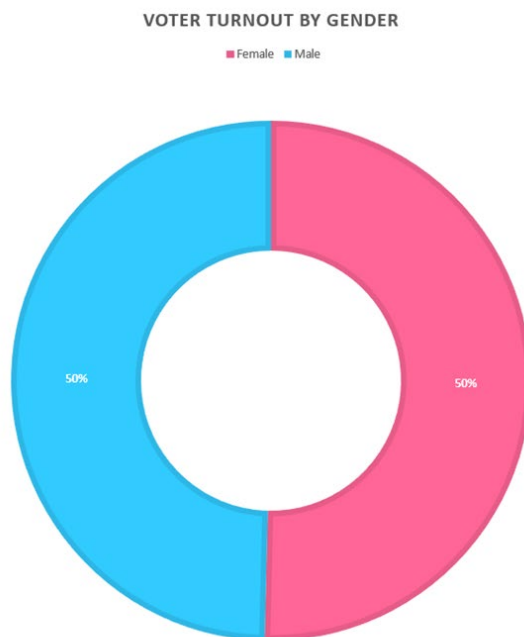
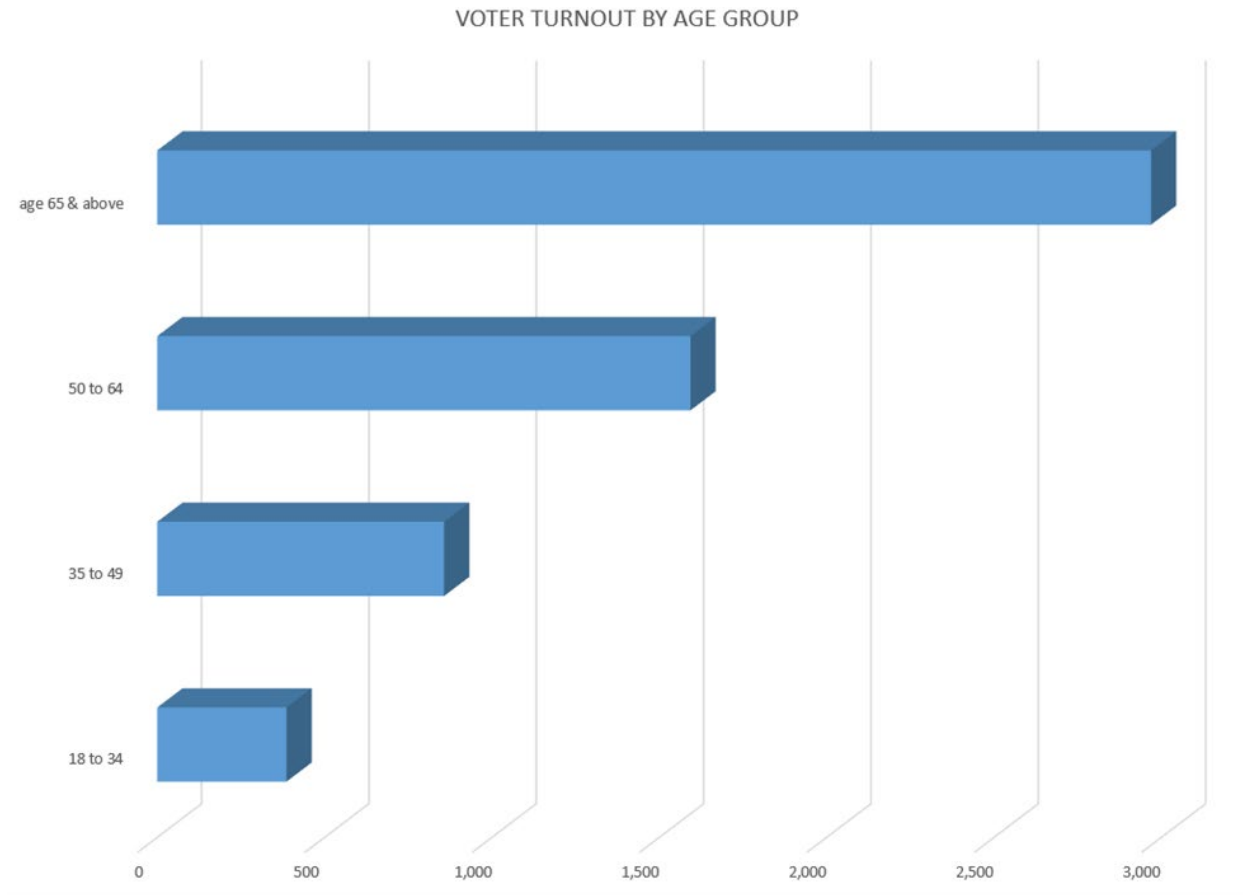


2016 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE





## Turnout by Age and Gender

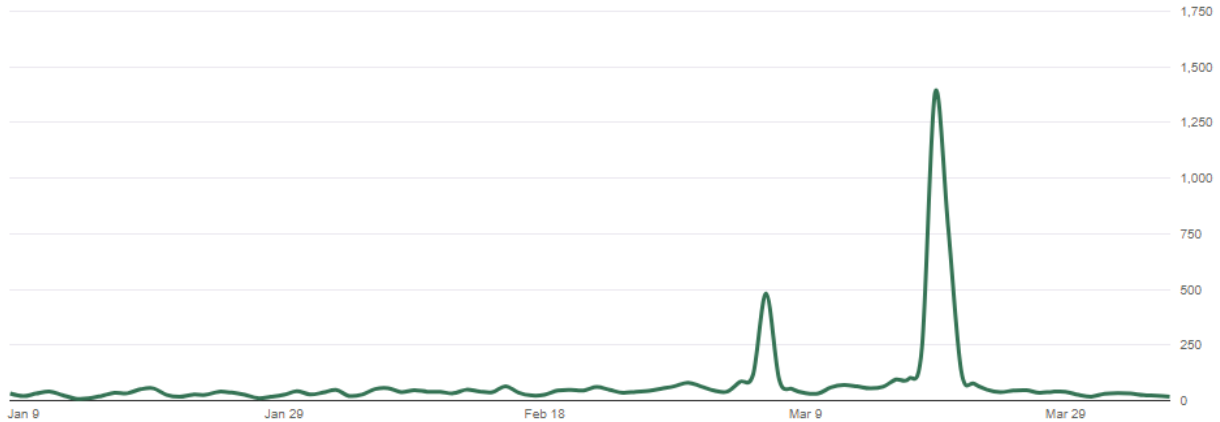


## Online Visits and Views to MacoupinVotes.gov

All Visitors

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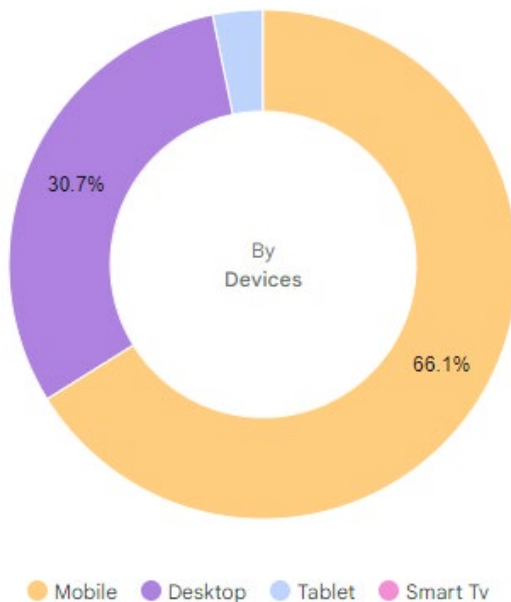
↑ 232.1% compared to the previous 90 days



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Locations

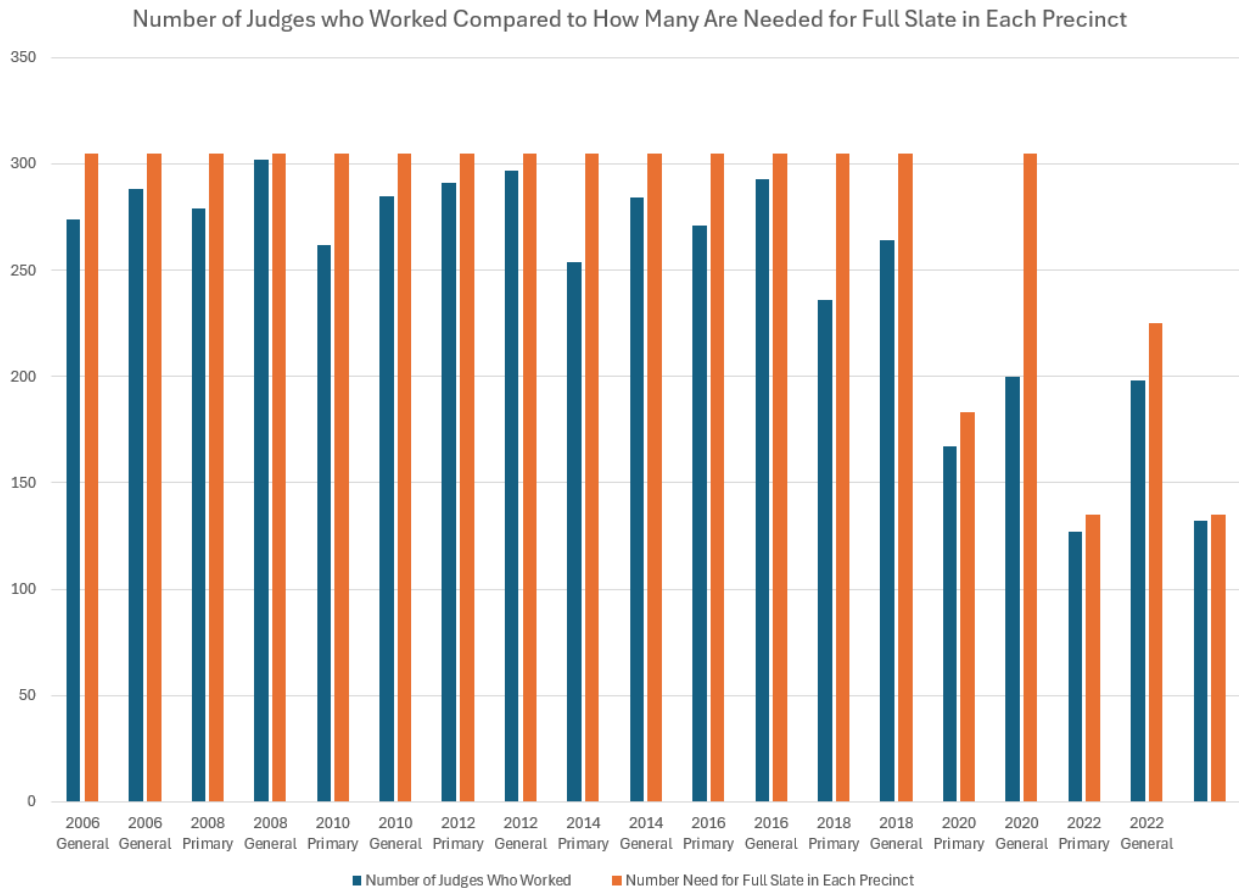
Devices



MacoupinVotes.gov received some significant traffic over the course of the primary. In the last 90 days, there were over 5,500 visitors, almost equal to the complete turnout. Election Day was obviously the day with the most visitors, the second being March 4<sup>th</sup>, when a voting alert was posted on Facebook inviting users to check their registration, polling place, and sample ballot. There were over 70,000 impressions on the site over the 90 days, with over 6,100 coming on Election Day along. Overall, 2 out of every 3 visitors are doing so from their mobile devices.

## Election Judges Worked Compared to Full Slate

Between precinct consolidation and two raises in less than 3 years for election judges, the 2024 Primary saw the highest percentage of judge spots filled since the 2008 General Election. Hopefully this trend will continue in future elections and anyone interested in serving as an Election Judge is encouraged to reach out to the Election Office.



## Which Precinct Had the Highest Turnout on Election Day

|                      | Number of Election Day Voters | Total Turnout in Precinct | % of Turnout Voted on Election Day |  |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2401 - WESTERN MOUND | 31                            | 33                        | 94%                                |  |  |
| 2601 - SCOTTVILLE    | 46                            | 49                        | 94%                                |  |  |
| 0401 - HONEY POINT   | 30                            | 34                        | 88%                                |  |  |
| 2501 - BARR          | 47                            | 54                        | 87%                                |  |  |
| 1301 - SOUTH OTTER   | 61                            | 74                        | 82%                                |  |  |
| 1901 - SOUTH PALMYRA | 97                            | 118                       | 82%                                |  |  |
| 0203 - MT. OLIVE 3   | 66                            | 82                        | 80%                                |  |  |
| 0601 - NILWOOD       | 68                            | 85                        | 80%                                |  |  |
| 1601 - HILYARD       | 52                            | 65                        | 80%                                |  |  |
| 2301 - CHESTERFIELD  | 87                            | 109                       | 80%                                |  |  |
| 0801 - VIRDEN 1      | 105                           | 132                       | 80%                                |  |  |
| 1502 - BUNKER HILL 2 | 88                            | 111                       | 79%                                |  |  |
| 2103 - BRIGHTON 3    | 118                           | 151                       | 78%                                |  |  |
| 0802 - VIRDEN 2      | 111                           | 143                       | 78%                                |  |  |
| 0201 - MT. OLIVE 1   | 83                            | 107                       | 78%                                |  |  |
| 1801 - BIRD          | 67                            | 87                        | 77%                                |  |  |
| 2101 - BRIGHTON 1    | 107                           | 139                       | 77%                                |  |  |
| 2102 - BRIGHTON 2    | 107                           | 140                       | 76%                                |  |  |
| 2001 - NORTH PALMYRA | 90                            | 118                       | 76%                                |  |  |
| 0701 - GIRARD 1      | 89                            | 118                       | 75%                                |  |  |
| 1701 - POLK          | 97                            | 129                       | 75%                                |  |  |
| 1503 - BUNKER HILL 3 | 96                            | 128                       | 75%                                |  |  |
| 1401 - NORTH OTTER   | 85                            | 114                       | 75%                                |  |  |
| 0202 - MT. OLIVE 2   | 87                            | 118                       | 74%                                |  |  |
| 1501 - BUNKER HILL 1 | 84                            | 115                       | 73%                                |  |  |
| 0702 - GIRARD 2      | 78                            | 107                       | 73%                                |  |  |
| 2201 - SHIPMAN       | 114                           | 158                       | 72%                                |  |  |
| 0204 - MT. OLIVE 4   | 56                            | 78                        | 72%                                |  |  |
| 0901 - DORCHESTER    | 130                           | 185                       | 70%                                |  |  |
| 0102 - STAUNTON 2    | 61                            | 88                        | 69%                                |  |  |
| 0302 - CAHOKIA 2     | 130                           | 192                       | 68%                                |  |  |
| 1101 - BRUSHY MOUND  | 113                           | 171                       | 66%                                |  |  |
| 0103 - STAUNTON 3    | 86                            | 131                       | 66%                                |  |  |
| 1201 - CARLINVILLE 1 | 208                           | 320                       | 65%                                |  |  |
| 0301 - CAHOKIA 1     | 101                           | 157                       | 64%                                |  |  |
| 1003 - GILLESPIE 3   | 75                            | 120                       | 63%                                |  |  |
| 1205 - CARLINVILLE 5 | 82                            | 135                       | 61%                                |  |  |
| 1203 - CARLINVILLE 3 | 162                           | 268                       | 60%                                |  |  |
| 0501 - SHAWS POINT   | 80                            | 135                       | 59%                                |  |  |
| 0101 - STAUNTON 1    | 97                            | 164                       | 59%                                |  |  |
| 1202 - CARLINVILLE 2 | 136                           | 230                       | 59%                                |  |  |
| 1002 - GILLESPIE 2   | 114                           | 194                       | 59%                                |  |  |
| 1204 - CARLINVILLE 4 | 107                           | 186                       | 58%                                |  |  |
| 0104 - STAUNTON 4    | 85                            | 148                       | 57%                                |  |  |
| 1001 - GILLESPIE 1   | 70                            | 123                       | 57%                                |  |  |

## Which Precinct Had Highest Turnout Before Election Day

|                      | Number of Early Voters | Total Turnout in Precinct | % of Turnout Early |  |  |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1001 - GILLESPIE 1   | 53                     | 123                       | 43%                |  |  |
| 0104 - STAUNTON 4    | 63                     | 148                       | 43%                |  |  |
| 1204 - CARLINVILLE 4 | 79                     | 186                       | 42%                |  |  |
| 1002 - GILLESPIE 2   | 80                     | 194                       | 41%                |  |  |
| 1202 - CARLINVILLE 2 | 94                     | 230                       | 41%                |  |  |
| 0101 - STAUNTON 1    | 67                     | 164                       | 41%                |  |  |
| 0501 - SHAWS POINT   | 55                     | 135                       | 41%                |  |  |
| 1203 - CARLINVILLE 3 | 106                    | 268                       | 40%                |  |  |
| 1205 - CARLINVILLE 5 | 53                     | 135                       | 39%                |  |  |
| 1003 - GILLESPIE 3   | 45                     | 120                       | 38%                |  |  |
| 0301 - CAHOKIA 1     | 56                     | 157                       | 36%                |  |  |
| 1201 - CARLINVILLE 1 | 112                    | 320                       | 35%                |  |  |
| 0103 - STAUNTON 3    | 45                     | 131                       | 34%                |  |  |
| 1101 - BRUSHY MOUND  | 58                     | 171                       | 34%                |  |  |
| 0302 - CAHOKIA 2     | 62                     | 192                       | 32%                |  |  |
| 0102 - STAUNTON 2    | 27                     | 88                        | 31%                |  |  |
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| 2501 - BARR          | 7                      | 54                        | 13%                |  |  |
| 0401 - HONEY POINT   | 4                      | 34                        | 12%                |  |  |
| 2601 - SCOTTVILLE    | 3                      | 49                        | 6%                 |  |  |
| 2401 - WESTERN MOUND | 2                      | 33                        | 6%                 |  |  |

## Vote by Mail Rejection and Provisional Processing

Each election, election judges review vote by mail ballots to verify the identity of the voter and ensure it meets the statutory requirements. Voters whose ballots are rejected are given the chance to cure their ballot and get it counted. For the first time, we are publishing those statistics in Macoupin for those who might be interested.

Ballots that were flagged by Election judges – 22

Reasons why:

Signatures were deemed to not match by judges – 13

Voters who forgot to sign their certification card - 9

Number of ballots cured and those ballots counted – 18

Number where voter did not seek to cure their ballot - 4

Each election, some voters are required to vote provisional ballots which allow for the Election office to review circumstances regarding their ballot and if they should be counted. For the first time, we're releasing the statistics on how many provisionals were cast and counted. Due to the low turnout, the number of provisionals are low.

6 provisionals cast

5 were for vote by mail ballots that they could not surrender so those 5 were counted after ensuring their vote by mail ballot was not counted.

1 was a voter who had never registered to vote before. His provisional was not counted but he is now registered to vote.