

Macoupin County
**2026 Primary
Post-Election
Report**

MARCH 17, 2026



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Welcome

Dear Friends,

The votes are counted, the results are certified, and the March 17, 2026 Primary Election is officially a wrap.

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

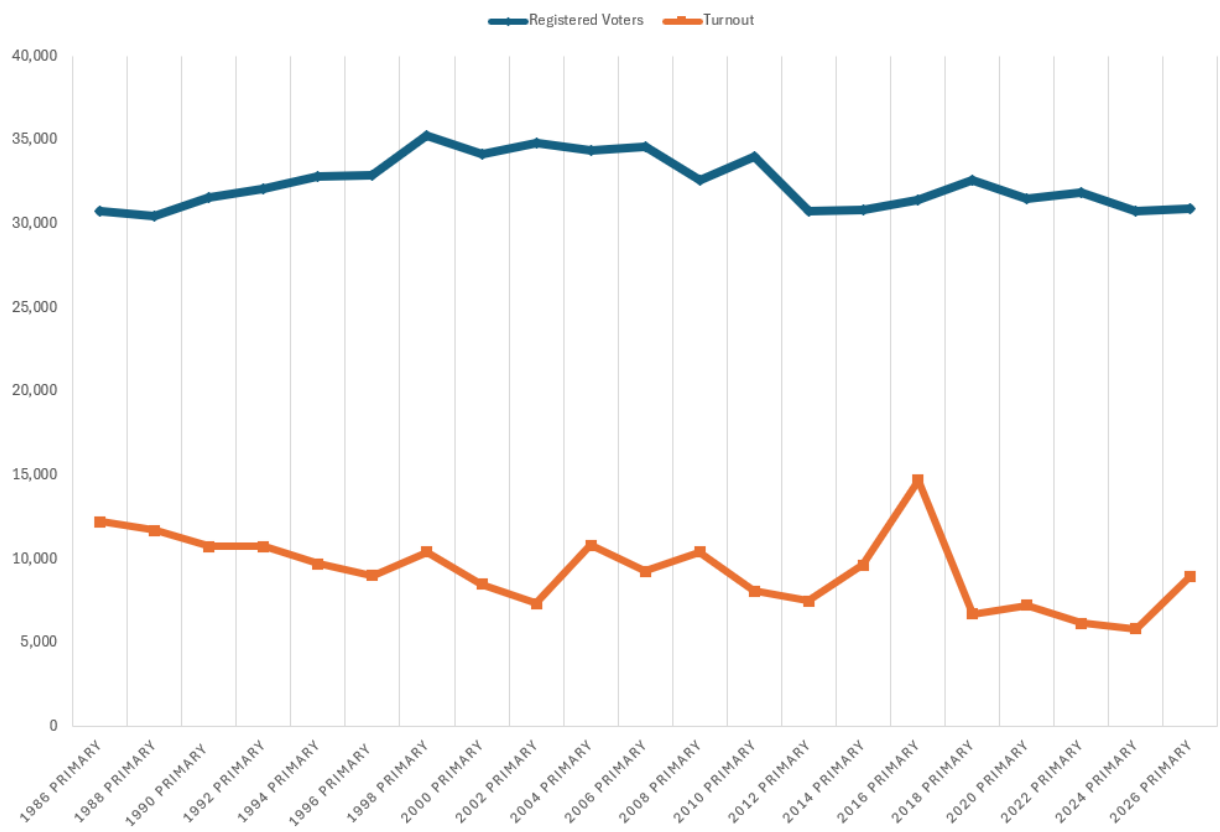


Post Election Report

Turnout Highest Since 2016

Just shy of 30% turnout, the 2026 Primary Election was higher than any Primary going back to 2016 and marked the first primary to have an increase in turnout since the 2018 to 2020 cycle. It also marks the 5th highest turnout in a Primary since 2000, which is not typical for a midterm primary.

PRIMARY ELECTION TURNOUT AND REGISTERED VOTERS



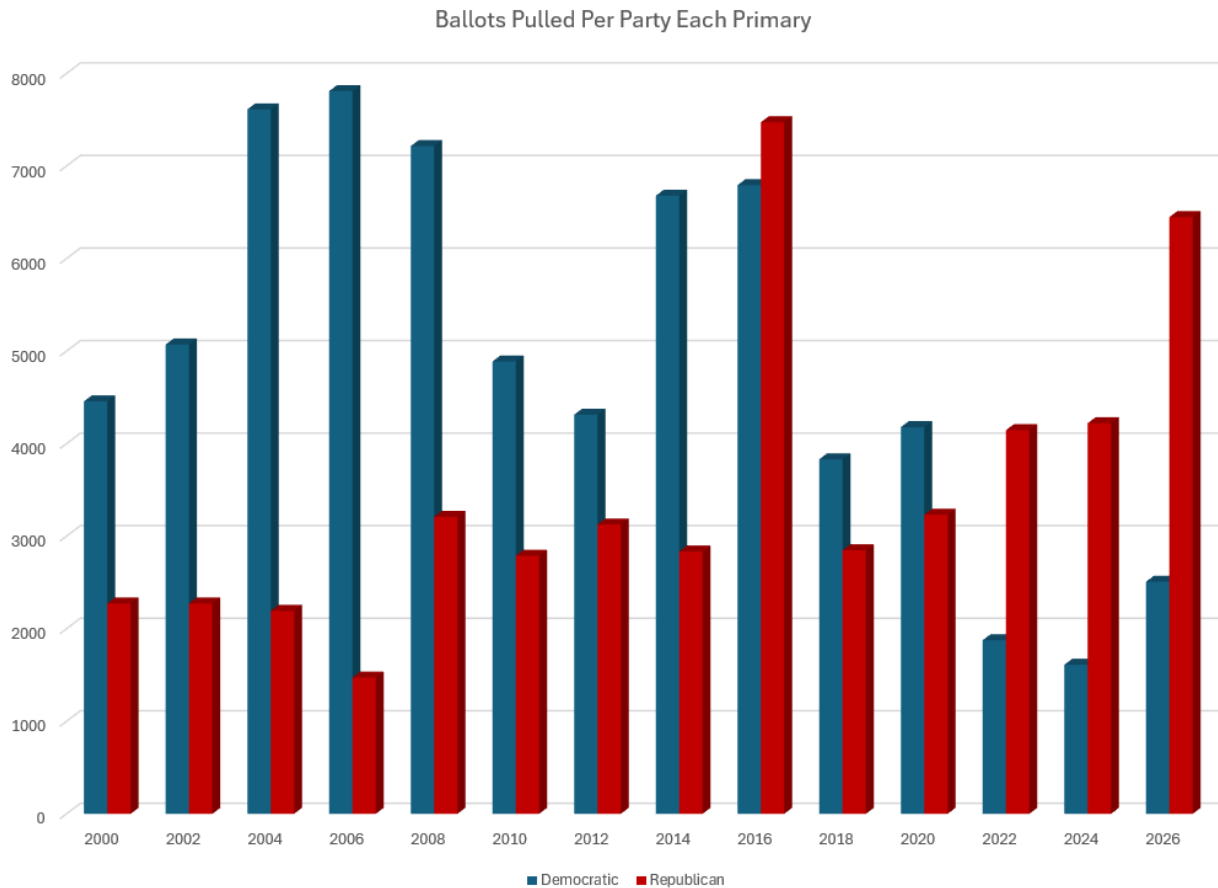
Voter Registration Continuing to Remain Constant

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 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%
2026 Primary	30,896	8,979	29.06%

Historical Turnout by Party

Both political parties saw the number of voters pulling their ballot increase, though Republican turnout was set the record for most Republican ballots pulled in a midterm cycle and beat any Presidential cycle outside of 2016. The Democratic number saw an uptick compared to 2022 and 2024 but lagged all other years in terms ballots pulled.



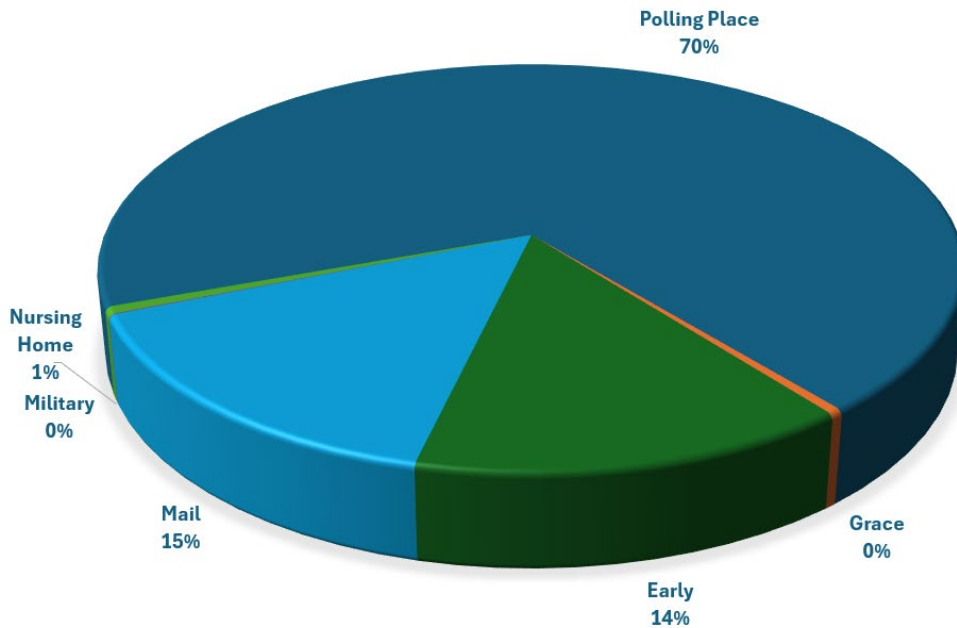
	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026
Democratic	4457	5071	7612	7809	7215	4888	4313	6679	6793	3831	4179	1876	1611	2508
Republican	2273	2273	2193	1472	3209	2789	3126	2834	7473	2848	3232	4146	4221	6448

Record Number of Total Votes Cast Before Election Day

The 2026 Primary set a record for the total number of votes cast before Election Day and basically tied 2024 for the highest percentage of total vote cast. From 2018 to 2026, we have seen the number of votes cast at a polling drop drop 20% from over 9 out of 10 voters voting at their polling place to now 7 out of 10. We believe this trend will continue moving forward. 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.

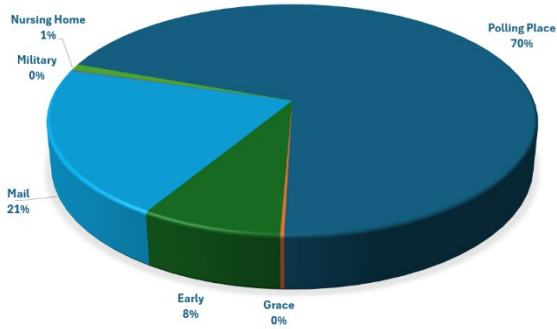
	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026
Early Votes	288	534	280	471	1278
Grace Period	22	35	12	13	38
In Person Absentee	0	0	0	0	0
Mail Absentees	281	491	591	1216	1359
Nursing Home	75	101	56	54	51
Military	2	13	1	5	4
Polling Place	6059	4991	5225	4084	6249

2026 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE

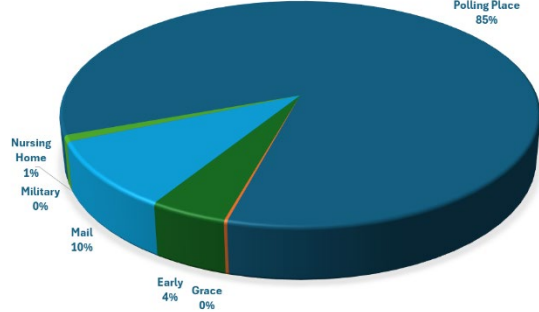


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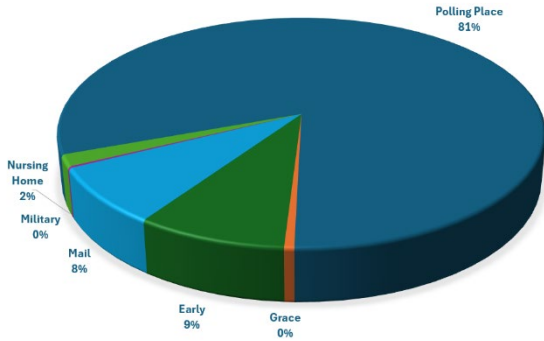
2024 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE



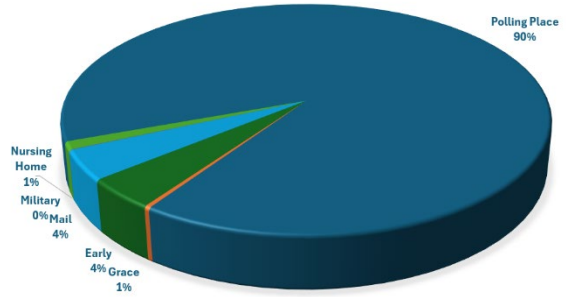
2022 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE



2020 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE

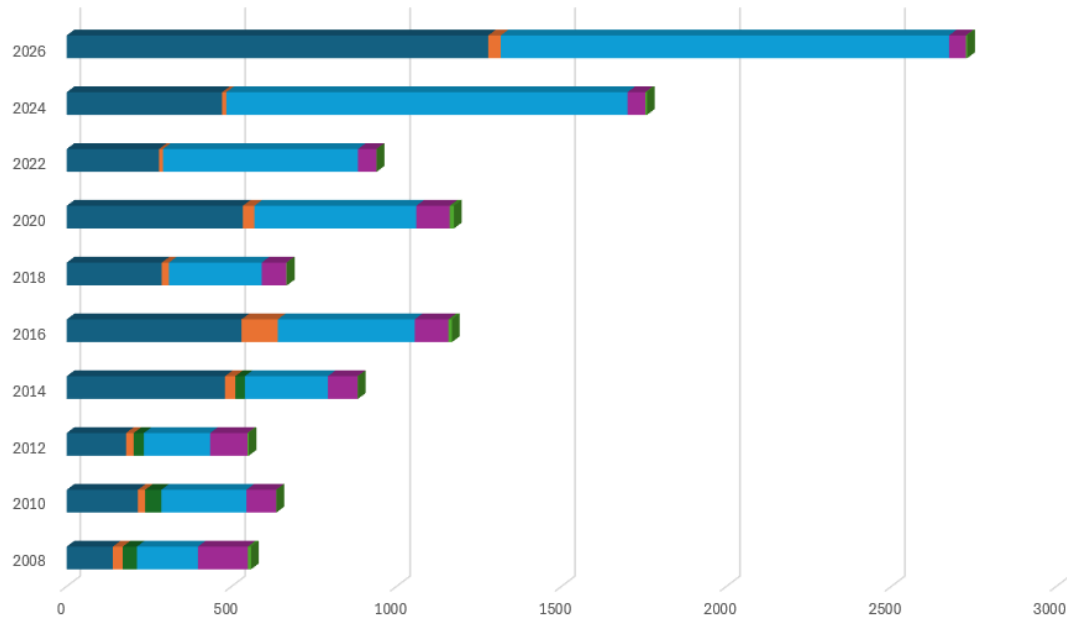


2018 TURNOUT BROKEN DOWN BY VOTE TYPE



Record High In Person Early Voting and Mail Voting

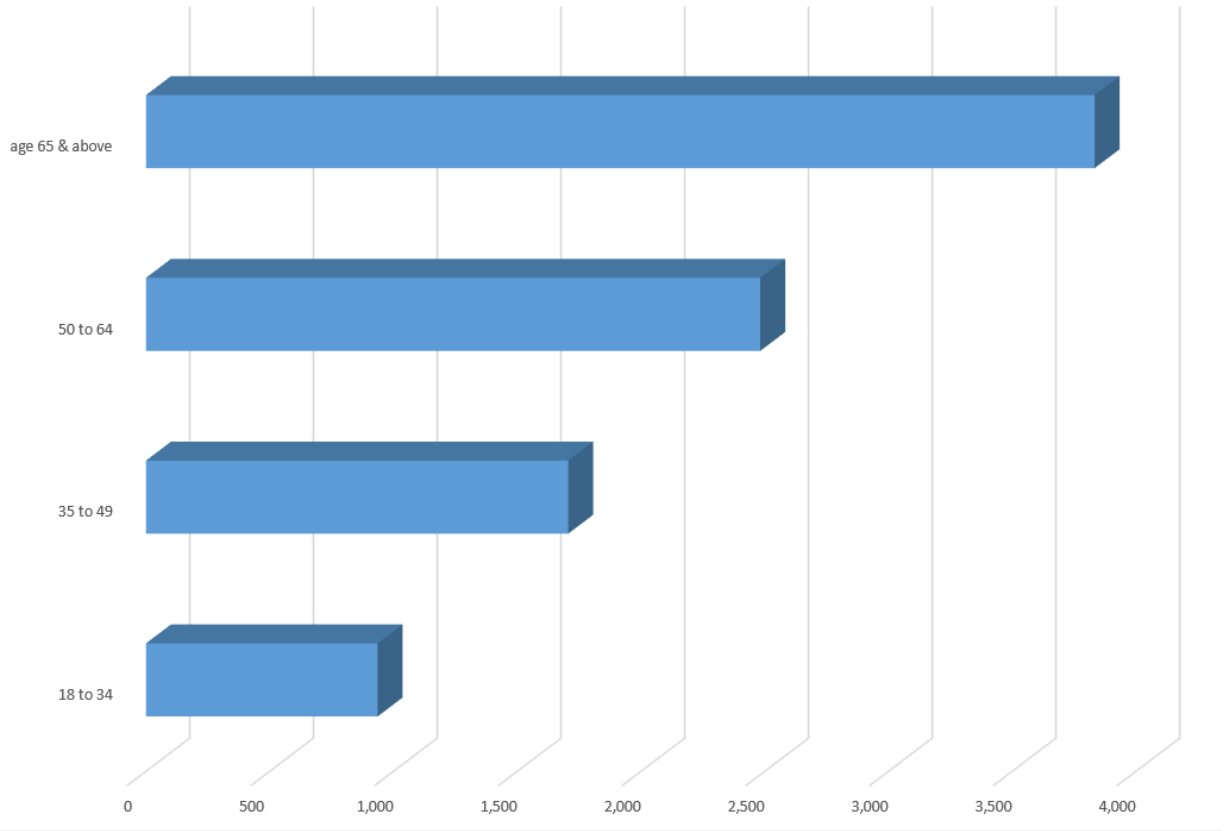
Primary Election Total Votes Case Before Election Day by Type



	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026
■ Early Votes	140	216	180	480	530	288	534	280	471	1278
■ Grace Period	30	22	23	31	110	22	35	12	13	38
■ In Person Absentee	43	49	31	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
■ Mail Absentees	185	258	201	252	415	281	491	591	1216	1359
■ Nursing Home	151	90	113	90	102	75	101	56	54	51
■ Military	10	1	4	1	11	2	13	1	5	4

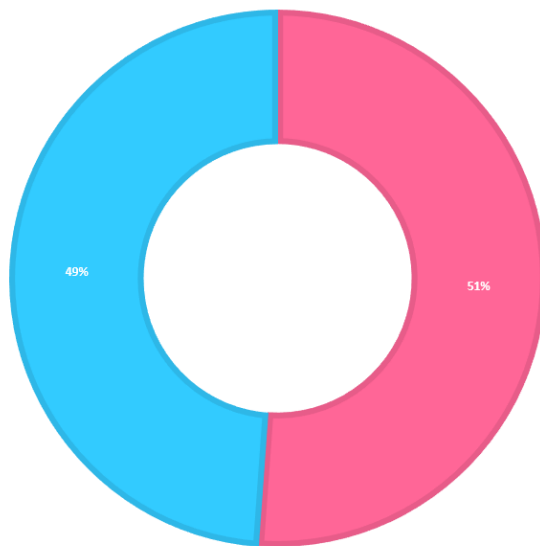
Turnout by Age and Gender

VOTER TURNOUT BY AGE GROUP



VOTER TURNOUT BY GENDER

Female Male

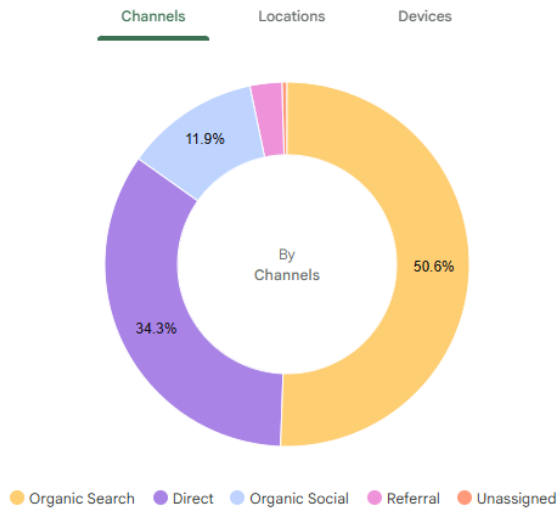


Online Visits and Views to MacoupinVotes.gov

All Visitors

15K

↑86.4% compared to the previous 90 days



Total Impressions

414K

↑78.9%

MacoupinVotes.gov received some significant traffic over the course of the election. In the last 90 days, there were over 15,000 visitors, almost double the complete turnout. Election Day was obviously the day with the most visitors, with other spikes around when we put a Voting Alert on Facebook. There were over 414,000 impressions on the site over the 90 days. Interestingly, just over half of all views came 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, we had a little more variety than normal, with election results, permanent vote by mail application, sample ballots, does your voter registration expire in Illinois, and are the machines connected to the internet. Two of the top 10 also specifically mention the race for Sheriff.

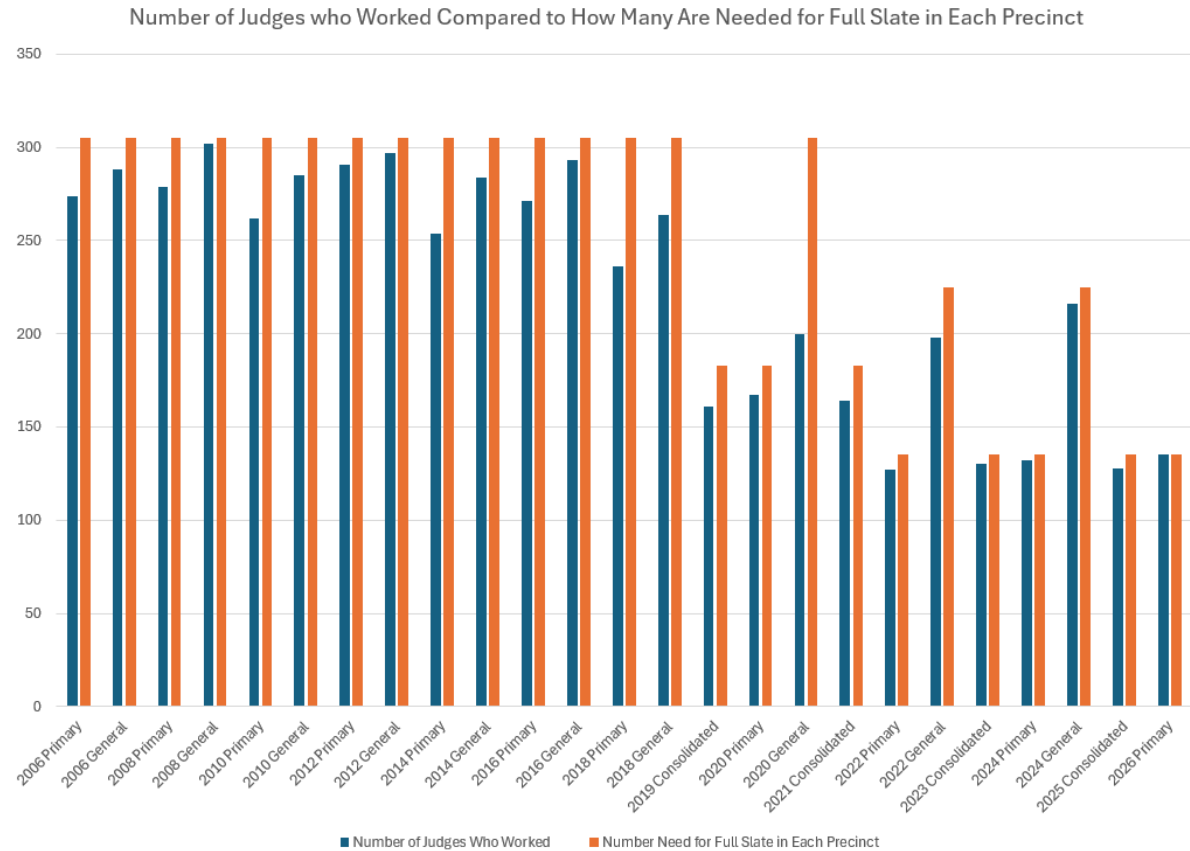
Top search queries for your site	Clicks
1. macoupin county election results	1,738
2. macoupin county sheriff election	413
3. macoupin county elections	410
4. macoupin county sheriff election results	245
5. illinois permanent vote by mail application	244
6. macoupin votes	179
7. macoupin county sample ballot	166
8. macoupin county voting results	139
9. does voter registration expire in illinois	131
10. are voting machines connected to the internet	116

Top content over the last 90 days

Title	Pageviews	Sessions
1. Macoupin County, IL Elections Elections Information	4,789	3,778
2. Election Results, Officials, and Maps - Macoupin County, IL Elections	4,140	2,900
3. Candidate List - Macoupin County, IL Elections	2,670	2,073
4. Check Voter Registration - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,622	1,302
5. See Your Sample Ballot - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,427	1,133
6. Elected Officials - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,315	1,081
7. Upcoming Elections - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,289	1,070
8. Permanent Vote By Mail List Application - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,197	1,029
9. Election Results - Macoupin County, IL Elections	1,182	809
10. Early Vote - Macoupin County, IL Elections	550	482

Election Judges Worked Compared to Full Slate

Between precinct consolidation and two raises in less than 3 years for election judges, we have had much more success getting all judge spots filled. For the first time in recorded history, we had a judge working in every open spot this Primary. 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 Election Day
2401 - WESTERN MOUND	66	72	92%
2601 - SCOTTVILLE	69	79	87%
0601 - NILWOOD	103	120	86%
1502 - BUNKER HILL 2	170	203	84%
2501 - BARR	82	98	84%
0801 - VIRDEN 1	196	237	83%
2103 - BRIGHTON 3	145	176	82%
0203 - MT. OLIVE 3	84	104	81%
2102 - BRIGHTON 2	154	191	81%
1501 - BUNKER HILL 1	138	173	80%
2201 - SHIPMAN	189	237	80%
1901 - SOUTH PALMYRA	138	175	79%
2101 - BRIGHTON 1	159	202	79%
1301 - SOUTH OTTER	99	126	79%
1601 - HILYARD	99	126	79%
0102 - STAUNTON 2	116	148	78%
1503 - BUNKER HILL 3	160	205	78%
1401 - NORTH OTTER	138	177	78%
0202 - MT. OLIVE 2	147	189	78%
0802 - VIRDEN 2	177	228	78%
1001 - GILLESPIE 1	165	213	77%
0901 - DORCHESTER	228	295	77%
0201 - MT. OLIVE 1	131	170	77%
2001 - NORTH PALMYRA	122	159	77%
0701 - GIRARD 1	142	187	76%
0103 - STAUNTON 3	153	202	76%
2301 - CHESTERFIELD	131	175	75%
0702 - GIRARD 2	111	154	72%
1003 - GILLESPIE 3	137	192	71%
0204 - MT. OLIVE 4	63	89	71%
1801 - BIRD	95	136	70%
0101 - STAUNTON 1	180	259	69%
0302 - CAHOKIA 2	168	250	67%
0301 - CAHOKIA 1	183	276	66%
0401 - HONEY POINT	35	53	66%
1002 - GILLESPIE 2	214	338	63%
0104 - STAUNTON 4	135	217	62%
1701 - POLK	112	181	62%
1101 - BRUSHY MOUND	151	262	58%
0501 - SHAWS POINT	115	205	56%
1203 - CARLINVILLE 3	231	423	55%
1205 - CARLINVILLE 5	121	236	51%
1202 - CARLINVILLE 2	159	322	49%
1204 - CARLINVILLE 4	140	294	48%
1201 - CARLINVILLE 1	201	423	48%

Which Precinct Had the Highest Turnout Before Election Day

	Number of Early Voters	Total Turnout in Precinct	% of Turnout Early
1201 - CARLINVILLE 1	222	423	52%
1204 - CARLINVILLE 4	154	294	52%
1202 - CARLINVILLE 2	163	322	51%
1205 - CARLINVILLE 5	115	236	49%
1203 - CARLINVILLE 3	192	423	45%
0501 - SHAWS POINT	90	205	44%
1101 - BRUSHY MOUND	111	262	42%
1701 - POLK	69	181	38%
0104 - STAUNTON 4	82	217	38%
1002 - GILLESPIE 2	124	338	37%
0401 - HONEY POINT	18	53	34%
0301 - CAHOKIA 1	93	276	34%
0302 - CAHOKIA 2	82	250	33%
0101 - STAUNTON 1	79	259	31%
1801 - BIRD	41	136	30%
0204 - MT. OLIVE 4	26	89	29%
1003 - GILLESPIE 3	55	192	29%
0702 - GIRARD 2	43	154	28%
2301 - CHESTERFIELD	44	175	25%
0103 - STAUNTON 3	49	202	24%
0701 - GIRARD 1	45	187	24%
2001 - NORTH PALMYRA	37	159	23%
0201 - MT. OLIVE 1	39	170	23%
0901 - DORCHESTER	67	295	23%
1001 - GILLESPIE 1	48	213	23%
0802 - VIRDEN 2	51	228	22%
0202 - MT. OLIVE 2	42	189	22%
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2103 - BRIGHTON 3	31	176	18%
0801 - VIRDEN 1	41	237	17%
2501 - BARR	16	98	16%
1502 - BUNKER HILL 2	33	203	16%
0601 - NILWOOD	17	120	14%
2601 - SCOTTVILLE	10	79	13%
2401 - WESTERN MOUND	6	72	8%

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 – 5

Reasons why:

Signatures were deemed to not match by judges – 3

Voters who forgot to sign their certification card - 2

Number of ballots cured and those ballots counted – 4

Number where voter did not seek to cure their ballot - 1

Mail Ballots Returned by Mail or Dropbox

With all the discussion about the post office, we are also providing numbers on how many ballots were mailed back vs dropped off at either the dropbox or Voting Center.

In the 2026 Primary, 1,141 were mailed back and 217 were dropped off in person

In the 2024 Primary, 1,128 were mailed back and 84 were dropped off in person

Provisional Votes

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.

7 provisionals cast

5 provisionals were counted

2 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.

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 to the State Board of Elections. This election, the Macoupin Retab was completed on March 23rd and there was one ballot in which one race was not counted. Based on investigation, the voter barely marked the circle so it appears to be an issue of the machine reading it one time and not the other. More statistics are below.

MACOUPIN'S FIXED PERCENTAGE AUDIT BY THE NUMBERS

2026 Primary Election

24%

early ballots
audited

5%

of Election Day voting
locations *audited*

1

early ballot machine
counted

45

total Election Day
voting locations

25%

early and mail ballots
tabulators retabulated

3

Election Day voting locations
randomly selected for the audit

654

early ballots selected
for audit

413

total ballots cast at selected
Election Day voting locations

99.91%

match between the
election night results and
retabulation count on a
ballot basis

1

discrepancies identified
and investigated
during the audit

1067

ballots audited