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SQUINT™ Special Report

What Does a 72% Mismatch Mean?



We recently received SQUINTs similar to the one below regarding Michigan’s August Primary:



It is important to put statistics into perspective. The 72% number refers to the percentage of precincts that had a mismatch between the count of the number of voters and the number of ballots in Michigan’s August Primary for Detroit. Per the Wayne County Canvass Report dated August 4th which includes Detroit, 363 of the 503 precincts in Detroit had a mismatch between the absentee voter count and the absentee ballot count. Of these 363 precincts, the largest mismatch was 5 voters/ballots in 73 precincts. Some reasons for the mismatches in absentee voting include the ballot might have been missing from the envelope, there was no signature, or the ballot was not processed due to the death of the voter before the Primary Date.

With the worst-case scenario, where the counts were all in the same direction (e.g. more voters than ballots), there would be 914 voters or ballots missing. With a total of 121,298 voters in Detroit for this primary, the worst-case absentee unbalance would be 0.75% of total voters.

