



St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

2025 - 2026 Budget Information



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May 30, 2025

Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 129.03(2), Florida Statutes, I respectfully submit the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.

Justifications for the required expenditures for the operation of the Supervisor of Elections Office and for the August 18, 2026, Primary Election are also included.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vicky C. Oakes
Supervisor of Elections

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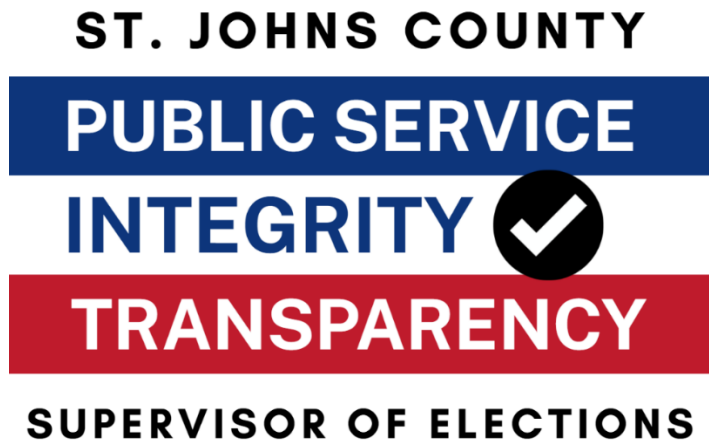
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SOE Office Budget and Justifications – Department 0121

0121-51100	Salaries, Fixed – Set by State Law	\$188,180
0121-51200	Regular Salaries	\$1,212,397
0121-51400	Overtime Employees	\$17,500
0121-52100	FICA/Medicare Taxes	\$108,483
0121-52200	Retirement Contributions	\$311,523
0121-52300	Life & Health Insurance	\$288,010
0121-52400	Workmen’s Compensation	\$936
0121-53120	Contractual Services – Threat detection, managed service provider, GeoElections support, communications, consultant & legal fees, website maintenance & hosting fees	\$376,396
0121-54000	Travel & Per Diem – Elections workshops, FSE yearly conference, Election Center classes, Canvassing Board Workshop, mileage reimbursement for employees on county business	\$24,500
0121-54100	Communications – Telephone and internet primary and backup services, office cell phones	\$42,912
0121-54110	Postage – Annual Mail Meter Permits, UPS, Certified Mail, List Maintenance postage and New Petition Notices postage	\$51,300
0121-54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment – Postage meter lease, computer leases, printer/scanner/fax/copier multifunction device leases, folder lease	\$21,653
0121-54500	Insurance – General liability on office and all equipment, coverage on all office vehicles	\$15,072
0121-54600	Building Maintenance – Fence work on the second floor of the warehouse	\$8,000
0121-54601	Equipment Maintenance – Maintenance on folder and tabber machines, mail openers and printer/scanner/fax/copier multifunction devices, phone system maintenance	\$11,850
0121-54602	Vehicle Maintenance – Maintenance on all office vehicles	\$4,500
0121-54617	Software Fees – VR Systems license fees, GIS system interface fees, VR Web Focus, GeoElections, ARC/GIS, firewalls and anti-threat, backup software maintenance fees, all support services and license fees	\$182,328
0121-55100	Office Supplies – All paper and office supplies, voter information cards, educational and informational materials, weekly voter card mailings, certified mail	\$245,000
0121-55201	Gas, Oil & Lubricant – For office vehicles	\$2,500
0121-55401	Training – Online Training Courses	\$7,440
0121-55405	Dues & Memberships – FSE (2% of SOE Salary), Election Center, FLGISA	\$4,652
0121-54600	Equipment – Cisco 48 Port POE Switch	\$11,000

Department 0121 - SOE Budget Expenditure

Item	Description	Actual Expenditures FY 2024	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Estimated Expenditures FY 2025	Department Requested FY 2026
51100	Salaries, Fixed	\$171,257	\$179,081	\$179,081	\$188,180
51200	Regular Salaries	\$964,417	\$1,084,957	\$1,084,957	\$1,212,397
51400	Overtime Employees	\$10,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$17,500
52100	FICA/Medicare	\$85,995	\$97,464	\$97,464	\$108,483
52200	Retirement Contributions	\$259,164	\$289,447	\$289,447	\$311,523
52202	OPEB Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52300	Life & Health Insurance	\$186,576	\$253,130	\$253,130	\$288,010
52400	Workmen's Compensation	\$1,032	\$994	\$994	\$936
52500	Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
53120	Contractual Services	\$218,004	\$318,218	\$318,218	\$376,396
54000	Travel & Per Diem	\$6,400	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$24,500
54100	Communications	\$30,193	\$38,112	\$38,112	\$42,912
54110	Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,300
54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment	\$12,574	\$21,005	\$21,005	\$21,653
54500	Insurance	\$11,880	\$12,560	\$12,560	\$15,072
54600	Building Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
54601	Equipment Maintenance	\$14,154	\$12,150	\$12,150	\$11,850
54602	Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,046	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
54617	Software Fees	\$97,655	\$163,056	\$163,056	\$182,328
54801	Special Events	\$180	\$0	\$0	\$0
54900	Advertising	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
55100	Office Supplies	\$264,583	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$245,000
55103	Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55200	Operating Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55201	Gas, Oil and Lubricants	\$1,096	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$2,500
55304	Federal Grant Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55401	Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,440
55405	Dues and Memberships	\$4,036	\$4,195	\$4,195	\$4,652
56400	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
	Total	\$2,340,742	\$2,763,319	\$2,763,319	\$3,136,132
	Minus Federal Grants:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Budget without Grants:	\$2,340,742	\$2,763,319	\$2,763,319	\$3,136,132
Departmental Summary:					
	Personnel Services	\$1,678,941	\$1,915,073	\$1,915,073	\$2,127,029
	Operating Expenses	\$661,801	\$848,246	\$848,246	\$998,103
	Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
	Total	\$2,340,742	\$2,763,319	\$2,763,319	\$3,136,132

Elections Budget and Justifications – Department 0122

0122-51300	Other Salaries – Part-time Elections staff including Voting Techs, Front Office Staff, Poll Worker Assistant, Vote-By-Mail Staff, Supervised Voting Staff and Poll Worker Class Trainers	\$184,066
0122-51301	Poll Worker Salaries – Election Day and Early Voting poll workers for the 11/05/24 General Election	\$220,375
0122-51400	Overtime Employees	\$8,000
0122-52100	FICA/Medicare Taxes	\$31,552
0122-52400	Workmen’s Compensation – Percentage of salaries set by law	\$273
0122-53120	Contractual Services – Phone Bank (staffing agency), ES&S staff support and training fees, Enhanced Ballot accessible system, Poll Worker module, Clear Ballot support, Canvassing Board legal fees and security/law enforcement officers	\$66,000
0122-54000	Travel & Per Diem – Mileage for Voting Technicians	\$4,000
0122-54100	Communications –Air Cards for countywide EViD communication and DS300 modems	\$12,185
0122-54110	Postage – Vote-by-mail, sample ballots, polling location changes, Citizen’s Guide, UPS & miscellaneous correspondence	\$83,200
0122-54113	Transportation Charges – Delivery of voting equipment and election supplies to all polling locations and early voting sites for the election	\$25,000
0122-54401	Lease/Rental of Building – Rental charges for polling places and early voting sites for the election	\$4,000
0122-54500	Insurance – General liability on voting booths, DS300 tabulators, BOD printers, EViD’s, ADA Express Votes, and DS850 tabulators	\$40,658
0122-54601	Equipment Maintenance – Annual hardware maintenance on EViD’s, DS300’s, ADA Express Votes and DS850 vote-by-mail ballot reader	\$86,300
0122-54617	Software Fees –EViD system license fee, EViD stations software fees, Election Systems and Software Electionware fees, Ballot on Demand Printer software fees, DS300, DS850 and Express Vote fees, annual software fee for Spanish translation on Express Votes, Clear Ballot software fees	\$177,394
0122-54900	Advertising – Legal and informational advertising required by Florida Statutes (notice of election, book closing ads, polling locations, public notice of voting assistance), voting information (vote-by-mail and early voting dates, times, and locations) and sample ballots for the Primary Election in both English and Spanish languages, county-wide, Citizen's Guide mailing	\$35,000
0122-55213	Election Supplies – Ballots (test, provisional, sample, vote-by-mail, early voting, overseas, precinct), precinct supplies, and all supplies necessary to conduct the Primary Election, all material in English and Spanish languages	\$223,025
0122-56400	Equipment – Voting Booths, Pepwave Antennas & spare BOD printers	\$56,100

Department 0122 - Elections Budget Expenditure

Item	Description	Actual Expenditures FY 2024	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Estimated Expenditures FY 2025	Department Requested FY 2026
51200	Regular Salaries	\$3,554	\$0	\$0	\$0
51300	Other Salaries	\$158,629	\$174,000	\$174,000	\$184,066
51301	Poll Worker Salaries	\$350,161	\$359,292	\$359,292	\$220,375
51400	Overtime Employees	\$3,458	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
52100	FICA/Medicare	\$12,672	\$41,409	\$41,409	\$31,552
52400	Workmen's Compensation	\$465	\$422	\$422	\$273
53120	Contractual Services	\$108,887	\$70,876	\$70,876	\$66,000
54000	Travel & Per Diem	\$3,622	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
54100	Communications	\$3,189	\$14,380	\$14,380	\$12,185
54110	Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,200
54113	Transportation Charges	\$46,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$25,000
54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
54401	Lease/Rental of Building	\$4,300	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$4,000
54500	Insurance	\$35,379	\$31,995	\$31,995	\$40,658
54601	Equipment Maintenance	\$62,108	\$70,961	\$70,961	\$86,300
54617	Software Fees	\$104,865	\$150,354	\$150,354	\$177,394
54900	Advertising	\$51,651	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,000
55103	Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55213	Election Supplies	\$477,096	\$325,567	\$325,567	\$223,025
55304	Federal Grant Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55402	Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
56400	Equipment	\$26,924	\$958,291	\$958,291	\$56,100
56403	Computer Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$1,452,960	\$2,291,647	\$2,291,647	\$1,257,128
	Minus Federal Grants:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Budget without Grants:	\$1,452,960	\$2,291,647	\$2,291,647	\$1,257,128
Departmental Summary:					
	Personnel Services	\$528,939	\$583,123	\$583,123	\$444,266
	Operating Expenses	\$897,097	\$750,233	\$750,233	\$756,762
	Capital Improvements	\$26,924	\$958,291	\$958,291	\$56,100
	Total	\$1,452,960	\$2,291,647	\$2,291,647	\$1,257,128

Supervisor of Elections Overview

The Supervisor of Elections budget varies annually depending upon the number and type of elections contained in each budget cycle, as well as anticipated voter turnout. The August 18, 2026, Primary Election, is contained in this budget. Significant factors that greatly impact this year’s budget are:

- **2026 Primary Election**
 - Election Day is August 18, 2026, where polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM at 45 polling places throughout the county
 - Anticipated voter turnout of 35%
 - Eight days of early voting at 8 locations from 9 AM to 6 PM daily
 - Increased staffing and additional poll workers needed

- **Continued Growth in St. Johns County**
 - Population continues to increase daily which translates directly into an increase in registered voters. Accommodating overgrown precincts, those that have reached over 8,000 voters, will be the priority of the Elections Office. In order to adapt to growth and to provide added accessibility, increases include adding:
 - Two Election Day polling places
 - One Early Voting location
 - Additional poll workers
 - New equipment, voting booths, signage, and precinct supplies
 - Mailing of polling place change notices to all effected voters

Budget Summary

	FY 2026 Requested	Percentage Change from FY 2025
SOE Office – Dept 0121	\$3,136,132	+13.49% increase (\$372,813)
Elections – Dept 0122	\$1,257,128	-45.14% decrease (-\$1,034,519)*
Total Requested Funds:	\$4,393,260	-13.09% decrease (-\$661,706)*
<i>NOTE: Calculations include FY 25 Capital Improvement funds in the amount of \$958,291</i>		
Total Requested Funds including Capital Improvement: \$4,393,260		

Duties of the Supervisor of Elections



The Supervisor of Elections is the official designated by Florida Law to administer voter registration and elections in St. Johns County. The primary duties of the Supervisor include:

Voter Registration

- Register eligible voters and issue voter information cards
- Maintain accurate voter registration rolls by conducting list maintenance
- Remove voters who have moved out of Florida, are deceased, or for any reason are no longer eligible to vote in Florida
- Update voter registration records when a request is received (name, address, party affiliation)
- Maintain and provide registration statistics and demographics



Elections

- Ensure the safety and security of our elections
- Conduct federal, state, county, municipal, special district, and community development district elections in St. Johns County
- Maintain, program and test voting equipment for elections
- Acquire, equip, and staff polling places
- Maintain precinct information, including an accurate street index
- Maintain and provide election results and voting history
- Hire and train poll workers including bilingual workers who speak English and Spanish
- Send a notice of election to all overseas and military voters prior to each election cycle
- Provide election dates and voting information according to Election Laws in English and Spanish
- Accept vote-by-mail ballot requests. Send, receive, and verify vote-by-mail ballots
- Conduct Post-Election Audit to verify accuracy of election results



Candidates & Petitions

- Qualify candidates for county, municipal, and special district offices
- Receive candidate campaign finance reports for all candidates and make them publicly available
- Verify petition signatures for initiative petitions and candidate qualifying petitions



Voter Education

- Provide voter outreach education and information in English and in Spanish
- Conduct annual voter education programs in all public/private county high schools
- Conduct high school student government elections
- Publish election and voter information prior to each election



The Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS)

The Department of State (DOS) is responsible for the security and integrity of the Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS) and continues to upgrade FVRS to state-of-the-art hardware, software, and firewalls to safeguard voter information. FVRS serves as the “official” voter registration list for conducting all elections for federal, state, and local offices in Florida.



FVRS is:



- Administered by the Department of State who delegates voter registration duties and records maintenance activities to the local Supervisor of Elections
- Contains the name and registration information of every registered voter in the state
- Coordinates with other agency databases including: the Department of Health, the Clerk of the Circuit Courts, United States Attorney’s Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Board of Executive Clemency, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Elections Officials are responsible for:



- Acting as the official custodian of voter registration documents at the county level
- Accepting voter registration applications and updating voter information
- Entering new voter registrations
- Scanning documents into the system
- Ensuring that list maintenance duties are conducted in accordance with Section 98.065 and 98.075, Florida Statutes
- Mailing voter information cards following an update to a voter’s information, or any time changes are made to precincts or polling locations
- Entering and maintaining requests for vote-by-mail ballots
- Verifying candidate and constitutional amendment petitions
- Entering voter history following each election

Online Voter Registration:



Online voter registration is convenient, secure, and available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. **Register to Vote Florida.gov** is mobile friendly and accessible through our website **www.votesjc.gov** by clicking “Register to Vote”.

To submit a registration online, applicants must have a Florida Driver License or Florida Identification (ID) card and the last four digits of their Social Security number. Once the individual’s identity is verified and the application is deemed complete, a voter information card will be issued by the Elections Office. The online application can be used by new voters registering as well as existing voters to update their address, make name and party changes, or request a replacement voter information card.

The online voter registration system also incorporates:

- Load testing and stress testing to ensure that the system has sufficient capacity to accommodate foreseeable use, including during specified periods of high volume
- Screening of computers and networks used to support the system for malware and other vulnerabilities
- Evaluation of database infrastructure in order to fortify defenses against cyberattacks
- Identification of any anticipated threats to the security and integrity of data collected, maintained, received, or transmitted by the system

Voter Registration Services

The Supervisor of Elections Office operates at one facility located at 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101 in St. Augustine. Under current law, voter registration services are also provided for in a number of locations throughout St. Johns County.

Section 97, Florida Statutes, designates specific locations as voter registration agencies where voters may register to vote or make changes to their voter record in person. Utilizing these locations is critical to the operations of the Elections Office and negates the need for Branch Office locations.

These locations include:

- St. Johns County Tax Collector Offices, which issue driver licenses at Ponte Vedra, Julington Creek, St. Augustine, and DuPont Center
- St. Johns County Public Libraries: Anastasia Island Branch, Bartram Trail Branch, Hastings Branch, Main Branch in St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra Beach Branch, Southeast Branch, as well as a bookmobile which travels around the county
- Offices that provide public assistance or serve persons with disabilities
- Armed forces recruiting offices consisting of four offices within St. Johns County

For voters unable to visit any of the locations listed above, a range of services provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office is available on our website, www.votesjc.gov, ensuring that our services are accessible at all times.



List Maintenance Activities

List maintenance programs are conducted to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records. List maintenance is a daily, ongoing process as the Supervisor of Elections receives:

- Mail returned undeliverable from the Post Office
- Updates from other agencies:
 - Weekly felony convictions, mentally incapacitated rulings, and Jury Notice lists from the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts
 - Department of State notifications of felony convictions or mentally incapacitated
 - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver license lists
 - Address updates
 - Voters who obtain a driver license in another state
 - Deceased voters
 - Department of Health daily deceased notifications
 - Requests from voters to be removed from rolls
 - Biannual mailings to voters who have not voted in the last two General Elections

In order to keep St. Johns County voter rolls as accurate as possible, our voter rolls are sent to match against the National Change of Address (NCOA) every 60 days. Any address change information received for a voter by the post office triggers a mailing to the voter and request to update their voter request or cancel their registration if they have moved to another state. Under Florida law, list maintenance activities are frozen 90 days before an election.

All list maintenance activities are tracked and submitted to the Division of Elections twice a year. On January 31 and July 31, the Supervisor of Elections is required to certify the list maintenance activities conducted during the six months prior.

In 2024 , St. Johns County conducted list maintenance activities. As a result:	In 2025 , from January 1 st – May 15 th , list maintenance activities included:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,322 Deceased voters were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 0 Voters who listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence addresses were removed - 169 Convicted felons were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 20 Adjudicated mentally incapacitated were removed - 839 Address Confirmation Requests were sent - 2,282 Address Change Notices were sent - 4,641 Address Confirmation Final Notices were sent. Of which, 715 registered voters responded - 1,804 Registered voters were placed on <u>Inactive</u> status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 899 Deceased voters were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 0 Voters who listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence addresses were removed - 55 Convicted felons were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 4 Adjudicated mentally incapacitated were removed - 726 Address Confirmation Requests were sent - 3,920 Address Change Notices were sent - 15,869 Address Confirmation Final Notices were sent. Of which, 37 registered voters responded - 590 Registered voters were placed on <u>Inactive</u> status

Voter Registration Statistics

Vicky Oakes

Date 5/15/2025

Supervisor of Elections

St Johns County, FL

Time 12:55 PM

District List Report

District Nbr	DistrictType	Description	Registered Voters					Inactive Voters				
			Total	Dems	Reps	NPA	Other	Total	Dems	Reps	NPA	Other
ALL	1	St. Johns County	239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
			239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
CC	1	County Commission - Dist 1	46,171	8,531	26,294	10,176	1,170	2,788	564	1,150	1,011	63
CC	2	County Commission - Dist 2	51,449	9,641	29,262	10,994	1,552	3,706	851	1,426	1,352	77
CC	3	County Commission - Dist 3	45,561	11,409	24,099	8,743	1,310	4,102	1,101	1,385	1,514	102
CC	4	County Commission - Dist 4	47,383	8,460	26,976	10,690	1,257	2,647	491	1,147	937	72
CC	5	County Commission - Dist 5	48,893	11,695	24,991	10,591	1,616	3,913	1,033	1,317	1,460	103
			239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
CDD	1	Marshall Creek CDD	2,749	496	1,555	613	85	155	43	59	52	1
CDD	2	Sampson Creek CDD	1,994	280	1,297	375	42	112	21	58	33	0
CDD	3	Julington Creek CDD	12,230	2,435	6,853	2,666	276	918	205	377	314	22
CDD	4	Brandy Creek CDD	1,305	291	644	331	39	103	19	39	43	2
CDD	5	Aberdeen CDD	3,710	752	1,862	989	107	291	53	105	125	8
CDD	6	Durbin Crossing CDD	4,719	1,006	2,339	1,263	111	326	72	103	143	8
CDD	7	Heritage Landing CDD	2,623	572	1,325	648	78	242	62	76	101	3
CDD	8	Heritage Park CDD	1,358	358	660	291	49	104	21	25	54	4
CDD	9	St Johns Forest CDD	1,186	276	567	319	24	79	20	27	31	1
CDD	10	Turnbull Creek CDD	2,112	385	1,191	475	61	180	23	84	67	6
CDD	11	World Commerce CDD	1,346	316	657	336	37	91	18	36	35	2
CDD	12	Glen St Johns CDD	1,042	204	536	277	25	68	10	28	29	1
CDD	13	Tolomato CDD	18,679	3,453	10,225	4,509	492	686	122	291	256	17
CDD	15	Rivers Edge CDD	3,951	646	2,272	899	134	124	27	47	44	6
CDD	16	Sweetwater Creek CDD	1,585	334	883	325	43	80	18	34	27	1
CDD	17	Isles of Bartram Park CDD	1,141	241	456	418	26	72	11	20	41	0
CDD	18	Southaven Comm CDD	799	144	446	186	23	36	10	11	14	1
CDD	19	Trout Creek CDD	3,855	669	2,137	913	136	141	25	50	61	5
CDD	20	Six Mile Creek CDD	2,866	488	1,637	621	120	91	19	39	30	3
CDD	21	Madeira CDD	718	123	458	117	20	26	2	13	10	1
CDD	22	Bannon Lakes CDD	1,402	291	716	329	66	73	13	25	32	3
CDD	23	Creekside At Twin Creeks CDD	1,050	243	502	277	28	65	9	27	27	2
CDD	24	Meadow View At Twin Creeks	2,335	396	1,260	599	80	55	14	17	23	1
CDD	25	Twin Creeks North CDD	1,880	314	1,068	425	73	112	14	52	42	4
CDD	26	Grand Oaks CDD	756	147	410	167	32	6	0	4	1	1
CDD	27	Parkland Preserve CDD	605	121	354	101	29	5	1	3	1	0
CDD	28	Rivers Edge II CDD	980	197	565	185	33	6	2	2	2	0
			78,976	15,178	42,875	18,654	2,269	4,247	854	1,652	1,638	103
CNG	4	US Congress - Dist 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CNG	5	US Congress - Dist 5	206,321	42,206	113,201	44,900	6,014	14,293	3,331	5,387	5,217	358
CNG	6	US Congress - Dist 6	33,136	7,530	18,421	6,294	891	2,863	709	1,038	1,057	59
			239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
CTY	0	St Johns County	223,210	44,888	124,225	47,714	6,383	15,496	3,533	5,937	5,654	372
CTY	1	St Augustine	10,659	3,367	4,609	2,311	372	1,244	415	336	461	32
CTY	2	St Augustine Beach	5,588	1,481	2,788	1,169	150	416	92	152	159	13
			239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417

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**Supervisor of Elections
District List Report**

St Johns County, FL

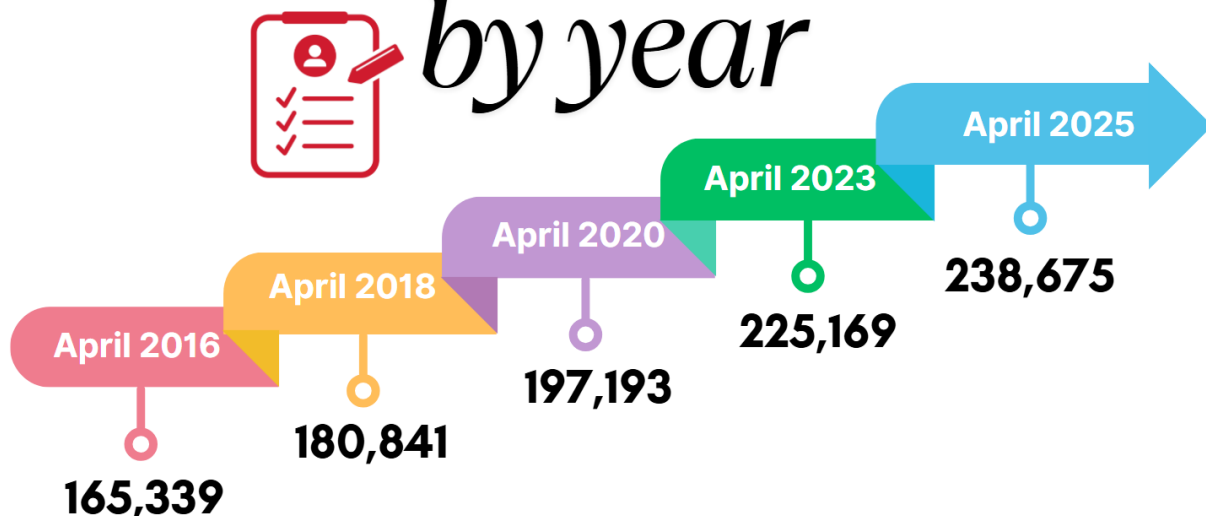
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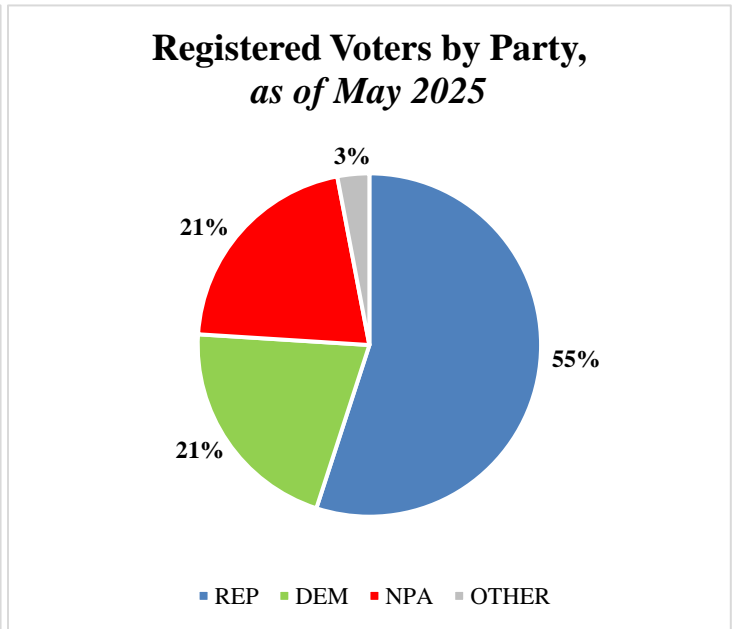
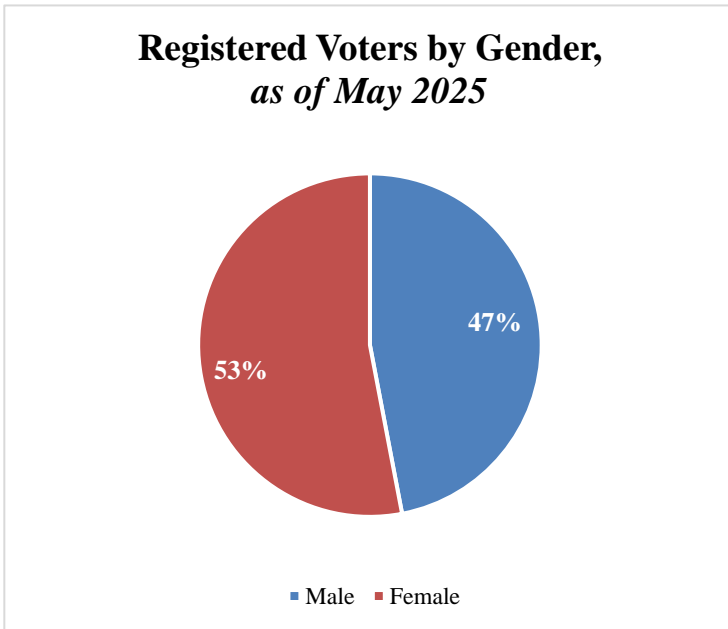
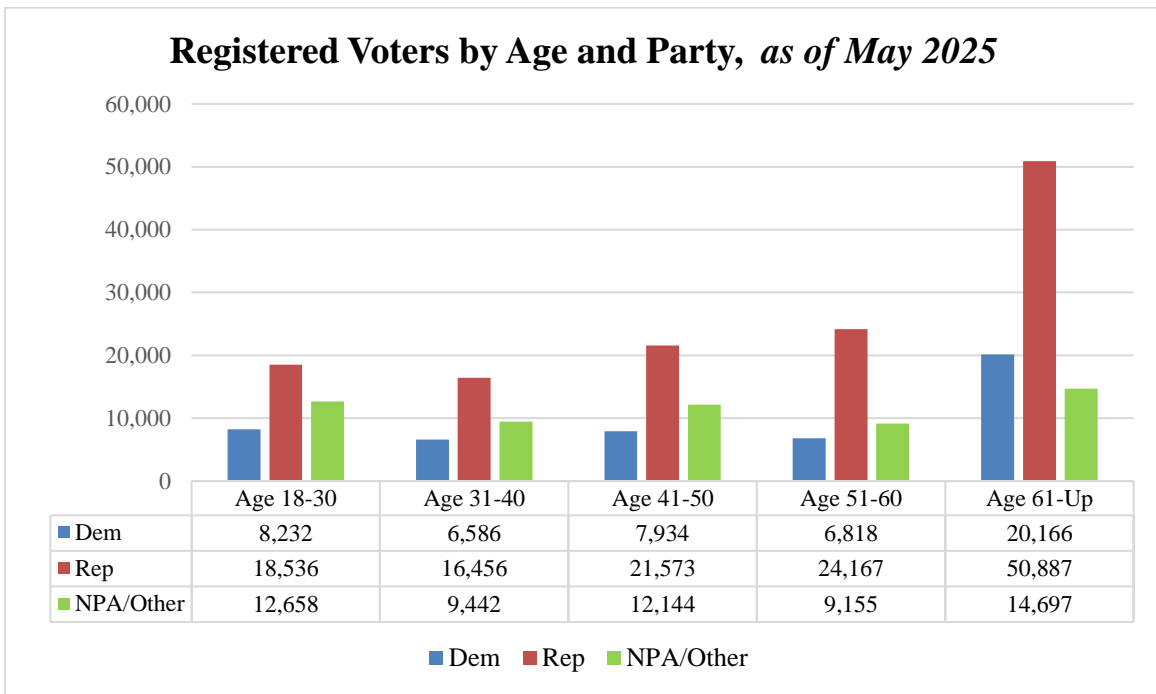
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HSE	18 State Representative - Dist 18	163,394	30,597	91,752	36,378	4,667	9,782	2,002	3,979	3,564	237
HSE	19 State Representative - Dist 19	46,718	13,378	22,590	9,381	1,369	4,620	1,362	1,424	1,713	121
HSE	20 State Representative - Dist 20	29,345	5,761	17,280	5,435	869	2,754	676	1,022	997	59
		239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
PW	1 Port Waterway & Beach	57,569	15,347	28,819	11,574	1,829	5,636	1,608	1,800	2,079	149
		57,569	15,347	28,819	11,574	1,829	5,636	1,608	1,800	2,079	149
SB	1 School Board - Dist 1	46,171	8,531	26,294	10,176	1,170	2,788	564	1,150	1,011	63
SB	2 School Board - Dist 2	51,449	9,641	29,262	10,994	1,552	3,706	851	1,426	1,352	77
SB	3 School Board - Dist 3	45,561	11,409	24,099	8,743	1,310	4,102	1,101	1,385	1,514	102
SB	4 School Board - Dist 4	47,383	8,460	26,976	10,690	1,257	2,647	491	1,147	937	72
SB	5 School Board - Dist 5	48,893	11,695	24,991	10,591	1,616	3,913	1,033	1,317	1,460	103
		239,457	49,736	131,622	51,194	6,905	17,156	4,040	6,425	6,274	417
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ST	1 Ponte Vedra MSD	3,313	515	2,102	621	75	188	37	97	52	2
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		16,247	4,848	7,397	3,480	522	1,660	507	488	620	45

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

by year

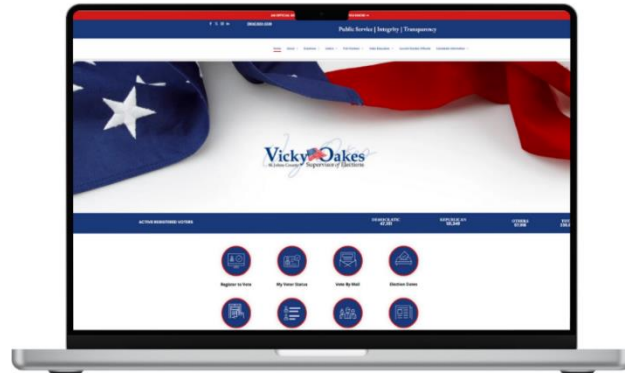


Demographics



Voter Education and Outreach

The Supervisor of Elections relies on a variety of tools that have proven most useful and accessible to voters. These include the office website, direct mail—such as voter information cards, sample ballots, the St. Johns County Citizen’s Guide to Registering and Voting, polling place change notices, and list maintenance correspondence—as well as newspaper articles and advertisements in community publications. Additional outreach efforts involve radio interviews and advertising, social media platforms like Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram, and GTV. The Elections Office also engages the community through public speaking presentations, voter education programs in St. Johns County high schools, office tours, and poll worker orientation classes.



Supervisor of Elections Office Website

The best voter education tool continues to be our website. It provides access to voter registration and election information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Even on holidays, all services of the Elections Office are always available. Our website is well-utilized by voters and is compatible with mobile devices.

GIS Map Portal

- Added to the Supervisor of Elections Office website ahead of the 2024 election cycle
- Accessible from phone, tablet, or computer
- Users can create, download, and print custom maps using various filters
- Pre-made maps available, including voting precincts, County Commission and School Board districts, Community Development Districts, and more

St. Johns County Citizen’s Guide

- The 2026 St. Johns County Citizen’s Guide to Registering and Voting will be mailed to all county residences in mid-2026
- Provides key information for the 2026 Primary and General Elections
- Includes important deadlines, how to register to vote or update voter information, voting methods, dates, locations, and what to expect when voting in person

Monthly Newsletter

The Supervisor of Elections publishes a monthly newsletter to keep voters informed about Elections Office activities. Residents can subscribe on our website and receive the newsletter by email. With over 1,000 subscribers, each issue is also shared on social media and archived online at www.votesjc.gov.

Sample Ballots

- Sample ballots are a key tool for informing registered voters. Each sample ballot includes a voter-specific ballot that can be marked and brought to the polls, vote-by-mail

information, early voting dates, times, and locations, and Election Day polling place location and hours

- Sent by mail or email about three weeks before each election, excluding voters who requested a vote-by-mail ballot

Community Newspapers

Local community newspapers offer a cost-effective way to reach residents and voters who do not subscribe to major publications. Some allow local officials to publish monthly articles for free, making them a valuable tool for keeping voters informed year-round.

Social Media

- Maintain active accounts on Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn, posting weekly with trusted news, updates, and events, with increasing frequency during elections to share key deadlines and information
- Facebook posts have reached over 130,000 St. Johns County residents as of May 2025

Voter Outreach Programs

The Elections Office actively participates in community events to educate and provide accessible, trusted voter registration and election information. In 2025, the Voter Outreach Team focused on scheduling events countywide between elections, and prioritized visiting all nine public high schools, as well as the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. Through high school presentations, 1,606 voter registration applications were collected by the end of the 2024/2025 school year.



Office Tours

The St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office suspended office tours in 2025 due to a Special Primary and Special Election in Congressional District 6. When available, tours are open to the public, limited to fifteen participants, and can be scheduled on our website or by phone. These tours promote transparency and integrity by offering direct interaction with Elections Office staff and a guided tour of the facility. Attendees consistently express increased confidence in local election processes after participating.



Poll Worker Orientation

With the county's continued growth, poll worker recruitment remains a key priority for the Elections Office. Recruitment is ongoing to build a well-trained, nonpartisan team ready to serve the community. Eligible registered voters are invited to attend mandatory Poll Worker Orientation classes that cover expectations, requirements, and local election procedures. Upon completion, attendees are invited to further required training for upcoming elections.

2025 Legislative Changes

CS/HB 1205 was signed into law on May 2, 2025, and introduces significant changes to Florida's citizen-led constitutional amendment petition process.

Statutory changes include:

- New restrictions on paid circulators
- Sponsors must submit signed petitions to county Supervisors of Elections within 10 days, reduced from the previous 30-day window
- Late submissions incur fines of \$50 per day, up to \$2,500 per petition. Willful violations can lead to penalties of \$2,500 per petition
- The law prohibits the use of taxpayer funds by state agencies to support or oppose constitutional amendments

New Mandated Mailings for Supervisors of Elections:

- Beginning October 1, 2025, when a signature is verified as valid, the Supervisor of Elections shall send a notice to the voter's mailing address. The notice must:
 - Inform the voter a petition has been received and verified on their behalf for a specific initiative including details about the petition they signed, the petition's serial number and title and the date signed
 - Provides the voter the opportunity to dispute their signature has been misrepresented or forged on the petition
 - Must include the petition circulator's number, a checkbox and signature line for reporting suspected forgery to the Office of Election Crimes and Security (OCES), and the deadline to return the notice
 - Contain a postage pre-paid, pre-addressed form to the OCES paid for by local Elections office
 - Includes that the notice will become public record if returned, and that, upon return the petition will be invalidated, a copy sent to the Division of Elections, and the signature will not count toward ballot qualification

New Actions for Supervisors of Elections:

- Outlines duties and responsibilities for Supervisors of Elections, the Division of Elections, and the Department of State regarding record retention
- All petitions must be scanned and electronically transmitted to the Division of Elections at the end of each month, and must be identified as valid or invalid
- After the February 1st deadline, but before March 15th, all physical petition forms must be delivered to the Division of Elections in Tallahassee
- Petition verification costs may be increased annually on March 1st to allow Supervisors of Elections to recover the cost incurred for new statutory requirements including mailing notices, postage, and delivery to Tallahassee

2026 Election Schedule

2026 Primary Election – August 18, 2026

Election occurs during fiscal year 2025/2026

2026 General Election – November 3, 2026

Election occurs during fiscal year 2026/2027

Primary Election (F.S. 100.061) – August 18, 2026

A primary election is held on Tuesday, eleven weeks prior to the general election for the purpose of nomination of candidates for political parties. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast in each contest in the primary election shall be declared nominated for such office. If two or more candidates received an equal and highest number of votes for the same office, such candidates shall draw lots to determine which candidate is nominated.

Timelines	
April 20-24, 2026	<i>Qualifying for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Judicial, State Attorney, and Public Defender</i>
June 8-12, 2026	<i>Qualifying for State Senator, State Representative, County Offices, Special Districts, Municipalities, and Community Development Districts</i>
July 4, 2026	<i>Mailing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots Begins</i>
July 20, 2026	<i>Voter Registration Deadline</i>
August 8-August 15, 2026	<i>Early Voting Period – Polls Open 9 AM to 6 PM Daily</i>
August 18, 2026	<i>Election Day – Polls Open 7 AM to 7 PM</i>

Universal Primary Contests (Florida Constitution Article VI, Section 5(b))

The only exception to the closed primary is when all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election. When this occurs, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation may vote in the primary election for that office. Regardless of party affiliation, a voter may vote for any candidate in a general election. Municipal, judicial, and school board elections are nonpartisan in St. Johns County.

Municipal Elections

Voters residing within a municipality in St. Johns County are entitled to vote on their City Commissioners. Separate voter registration is not required. All municipal elections are held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled primary and general elections. The municipalities included are the City of St. Augustine and the City of St. Augustine Beach.

Special District Elections

The independent special districts located solely within St. Johns County have also adopted resolutions which provide for the Supervisor of Elections to conduct their elections. Those districts are as follows:

- St. Johns County Airport Authority
- St. Johns Soil & Water Conservation District
- Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County
- St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach Commission
- Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach

Community Development Districts

Community Development District elections are also conducted by the Elections Office in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. During the 2026 election cycle, a total of twenty-seven CDD elections will be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections Office. All Community Development District and Special District elections, with the exception of the Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach, appear on the general election ballot.

Each municipality, special district, and community development district is billed for the proportionate share of the cost of their elections. The revenues are deposited into the county general fund.



2026 Offices Scheduled for Election

Federal

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress - Districts 5 & 6

State

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Representative - Districts 18, 19 & 20
- Circuit Judges - 7th Judicial Circuit
- Justices, Supreme Court of Florida (only those whose terms expire January 2027)
- Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2027)



County

- County Commissioners – Districts 2 & 4
- School Board Members – Districts 1, 3 & 4

Municipalities

- City of St. Augustine – 3/Mayor, 4 & 5
- City of St. Augustine Beach – Seats 3, 4 & 5

Special Districts

- Anastasia Mosquito Control District – Seats 2 & 4
- St. Johns County Airport Authority – Groups 1, 2 & 3
- St. Johns Soil & Water Conservation District – Groups 1, 3 & 5
- St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach Commission – Groups 1, 3 & 5
- Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach – Seats 1, 3, 5 & 7

Community Development Districts

- Aberdeen Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Bannock Lakes Community Development District – Seats 2, 4 & 5
- Brandy Creek Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Creekside at Twin Creeks Community Development District – Seats 3, 4 & 5
- Durbin Crossing Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Glen St. Johns Community Development District – Seats 1, 4 & 5
- Grand Oaks Community Development District – Seats 1, 2 & 5
- Heritage Landing Community Development District – Seats 2, 3 & 4
- Heritage Park Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Isles of Bartram Park Community Development District – Seats 2 & 4
- Julington Creek Plantation Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 4
- Madeira Community Development District – Seats 1 & 2
- Marshall Creek Community Development District – Seats 1, 2 & 3
- Meadow View at Twin Creeks Community Development District – Seats 2, 4 & 5
- Parkland Preserve Community Development District – Seats 1 & 2
- Rivers Edge Community Development District – Seats 2 & 4
- Rivers Edge II Community Development District – Seats 1 & 2

- Sampson Creek Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Six Mile Creek Community Development District – Seats 2 & 4
- Southaven Community Development District – Seats 1 & 5
- St. Johns Forest Community Development District – Seats 1, 2 & 3
- Sweetwater Creek Community Development District – Seats 1 & 2
- Tolomato Community Development District – Seats 2, 4 & 5
- Trout Creek Community Development District – Seats 1 & 2
- Turnbull Creek Community Development District – Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Twin Creeks North Community Development District – Seats 2, 3 & 4
- World Commerce Community Development District – Seats 1, 2 & 3



Candidates – By the Numbers



The Supervisor of Elections Office serves as the filing officer for all candidates on the county, local, and municipal level. In order to run for office, all candidates must file the required paperwork with the Supervisor of Elections during the time frame specified by law.

In terms of growth, we often see comparisons of voter registration or voter turnout statistics. Another important comparison for the Elections Office to measure growth is the number of candidates qualified per year. In the chart above, we look at the number of candidates from the year 2004 to 2024. In 2004, we had just 78 candidates qualify. By 2024, we see a 50.3% increase at 155 candidates qualified.

For the 2026 elections, it is anticipated that staff will qualify and handle campaign treasurer’s reports for over 165 candidates. The increase in the number of candidates is a result of the additional Community Development Districts as we begin handling their elections. Three CDDs were added for the 2024 elections, and as a result, we anticipate potentially adding ten more candidates this year.

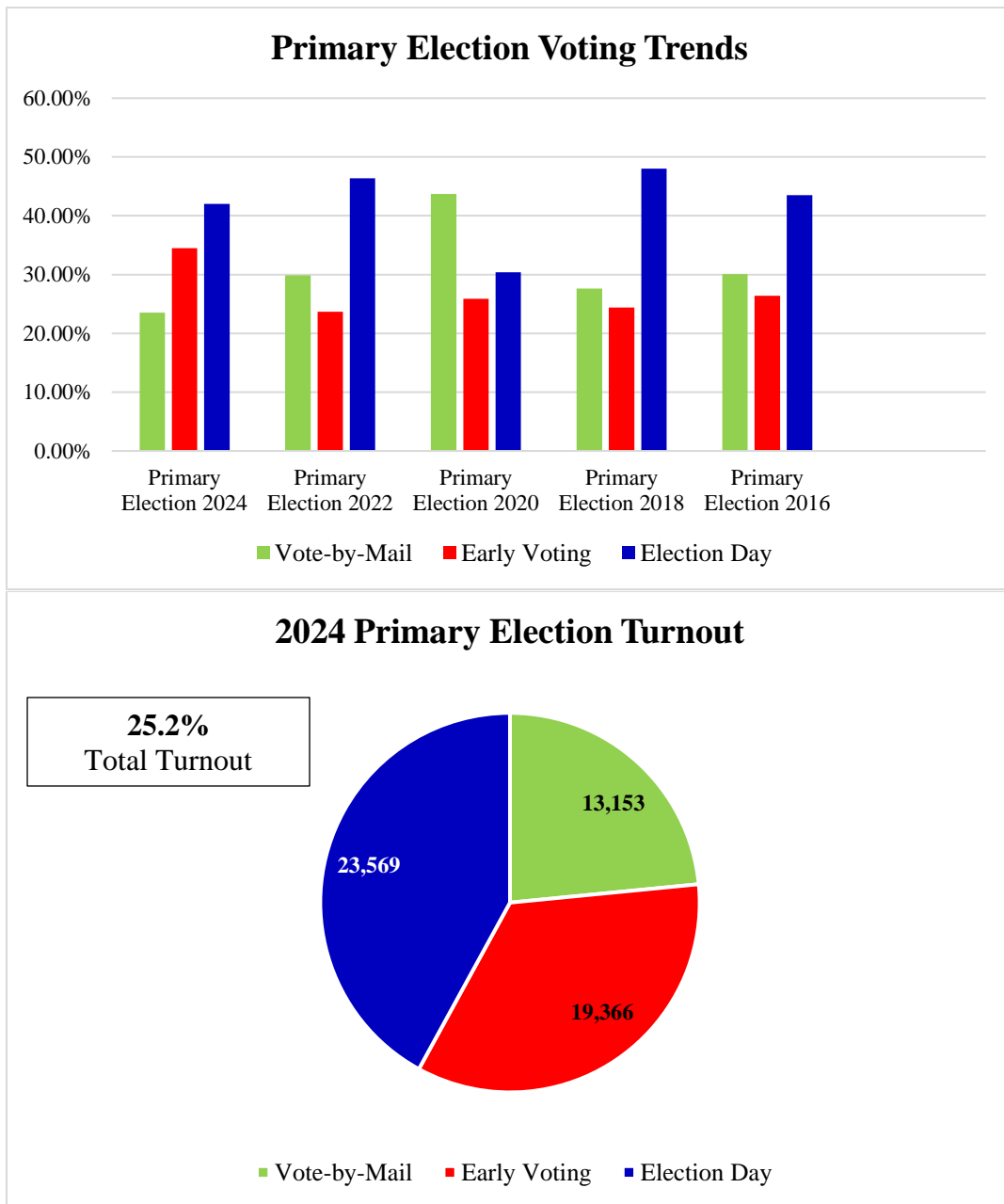
Candidates may either pay a qualifying fee or choose to run by the petition method. The petition method allows a candidate to obtain a position on the ballot by obtaining at least 1% of the total number of registered voters signatures in their district for the last preceding general election rather than paying the qualifying fee.

Voting Trends

For the 2026 election cycle, we expect to see voters continue to vote in the way they find most convenient. Florida Law provides multiple different ways for voters to cast their ballots. Many different factors affect whether a voter will vote-by-mail, early, or on Election Day.

For the purpose of the 2025/2026 FY budget, we are anticipating a 35% voter turnout for the August 18, 2026, Primary Election.

The following chart shows trends and voter turnout in St. Johns County elections:



Vote-by-Mail Protections

Requesting a vote-by-mail ballot

Vote-by-mail requests must be made for each election cycle. A request expires after the general election. Vote-by-mail ballots can be requested online at www.votesjc.gov, by calling the Elections Office at **904-823-2238**, or in writing by completing a statewide request form.



What information is required to request a ballot?

- Name
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Florida Driver License number, ID number, or last four digits of Social Security number

How is this information verified?

Elections Office staff compares the information above with the voter's information on the voter's record to confirm their identity.



FAQ about mailing vote-by-mail ballots

- Vote-by-mail ballots are **not** forwardable
- Any returned first-class mail cancels a vote-by-mail request
- A signature is required when requesting a ballot to be sent to an address other than the address on your voter record



Returning a vote-by-mail ballot

Ballots must be received by the Elections Office on Election Day by 7 PM to be counted

- Voters can mail their ballot back, return it in person to the Elections Office, or visit a Secure Ballot Intake Station
- Secure Ballot Intake Stations are available at all early voting locations available to voters **only** during the hours of voting and are monitored by Elections Office staff at all times
- Once returned, all vote-by-mail ballots go through signature verification by Elections Office staff and the St. Johns County Canvassing Board

Supervised Voting

Supervised voting is made available for St. Johns County voters residing in assisted living and nursing home facilities, and is regulated by section 101.655, Florida Statutes. Visits are coordinated with the administrator of the facility. Bipartisan supervised voting teams who are employees of the Elections Office bring vote-by-mail ballots to the facility for voters who have requested them and assist the voters when requested. Completed ballots are returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by the supervised voting team, but voters are also given the option to keep their ballot to be returned later, or to seek assistance from whom they choose before mailing their ballot back. All eligible facilities will be contacted to offer this service for the 2026 Primary and General Elections.

Enhanced Voting



The Enhanced Voting system was introduced for the 2022 election cycle.

The Enhanced Voting system provides an accessible vote-by-mail solution that is consistent with Florida Law for use by voters identifying as having a disability. This system also provides ballots for UOCAVA (military and overseas) voters. Enhanced Ballot is a state-of-the-art electronic ballot delivery system that allows the voters the ability to access their precinct-specific ballot, mark, and download it. The voter must return their voted ballot to the Elections Office by the statutory deadline. All ballot return instructions are provided to the voter through the system.

Enhanced Ballot is an accessible vote-by-mail system that has full comparability with personal assistive devices and screen readers without sacrificing voter privacy and security. It also provides a built-in means to increase font-size and alter contrast ratios for voters with impaired sight.

Early Voting

Early voting is a very popular method of voting due to the convenience it affords the voter. Trends reflect voters prefer to vote when it's convenient for their schedule, rather than on a specific date and at a specific location during the hours of 7 AM-7 PM.

For the August 18, 2026, Primary Election, there will be eight days of early voting, from Saturday, August 8, to Saturday, August 15, including two Saturdays and one Sunday. The early voting locations will be open from 9 AM to 6 PM daily. This schedule provides St. Johns County voters with flexibility to vote when it fits their schedule. Voters are also able to vote at any early voting location, rather than being limited to their home precinct like on Election Day.

Voters can check out the Election Dates section of our website to learn information as it becomes available about dates and voting times.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

Some voters still prefer to vote in the traditional way and cast their ballot at their polling place on Election Day. Polls are open 7 AM to 7 PM. Voters are required to vote at their assigned polling location on Election Day, which is determined by their residential address.

We provide many options for voters to learn their assigned Election Day polling place. In an election year, we mail our “Citizen’s Guide to Registering and Voting” to all residences in St. Johns County. Voters are mailed sample ballots that are personalized for their polling location. If a voter prefers, they can request a sample ballot to be sent via email, rather than by regular mail. Voters can visit our website at www.votesjc.gov to look up their voting location using our “Find My Polling Place” tool. When a polling place changes, voters are mailed new, updated voter information cards, information is posted on our website, and signage is placed at the old precinct to direct voters to the new polling location. Additionally, we also advertise in local and community

newspapers to reach more voters and distribute the information through all social media.



Access to convenient, safe polling locations is a priority for the Elections Office. In 2024, two new polling places were added to accommodate growth, increasing the total number of precincts to 43. For the 2026 Primary Election, we anticipate adding two additional Election Day polling places – one on the north end of the county, and one in the central part of the county, where we have seen an exceptional amount of growth.

Elections Staffing

The day-to-day operations of the Supervisor of Elections Office differs from the workload brought on by an election. We will transition from a staff of 18 full-time employees to approximately 750 employees who are required to conduct a successful election. Due to continued growth of voters and service demands on the office, we plan to hire and train fifty more poll workers for the 2026 election cycle than we did in 2024.

To complete our work force, we rely on:

- Part-time, temporary employees
- Poll workers
- Contractual workers

Outsourcing has also become a great use of our resources, improving the efficiency of our office during busy times.



Poll Workers

We have great elections in St. Johns County because of dedicated individuals who serve their community proudly as poll workers. It takes a large team to ensure that each and every voter is afforded the opportunity to cast their ballot. For the upcoming 2026 election cycle, we anticipate hiring and training approximately 750 poll workers, which is an increase from the 654 we hired and trained in 2024.

Poll workers are temporary employees of the Supervisor of Elections Office hired to work at voting locations during early voting and on Election Day. Based on skills and experience, poll workers are assigned to one of the following positions:

- Clerk
- Assistant Clerk
- Equipment Inspector
- Poll Deputy

Training Classes

Florida law requires all poll workers to attend mandatory training classes for each election. Sensitivity and conflict resolution is a highly important, required part of the training sessions. Additional training is also required regarding Spanish language assistance, ballots, and materials that are available at all voting locations.

Online training has become a very useful tool in educating our workers and helps reduce the amount of time spent on the in-person training classes. Some of the required training is now provided online, and we continue to pursue the best tools available to train our poll workers. By offering part of the poll worker training online, poll workers can take the preliminary class at their own convenience before attending in-person training that focuses on hands-on equipment instruction.



Voting Equipment

Whether voting by mail or in person, Florida voters cast their ballots using the safest system that exists: A paper ballot!

St. Johns County voters have been voting on paper ballots since 1994, and all of Florida transitioned to paper ballots in 2008.

Florida law requires that a county must use an electronic or electromechanical precinct-count tabulation voting system (F.S. 101.5604). Our voting equipment is federally and state certified. To be used in any election in Florida, the voting system must be approved by the State. The State is required to test and determine that the hardware and software meet the standards set in law.

In 2024, the Elections Office purchased new precinct tabulators, the ES&S DS300, to be used in the 2026 election cycle which replaced our aging fleet of DS200s. In 2025, significant system upgrades were made to both our ExpressVote machines and tabulation system.

DS300 (Replacing the DS200 for the 2026 Election Cycle)

The DS300 is ES&S' newest precinct tabulator. Like other ES&S products, the DS300 is designed to meet the latest and ever-evolving standards in security, accuracy, and reliability.

DS300s maintain the highest level of physical and digital security controls. Each DS300 is paired with an encrypted card containing the firmware inside the unit. This technology ensures the card cannot be taken out of the machine and altered, viewed, or changed. If the DS300 unit detects a counterfeit card, it will not boot up. Only approved and certified USB flash drives are accepted by the tabulator to prevent unauthorized data transfers or uploads.



The DS300 also offers improved stability during transport, and overall faster processing speeds.

Like the DS200, the DS300 is a paper ballot tabulator that will be used at all early voting sites and Election Day polling locations to count ballots. Voters receive a paper ballot, mark their ballot by filling in an oval to the left of each of their choices, and feed the ballot into the DS300 for immediate tabulation. Voters are notified of improperly marked ballots and given an opportunity to review their ballot and obtain a replacement when necessary.

ADA Voting Equipment

Federal and State requirements that meet ADA guidelines for persons with disabilities require that voting systems allow the same opportunity for all voters at every voting location.

An ExpressVote allows blind and visually impaired voters to vote privately without assistance. Persons who are visually impaired may access the systems audio feature. Once a voter has made their selections, the ExpressVote prints an abbreviated paper ballot that is inserted into the DS300 by the voter for tabulation.

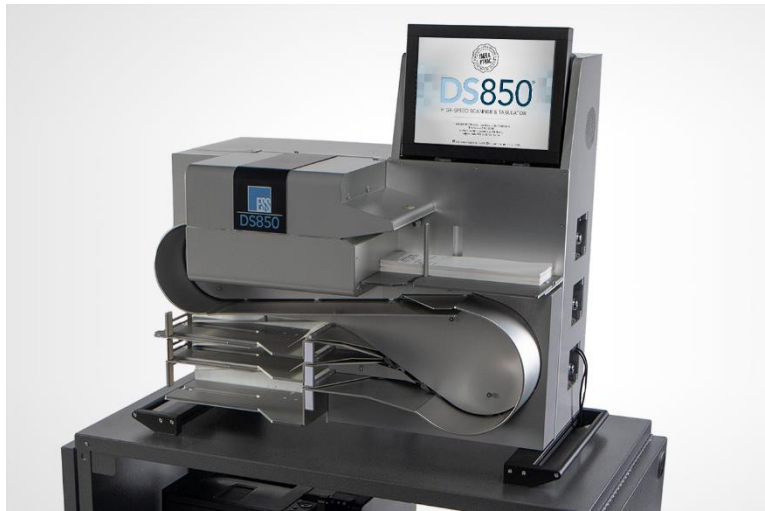
Ballot on Demand Printers

The use of ballot on demand printers has proven to be cost effective and allows the greatest flexibility for providing ballots to voters during early voting, and at some precincts on Election Day. The systems ease of use, flexibility and durability make it an effective solution for printing test ballots, over the counter vote-by-mail ballots, and early voting ballots.

DS850 High Speed Vote-by-Mail Tabulator

The high-speed vote-by-mail ballot tabulator completes the suite of tabulation equipment. The ES&S DS850 high-speed, digital scan ballot tabulator has a processing rate of up to 300 ballots per minute.

Results from early voting, Election Day precincts, and vote-by-mail ballots are combined at the Elections Office. After the polls close on Election Night, election results are released to the public and posted on our website.



Electronic Voter Identification System (EViDs)

The EViDs (electronic poll books) are one of the best tools we have to combat voter fraud, along with Florida Law which requires photo and signature ID when voting in person. When a voter checks in, their voting history is updated almost immediately, which prevents a voter from voting twice.

EViDs allow us to conduct successful elections by streamlining the voter check-in process. During early voting and Election Day operations, each EViD communicates securely with the Elections Office to maintain up-to-the-minute accuracy on its voter file. Features of the EViDs include:

- Access to voter database assures that only valid registered voters are eligible to cast a ballot and have it counted
- Voters who move and have not updated their address can have their address updated quickly and vote the correct ballot
- The EViD provides the correct location and prints instructions for a voter who checks in at the wrong precinct on Election Day
- Voters whose registration is questionable must vote a provisional ballot
- The number of voters checking in at each voting location is updated in almost real time and updated on our website for public viewing of daily voter turnout by location

Elections Integrity

Florida has become the Platinum Standard in conducting elections. No perfect system exists; however, over the years our state legislators have been proactive in updating our laws to improve the accuracy of our voter rolls, allowing for processing vote-by-mail ballots in advance of Election Day in order to provide timely results while maintaining a balance of open and transparent elections.

- Photo and signature ID are required when voting in-person
- Every voter in Florida casts their ballot using a paper ballot
- E-pollbooks: Automatically updates voter record when a ballot is cast (vote-by-mail or in-person), which prevents a voter from voting twice
- Florida law ONLY allows a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter upon request
 - Identifying information is required to make a request, confirming a voter's identity
 - Voter's name, birthdate, FL Driver License number or last four digits of Social Security number must be matched to voter record for verification
- Signature verification on every vote-by-mail ballot
- Secure Ballot Intake Stations inside early voting locations are monitored at all times by Supervisor of Elections staff and are only available to voters during voting hours
- Florida law allows processing of vote-by-mail ballots prior to Election Day
- Poll Watchers are present at early voting and Election Day precincts to watch and observe the process
- Chain of Custody logs at Election Day precincts, and daily at early voting sites
- Canvassing Board processes are open to the public
 - Public test of voting equipment before each election
 - Equipment certified counting accurately prior to being used in an election
 - Canvassing – opening and counting of vote-by-mail ballots
 - Election night receipt of ballots and materials, review, and audits
 - Certification of election results
 - 100% Post-Election Audits
 - Ballots are retained for 22 months



Elections as Critical Infrastructure

Election infrastructure was designated as part of the nation’s critical infrastructure as a subsector under the Government Facilities Sector in January 2017. Under this designation, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may provide services on a prioritized basis at the request of state and local election officials.

Securing election infrastructure is a partnership between federal, state, local government, and private sector entities. DHS collaborates with federal departments and agencies, state and local government, election officials and other valued partners. In partnering with these officials through both new and existing engagements, DHS, and the involved partners both in the public and private sector are enhancing efforts to secure election systems.



Election Security

Florida has made significant investments in election security and enhanced collaboration between the Florida Department of State and Florida’s 67 local Supervisors of Elections.



Joint Election Security Initiative

The Joint Election Security Initiative (JESI) established a framework for all 67 counties to carefully control access to sensitive and classified information within their offices while also allowing them to share sensitive information with the Florida Department of State regarding security policies and any attempted breaches that may happen in the future. JESI

represents an unprecedented cooperative partnership with Supervisors of Elections to do even more to secure and protect the integrity of Florida’s elections.

Cybersecurity

Our priority continues to be the security and integrity of St. Johns County elections and voter information. Our efforts remain proactive and diligent in working with our state, federal and non-governmental partners in dealing with day-to-day challenges of cybersecurity and increasing demands being placed on our systems. Without the support of our partners, it would be impossible to stay ahead of possible threats and continuing pressures being put on elections infrastructure.

Florida Has Open – Transparent Elections

The Canvassing Board is established in Section 102.141, Florida Statutes. The Board consists of the following members:

- County Judge and an alternate
- Supervisor of Elections
- County Commissioner and an alternate

The duties of the Canvassing Board are to oversee the following:

- Public test of the voting equipment (L&A Testing)
- Canvass of vote-by-mail ballots
- Canvass of provisional ballots
- Certify unofficial election results
- Conduct recounts
- Canvass 10-day overseas vote-by-mail ballots
- Certify official election results
- Conduct post-election audit

Florida continues to have open, transparent elections. All meetings of the Canvassing Board are open to the public, candidates, political party representatives, members of the press and anyone who wishes to attend. Canvassing Board meeting dates are provided to candidates and political parties, placed on our website, and posted at the Elections Office.

Uniformed law enforcement is provided at all meetings of the Canvassing Board to protect voters' rights, maintain ballot security, in addition to ensuring the safety of Canvassing Board members, election staff and volunteers.

Post-Election Audits

Post-election audits have been conducted in Florida since 2007 in every election with the exception of when a manual recount occurs. New technology is now available specifically for post-election audits. This new technology along with recent law and Division of Elections rule changes now allow for supervisors in Florida to conduct a 100% audit on their entire election to confirm the accuracy of the results.

Florida Law states that an automated audit shall consist of a public automated tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include Election Day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas ballots. This independent report is then compared to the tabulated totals at a publicly noticed Canvassing Board meeting. Audit results are to be posted on each Supervisor's website and reported to the Division of Elections. Year after year, election after election, our post-election audits confirmed the accuracy of our voting machines.

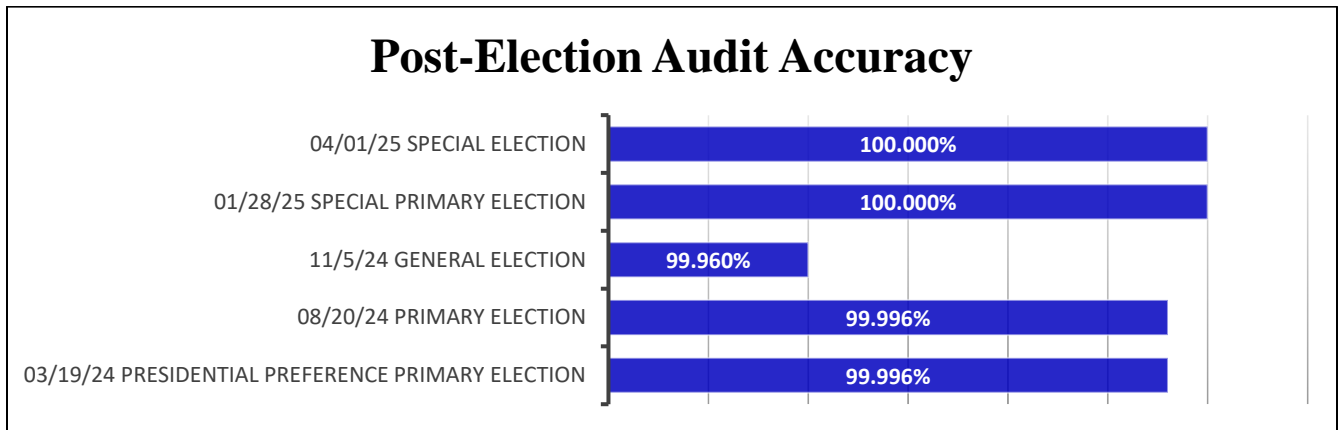


Clear Ballot System

In July 2023, the Florida Division of Elections approved the Clear Ballot ClearAudit system for results verification. This system provides a 100% audit independent from our tabulation system, giving voters increased confidence in St. Johns County election results. Thirty-two counties in Florida now use the ClearAudit system for full audits following each election.

The Clear Ballot audit system offers independent auditing and results verification. The ClearAudit system quickly tabulates ballots with its high-speed scanners and performs results verification separately from our tabulation system. The scanning technology reads pen ink of any color and produces the highest resolution ballot images available. The Clear Ballot system provides voters with increased confidence in the election results.

Beginning with the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, 100% audits have been conducted following every election in St. Johns County. It is important voters have confidence in our voting system – that their vote has been counted accurately, while independently confirming the accuracy of our voting machines.





Public Service | Integrity | Transparency



Our Mission:

As a public servant, the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections provides voter education, encourages citizen participation, and conducts safe, secure, transparent, and accurate elections.

