

More Information

About the May 7, 2024, Primary Election Results

1. When do these results become final?

The election night returns reported on the "Live Election Returns" area of this site are **not yet final and official but** represent what is known as the "Election Night Canvass." Once the results are finalized, the website will say so. After certification of the final results, the page for this election will be moved to the "Historical Election Results" section of indianavoters.com

A. Closing the Polling Places:

Indiana state law requires counties to begin counting votes cast at the primary election immediately after the polls close at 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

In accordance with prevailing local time, the polls in the 12 counties of Gibson, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Perry, Porter, Posey, Spencer, Starke, Vanderburgh, and Warrick close at 7 p.m., Indianapolis time. The polls in the remaining 80 Indiana counties close at 6 p.m., Indianapolis time.

In most counties, ballots cast in person on Election Day are counted first at local polling places by precinct election officials. These officials then travel on election night to a central counting location (often the county courthouse) to report the precinct election results to the county election board.

All Indiana county election boards now process absentee ballots submitted by mail, travel board, or in-person ("early") voting, at a central location. The central count may begin as early as 6 a.m. (local prevailing time). Except for overseas and overseas military voters, absentee ballots sent by mail must be received not later than 6 p.m. (local prevailing time).

B. Reports from County Election Boards:

To help this office provide unofficial election night returns to the public, each county election board is asked to forward the election results for candidates to the Indiana Election Division.

Complete or partial returns from each county will be posted continuously on election night as received from each county. Data entry on this website will cease at midnight and resume the morning after Election Day until the election results are finalized by each county.

The Election Night reporting website does not distinguish between absentee or Election Day vote totals. This information may be available from the respective county election

board. Summary voter turnout information will be made available after the election results certification deadline.

On Election Day, **the Election Night Reporting Website will refresh every two (2) minutes to display updated results.** Beginning May 21, the site will refresh every thirty minutes.

C. Ballots from Overseas Voters, Provisional Ballots, Corrections, and Recounts:

To comply with federal law and Indiana law, county election boards may revise election night vote totals throughout the canvassing period to include ballots submitted by overseas and overseas military voters and votes cast on “provisional ballots.”

A provisional ballot is cast by a voter whose eligibility to vote is questioned or if an absentee voter’s signature is disputed (that is, mismatched or missing) during the bi-partisan review process. The ABS-18A (unsigned) or ABS-18B (mismatched) must be returned to the county election board not later than noon (local time), May 15, 2024, for the county election board to consider at their provisional ballot hearing.

If the county election board finds that the voter was in fact eligible to vote or the absentee voter’s ABS-18A and ABS-18B reconciles the dispute on their signature, then the provisional ballot cast by that voter is counted, and candidate totals will be revised accordingly. The county election board must decide whether or not to count each provisional ballot by 3:00 p.m. local time, May 17, 2024. These votes must be added to the final election results.

Overseas military and overseas civilian voters who submitted a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an absentee ballot be mailed to them have an extended absentee deadline. If the voter is otherwise eligible, the county election board must count a mailed absentee ballot from an overseas military or overseas civilian voter if the envelope is postmarked on or before May 7, 2024, and received not later than noon (local time), May 17, 2024. Counties are also advised to confirm whether the military or overseas voter submitted a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) and if the back-up ballot should be reviewed and counted, if the military or overseas voter’s original ballot was not received by the applicable deadline. Any votes cast must be added to the final election results.

After completing the county canvass, each county election board includes a complete set of certified returns in its minutes. A county election board may vote to correct any error in the election night canvass through noon, May 24, 2024. After this deadline, these election returns are subject to further revision if a recount is conducted.

A recount for a local office occurs after a petition for a recount is granted by a court. A recount for a state level office occurs after a petition for a recount is granted by the state recount commission (<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2919.htm>).

A recount for election to a local office must be requested by a candidate not later than noon, May 21, 2024, or a county chair not later than noon, May 24, 2024, and completed by June 28, 2024. The local court may extend this deadline to another specific date if the court makes a finding that there is good cause to do so.

A recount for an election to a federal, statewide, or state legislative office must be requested by a candidate not later than noon, May 24, 2024, or a state chair (for federal or statewide) or a county chair (for state legislative offices where the county is in the legislative district) not later than noon, May 24, 2024.

A recount for a state legislative office must be completed by June 28, 2024. The Indiana recount commission can extend this deadline to another specific date if the Commission determines that there is good cause to do so.

There is not a specific deadline in Indiana law to for the state recount commission to complete a recount for election to federal or statewide office or a statewide public question.

After the completion of any proceedings involving recounts, the election results from the general election become final and official.

2. Which election results for federal and state offices can be found on this website?

The election night returns presented on this site includes votes cast in the Democratic Party presidential preference primary and the Republican Party presidential preference primary, and the primary for nomination of Democratic Party and Republican Party candidates for U.S. Senator; for U.S. Representative; Indiana Governor; for Indiana State Senator; for Indiana State Representative; and for Judge of a Circuit, Probate, or Superior Court.

The unofficial and official election results are reported by a county to the Indiana Election Division for publication on this website.

3. What about election results for local offices?

A candidate seeking election to a “local level” office, such as circuit court clerk, a county office, township office, or a town office elected in 2024 must file the candidate’s declaration with the local circuit court clerk (or county election board). The election night returns presented on this site may also include votes cast for local offices and are reported by a county to the Indiana Election Division for publication on this website. Additionally, some counties publish their own election night results on county websites for some of these offices.

The final and certified primary election results for these candidates are not reported to the Indiana Election Division until May 21, 2024, the deadline for filing certified election results and post-election reports with the Indiana Election Division.

4. How can I request precinct or summary level results information from the Election Division? Results can be downloaded from the election night results website using the download button found in the upper right corner of home page. These reports are available in Excel, XML, and JSON formats.

Historical election results can be found here: [Historical Election Results](#).