

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

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General Statistics

Total Ballots Cast	178,311
Total Eligible Voters*	7,714,975
Turnout	2.31%

Total Ballots Cast (Absentee/Early Voting)

In-Person Early Voting	174,349
Civilian (Mail)	3,309
Military (Mail)	88
Overseas (Mail)	565
Total	178,311

Comparison to 2022 Primary Election

Total ballots cast this time in 2022

Early Voting	132,472
Civilian, Military, & Overseas	6,619
<i>(Total number of accepted ballots cast)</i>	139,091

Registration Statistics by Party

		%
Democratic	2,315,299	30.01%
Republican	2,324,196	30.13%
Unaffiliated	3,024,257	39.20%
Libertarian	46,722	0.61%
Green	4,501	0.06%
Total	7,714,975	

Ballots Cast by Party

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Democratic	75,481	3.26%	42.33%
Republican	50,747	2.18%	28.46%
Unaffiliated	52,052	1.72%	29.19%
Libertarian	19	0.04%	0.01%
Green	12	0.27%	0.01%
Total	178,311		

Registration Statistics by Race

		%
White	4,914,793	63.70%
Black	1,489,778	19.31%
Other	1,310,404	16.99%
Total	7,714,975	

Ballots Cast by Race

		Turnout*	Proportion**
White	122,808	2.50%	68.87%
Black	43,401	2.91%	24.34%
Other	12,102	0.92%	6.79%
Total	178,311		

Registration Statistics by Ethnicity

		%
Hispanic or Latino	346,501	4.49%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	4,938,806	64.02%
Undesignated	2,429,668	31.49%
Total	7,714,975	

Ballots Cast by Ethnicity

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Hispanic or Latino	2,615	0.75%	1.47%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	138,287	2.80%	77.55%
Undesignated	37,409	1.54%	20.98%
Total	178,311		

Registration Statistics by Gender

		%
Female	3,796,705	49.21%
Male	3,238,196	41.97%
Undesignated	680,074	8.81%
Total	7,714,975	

Ballots Cast by Gender

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Female	96,260	2.54%	53.98%
Male	75,927	2.34%	42.58%
Undesignated	6,124	0.90%	3.43%
Total	178,311		

* 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	3,117	62	0	9	3,188
ALEXANDER	768	3	0	0	771
ALLEGHANY	230	0	0	0	230
ANSON	676	3	0	0	679
ASHE	636	4	2	1	643
AVERY	181	3	0	0	184
BEAUFORT	1,365	3	0	0	1,368
BERTIE	1,040	0	0	0	1,040
BLADEN	719	1	0	0	720
BRUNSWICK	4,142	115	1	5	4,263
BUNCOMBE	6,047	229	3	24	6,303
BURKE	1,381	22	0	5	1,408
CABARRUS	1,693	116	1	16	1,826
CALDWELL	1,372	3	0	1	1,376
CAMDEN	106	3	0	0	109
CARTERET	2,282	15	1	0	2,298
CASWELL	425	0	0	0	425
CATAWBA	2,850	178	1	1	3,030
CHATHAM	2,215	89	0	3	2,307
CHEROKEE	557	5	0	1	563
CHOWAN	287	7	0	0	294
CLAY	323	2	0	0	325
CLEVELAND	1,187	31	0	0	1,218
COLUMBUS	896	56	0	0	952
CRAVEN	1,498	21	1	3	1,523
CUMBERLAND	4,616	27	7	12	4,662
CURRITUCK	310	4	0	0	314
DARE	1,156	22	0	2	1,180
DAVIDSON	2,448	54	0	3	2,505
DAVIE	642	7	0	0	649
DUPLIN	724	30	1	0	755
DURHAM	7,878	92	2	66	8,038
EDGECOMBE	817	4	0	0	821
FORSYTH	4,990	125	0	10	5,125
FRANKLIN	1,202	15	0	3	1,220
GASTON	3,750	73	0	2	3,825
GATES	263	1	0	0	264

GRAHAM	284	11	0	0	295
GRANVILLE	1,519	7	0	1	1,527
GREENE	253	12	0	0	265
GUILFORD	6,978	89	7	30	7,104
HALIFAX	1,201	4	0	0	1,205
HARNETT	1,618	30	1	1	1,650
HAYWOOD	1,715	35	0	2	1,752
HENDERSON	2,948	50	0	6	3,004
HERTFORD	278	0	0	1	279
HOKE	1,346	0	0	0	1,346
HYDE	41	0	0	0	41
IREDELL	2,062	29	1	3	2,095
JACKSON	879	45	0	0	924
JOHNSTON	2,670	70	3	4	2,747
JONES	237	2	0	0	239
LEE	833	14	0	1	848
LENOIR	725	11	0	0	736
LINCOLN	1,522	13	2	2	1,539
MACON	1,561	8	0	0	1,569
MADISON	412	3	0	2	417
MARTIN	188	4	0	1	193
MCDOWELL	990	4	0	1	995
MECKLENBURG	13,686	167	8	103	13,964
MITCHELL	981	16	0	0	997
MONTGOMERY	238	17	0	0	255
MOORE	1,686	49	5	4	1,744
NASH	2,021	26	2	0	2,049
NEW HANOVER	3,100	77	6	20	3,203
NORTHAMPTON	585	2	0	0	587
ONslow	1,562	45	4	1	1,612
ORANGE	3,104	65	1	62	3,232
PAMLICO	243	7	0	0	250
PASQUOTANK	977	8	2	0	987
PENDER	1,194	14	0	0	1,208
PERQUIMANS	235	0	0	0	235
PERSON	663	24	0	0	687
PITT	3,071	21	1	5	3,098
POLK	480	12	0	3	495
RANDOLPH	2,295	49	0	0	2,344
RICHMOND	689	0	0	0	689
ROBESON	952	4	0	0	956
ROCKINGHAM	3,033	34	0	3	3,070

ROWAN	2,121	68	1	2	2,192
RUTHERFORD	1,434	17	1	0	1,452
SAMPSON	1,159	2	0	0	1,161
SCOTLAND	901	6	0	0	907
STANLY	534	6	1	1	542
STOKES	910	8	1	0	919
SURRY	3,115	51	0	2	3,168
SWAIN	281	2	1	0	284
TRANSYLVANIA	886	10	0	1	897
TYRRELL	86	0	0	0	86
UNION	2,764	35	2	7	2,808
VANCE	950	7	0	0	957
WAKE	16,104	477	11	117	16,709
WARREN	514	0	0	0	514
WASHINGTON	392	0	0	0	392
WATAUGA	885	29	0	10	924
WAYNE	2,335	16	6	0	2,357
WILKES	815	46	0	0	861
WILSON	1,301	11	0	0	1,312
YADKIN	658	11	1	2	672
YANCEY	360	4	0	0	364
Total	174,349	3,309	88	565	178,311