



Media Kit—November 7, 2023

Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department

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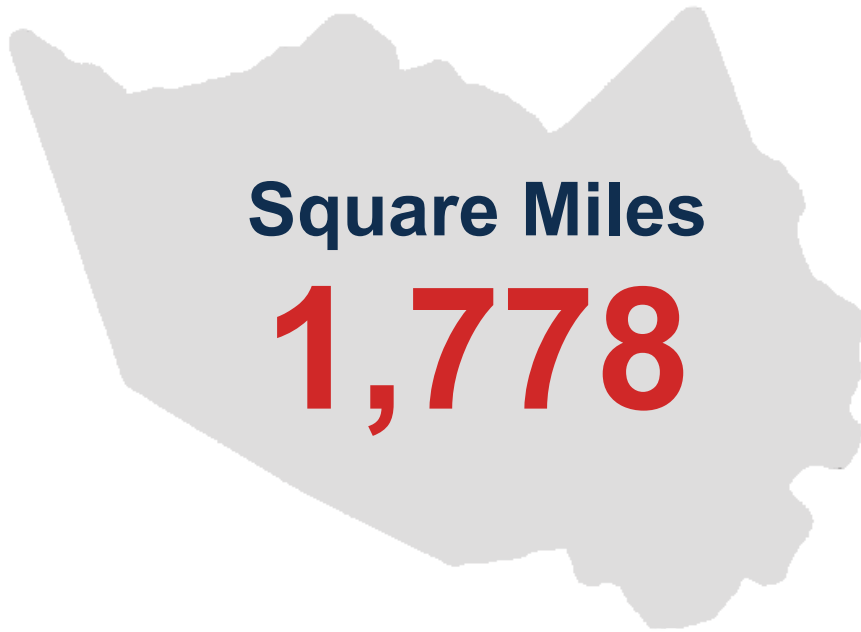
ABOUT THIS ELECTION

LOCAL ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH THE OFFICE

- Harris County Hospital District
- City of Baytown, District 4
- City of Bellaire
- City of Houston
- City of Jersey Village
- Aldine Independent School District
- Alief Independent School District
- Clear Creek Independent School District
- Crosby Independent School District
- Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
- Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District
- Houston Independent School District, District III
- Houston Independent School District, District IV
- Huffman Independent School District
- Katy Independent School District
- New Caney Independent School District
- Pearland Independent School District
- Crosby Municipal Utility District
- Cy-Champ Public Utility District
- Cypress Creek Utility District
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 13
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 20
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 24
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 47
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48
- Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 24
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 49
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 200, of Harris County, Texas
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 517
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 570C
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 582
- Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 588
- Harris County Utility District No. 15
- Mission Bend Municipal Utility District No. 2
- Plum Creek Management District 1A
- Prestonwood Forest Utility District
- Remington Municipal Utility District No. 1, of Harris County, Texas
- Ricewood Municipal Utility District
- West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 1
- Windfern Forest Utility District
- The Woodlands Township



HARRIS COUNTY STATISTICS



Total Population

4.7 million

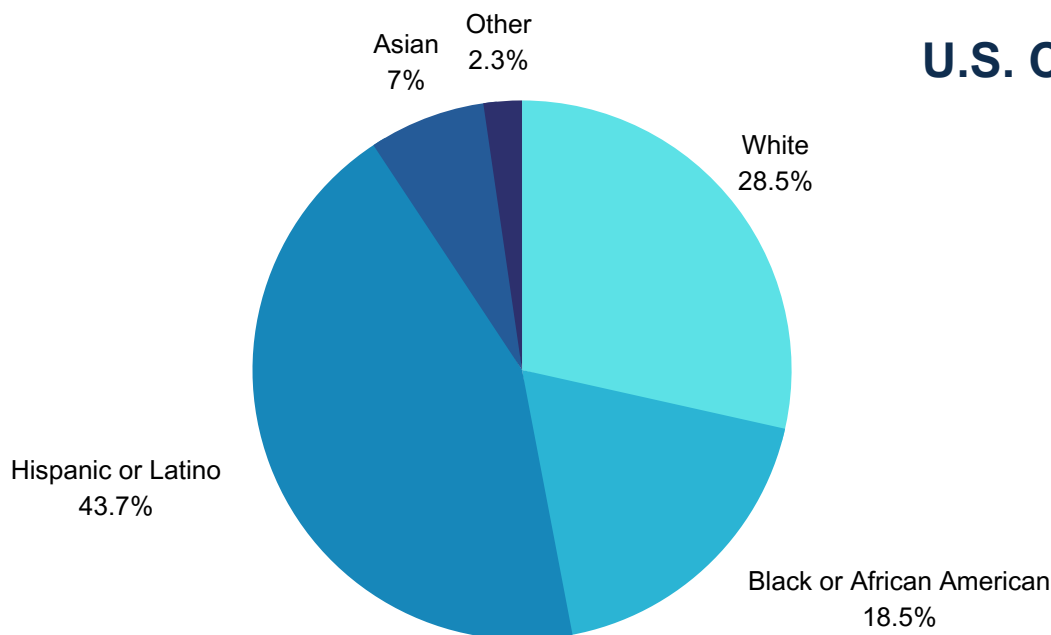
U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 Estimate

2.5+ million

Registered Voters

Everyone has something to vote on

Estimates of Population of Race and Ethnicity in Harris County



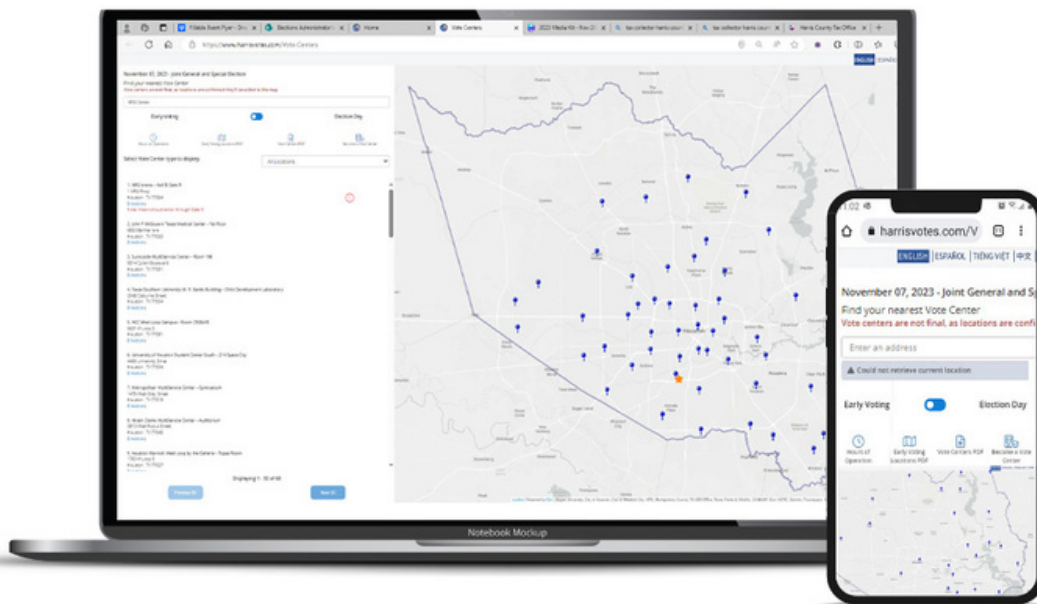
U.S. Census Bureau



VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

Voters in Harris County have the option to cast their ballot in person at any participating Vote Center during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Early Vote Centers: 68
Election Day Vote Centers: 701



Early Voting: October 23 — November 3
Election Day: November 7



For a list of Vote Centers, visit
HarrisVotes.com/Polling-Locations
or scan the QR Code





MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

RETURN OPTIONS



United States Postal Service

- Two forever stamps required
- Must be postmarked by COB on Election Day and delivered by 5 P.M. the next business day (November 8)



Common or contract carrier (i.e. FedEx, UPS)

- Ballot must be received by the Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department by 7 P.M. on Election Day
- May be delivered by 5 P.M. the following business day (November 8), if carrier provides receipt that the mail ballot was received by 7 P.M. on Election Day



In-person at NRG Arena (Election Day only)

- Voter must be present with ballot and photo ID

MULTILINGUAL BALLOTS

Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department offers ballots and election materials in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.



MAIL BALLOT FAQ

What are the new ID requirements?

Texas Senate Bill 1 requires voters MUST provide their Texas Driver's License number, Texas Personal ID number, Election Identification Certificate number, or the last four digits of their Social Security Number on the mail ballot application.

Which form of identification is required from voters?

The identification you provide on your mail ballot application must match what is on file in your voter record. Failure to provide an exact match on the application to what is on your voter record could result in a rejection of the application, meaning voters will need to return a corrected mail ballot application before the mail ballot application deadline, October 27.

How can voters avoid delays in receiving their ballot?

- Call Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department at 713.755.6965. The voter services team is dedicated to walking voters through the process of filling out applications. Some operators are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.
- Provide both forms of ID. Even though the form only asks for one, the best way to ensure an application isn't rejected is to provide both a Texas ID and the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- Provide your email or phone number on your application. This allows our team to immediately reach out to the voter if there are any issues with the application.

How many stamps are required when voters send their mail ballot back?

Voters should place two forever stamps on their carrier envelopes to avoid delays.



VOTING MACHINES

Done in Four and You're Out the Door



Harris County is pleased to announce the next generation of voting machines to make voting more accessible and transparent to and for voters, the Verity Duo from Hart InterCivic.

Verity Duo combines the ease and accuracy of touchscreen ballot marking with the assurance of a voter-verifiable paper trail. Verity Duo prints an easy-to-read summary of voter choices for verification, and the scanner counts votes directly from this summary.

Benefits of Ballot Scan Technology

Instructional Video



- More Accessible
- Printed Paper Vote Record
- Touchscreen



GENERAL ELECTION FAQ

What should a voter bring to the voting center?

- An acceptable form of photo ID includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Texas Driver's License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 - Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
 - Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
 - Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
 - United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
 - United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
 - United States Passport (book or card)
 - If you are 18-69 years old, then you may use an approved photo ID that is expired for up to 4 years. If you are 70+ years old, then the photo ID may be expired for more than 4 years.
 - If you do not have a photo ID, then you may fill out a Reasonable Impediment form, and use a supporting form of ID:
 - Voter registration certificate, or
 - Certified US (including territory) birth certificate, or
 - Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck (must show your name and ANY address) or
 - Government check (must show your name and ANY address) or
 - Any other government document showing your name and ANY address (examples: an out-of-state license, a government employee ID)
 - Voters who do not have an acceptable form of ID or a supporting document with them may vote on a provisional ballot but must come to any of our ten branch locations within six days after the election to verify their identification (also known as "curing").
 - Library cards of any kind (Houston Public Library, Harris County Public Library's Enhanced+ Photo ID) ARE NOT acceptable forms of ID.



GENERAL ELECTION FAQ

- Your printed sample ballot or handwritten notes.
 - Phones, tablets, laptops, and other electronic devices are not to be used within 100 feet of the entrance of a vote center. It is against the law, as they can be used as recording devices.
- An assistant, if needed.
 - Voters who cannot speak English, or who communicate only with sign language, may use an interpreter to help them communicate with election officials, regardless of whether the election official(s) attending to the voter can speak the same language as the voter.
 - The voter may select any person other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs. If the voter cannot read the languages on the ballot, the interpreter may also act as an assistant for the voter, but they must follow the procedures for an assistant.
 - If the voter is deaf and does not have a sign language interpreter who can accompany them to help communicate with the poll worker or read the ballot, the voter should contact his or her local election officials before the election and request assistance.
 - The person assisting the voter must read him or her the entire ballot, unless the voter asks to have only parts of the ballot read.
 - The person assisting the voter must take an oath that he or she will not try to influence the voter's vote and will mark the ballot as the voter directs.
 - If the voter chooses to be assisted by polling place officials, poll watchers and election inspectors may observe the voting process, but if the voter asks to be assisted by a person the voter chooses, no one else may watch him or her vote.



GENERAL ELECTION FAQ

- If you requested a mail ballot but decided to vote in person instead of using your mail ballot, bring your mail ballot to the poll surrender it, and vote a regular ballot. If you do not bring your mail ballot with you, you may vote a provisional ballot.

How long is the ballot?

- Every voter has something to vote on in this election cycle. Ninety-nine percent of voters will only need one letter-sized 8.5x11 inch piece of ballot paper. Some entities have longer contests and those voters will need two sheets of 8.5x11 inch ballot paper.
- Forty-two political entities are on the Harris County, November 7, 2023 election ballot. However, you will only see the contests that are connected to the address where you are registered to vote. So, you may see a minimum of 15 and/or a maximum of about 30 contests on your ballot. The number of screen you have to navigate while voting will equal the number of contests on your ballot.

What assistance is available at a vote center?

- The ballot is available in four languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.
- Voting machines let you increase the font size or contrast on the screen
- If you qualify Curbside vote, you just need to ring the buzzer under the blue sign that is set in the designated Curbside voting area in the parking lot. Curbside voting is available to voters physically unable to enter a voting center.



GENERAL ELECTION FAQ

- Accessibility booths that are wider and have a separate control to accommodate mobility devices or a chair
- Remote interpreters for those who need language assistance (i.e. American Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic, and Hindi)
- Voting machines can hook up to components for voters with disabilities (i.e., Sip and Puff devices, headphones)

How do I know that my ballot was cast?

After you print your ballot from the voting machine, you must scan your printed ballot into the machine near the exit. The Scan records your vote digitally in two different ways and stores the paper ballot in the secured box it sits on. When you see the American flag on the screen, you have successfully cast your ballot. For multiple pages of the ballot paper, insert the pages one at a time and wait until you see the flag before repeating the process with your second sheet.

What does “curing” a ballot mean?

- To cure your ballot means to fix an error so that it can be officially counted.
- If you voted provisionally because you did not have an appropriate ID or supporting document, then you must cure your ballot within six days of the election. This means you must bring an ID to one of our ten branch locations or Central Count to verify your identity.
- If there were issues with the signature or identification numbers on your mail ballot, then you must cure your ballot at any of our ten branch locations or Central Count.

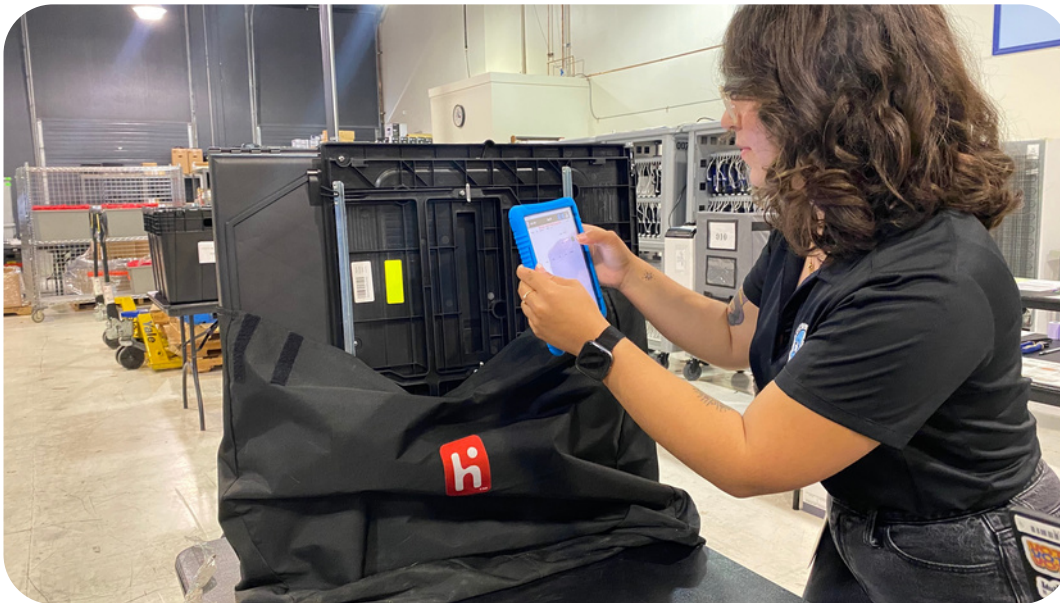
Is there straight-ticket voting?

No. In Harris County, you must manually select each of your choices for every contest in both partisan and non-partisan elections. However, in partisan elections, the party affiliation for each candidate appears beside the candidate's name.



ELECTION NIGHT

Six rally sites will be used throughout the county for this election. Once they complete closing procedures, vote center judges will return the equipment necessary for tabulation to whichever of the six sites they were assigned to. This will lessen the amount of time they are on the road and waiting in line to be processed, and it will expedite the release of unofficial results to the public.



Central Count - NRG Arena (Hall D)



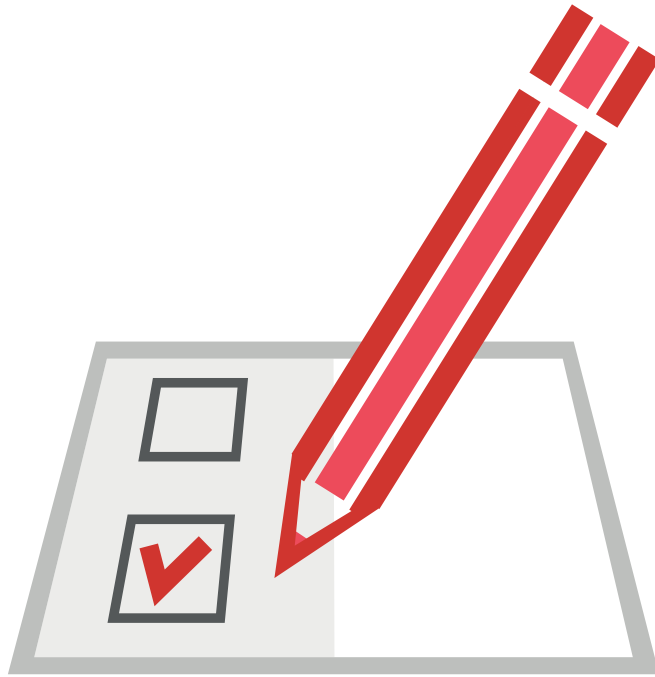
**1 NRG Pkwy.
Houston, TX 77054**

Media must enter Gate 10 with a parking placard, and can park in the Maroon Lot next to the arena. Please email media@vote.hctx.net for a placard.

Placard must be printed and placed on the window of your vehicle for entrance.



CANVASS: FINALIZING THE VOTE



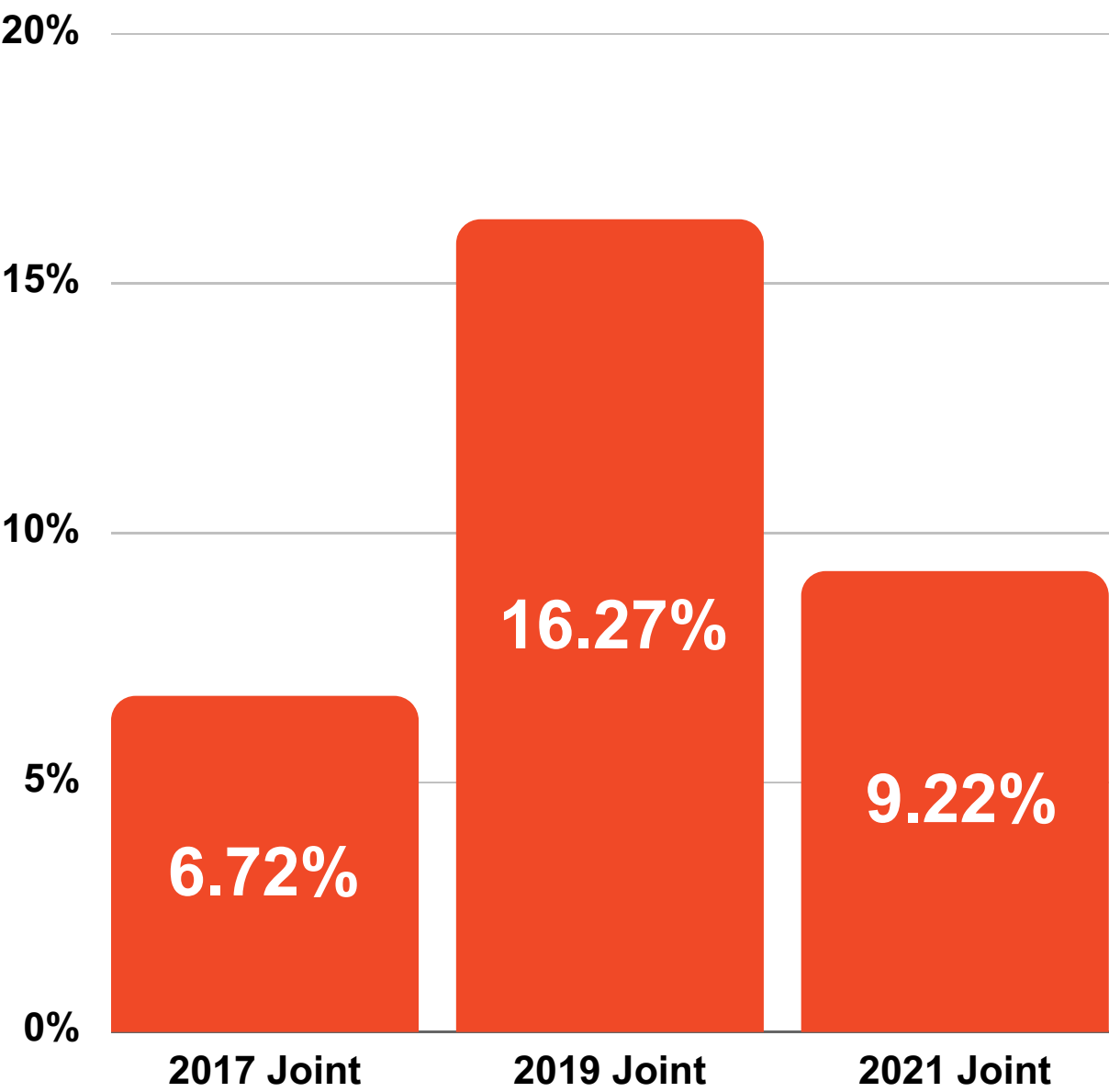
After Vote Centers close at 7 P.M. on Election Day, all voted ballots are sealed, secured, and transported to our Central County facility, which is located at the Election Technology Center for this election. Election Night results include Early Voting and Election Day ballots at the Polling Locations, as well as Mail Ballots, received and processed up until Election Day.

Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Counting ballots does not end on Election Night. The Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department makes every effort to ensure that all ballots cast are counted. After Election Night, additional ballots including provisional ballots or ballots for military and overseas voters must still be processed. These ballots must be canvassed by Friday, November 17.



VOTER TURNOUT IN HARRIS COUNTY





MEDIA RESOURCES

Election Results



Early Voting and Election Night results are available at [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com). The first results, which will include all Early Voting results, will be posted shortly after 7 P.M. Results will be updated on the website on a flow basis as ballots are received, processed and tabulated.

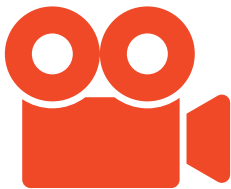
B-Roll, Resources Available



The Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department has provided B-roll from behind-the-scenes of pre-Election and Election Day activities. Access our digital toolkit with videos, graphics, and fact sheets by clicking [here](#) or scanning our QR code below.



Digital Toolkit



Interview and Filming Requests

Please contact our Communications department via email at media@vote.hctx.net for interviewing and filming arrangements. Teneshia Hudspeth, Harris County Clerk's Office Elections Department will be available to the media during morning briefings at select vote centers and periodically after polls close on Election Night.

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