

General Election 2012 Review:

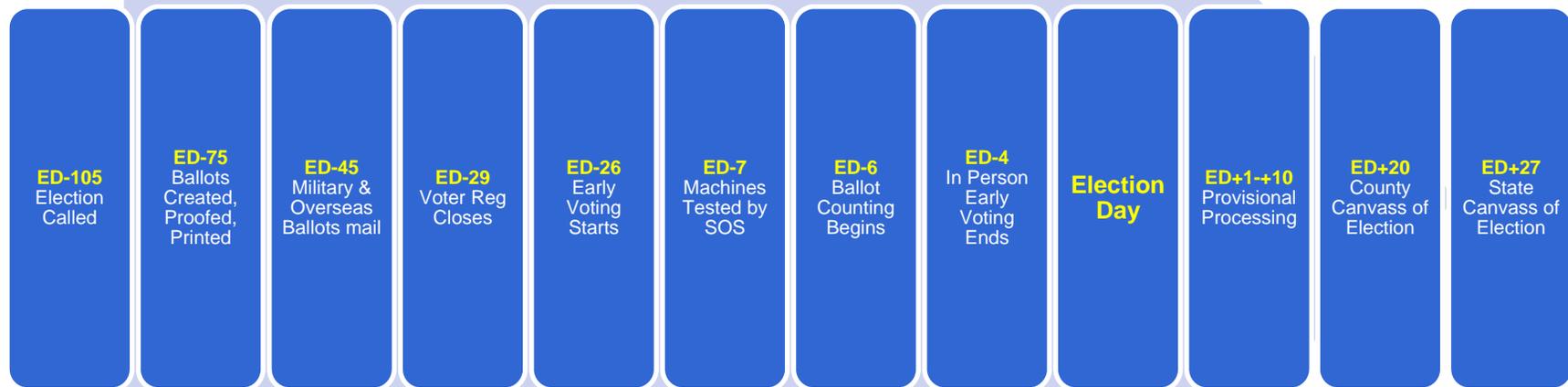
Valley of the Sun Kiwanis Meeting May 1, 2013

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Federal Compliance Officer
Maricopa County Elections Department





Arizona Election Timeline





(That's the simplified version...)

ELECTIONS TIMETABLE

March, May, September, November 2011
AND March, May 2012 Elections

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Election Dates ▼ Insert Numeric (e.g. 3/8/2011) Election Dates <u>only</u> , in the fields below (Exception: August Election date calculates off of the November Election date entered). All "Results Dates", will calculate automatically.				
RESULTS DATE	REG DATE	RDIV	ACTION	STATUTE REFERENCE
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Feb-12	PPE*		
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Mar-12			
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	May-12			
Tuesday, August 28, 2012	Aug-12			
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Nov-12			
Tuesday, March 12, 2013	Mar-13			
Tuesday, May 21, 2013	May-13			
RESPONSIBLE DIVISION (RDIV) LEGEND				
PR= Public Relations; POLL= Polling Place Division; GIS= Mapping & Boundaries; ADMIN= Administration Staff; CF= Candidate Filing & Campaign Finance Division				
JLIA= Jurisdictional Liaison; VR= Voter Registration Division; EV= Early Voting Division; BLD= Ballot Layout & Design Division; ACCT= Budget and Purchasing Division;				
BWRK=Boardworker Recruit/Training Division; WARE=Warehouse & Logistics Division; MCSOS=Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools; VEN=Vendor CMLPTE=Complete Inc.				
LEGAL= Legal Council; JURID= Jurisdiction; BOS= Board of Supervisors; SOS= Secretary of State's Office; PPTY= Political Parties; FCO= Federal Compliance Officer				
* PPE Date is pending Governors Proclamation				
Wednesday, August 29, 2012	AUG +1	ADMIN / PPTY	CNTYWIDE - Hand Count shall begin within 24 hours after close of polls (first day - draw for party selection order then contested offices to audit)	16-602.J
Wednesday, August 29, 2012	AUG +1	VR	Open "ID Verification Sites" to allow voters to provide <u>Proof of Identification</u> to make their "Conditional Provisional Ballot" valid.	SOS Procedure for Proof of ID
Friday, August 31, 2012	NOV -67	BLD	CNTYWIDE - Begin providing Official ballot layout files FOR THE BACK OF THE BALLOT to printer	
Friday, August 31, 2012	AUG +3	VR	Last day (by 5 p.m.) to provide <u>Proof of Identification</u> to make a "Conditional Provisional Ballot" valid. (3rd business day after the election)	SOS Procedure for Proof of ID
Saturday, September 01, 2012	NOV -66	LEGAL	Last day for the Superior Court to render a decision on challenged candidate petitions (10 days after the last day to file - NON-PARTISAN)	16-351.A
Sunday, September 02, 2012	NOV -65	JURID / JLIA	CNTYWIDE - Publicity Pamphlet files to printer - Countywide	S.B. 2419
Sunday, September 02, 2012	NOV -65	JURID / JLIA	CNTYWIDE - Begin printing Publicity Pamphlet - Countywide	S.B. 2419
Tuesday, September 04, 2012	AUG +7	VR	Last day to verify and process for counting the Provisional Ballots (PB's) - within 5 business days	16-584.D / 135.D
Thursday, September 06, 2012	NOV -61	LEGAL	Last day for Supreme Court to render decision on appeals of challenged candidate petitions (5 days after Superior Court decision is filed - NON-PARTISAN)	16-351.A
Friday, September 07, 2012	NOV -60	JLIA / FCO	Send out Employee Survey to City, Town, School District Jurisdictions on ballot	MOA
Friday, September 07, 2012	NOV -60	FCO	Bilingual Boardworker Precinct List to DOJ, Advisory Board, & Community Network for review (at least 60 days prior)	
Friday, September 07, 2012	NOV -60	BLD	CNTYWIDE - Last day for Judges to file for retention	Article 6 - Sec 38.A
Friday, September 07, 2012	NOV -60	JURID	Pro/Con arguments due from City/Towns -300 words or less (if applicable)	19-124
Friday, September 07, 2012	NOV -60	EV	Determine need and location of satellite sites (if applicable)	
Friday, September 07, 2012	AUG +10	WARE / ACCT	CNTYWIDE - SECURITY & LOCKDOWN ENDS at RES and MCTEC facility - assuming ALL ballots tabulated and no recount or challenge pending	
Friday, September 07, 2012	AUG +10	ADMIN	CNTYWIDE - Last day for the County to deliver certified official canvass to the SOS Election returns	16-645.B
Monday, September 10, 2012	NOV -67	VR	Schedule run of the Official Ballot Card Ordering Report (ES05) to be provided to vendor for final ordering quantities	
Monday, September 10, 2012	AUG +13	SOS	CNTYWIDE - Last day (2nd Monday after Election) for the SOS to canvass results	16-645.B
Thursday, September 13, 2012	MAR -180	POLL	MCED - Send Notice for "Consolidated Jurisdictional Election Date" to each school district, community college district, city, town and special taxing districts	16-205
Saturday, September 15, 2012	AUG +18	LEGAL	CNTYWIDE - Last day to file a statement contesting the State Election (within 5 days after completion of the canvass)	16-673.A / 674.A
Tuesday, September 18, 2012	NOV -49	BLD	Begin Printing Ballot	
Tuesday, September 18, 2012	NOV -49	BLD	CNTYWIDE - Sample ballot files to printer	S.B. 1220
Tuesday, September 18, 2012	NOV -49	BLD	CNTYWIDE - Begin printing Sample ballot	S.B. 1220
Thursday, September 20, 2012	NOV -47	WARE / ACCT	CNTYWIDE - SECURITY BEGINS on site at RES facility	
Saturday, September 22, 2012	NOV -45	FCO	Bilingual Boardworker Precinct List approval due back from DOJ, Advisory Board, & Community Network for review (within 15 days of receipt)	
Saturday, September 22, 2012	NOV -45	JURID	Publicity Pamphlet Proof Ready/signed off (if applicable City/Town)	
Saturday, September 22, 2012	NOV -45	BWRK	Instruction of election board inspectors & judges can begin	16-532.A
Saturday, September 22, 2012	NOV -45	VR / CMLPTE	CNTYWIDE - Run VR02 Mailing Label file (by Individuals) for YELLOW Polling Place Notice Card	
Saturday, September 22, 2012	NOV -45	EV	Last day for receipt of the "90 Day Notice" FROM VOTERS NEW TO NOVEMBER if the PEVL voter wishes to make a change to status or request	16-544.F
Sunday, September 23, 2012	NOV -44	VR / PPTY	CNTYWIDE - Run special EV32 EV Request File for Political Parties and place out on VPN	
Sunday, September 23, 2012	NOV -44	VR / PPTY	CNTYWIDE - Run PEVL file for Political Parties (CONVRASPERMEVOUTPUT) and place out on VPN	



Canvass

MARICOPA COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Totals

Registered Voters:	1,817,832
Ballots Cast:	1,390,836
Overall Percentage:	76.51%

AZ has both optical scan
paper ballots & touchscreen

Election Day Ballots:	
Verified and Counted Paper	430,308
Verified and Counted EDGE	137

Early ballot totals include
both in-person & by-mail

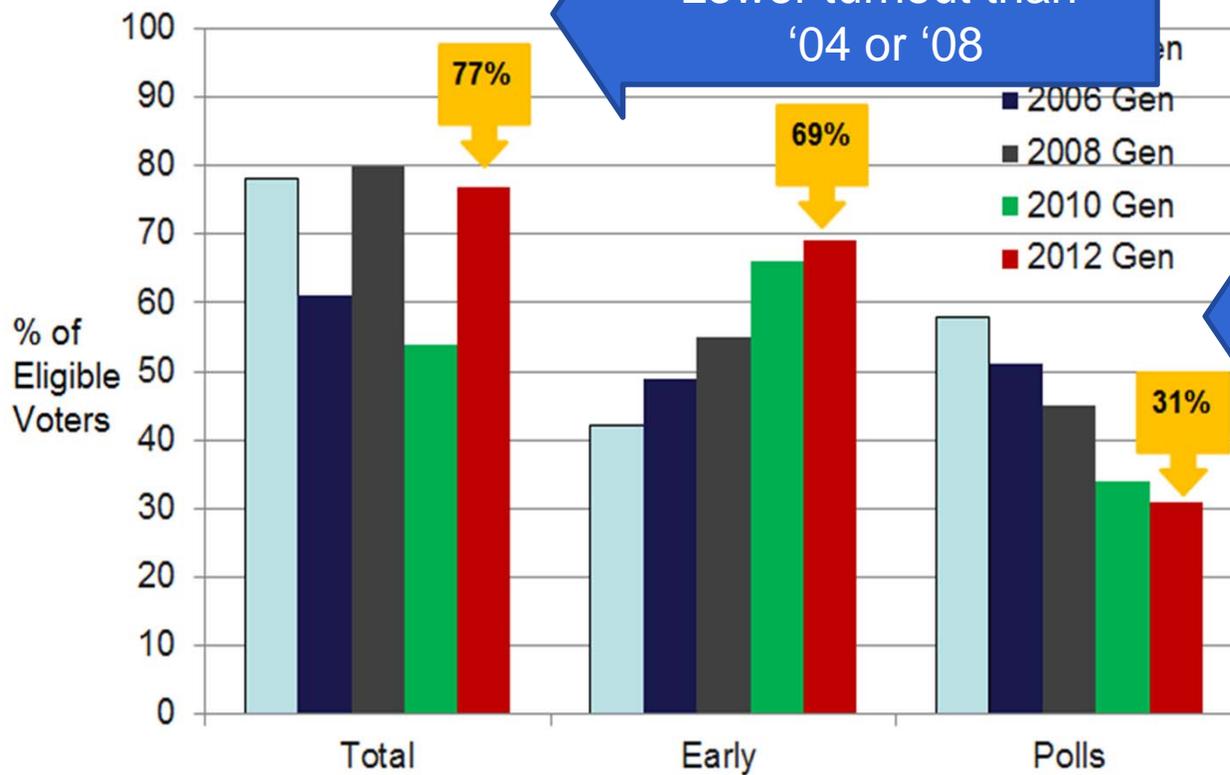
Early Ballots:	
Verified and Counted Paper	960,389
Verified and Counted EDGE	2

Provisional ballots are listed
separately

Provisional Ballots:	122,524
Verified and Counted	99,684
Verified and Not Counted	22,840



General Turnout Comparison



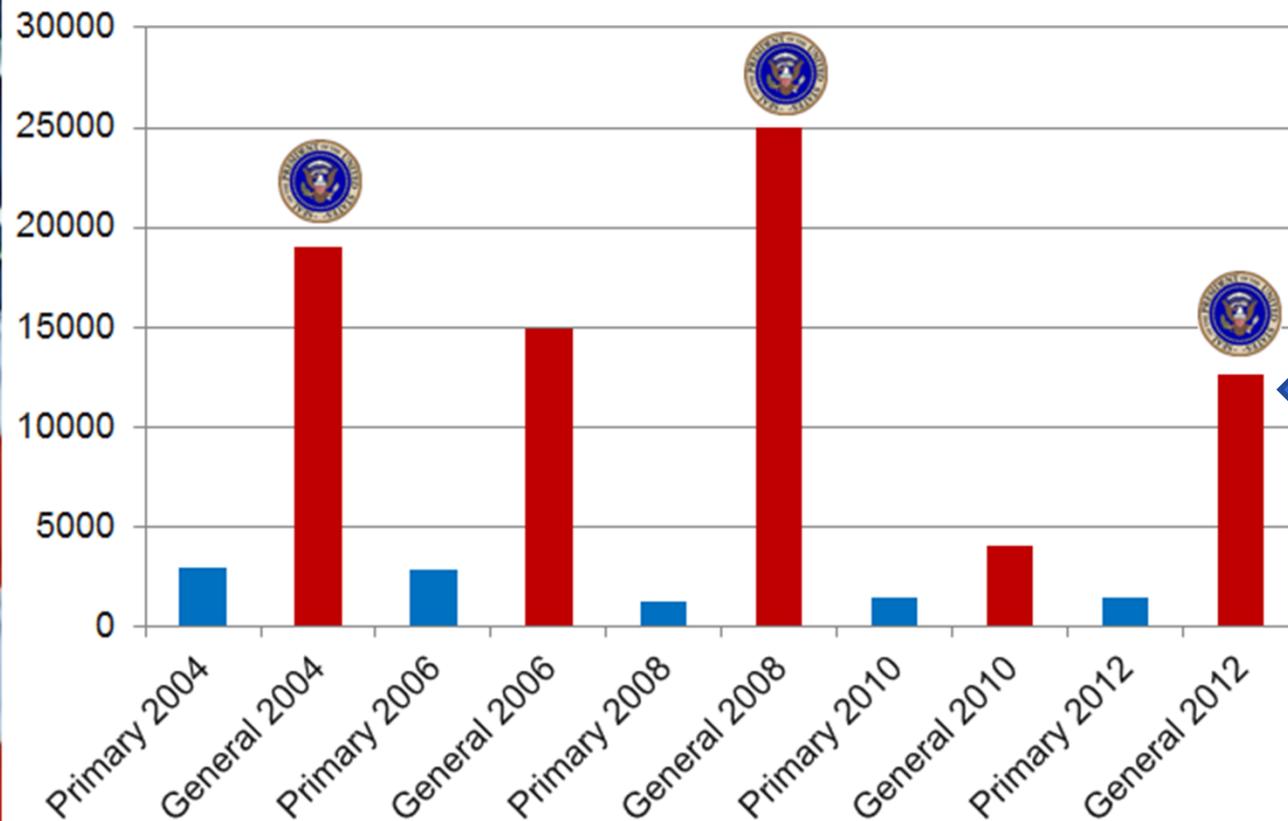
Lower turnout than '04 or '08

Voting by mail more popular than at the polls



In-Person Turnout

Ballots Cast at Early Voting Sites



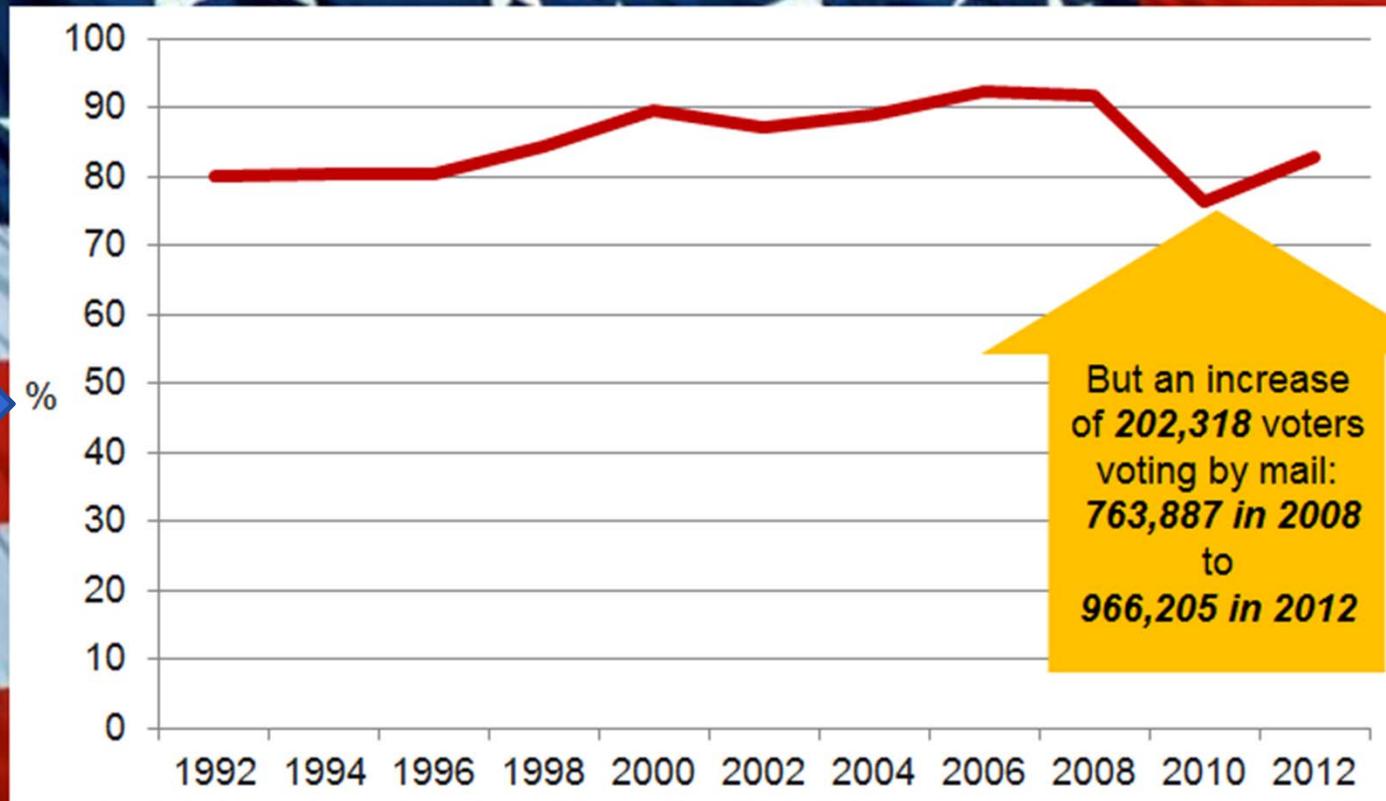
Very few voters went:
less than
13,000



By-Mail Turnout



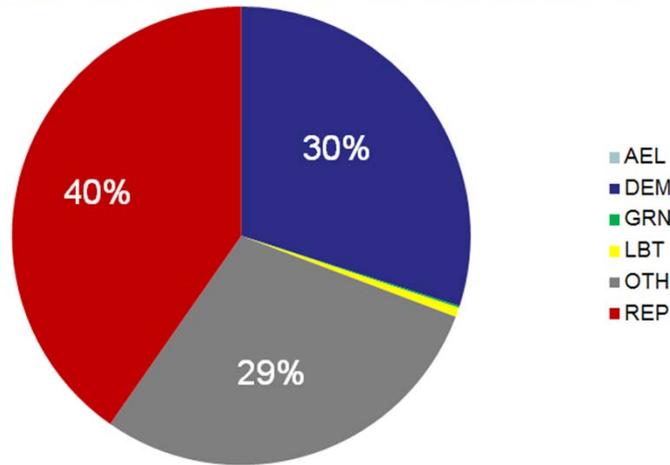
Rate of EV Return 1992-2012



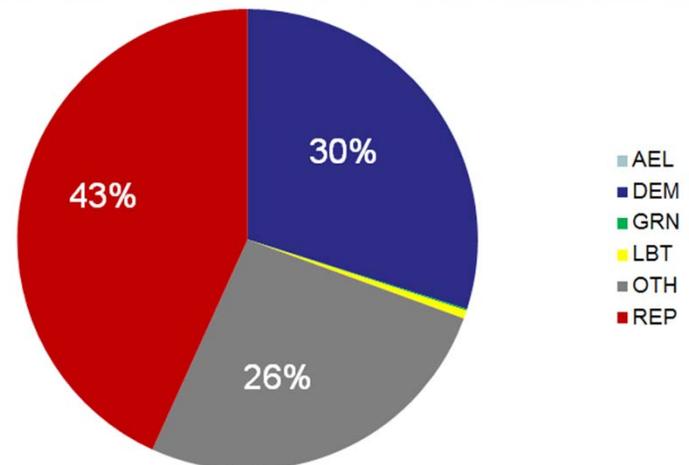
85%
voters
returned
the ballots
mailed to
them

But an increase
of 202,318 voters
voting by mail:
763,887 in 2008
to
966,205 in 2012

Party?



EV Requests By Party



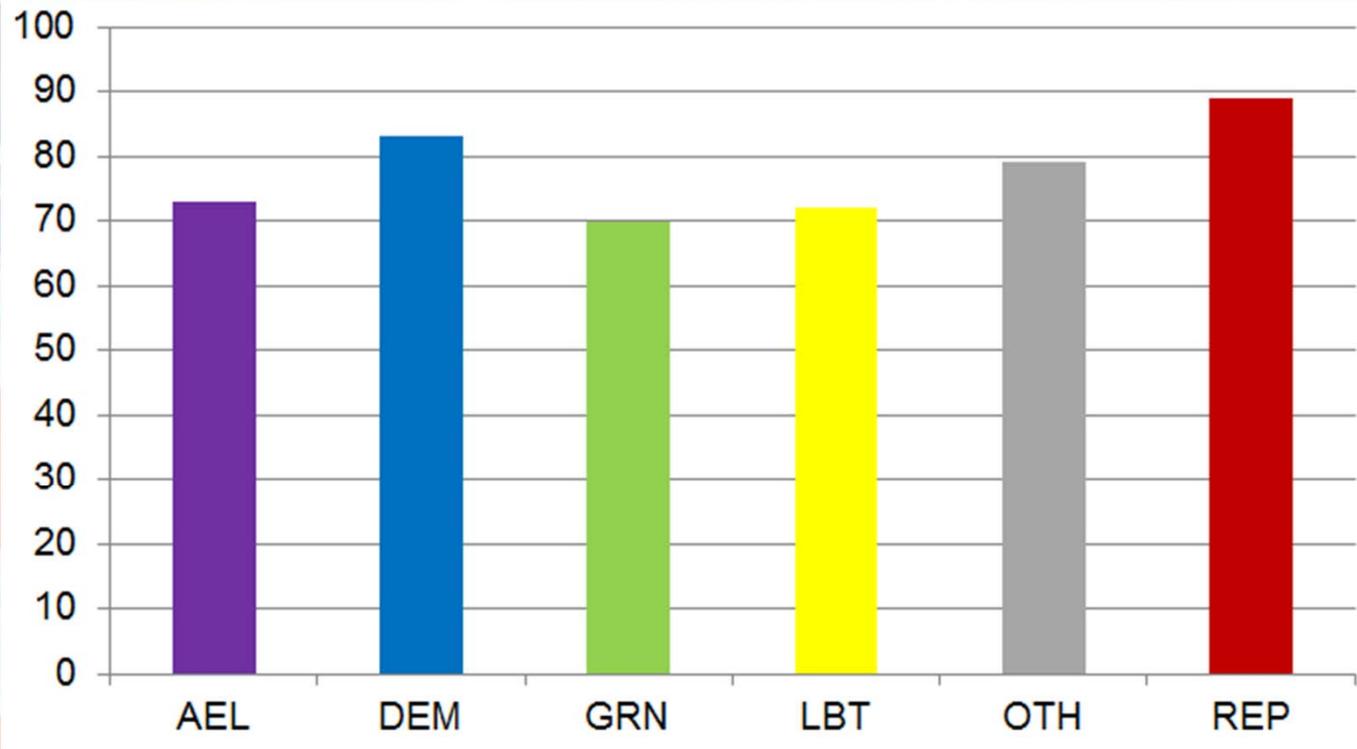
EV Returns By Party

- ❖ These charts show the total ballots requested and returned and the voter's applicable party affiliation.
- ❖ 5 Recognized parties; rest listed as OTH.



Efficacy by Party

GOTV: % Return EV by Party





Election Day Drop-off

❖ 170,000 voters dropped off their ballot at the polls in 2012 (70,000 more than 2008).



2012 Election Day



- ❖ More people voted by mail, but also more people didn't vote the ballot mailed to them and went to the polls.
- ❖ In Arizona they have to vote a provisional ballot.





PEVL

90 Day Notice

- 90 days before Election Day PEVL voters are sent a notice which serves multiple purposes:
 - It is an address verification mailing to ensure the voter is still at the same residence prior to mailing out a live ballot.
 - It sets voter expectation of the process.
 - It allows the voter to change mailing location, remove themselves from PEVL, opt to go to the polls for that election, select a party for the Primary if they are unaffiliated.

Notice the Official Election Mail logo

90 Day Notice

- PEVL voters can decide they want to go to the polls to vote for a particular election (and not vote a provisional) if they return the 90 Day notification card no later than 45 days before Election Day.

- ❖ Prior to the Spring & the Fall election cycles PEVL voters get a notification.
- ❖ Voters who want to vote at the polls or get their ballot at another address simply return the card.

2012 Provisionals

Total Provisionals

Code	Total	Reason
A1	28446	NEW RESIDENT BALLOT
A2	59622	EARLY BALLOT REQUESTED AND NOT RETURNED
A3	80	OFFICE ERROR OCCURRED
A4	372	HARASSMENT CODED VOTER
A5	4043	REGISTRATION RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE PRINTED ON SIGNATURE ROSTER
A6	796	NAME CHANGE
A7	6324	ID ADDRESS DOESNT MATCH SIGNATURE ROSTER
A8	414	SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED AT POLLS
A9	61	SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED AFTER ELECTION DAY
B10	7215	YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE
B11	2403	INCOMPLETE INFORMATION GIVEN ON YOUR PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORM.
B12	3835	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.
B13	831	YOUR EARLY BALLOT WAS SENT, RETURNED AND COUNTED
B14	7529	YOU WENT TO THE WRONG POLLING PLACE FOR THIS ELECTION.
B15	4	THE SIGNATURE ON YOUR PROVISIONAL BALLOT DID NOT MATCH THE SIGNATURE ON YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD
B16	0	INSUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED AT POLLS
B17	1024	INSUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED AFTER ELECTION DAY
B18	218	NO BALLOT ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE

*A8, A9, B16 are not counted in totals

Total Valid Ballots: 99683 Total Invalid Ballots: 23059 Total Ballots: 122742

- ❖ Provisional ballots occur for a variety of reasons.
- ❖ Most commonly when a voter does not vote their early ballot or do not keep their registration current.



Provisional Trends

Past Provisionals

	<u>% of Ballots Cast</u>	<u>% Counted</u>
• Primary 2002	2%	78%
• General 2002	4%	76%
• Primary 2004	3%	76%
• General 2004	6%	74%
• Primary 2006	3%	74%
• General 2006	5%	70%
• Primary 2008	2%	76%
• General 2008	7%	71%
• Primary 2010	2%	78%
• General 2010	5%	81%
• Primary 2012	2%	84%
• General 2012	9%	82%
AVERAGES:	4%	77%

In this General we had 122,742 provisionals cast...



2012 Provisionals

MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

2:16:00 PM Tuesday 04/30/2013

Helen Purcell
Maricopa County Recorder

Información de Elección en Español...
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Welcome to the Elections Department of the Maricopa County Recorder's Office. We are pleased to offer for this election cycle, the latest in technology to serve the citizens of this rapidly growing county. Keeping in compliance with HAVA (Help America Vote Act) we have an Insight optical scan voting system as well as an Edge touch screen system in all of our 724 precincts serving over 1.9 million registered voters. We provide election support to most of the jurisdictions in the county which includes cities, towns, school districts and special districts.

We have received many recognitions including one from the [Computerworld Smithsonian Institution](#) for programs to handle [Early Voting](#). To ensure that we remain on the leading edge in our field we continually make changes and we encourage your participation. We welcome your [suggestions and comments](#) and look forward to hearing from you.

While serving the citizens of Maricopa County is our number one priority, we take every opportunity to enjoy our work and experience [another side of elections](#).

[Helen Purcell](#) Maricopa County Recorder
[Karen Osborne](#) Director of Elections

MCTEC IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED. PLEASE GO TO THE DOWNTOWN OFFICE.

View Election Results

For election information call 602-506-1511

[Primary Election Information for Voters Not Registered with a Recognized Party](#)

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If your question has not been answered then you can call the [Star Center](#) at (602) 506-1511.

Click on [Informational Links](#) for access to information provided by other government sites.

Redistricting

Am I Registered to Vote

How Do I Update My Voter Registration

Am I On The Permanent Early Voting List

Permanent Early Voting List & Signup Form

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Early Voting Locations

Status of Provisional Ballot

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- ❖ Every provisional ballot is researched to ensure that all eligible voters who cast ballots have those ballots counted, and that none are counted which are not eligible.
- ❖ Voters are able to ascertain the disposition of their provisional ballot online or by calling the voter information line.



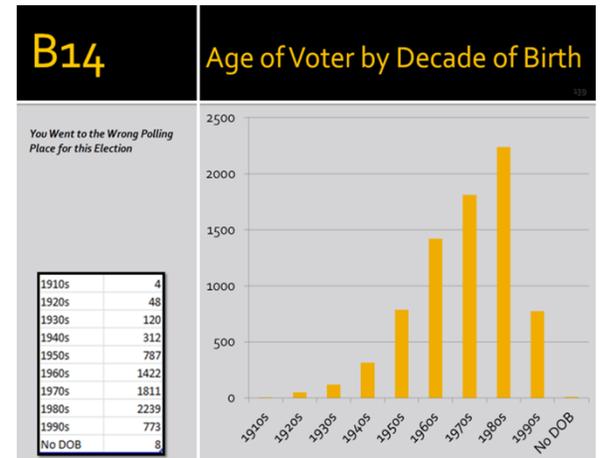
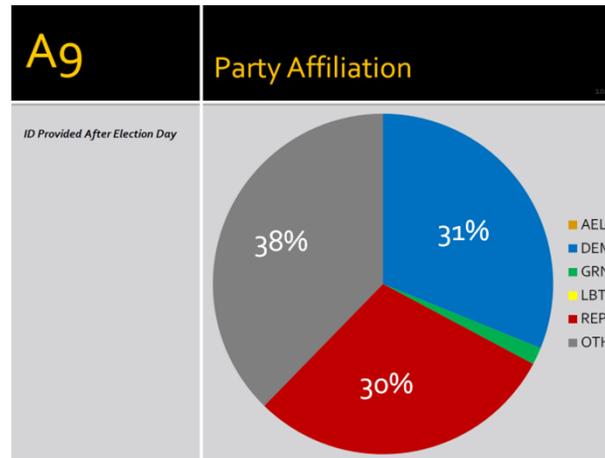
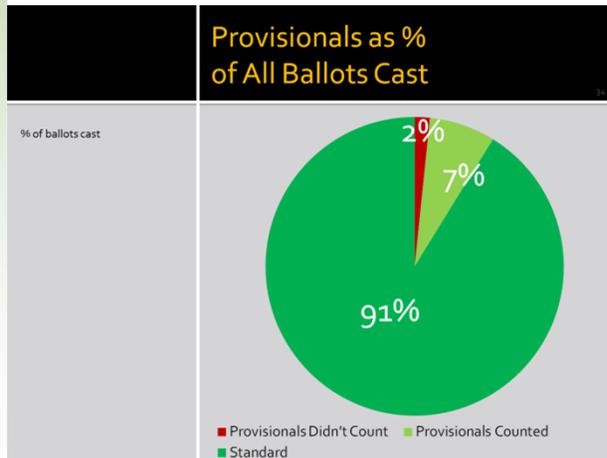
2012 Provisionals

Provisional Ballots General 2012



Maricopa County Elections Department
Community Network Meeting
January 30th, 2013

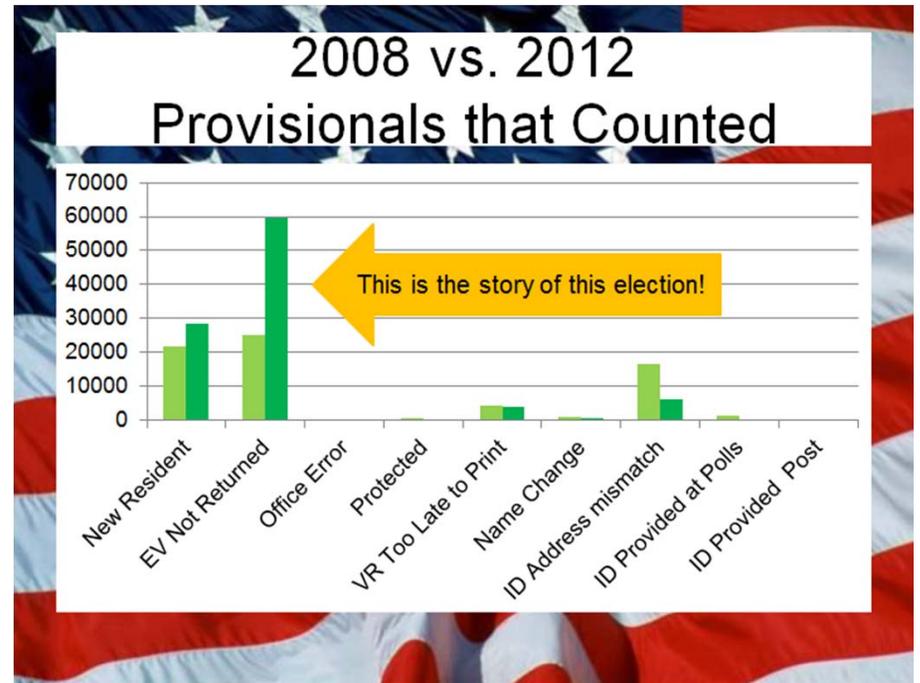
- ❖ Provisionals are all tracked and you can visit the Election's website for detailed analysis





2012 Provisionals

- ❖ 20% increase in provisional ballots, more than 122,000
- ❖ 72,000 were voters who were on PEVL
- ❖ 60,000 that was the only reason they voted provisionally



WHY?



Pre PEVL, 1% of all early voters ended up going to the polls and voting a provisional ballot; the first few elections after PEVL it was an increase to 3%. In 2012 it jumped to 9%.

WHY?

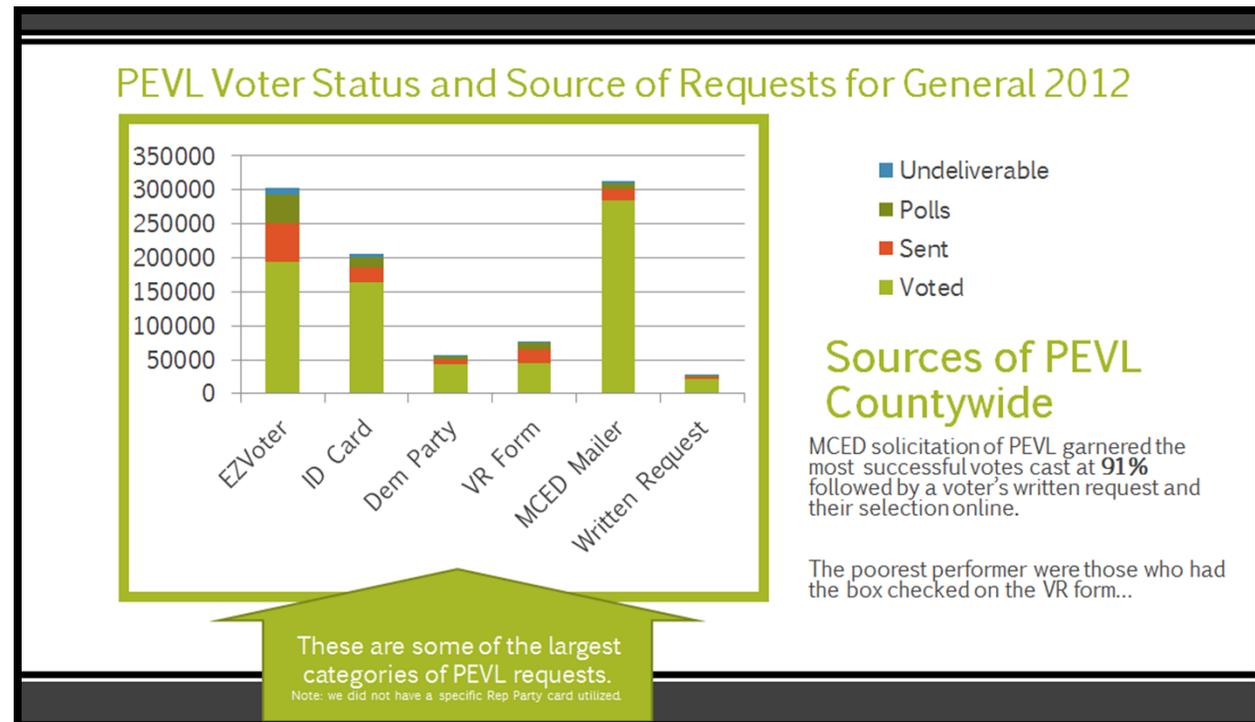
Why were so many voters going to the polls?

Why were so many saying they had not signed up for PEVL?



Why?

- ❖ We track early ballot requests sources.
- ❖ Voters who requested online or by their VR form were the least likely to vote their ballot:





PEVL Online Request Screen

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EZ Voter
Registration

Permanent Early Voting List - Early Ballot

Arizona law allows a voter to place his or her name on a "Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)." By doing so, it is no longer necessary to request an early ballot for each election. Instead, an early ballot will **automatically** be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to each election for which he or she is qualified.

Once you choose to be included on this list, you will remain on this list until your registration is cancelled, mail sent to you is returned by the Postal Service marked undeliverable, or you request in writing to be removed from the list, whichever occurs first.

Once on this list, you will receive notice prior to any election in March or August that will include the dates of the next two upcoming elections, the dates that your ballots are expected to be mailed and the address where the ballots will be mailed. The notice will allow you to elect not to receive an early ballot for one or both of the elections, to update your residence or mailing address, ask that your ballot be mailed to a different address, or to remove yourself from the list entirely.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are on the Permanent Early Voting list, Arizona law requires that your mailing address must be within the County you are registered to vote. You may ask that individual ballots be mailed to an address outside of your county, but you must do so for each election.

To automatically receive an early ballot by mail (without having to request one for each election), select the Yes button below. Selecting Yes or No is optional.

- Yes, I want to automatically receive an early ballot for each election for which I am eligible.
- No, I DO NOT want to automatically receive an early ballot. I understand that selecting this button will remove my name from the list if it was previously included.

Note: If "yes" is selected above, you will be added to the Permanent Early Voting List. If "no" is selected above, your name will not be added to PEVL and will be removed from PEVL if it was previously included on the list. If neither "yes" nor "no" is selected above, your record will remain unchanged as it relates to being on the PEVL.

The last day for an early ballot to be mailed to you is 10 days prior to an election. If you sign up to be added to PEVL within the last 10 days prior to an election, a ballot will not be mailed automatically for that election. You should contact the County Recorder's Office to see if walk-in early voting is available or you can vote at your assigned polling place.

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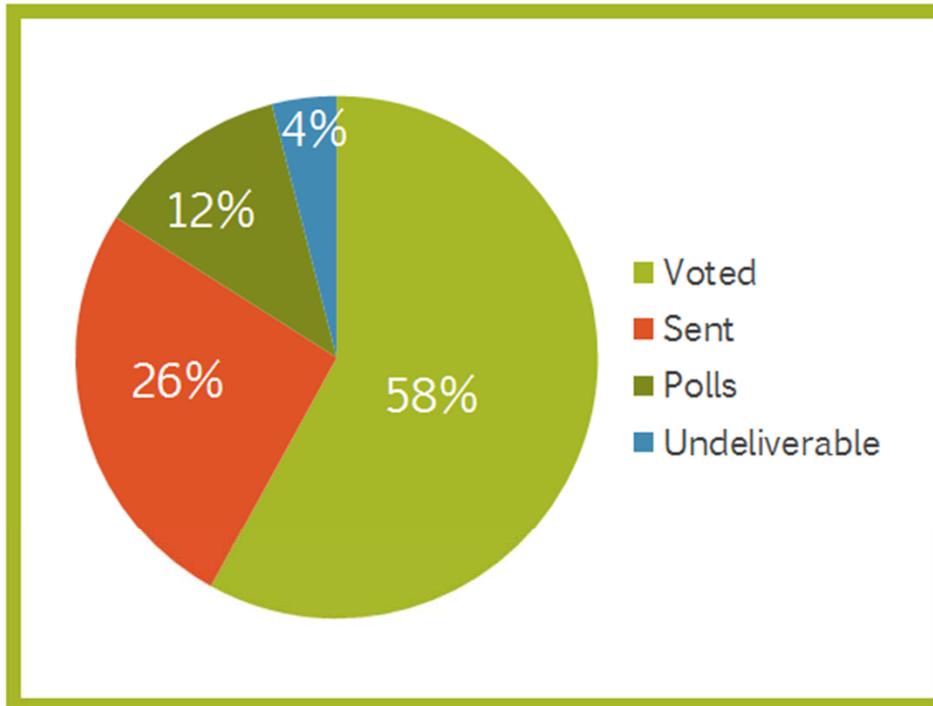
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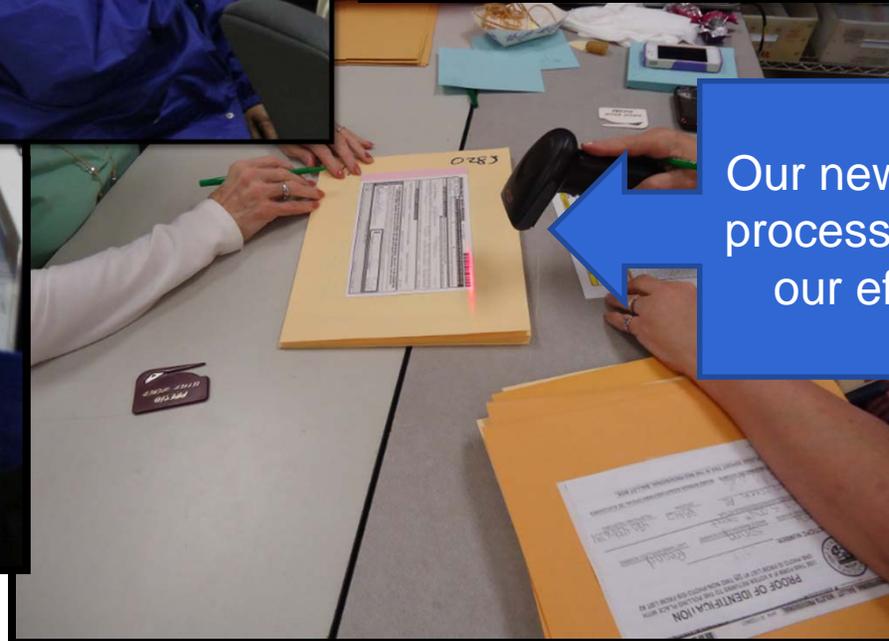


Registration Form



- Highest % of Undeliverable
- Highest % of Sent & not returned
- Second highest % voters went to Polls
- Lowest % of Returned voted

20% More, 1 Day Sooner!



Our new scanning process increased our efficiency.

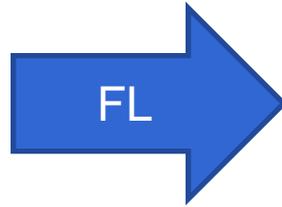


- ❖ The election is not over when the polls close.
- ❖ ALL OVER the country election officials are still counting ballots:
 - Early ballots dropped at the polls.
 - Early ballots that came in via the mail Monday & Tuesday.
 - Provisional Ballots.
 - Ballots that were duplicated.

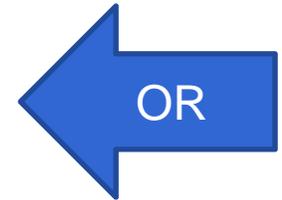
Post Election Day Counting



Election clerk Yolanda Martinez inspects ballots on Nov. 7 in Sacramento.
(Photo: Renee C. Byer, AP)



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The Oregonian
By Wednesday, there were still more than 300,000 ballots left to count in Oregon.



JAMES WOODCOCK/Billings Gazette



JIM MONE / AP



Reuters

But AZ was the headline:



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Arizona Latinos Frustrated by Slow Ballot Count

People wait in line to vote at the First New Life Missionary Baptist Church at 19th Ave. and Roosevelt, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 in Phoenix. (Tom Yingle, The Arizona Republic/AP Photo)

By EMILY DERLBY (@emily_derly) Nov 14, 2012

Arizona is still counting ballots more than a week after the election.

According to The Arizona Republic, there were still 324,000 votes that had not been tallied as of Tuesday evening, and many of them were

The New York Times Politics

PARADISE VALLEY JOURNAL

Elections, Still Not Over in Arizona, a Hot Topic

Bruce Merrill of Arizona State University led a sation on Tuesday on the Nov. 6 elections.

By FERNANDA SANTOS Published: November 15, 2012

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — The question of tipping the political scales in Arizona, like anyplace, is "purely mathematical," Bruce Merrill said. More people voting for the other side matters only if

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Arizona Still Counting Ballots Nearly A Week After Election

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Hundreds of thousands of ballots have yet to be counted in Arizona nearly a week after Election Day, a majority of which appeared to come from Maricopa County.

Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett's said Saturday that approximately 486,405 ballots still have to be counted across the state, representing more than a quarter of the 1.8 million votes cast. About 222,000 of those uncounted ballots came from Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix and many of its suburbs. The statewide total included 307,600 early ballots and 178,785 provisional ballots.

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Buying Your Vote Dark Money and Big Data

Why Is Arizona Still Counting Votes?

by Suevon Lee ProPublica, Nov. 20, 2012, 12:21 p.m.

It's been two weeks since Election Day, but it's not all over in Arizona. Thousands of early and provisional ballots remain uncounted. These votes aren't actually expected to impact any more races — just one state legislative race is too close to call — but the prolonged vote count has drawn national attention.

So what's the reason for the delay, who have been the most vocal critics and why did so

AzCapitolTimes.com non-daily AP newspaper of the year

More than 600,000 ballots in Arizona still uncounted

By: The Associated Press Published: November 8, 2012 at 8:52 am

More than 600,000 early and provisional ballots statewide have yet to be processed and counted, Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett said Wednesday.

Of that total, nearly 460,000 votes still haven't been counted in Maricopa County, and that's complicating the ability to call several close races throughout Arizona.

Bennett said the uncounted ballot total was 602,334 as of Wednesday, including Maricopa County's 344,000 uncounted early ballots and 115,000 provisional ballots yet to be verified.

State law gives the counties 10 calendar days — until Nov. 16 — to verify and process the remaining early and provisional ballots.

Some Arizona Counties Still Counting Ballots

by TED ROBBINS November 13, 2012 3:00 PM

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The wheels of democracy turn slowly in Arizona. The state is still counting ballots from Election Day in a number of counties — and a number of races hang in the balance.

Transcript

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From NPR News, this is ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. I'm Audie Cornish.

MELISSA BLOCK, HOST:

And I'm Melissa Block.



The headline wasn't always accurate:



❖ This is the Ballot Tabulation Center—it is actually showing all of the **COUNTED** ballots in those boxes.



What can AZ do?

- ❖ Encourage voters to return their early ballots ***earlier.***
- ❖ Educate voters on keeping registrations current—many think that changing address with USPS or MVD automatically updates.
- ❖ Encourage use of in-person early voting sites.
- ❖ Try to reduce the number of provisionals:
 - Use of electronic poll books aids in ensuring voter gets to correct polling place.
 - Address PEVL-inflated provisionals.



What can AZ do?

- ❖ Streamlining the online request (providing the full legal description as an optional link for those voters who still want it):

- | |
|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I want to vote every election by mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to vote at the polls |

- ❖ Establishing an additional way for voters to come off PEVL if they don't vote the mailed ballot in a set timeframe (1 or 2 federal cycles).
- ❖ Ensuring it is the voter checking off PEVL.

QUESTIONS?

