

N.C. Absentee & Early Voting Statistics for the 2026 Primary Election

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General Statistics

Total Ballots Cast	133,949
Total Eligible Voters*	7,715,630
Turnout	1.74%

Total Ballots Cast (Absentee/Early Voting)

In-Person Early Voting	130,601
Civilian (Mail)	2,758
Military (Mail)	80
Overseas (Mail)	510
	133,949

Comparison to 2022 Primary Election

Total ballots cast this time in 2022

Early Voting	100,015
Civilian, Military, & Overseas	6,305
	106,320

(Total number of accepted ballots cast)

Registration Statistics by Party

		%
Democratic	2,315,453	30.01%
Republican	2,324,406	30.13%
Unaffiliated	3,024,545	39.20%
Libertarian	46,725	0.61%
Green	4,501	0.06%
	7,715,630	

Ballots Cast by Party

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Democratic	56,451	2.44%	42.14%
Republican	38,164	1.64%	28.49%
Unaffiliated	39,310	1.30%	29.35%
Libertarian	13	0.03%	0.01%
Green	11	0.24%	0.01%
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Registration Statistics by Race

		%
White	4,915,272	63.71%
Black	1,489,825	19.31%
Other	1,310,533	16.99%
	7,715,630	

Ballots Cast by Race

		Turnout*	Proportion**
White	92,130	1.87%	68.78%
Black	32,374	2.17%	24.17%
Other	9,445	0.72%	7.05%
	133,949		

Registration Statistics by Ethnicity

		%
Hispanic or Latino	346,499	4.49%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	4,939,170	64.02%
Undesignated	2,429,961	31.49%
	7,715,630	

Ballots Cast by Ethnicity

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Hispanic or Latino	2,040	0.59%	1.52%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	103,527	2.10%	77.29%
Undesignated	28,382	1.17%	21.19%
	133,949		

Registration Statistics by Gender

		%
Female	3,796,989	49.21%
Male	3,238,427	41.97%
Undesignated	680,214	8.82%
	7,715,630	

Ballots Cast by Gender

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Female	71,364	1.88%	53.28%
Male	57,871	1.79%	43.20%
Undesignated	4,714	0.69%	3.52%
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* Turnout = Ballots Cast per Demographic / Registered Voter Count for that Demographic

** Proportion = Ballots Cast per Demographic / Total Ballots Cast

Data Sources: absentee_counts_state_20260303.csv, absentee_20220517.zip

Ballots Cast by County

County	In-Person	Mail			Total
	EARLY VOTING	CIVILIAN	MILITARY	OVERSEAS	
ALAMANCE	2,356	60	0	8	2,424
ALEXANDER	576	1	0	0	577
ALLEGHANY	157	0	0	0	157
ANSON	550	3	0	0	553
ASHE	458	4	2	1	465
AVERY	137	3	0	0	140
BEAUFORT	1,043	3	0	0	1,046
BERTIE	837	0	0	0	837
BLADEN	567	1	0	0	568
BRUNSWICK	3,076	92	1	5	3,174
BUNCOMBE	4,388	212	1	23	4,624
BURKE	1,014	20	0	5	1,039
CABARRUS	1,258	110	1	11	1,380
CALDWELL	1,026	3	0	1	1,030
CAMDEN	71	3	0	0	74
CARTERET	1,702	11	1	0	1,714
CASWELL	304	0	0	0	304
CATAWBA	2,182	137	1	1	2,321
CHATHAM	1,583	84	0	3	1,670
CHEROKEE	395	0	0	0	395
CHOWAN	204	7	0	0	211
CLAY	224	2	0	0	226
CLEVELAND	879	14	0	0	893
COLUMBUS	689	56	0	0	745
CRAVEN	1,009	13	1	3	1,026
CUMBERLAND	3,650	24	7	12	3,693
CURRITUCK	226	4	0	0	230
DARE	847	13	0	0	860
DAVIDSON	1,800	46	0	3	1,849
DAVIE	443	6	0	0	449
DUPLIN	518	30	1	0	549
DURHAM	6,045	92	2	66	6,205
EDGECOMBE	582	3	0	0	585
FORSYTH	3,605	112	0	8	3,725
FRANKLIN	876	11	0	3	890
GASTON	2,788	62	0	2	2,852
GATES	199	1	0	0	200

GRAHAM	218	11	0	0	229
GRANVILLE	1,173	7	0	1	1,181
GREENE	175	8	0	0	183
GUILFORD	5,022	73	7	25	5,127
HALIFAX	846	4	0	0	850
HARNETT	1,301	25	1	1	1,328
HAYWOOD	1,311	34	0	2	1,347
HENDERSON	2,228	38	0	5	2,271
HERTFORD	187	0	0	1	188
HOKE	1,093	0	0	0	1,093
HYDE	22	0	0	0	22
IREDELL	1,505	23	1	2	1,531
JACKSON	632	36	0	0	668
JOHNSTON	1,949	62	3	4	2,018
JONES	187	2	0	0	189
LEE	607	14	0	0	621
LENOIR	524	11	0	0	535
LINCOLN	1,104	13	1	2	1,120
MACON	1,221	8	0	0	1,229
MADISON	308	0	0	2	310
MARTIN	128	4	0	1	133
MCDOWELL	775	3	0	1	779
MECKLENBURG	10,410	156	8	101	10,675
MITCHELL	802	8	0	0	810
MONTGOMERY	175	4	0	0	179
MOORE	1,211	39	5	4	1,259
NASH	1,428	23	2	0	1,453
NEW HANOVER	2,211	62	6	19	2,298
NORTHAMPTON	423	1	0	0	424
ONSLOW	1,119	31	4	1	1,155
ORANGE	2,330	52	1	56	2,439
PAMLICO	174	6	0	0	180
PASQUOTANK	712	7	0	0	719
PENDER	902	10	0	0	912
PERQUIMANS	177	0	0	0	177
PERSON	479	24	0	0	503
PITT	2,379	20	1	3	2,403
POLK	321	12	0	3	336
RANDOLPH	1,765	21	0	0	1,786
RICHMOND	530	0	0	0	530
ROBESON	709	4	0	0	713
ROCKINGHAM	2,257	32	0	3	2,292

ROWAN	1,652	51	1	2	1,706
RUTHERFORD	1,063	15	1	0	1,079
SAMPSON	892	2	0	0	894
SCOTLAND	672	6	0	0	678
STANLY	386	5	1	1	393
STOKES	678	6	1	0	685
SURRY	2,348	47	0	2	2,397
SWAIN	195	0	0	0	195
TRANSYLVANIA	616	10	0	1	627
TYRRELL	61	0	0	0	61
UNION	2,001	20	2	6	2,029
VANCE	701	4	0	0	705
WAKE	12,741	360	11	101	13,213
WARREN	364	0	0	0	364
WASHINGTON	303	0	0	0	303
WATAUGA	620	29	0	3	652
WAYNE	1,701	9	4	0	1,714
WILKES	586	40	0	0	626
WILSON	982	10	0	0	992
YADKIN	494	10	1	2	507
YANCEY	251	3	0	0	254
Total	130,601	2,758	80	510	133,949