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

Published 03/01/2026; Ballots cast through 02/28/2026

General Statistics

Total Ballots Cast	711,990
Total Eligible Voters*	7,708,662
Turnout	**9.24%**

Total Ballots Cast (Absentee/Early Voting)

In-Person Early Voting	700,639
Civilian (Mail)	10,212
Military (Mail)	163
Overseas (Mail)	976
	711,990

Comparison to 2022 Primary Election
Total ballots cast this time in 2022

Early Voting	559,095
Civilian, Military, & Overseas	18,096
(Total number of accepted ballots cast)	**577,191**

Registration Statistics by Party

		%
Democratic	2,313,500	30.01%
Republican	2,322,382	30.13%
Unaffiliated	3,021,604	39.20%
Libertarian	46,686	0.61%
Green	4,490	0.06%
	7,708,662	

Ballots Cast by Party

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Democratic	296,034	12.80%	41.58%
Republican	200,384	8.63%	28.14%
Unaffiliated	215,431	7.13%	30.26%
Libertarian	109	0.23%	0.02%
Green	32	0.71%	0.00%
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Registration Statistics by Race

		%
White	4,910,301	63.70%
Black	1,488,932	19.32%
Other	1,309,429	16.99%
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Ballots Cast by Race

		Turnout*	Proportion**
White	493,749	10.06%	69.35%
Black	164,888	11.07%	23.16%
Other	53,353	4.07%	7.49%
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Registration Statistics by Ethnicity

		%
Hispanic or Latino	346,432	4.49%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	4,934,756	64.02%
Undesignated	2,427,474	31.49%
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Ballots Cast by Ethnicity

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Hispanic or Latino	11,718	3.38%	1.65%
Not Hispanic or Not Latino	543,793	11.02%	76.38%
Undesignated	156,479	6.45%	21.98%
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Registration Statistics by Gender

		%
Female	3,793,843	49.22%
Male	3,235,614	41.97%
Undesignated	679,205	8.81%
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Ballots Cast by Gender

		Turnout*	Proportion**
Female	392,555	10.35%	55.13%
Male	291,902	9.02%	41.00%
Undesignated	27,533	4.05%	3.87%
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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 | | | |
	EARLY VOTING	CIVILIAN	MILITARY	OVERSEAS	Total
ALAMANCE	11,156	182	0	14	11,352
ALEXANDER	2,807	11	0	1	2,819
ALLEGHANY	1,140	5	0	0	1,145
ANSON	1,724	40	0	1	1,765
ASHE	2,484	23	2	1	2,510
AVERY	857	10	0	2	869
BEAUFORT	4,834	26	0	1	4,861
BERTIE	2,301	2	0	0	2,303
BLADEN	2,601	30	0	1	2,632
BRUNSWICK	15,378	238	1	10	15,627
BUNCOMBE	30,773	653	6	54	31,486
BURKE	5,301	54	0	11	5,366
CABARRUS	7,789	323	2	19	8,133
CALDWELL	5,521	31	0	3	5,555
CAMDEN	517	4	0	1	522
CARTERET	7,664	72	3	4	7,743
CASWELL	1,612	12	0	0	1,624
CATAWBA	11,123	225	1	3	11,352
CHATHAM	9,756	198	1	9	9,964
CHEROKEE	2,309	25	0	1	2,335
CHOWAN	1,170	14	0	0	1,184
CLAY	1,619	8	0	0	1,627
CLEVELAND	4,349	62	0	1	4,412
COLUMBUS	3,093	72	0	0	3,165
CRAVEN	6,660	62	1	3	6,726
CUMBERLAND	15,682	120	14	13	15,829
CURRITUCK	1,447	13	0	0	1,460
DARE	4,245	55	0	2	4,302
DAVIDSON	10,350	192	1	4	10,547
DAVIE	2,919	32	0	3	2,954
DUPLIN	2,484	54	2	0	2,540
DURHAM	33,073	318	7	122	33,520
EDGECOMBE	3,293	7	1	0	3,301
FORSYTH	22,712	488	2	14	23,216
FRANKLIN	5,430	81	0	3	5,514
GASTON	13,113	182	3	7	13,305
GATES	1,105	9	1	1	1,116
GRAHAM	1,111	17	0	0	1,128

GRANVILLE	5,763	23	0	2	5,788
GREENE	1,086	22	0	0	1,108
GUILFORD	33,285	411	9	49	33,754
HALIFAX	4,148	22	0	0	4,170
HARNETT	5,809	99	4	3	5,915
HAYWOOD	6,556	98	1	3	6,658
HENDERSON	11,259	215	0	16	11,490
HERTFORD	1,045	0	0	1	1,046
HOKE	3,558	8	0	0	3,566
HYDE	291	3	0	0	294
IREDELL	9,282	99	2	6	9,389
JACKSON	3,723	81	1	2	3,807
JOHNSTON	12,387	201	3	7	12,598
JONES	760	2	0	0	762
LEE	3,609	43	2	2	3,656
LENOIR	3,042	24	0	0	3,066
LINCOLN	6,391	66	3	3	6,463
MACON	4,931	39	0	0	4,970
MADISON	1,696	20	0	3	1,719
MARTIN	1,002	11	0	1	1,014
MCDOWELL	3,642	14	0	2	3,658
MECKLENBURG	55,647	970	11	148	56,776
MITCHELL	2,849	61	0	0	2,910
MONTGOMERY	965	20	0	0	985
MOORE	8,184	140	9	4	8,337
NASH	8,055	61	2	1	8,119
NEW HANOVER	14,271	200	7	30	14,508
NORTHAMPTON	2,058	5	0	1	2,064
ONSLOW	6,298	87	8	2	6,395
ORANGE	15,330	220	3	111	15,664
PAMLICO	980	10	1	0	991
PASQUOTANK	3,235	18	3	1	3,257
PENDER	4,918	64	0	0	4,982
PERQUIMANS	1,023	11	0	0	1,034
PERSON	2,821	42	0	1	2,864
PITT	9,719	61	1	8	9,789
POLK	2,189	24	1	4	2,218
RANDOLPH	8,997	132	1	0	9,130
RICHMOND	2,298	2	0	0	2,300
ROBESON	3,176	8	0	1	3,185
ROCKINGHAM	10,344	74	0	4	10,422
ROWAN	7,390	125	1	3	7,519
RUTHERFORD	5,579	51	2	4	5,636
SAMPSON	4,229	17	0	1	4,247

SCOTLAND	2,907	22	0	0	2,929
STANLY	2,168	33	1	1	2,203
STOKES	3,392	25	1	2	3,420
SURRY	8,822	138	1	2	8,963
SWAIN	1,230	17	1	1	1,249
TRANSYLVANIA	3,723	54	0	1	3,778
TYRRELL	313	0	0	0	313
UNION	12,844	122	3	8	12,977
VANCE	3,387	35	0	0	3,422
WAKE	68,048	1,627	17	209	69,901
WARREN	1,914	8	0	0	1,922
WASHINGTON	1,148	3	0	0	1,151
WATAUGA	3,663	58	1	13	3,735
WAYNE	9,069	44	13	1	9,127
WILKES	3,567	87	0	0	3,654
WILSON	4,488	39	0	0	4,527
YADKIN	2,875	29	2	3	2,909
YANCEY	1,759	17	0	2	1,778
Total	**700,639**	**10,212**	**163**	**976**	**711,990**