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NEXT UP, THE GENERAL ELECTION



It has been a busy year so far and it's only going to get busier. With the Primary Election now behind us, we are looking forward to what we know will be our highest-turnout election of the year- the 2024 General Election.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 7 is the deadline to register to vote (if not already registered)

If you want to vote by mail, visit VoteHillsborough.gov or call (813) 744-5900 to request your Vote By Mail ballot. We'll start mailing those ballots out soon, and continue fulfilling requests *received through 5 PM, October 24.*

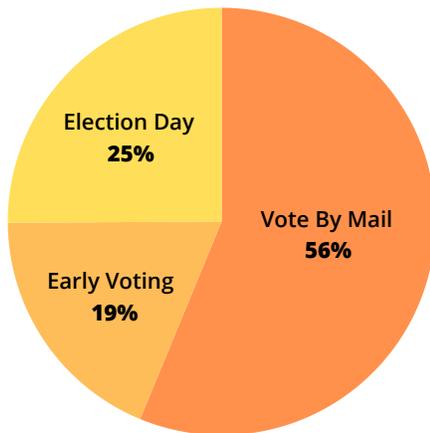
- **September 20:** first mailing to absent military and overseas voters
- **October 3:** first mailing to domestic voters

Primary Election Recap

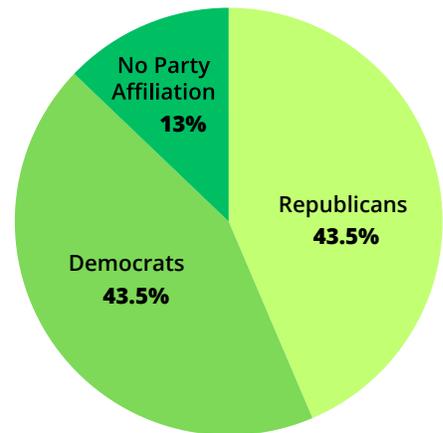


Thank you to all of my incredible poll workers and staff who provided great customer service to our voters during the Primary Election.

Voting By Method



Voting By Party



Total number of ballots cast: 162,112

Florida law requires that a machine recount be conducted if any race or issue would be defeated by 0.5% or less of the total votes cast for that race or issue. In this election, no races came within the recount margin. **Official election results can be found on the Election Results page of our website.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As we approach the homestretch of the election year, I want to address some of the common questions that I'm hearing.



Are non-citizens voting?

In Florida, it's against the law for non-citizens to register to vote or vote, and Florida has a strong commitment to ensuring that. When registering to vote, the applicant must affirm that they are a U.S. citizen, and that they understand that falsifying the document is a 3rd degree felony. In accordance with the law, our office reviews the application for completeness and the Department of State Division of Elections verifies their identity through their license or social security number before the registration is considered valid.

The Division of Elections coordinates with official sources on a regular basis and forwards any credible and reliable information on non-citizenship to our office. When we receive evidence that a person is ineligible to vote, we follow Florida law (*FS 98.075*) to provide notice and an opportunity to be heard to that registrant and, if the information remains valid, remove them from the voter rolls.



Where can I find more information on the ballot amendments?

Visit the [2024 General Election page](#) on my website to read the amendments and see the proposed changes to the Florida Constitution.

Proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution require 60% approval from voters to pass (*Florida Constitution, Article XI, Section 5(e)*) and proposed Hillsborough County and City of Tampa referendums require majority approval from voters to pass.



What checks and balances ensure an accurate vote count?

To make sure every ballot is counted, we have systematic, redundant procedures in place to track how many ballots are issued, returned and counted. Our ballot scanners are tested repeatedly and publicly before every election. Afterwards, we run a post-election audit, scanning every ballot into a separate State-certified system to confirm the accuracy of our results. Finally, to ensure accountability, election results and voter history become public record.

To learn more, read "[Elections You Can Trust](#)" on my website.

THE LAST WORD

September 17 is National Voter Registration Day! Make sure you and your family and friends are registered to vote and ready for the 2024 General Election.

