Macoupin County

2024 General Post-Election Report

November 5, 2024

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

The votes are counted, the results are certified, and the November 5, 2024 General Election is officially a wrap.

This year's primary saw many firsts for Macoupin County. This was the first year with the new Voting Center across the street from the Courthouse for early voting, the first year with the county's new voter registration and election management software, and the first year with an official Macoupin Election Judge Manual written by Macoupin. With all these firsts, we thought it would be a good first year to prepare a Post-Election Report, which we had in the 2024 Primary 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.

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

Near Record Turnout in Last Forty Years

Right at 75% turnout, the 2024 Presidential General Election was a near record in the last forty years. The current record is the 2020 General Election with just shy of 76% and before that, the 1992 General Election at 75.4%. This is the first time since 2012 that there has been a decrease in turnout from the previous Presidential Election.

GENERAL ELECTION TURNOUT AND REGISTERED VOTERS
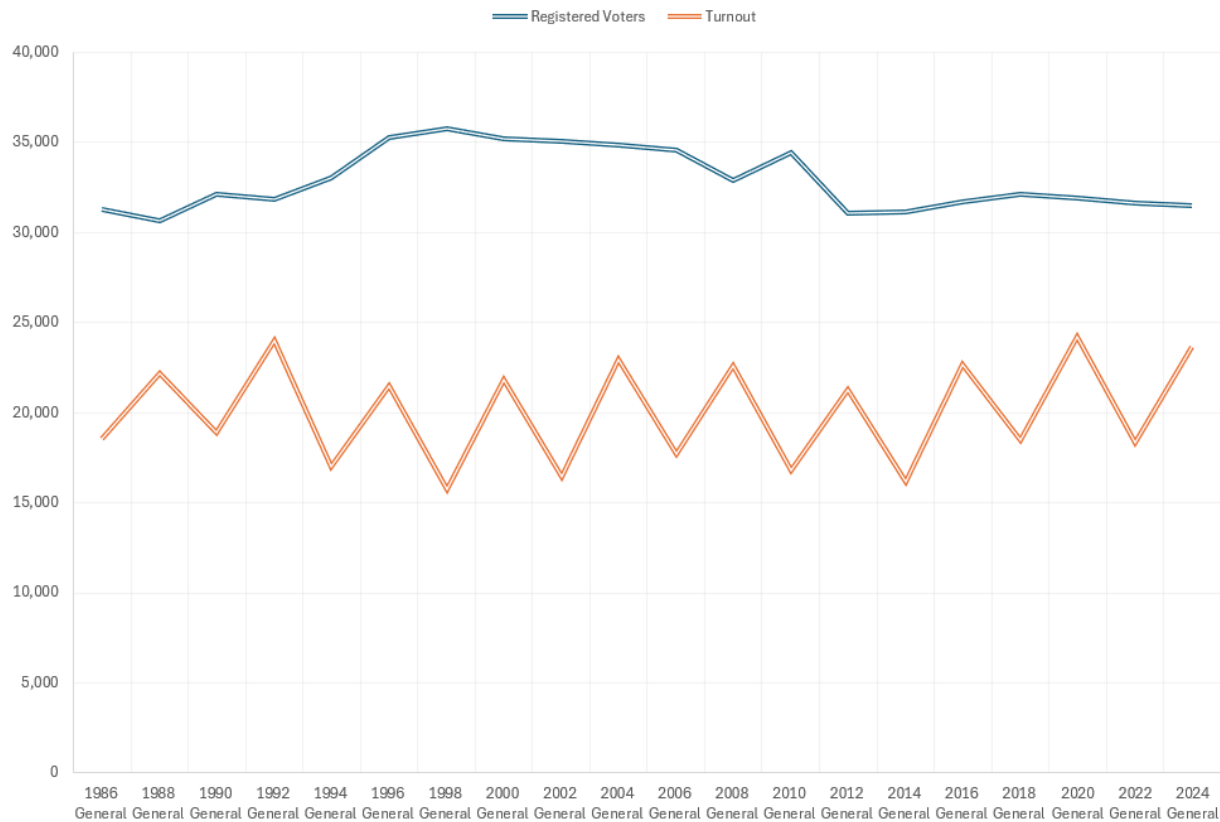
Voter Registration Continuing to Remain Constant

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.
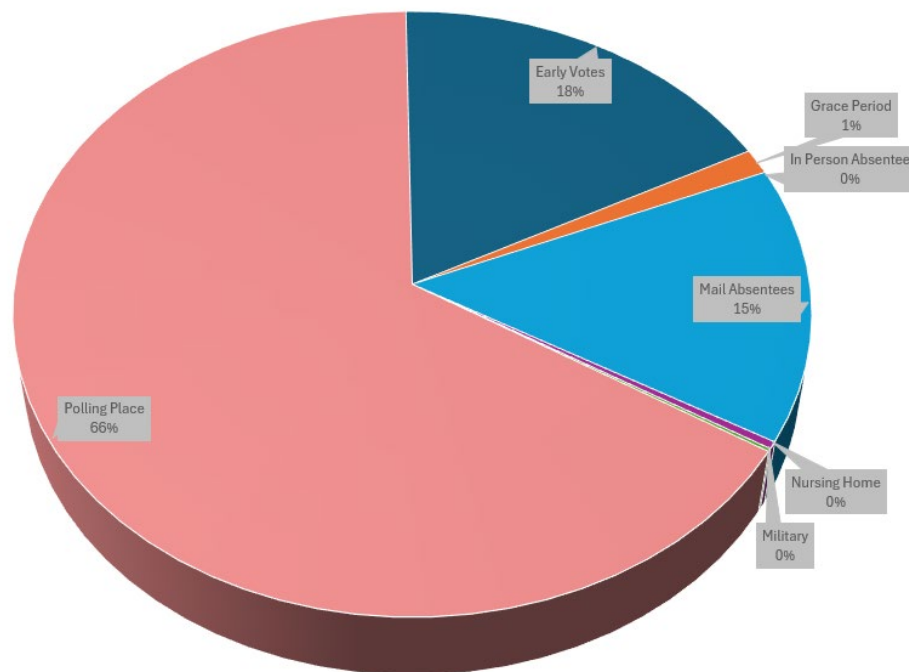
Election	Registered Voters	Turnout	
1986 General	31,246	18,524	59.28%
1988 General	30,673	22,199	72.37%
1990 General	32,137	18,880	58.75%
1992 General	31,811	24,003	75.46%
1994 General	33,046	16,982	51.39%
1996 General	35,262	21,457	60.85%
1998 General	35,725	15,754	44.10%
2000 General	35,229	21,835	61.98%
2002 General	35,024	16,443	46.95%
2004 General	34,818	22,925	65.84%
2006 General	34,560	17,693	51.20%
2008 General	32,910	22,606	68.69%
2010 General	34,443	16,809	48.80%
2012 General	31,074	21,236	68.34%
2014 General	31,160	16,145	51.81%
2016 General	31,700	22,681	71.55%
2018 General	32,151	18,458	57.41%
2020 General	31,892	24,206	75.90%
2022 General	31,612	18,308	57.91%
2024 General	31,516	23,647	75.03%

Near Record Number of Votes Cast Before Election Day

In 2020, the number of votes cast before election day significantly increased from 2016 when it was 16% to 38%. This was considered to mainly be because of COVID and the numbers would go back to pre-COVID levels in 2024. Instead, 2024 nearly matched 2020 with 33% 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.

	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024
Early Votes	1021	1122	1878	2957	4158
Grace Period	81	117	261	258	320
In Person Absentee	142	184	1	0	0
Mail Absentees	905	744	1240	5938	3469
Nursing Home	21	113	145	113	89
Military	50	36	54	55	37
Polling Place	20386	18920	19102	14885	15574

2024 Turnout Broken Down by Vote Type

2020 Turnout Broken Down By Vote Type

2016 Turnout Broken Down By Vote Type
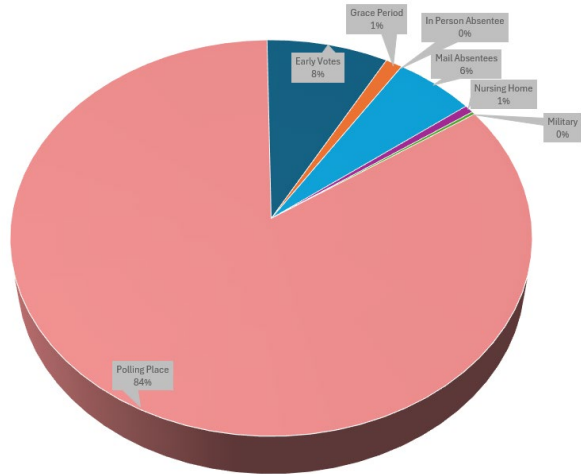
2012 Turnout Broken Down By Vote Type
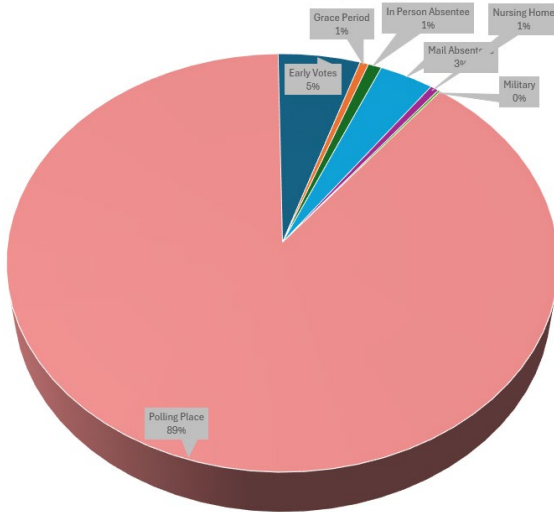
2008 Turnout Broken Down By Vote Type
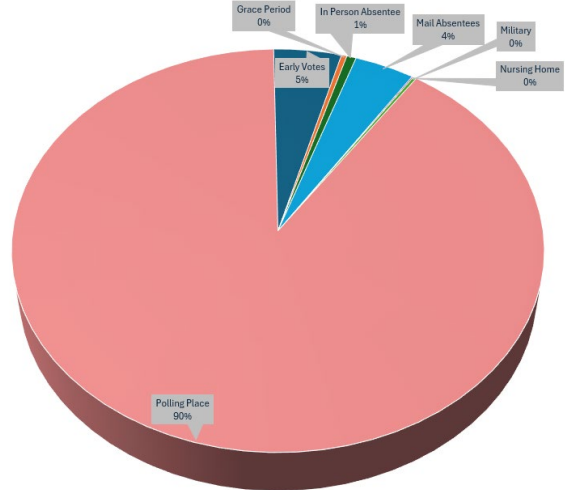
	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024
Early Votes	4.5%	5.3%	8.3%	12.2%	17.6%
Grace Period	0.4%	0.6%	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%
In Person Absentee	0.6%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mail Absentees	4.0%	3.5%	5.5%	24.5%	14.7%
Nursing Home	0.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Military	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Polling Place	90.2%	89.1%	84.2%	61.5%	65.9%

Record High In Person Early Voting and Mail Return Rate

General Election Total Votes Case Before Election Day by Type

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
■ Early Votes	376	1021	677	1122	759	1878	1662	2957	1055	4158
■ Grace Period	15	81	52	117	36	261	84	258	88	320
■ In Person Absentee	73	142	107	184	74	1	0	0	0	0
■ Mail Absentees	432	905	731	744	854	1240	1339	5938	2439	3469
■ Nursing Home	183	21	103	113	89	145	110	113	71	89
■ Military	11	50	14	36	11	54	25	55	13	37

Ballots Returned
Ballots Not Returned

6.57%

93.4%

Turnout by Age and Gender

VOTER TURNOUT BY AGE GROUP

VOTER TURNOUT BY GENDER

■ Female ■ Male
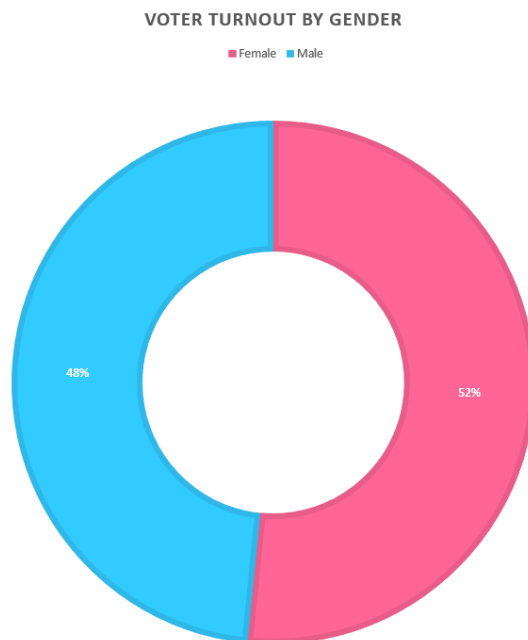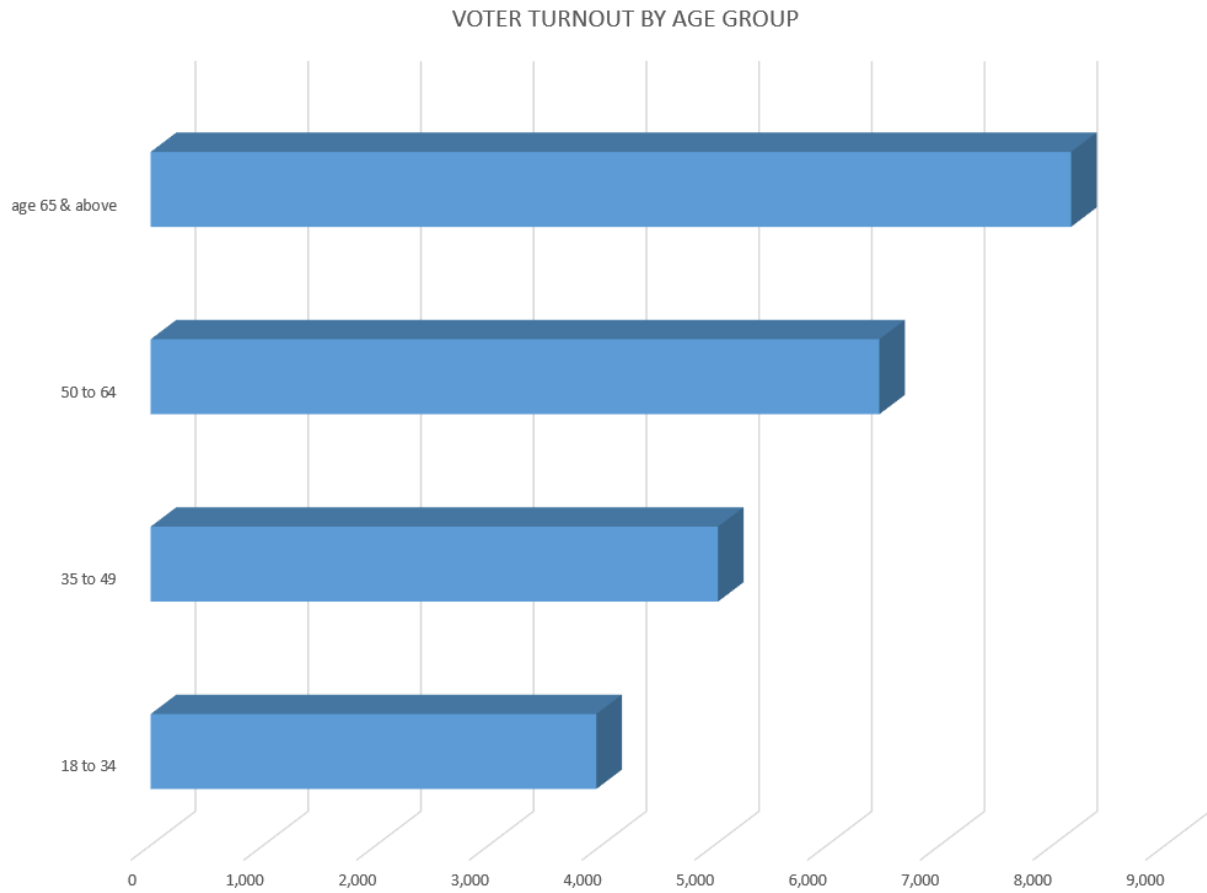
Online Visits and Views to MacoupinVotes.gov

All Visitors

22K

↑473% compared to the previous 90 days

Channels   Locations   Devices

By Channels

74.1%
12.5%
7.7%

● Organic Search ● Direct ● Organic Social ● Referral ● Unassigned
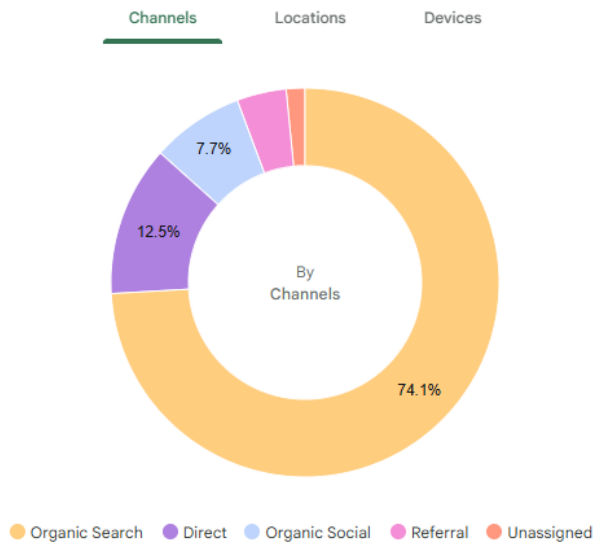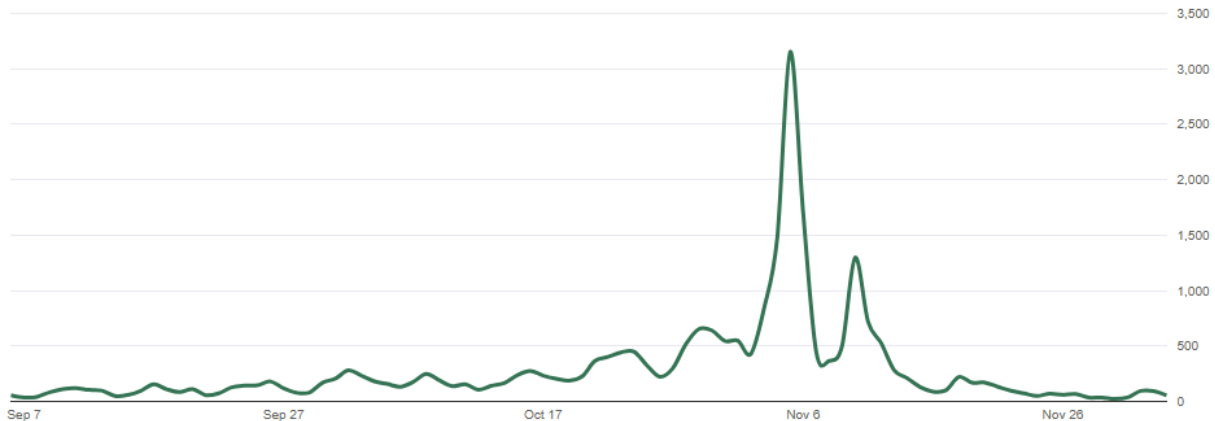
Total Impressions

355K

↑243.7%

MacoupinVotes.gov received some significant traffic over the course of the primary. In the last 90 days, there were over 22,000 visitors, almost equal to the complete turnout. Election Day was obviously the day with the most visitors, the second being November 10th, which happened organically as there is nothing we are aware would have caused that spike. There were over 355,000 impressions on the site over the 90 days, with over 50,000 Interestingly, nearly 3 out of every 4 voters came to the site from an organic search as opposed to social media or direct links.

Top Viewed Content Online

We were able to track what the top searches online were that brought people to MacoupinVotes.gov. Of the top ten, most are to be expected, such as 'macoupin county election results' or 'macoupin county early voting'. Surprisingly, the top search query was 'are voting machines connected to the internet'. This let to our most viewed page being 'Voting Machines Security FAQs'.

Top search queries for your site	Clicks
1. are voting machines connected to the internet	1,356
2. macoupin county election results	847
3. macoupin county election results 2024	413
4. does voter registration expire	241
5. macoupin county il election results	241
6. macoupin county elections	236
7. macoupin county elections 2024	212
8. do you have to register to vote every year in illinois	199
9. macoupin county early voting	177
10. macoupin votes	175

Title	Pageviews
1. Voting Machine Security FAQs - Macoupin County, IL Elections /faqs/voting-machine-security-faqs/	6,276
2. Macoupin County, IL Elections | Elections Information /	6,176
3. See Your Sample Ballot - Macoupin County, IL Elections /voter-information/voter-lookup/	3,179
4. Election Results, Officials, and Maps - Macoupin County, IL Elections /election-results/	2,722
5. Early Voting - Macoupin County, IL Elections /voter-information/early-voting/	2,569
6. Check Voter Registration - Macoupin County, IL Elections /register/check-voter-registration/	1,641
7. Elected Officials - Macoupin County, IL Elections /election-results/elected-officials/	1,583
8. Candidate List - Macoupin County, IL Elections /election-information/sample-ballot/	1,387
9. Early Vote - Macoupin County, IL Elections /voteearly/	1,232
10. Upcoming Elections - Macoupin County, IL Elections /election-information/upcoming-elections/	1,179

Election Judges Worked Compared to Full Slate

 Between precinct consolidation and two raises in less than 3 years for election judges, the 2024 General 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. One of the successes we've had is the high school judges program, with 20 of the judges serving this election being student judges.

Number of Judges who Worked Compared to How Many Are Needed for Full Slate in Each Precinct
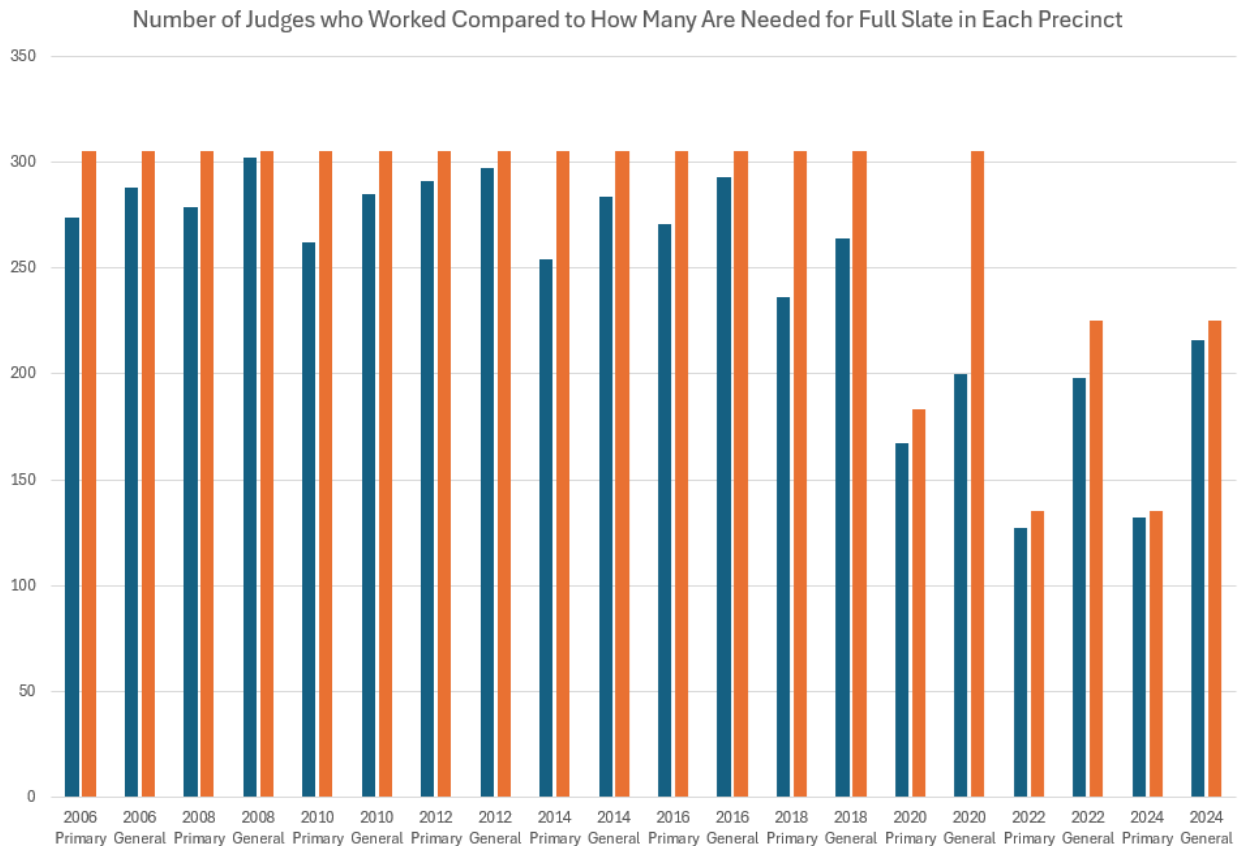
Which Precinct Had the Highest Turnout on Election Day

	Number of Election Day Voters	Total Turnout in Precinct	% of Turnout Election Day		
2601 - SCOTTVILLE	145	175	83%		
0401 - HONEY POINT	81	101	80%		
0204 - MT. OLIVE 4	224	284	79%		
0202 - MT. OLIVE 2	471	598	79%		
0203 - MT. OLIVE 3	232	295	79%		
1501 - BUNKER HILL 1	416	538	77%		
2101 - BRIGHTON 1	538	707	76%		
2103 - BRIGHTON 3	501	666	75%		
0601 - NILWOOD	236	314	75%		
2201 - SHIPMAN	541	724	75%		
0801 - VIRDEN 1	604	810	75%		
0201 - MT. OLIVE 1	376	505	74%		
1503 - BUNKER HILL 3	415	561	74%		
2501 - BARR	127	173	73%		
2401 - WESTERN MOUND	119	163	73%		
1502 - BUNKER HILL 2	414	569	73%		
2301 - CHESTERFIELD	271	375	72%		
1901 - SOUTH PALMYRA	276	382	72%		
0103 - STAUNTON 3	539	747	72%		
0302 - CAHOKIA 2	505	701	72%		
0102 - STAUNTON 2	389	540	72%		
2001 - NORTH PALMYRA	315	441	71%		
2102 - BRIGHTON 2	562	796	71%		
1301 - SOUTH OTTER	199	282	71%		
0701 - GIRARD 1	366	523	70%		
0901 - DORCHESTER	563	805	70%		
1001 - GILLESPIE 1	405	582	70%		
1601 - HILYARD	226	327	69%		
0802 - VIRDEN 2	516	754	68%		
0101 - STAUNTON 1	618	904	68%		
1401 - NORTH OTTER	382	564	68%		
1003 - GILLESPIE 3	363	543	67%		
0702 - GIRARD 2	312	473	66%		
0104 - STAUNTON 4	421	640	66%		
1801 - BIRD	120	183	66%		
1002 - GILLESPIE 2	455	761	60%		
0301 - CAHOKIA 1	467	789	59%		
0501 - SHAWS POINT	174	327	53%		
1701 - POLK	200	382	52%		
1204 - CARLINVILLE 4	277	569	49%		
1101 - BRUSHY MOUND	224	461	49%		
1203 - CARLINVILLE 3	309	744	42%		
1202 - CARLINVILLE 2	243	606	40%		
1201 - CARLINVILLE 1	312	789	40%		
1205 - CARLINVILLE 5	178	474	38%		

Which Precinct Had the Highest Turnout Before Election Day

	Number of Early Voters	Total Turnout in Precinct	% of Turnout Early		
1205 - CARLINVILLE 5	296	474	62%		
1201 - CARLINVILLE 1	477	789	60%		
1202 - CARLINVILLE 2	363	606	60%		
1203 - CARLINVILLE 3	435	744	58%		
1101 - BRUSHY MOUND	237	461	51%		
1204 - CARLINVILLE 4	292	569	51%		
1701 - POLK	182	382	48%		
0501 - SHAWS POINT	153	327	47%		
0301 - CAHOKIA 1	322	789	41%		
1002 - GILLESPIE 2	306	761	40%		
1801 - BIRD	63	183	34%		
0104 - STAUNTON 4	219	640	34%		
0702 - GIRARD 2	161	473	34%		
1003 - GILLESPIE 3	180	543	33%		
1401 - NORTH OTTER	182	564	32%		
0101 - STAUNTON 1	286	904	32%		
0802 - VIRDEN 2	238	754	32%		
1601 - HILYARD	101	327	31%		
1001 - GILLESPIE 1	177	582	30%		
0901 - DORCHESTER	242	805	30%		
0701 - GIRARD 1	157	523	30%		
1301 - SOUTH OTTER	83	282	29%		
2102 - BRIGHTON 2	234	796	29%		
2001 - NORTH PALMYRA	126	441	29%		
0102 - STAUNTON 2	151	540	28%		
0302 - CAHOKIA 2	196	701	28%		
0103 - STAUNTON 3	208	747	28%		
1901 - SOUTH PALMYRA	106	382	28%		
2301 - CHESTERFIELD	104	375	28%		
1502 - BUNKER HILL 2	155	569	27%		
2401 - WESTERN MOUND	44	163	27%		
2501 - BARR	46	173	27%		
1503 - BUNKER HILL 3	146	561	26%		
0201 - MT. OLIVE 1	129	505	26%		
0801 - VIRDEN 1	206	810	25%		
2201 - SHIPMAN	183	724	25%		
0601 - NILWOOD	78	314	25%		
2103 - BRIGHTON 3	165	666	25%		
2101 - BRIGHTON 1	169	707	24%		
1501 - BUNKER HILL 1	122	538	23%		
0203 - MT. OLIVE 3	63	295	21%		
0202 - MT. OLIVE 2	127	598	21%		
0204 - MT. OLIVE 4	60	284	21%		
0401 - HONEY POINT	20	101	20%		
2601 - SCOTTVILLE	30	175	17%		

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 and 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 – 21

Reasons why:

Signatures were deemed to not match by judges – 12

Voters who forgot to sign their certification card - 9

Number of ballots cured and those ballots counted – 11
Number where voter did not seek to cure their ballot - 10

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. While turnout was near record high, there were still a low amount of provisional voters.

28 provisionals cast

16 provisionals were counted

1 was a ballot from a voter who said they had inserted a blank ballot into the tabulator and wanted to vote again. This ballot did not count.

6 were voters who were either never registered or had their registration cancelled and did not come to Voting Center to grace period vote. These ballots did not count but these voters are now registered to vote.

5 were voters who had address changes that changed their precinct and they did not come to Voting Center to grace period vote. Their registration has been updated for future elections.

Post Election Audit Retabulation Results

After each election, the Election office is required to re-tabulate the election results after each election and before the official canvass. The State Board of Elections randomly selected 5% of precincts and early voting tabulators to be retabulated. Each ballot is re-run through the same machine after the machine is reset and tested to ensure that the same results are counted. If there are discrepancies, the Election office must investigate and report their findings tot eh State Board of Elections. This election, the Macoupin Retab was completed on November 12th and there were no discrepancies found between the results as posted and the retabulation. More statistics are below.

MACOUPIN'S FIXED PERCENTAGE AUDIT BY THE NUMBERS

2024 General Election

21.5%
early ballots
audited

5%
of Election Day voting locations *audited*

1
early vote tabulators
counted

45
total Election Day voting locations

25%
early vote tabulators
retabulated

3
Election Day voting locations
randomly selected for the audit

1,735
early ballots selected
for audit

1,357
total ballots cast at selected
Election Day voting locations

100%
match between election
night results and
retabulation count

0
discrepancies identified
and investigated
during the audit