

# Returned\* Mail-In Absentee Ballots, Disaggregated by Ballot Return Status

There are two methods for voting absentee in North Carolina: absentee by mail, and one-stop early voting. This report concerns mail-in ballot request counts for returned\* ballots.

In the tables below, ballot counts are reported for each return status category. Grand Total denotes the total number of ballots requested and returned.\*

## 2020-03 Primary Election

Ballot Rtn Status	Count	Percent
ACCEPTED	26,514	90.2
DUPLICATE	6	0.0
NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED	13	0.0
PENDING	13	0.0
RETURNED AFTER DEADLINE	800	2.7
SIGNATURE DIFFERENT	25	0.1
SPOILED (Returned)	220	0.7
VOTER SIGNATURE MISSING	1,543	5.2
WITNESS INFO INCOMPLETE	262	0.9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,396</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2018-11 General Election

Ballot Rtn Status	Count	Percent
ACCEPTED	97,571	93.7
CONFLICT	6	0.0
DUPLICATE	21	0.0
NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED	160	0.2
PENDING	28	0.0
RETURNED AFTER DEADLINE	922	0.9
SIGNATURE DIFFERENT	34	0.0
SPOILED (Returned)	771	0.7
VOTER SIGNATURE MISSING	2,922	2.8
WITNESS INFO INCOMPLETE	1,718	1.6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>104,153</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2016-11 General Election

Ballot Rtn Status	Count	Percent
ACCEPTED	191,601	96.9
DUPLICATE	25	0.0
NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED	32	0.0
RETURNED AFTER DEADLINE	1,215	0.6
SIGNATURE DIFFERENT	32	0.0
SPOILED (Returned)	1,108	0.6
VOTER SIGNATURE MISSING	1,101	0.6
WITNESS INFO INCOMPLETE	2,700	1.4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>197,814</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2016-03 Primary Election

Ballot Rtn Status	Count	Percent
ACCEPTED	38,811	93.2
CONFLICT	20	0.0
DUPLICATE	8	0.0
NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED	27	0.1
PENDING	3	0.0
RETURNED AFTER DEADLINE	1,637	3.9
SIGNATURE DIFFERENT	5	0.0
SPOILED (Returned)	259	0.6
VOTER SIGNATURE MISSING	199	0.5
WITNESS INFO INCOMPLETE	666	1.6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Data Sources:** [absentee\\_20200303.zip](#), [absentee\\_20181106.zip](#), [absentee\\_20161108.zip](#), and [absentee\\_20160315.zip](#)

\* In this report, updated 9/30/2020, returned ballots were calculated by excluding the following ballots from the mail-in ballot data: ballots with an "NA" return status, ballots with a "RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE" return status, ballots with an "E-TRANSMISSION FAILURE" return status, and ballots with both a "SPOILED" return status and an "NA" return date in the data. Ballots labeled "SPOILED (Returned)" denote ballots with both a "SPOILED" return status and return date in the data.