

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

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## General Statistics

Total Ballots Cast	305,471
Total Eligible Voters*	7,712,943
<b>Turnout</b>	<b>3.96%</b>

## Total Ballots Cast (Absentee/Early Voting)

In-Person Early Voting	300,074
Civilian (Mail)	4,626
Military (Mail)	101
Overseas (Mail)	670
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,471</b>

## Comparison to 2022 Primary Election

Total ballots cast this time in 2022

Early Voting	223,209
Civilian, Military, & Overseas	9,250
<i>(Total number of accepted ballots cast)</i>	<b>232,459</b>

## Registration Statistics by Party

		%
Democratic	2,314,640	30.01%
Republican	2,323,585	30.13%
Unaffiliated	3,023,499	39.20%
Libertarian	46,719	0.61%
Green	4,500	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,712,943</b>	

## Ballots Cast by Party

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Democratic	128,910	5.57%	42.20%
Republican	87,187	3.75%	28.54%
Unaffiliated	89,324	2.95%	29.24%
Libertarian	32	0.07%	0.01%
Green	18	0.40%	0.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,471</b>		

## Registration Statistics by Race

		%
White	4,913,347	63.70%
Black	1,489,487	19.31%
Other	1,310,109	16.99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,712,943</b>	

## Ballots Cast by Race

		Turnout*	Proportion**
White	211,746	4.31%	69.32%
Black	73,388	4.93%	24.02%
Other	20,337	1.55%	6.66%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,471</b>		

## Registration Statistics by Ethnicity

		%
Hispanic or Latino	346,487	4.49%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	4,937,443	64.02%
Undesignated	2,429,013	31.49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,712,943</b>	

## Ballots Cast by Ethnicity

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Hispanic or Latino	4,361	1.26%	1.43%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	237,193	4.80%	77.65%
Undesignated	63,917	2.63%	20.92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,471</b>		

## Registration Statistics by Gender

		%
Female	3,795,781	49.21%
Male	3,237,341	41.97%
Undesignated	679,821	8.81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,712,943</b>	

## Ballots Cast by Gender

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Female	167,579	4.41%	54.86%
Male	127,538	3.94%	41.75%
Undesignated	10,354	1.52%	3.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,471</b>		

\* 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	5,138	103	0	11	5,252
ALEXANDER	1,363	3	0	0	1,366
ALLEGHANY	464	1	0	0	465
ANSON	1,017	10	0	1	1,028
ASHE	1,099	5	2	1	1,107
AVERY	349	5	0	0	354
BEAUFORT	2,331	3	0	0	2,334
BERTIE	1,476	0	0	0	1,476
BLADEN	1,205	24	0	0	1,229
BRUNSWICK	7,058	144	1	6	7,209
BUNCOMBE	11,595	300	4	32	11,931
BURKE	2,399	28	0	5	2,432
CABARRUS	3,045	164	1	18	3,228
CALDWELL	2,412	10	0	1	2,423
CAMDEN	222	3	0	1	226
CARTERET	3,833	28	3	2	3,866
CASWELL	726	1	0	0	727
CATAWBA	4,608	178	1	2	4,789
CHATHAM	3,915	115	1	3	4,034
CHEROKEE	1,048	5	0	1	1,054
CHOWAN	492	7	0	0	499
CLAY	706	5	0	0	711
CLEVELAND	1,964	31	0	0	1,995
COLUMBUS	1,400	62	0	0	1,462
CRAVEN	2,867	30	1	3	2,901
CUMBERLAND	7,482	55	7	12	7,556
CURRITUCK	570	6	0	0	576
DARE	1,989	26	0	2	2,017
DAVIDSON	4,412	79	0	3	4,494
DAVIE	1,205	18	0	1	1,224
DUPLIN	1,213	30	1	0	1,244
DURHAM	13,153	141	3	81	13,378
EDGECOMBE	1,547	4	0	0	1,551
FORSYTH	8,874	216	0	10	9,100
FRANKLIN	2,147	32	0	3	2,182
GASTON	6,277	92	0	2	6,371
GATES	471	1	0	0	472
GRAHAM	453	11	0	0	464

GRANVILLE	2,568	7	0	1	2,576
GREENE	452	14	0	0	466
GUILFORD	12,869	175	8	37	13,089
HALIFAX	2,041	4	0	0	2,045
HARNETT	2,499	43	1	1	2,544
HAYWOOD	3,009	49	0	2	3,060
HENDERSON	5,133	69	0	8	5,210
HERTFORD	494	0	0	1	495
HOKE	1,979	8	0	0	1,987
HYDE	83	0	0	0	83
IREDELL	3,707	43	2	6	3,758
JACKSON	1,515	60	0	0	1,575
JOHNSTON	4,863	77	3	4	4,947
JONES	388	2	0	0	390
LEE	1,508	19	0	2	1,529
LENOIR	1,295	13	0	0	1,308
LINCOLN	2,818	21	2	2	2,843
MACON	2,497	16	0	0	2,513
MADISON	756	5	0	2	763
MARTIN	405	4	0	1	410
MCDOWELL	1,696	4	0	1	1,701
MECKLENBURG	23,074	315	9	111	23,509
MITCHELL	1,542	42	0	0	1,584
MONTGOMERY	432	17	0	0	449
MOORE	3,096	67	6	4	3,173
NASH	3,485	35	2	0	3,522
NEW HANOVER	5,591	86	6	24	5,707
NORTHAMPTON	972	2	0	1	975
ONslow	2,730	51	5	1	2,787
ORANGE	5,337	89	1	75	5,502
PAMLICO	437	7	0	0	444
PASQUOTANK	1,613	8	2	0	1,623
PENDER	2,030	16	0	0	2,046
PERQUIMANS	437	0	0	0	437
PERSON	1,226	31	0	0	1,257
PITT	5,050	25	1	6	5,082
POLK	937	14	0	3	954
RANDOLPH	4,107	69	0	0	4,176
RICHMOND	1,146	1	0	0	1,147
ROBESON	1,630	5	0	0	1,635
ROCKINGHAM	4,988	41	0	3	5,032
ROWAN	3,576	78	1	3	3,658
RUTHERFORD	2,699	18	1	0	2,718
SAMPSON	1,903	2	0	0	1,905

SCOTLAND	1,574	8	0	0	1,582
STANLY	905	7	1	1	914
STOKES	1,517	8	1	0	1,526
SURRY	4,946	77	0	2	5,025
SWAIN	606	2	1	0	609
TRANSYLVANIA	1,674	17	0	1	1,692
TYRRELL	149	0	0	0	149
UNION	4,942	49	2	7	5,000
VANCE	1,628	9	0	0	1,637
WAKE	26,189	662	12	143	27,006
WARREN	890	1	0	0	891
WASHINGTON	621	0	0	0	621
WATAUGA	1,628	41	0	11	1,680
WAYNE	4,109	23	7	1	4,140
WILKES	1,405	58	0	0	1,463
WILSON	2,194	14	0	0	2,208
YADKIN	1,207	15	2	2	1,226
YANCEY	752	7	0	2	761
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,074</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>305,471</b>