

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **BALLOTS CAST**

The number of ballots counted; by hand or voting machine. The number of ballots inserted into the optical scanner, or hand counted, on Election Day, at a Satellite, GR's Office, *or* CAP. Ballots cast refers to these totals for each office on the ballot.

#### **Includes:**

- Hand Counted ballots
- Adjudicated and counted Provisional ballots
- Ballots Scanned into a voting machine
- Returned By-Mail ballots

#### **Does Not Include:**

- Uncured absentee ballots
- Late or lost/damaged
- Rejected provisional ballots
- Rejected absentee ballots
- Void ballots (ballots issued, but not voted by the voter)
- Spoiled ballots (ballots issued and then replaced)

#### **FAQ:**

##### **Where do I pull these numbers?**

The information is logged on the Statement of Results (SOR)

##### **Where do I put these numbers?**

In the Election Night Results solution, these numbers can be seen on the Summary Tab for each office and on the Detailed Results Entry Tab by office for each precinct.

#### **Note:**

In most precincts, ballots are inserted into a tabulator (scanner) and hand counting is not necessary. However, ballots sent by email, FWABs, and damaged ballots that cannot be inserted into a tabulator will require hand counting. Ballots Cast includes the total tabulated by both methods by office.

### **VOTES CAST**

The number of votes cast for ballot candidates, write-in totals, and yes or no responses to ballot questions.

#### **Includes:**

- Hand Counted ballots
- Adjudicated and counted Provisional Ballots
- Ballots Scanned into a voting machine

**Does Not Include:**

- Uncured absentee ballots
- Late or lost/damaged
- Rejected ballots
- Void ballots

**FAQ:****Where do I pull these numbers?**

Votes cast is displayed on the results tape when the machine is closed for voting and on a worksheet for hand counting.

**Where do I put these numbers?**

These numbers are referred to as results and entered into the ENR system.

**What is the difference between ballots cast and votes cast?**

Ballots cast refers to the total number of ballots counted for each office on the ballot whereas votes cast refers to the total number of votes cast for each individual candidate.

**Note:**

On election night, the precincts call in or send in the results of each contest. These results are entered into enhanced voting and become the results of the election. This process is repeated for By-Mail, Early Voting, Provisional ballots and Post-Election by-mail ballots.

**TURNOUT**

All accepted and rejected ballots to include provisional (separate precinct) and, in certain circumstances, voided ballots. Turn out is the number of people who showed up and attempted to vote. This includes people checked into the pollbook and, by their anonymous exit from the polling place, unable to be unchecked from the pollbook. Only those voters who return to the Officers of Election, surrender an unvoted ballot, and express a mistake in wishing to vote in the election may be unchecked from the pollbook.

**Includes:**

- **Early Voting In Person:** Pollbook check-ins (EPB, paper pollbook or direct VERIS entry of early voters) includes voided ballots from voter check-ins that were not reversed when the ballot was voided OR the final number on the tabulator if there was a mistake made by an Officer of Election and a voter check-in was not completed. Generally, the early voting “turnout” will be the number checked in on the pollbook at the end of the day or early voting period.
- **By-Mail:** Total number of ballots returned and found to be eligible, plus ballots that were ultimately rejected.

- **Election Day:** Pollbook check-ins including voided ballots where the check-in is not reversed, OR the final number on the tabulator if there was a mistake made and an officer did not complete the check-in process for a voter.
- **By-Mail Post Election:** Total number of ballots returned and found to be eligible, plus rejected ballots. Reminder: Returned uncured ballots must go to the CAP to be rejected by the officers of election.
- **Provisional:** All provisional ballots cast whether counted or not counted.

**Does not include:**

- Void ballots where the voter was unchecked (voter surrendered ballot and was unchecked from pollbook)

**FAQ:**

**Where do I pull these numbers?**

SORs and Ballot Record Reports.

**Where do I put these numbers?**

In the Election Night Reporting solution on the Turnout tab by precinct.

**Scenario:** In a primary, a voter may change their mind and the pollbook officer may uncheck the voter's check in and void the ballot. This ballot is not part of turnout because the voter is no longer checked in. A voter who checks in to vote but abandons a ballot in the precinct at any point during the day, is part of the turnout because they remain checked in.

**What if the tapes from the machine show more votes than the number of people checked into a pollbook?**

If the machine total is found to be higher than check in, the officers may determine that the difference is due to a voter or voters not being checked in. In this case, the machine total plus voided but checked-in would be the turnout total.

**How do I treat By-Mail Ballots that have been rejected?**

Rejected by-mail ballots are part of turnout because the voter attempted to vote.

**VOTER CREDIT**

Voter credit ("Credit") values are derived from Election Day Pollbook check-ins (Electronic or Paper), early in person absentee pollbook check-ins or through direct use of VERIS, absentee by mail return ballots where the ballot status reflects "Marked" or "Pre-Processed", Counted FWABs

**Includes:**

- Returned Absentee Ballots
- Anyone that checked into a precinct on Election Day
- Anyone that checked into a satellite or early voting site

- EV check-ins in VERIS
- Provisional Votes
- Counted FWABs
- Rejected Absentee Ballots
- Unresolved Unmarked Absentee (Needs Cure)

**Does Not Include:**

- Unmarked Absentee (Undeliverable, Voter does not want to vote AB, and Other)

**FAQ:**

**Where do I pull these numbers?**

Upload into VERIS from EPB or pull numbers from Paper and manually enter into VERIS or directly enter into VERIS during early voting or by mail processing.

**Where do I put these numbers?**

VERIS Voter credit is personal to the individual. Credit is either uploaded from e-pollbooks or manually entered.

**What happens when a voter changes their mind?**

It is the right of every voter to change his/her/their mind in voting in an election. However, the individual bares the responsibility to engage with the officers of election to fully uncheck himself from his/her/their earlier actions. The voter must come back to the officers, express a mistake in voting, surrender an unvoted ballot, and have the chief officer involved uncheck the earlier pollbook check-in. It is difficult to project all the possible outcomes from a human transaction of this nature. ELECT's description is the most apparent successful outcome in properly unchecking a voter. ELECT recognizes that other outcomes are possible and turnout, ballots cast, and votes cast will be impacted by alternate outcomes.

**SPOILED BALLOT**

A ballot returned by a voter and replaced with a new ballot. Spoiled ballots do not create a difference between the pollbook count and the tabulator count.

**Where do I put this number or how do I record these?**

Ballot Record Report

**Scenario:**

Voter marks the wrong candidate and asks for another ballot. Original ballot is spoiled and replaced.

**VOID BALLOT**

Ballots that are void/abandoned will not be replaced.

**Scenario:** Voided ballots where check-in is not reversed will create a difference between the EPB check-in number and the public count number on the tabulator. Check-in will be one higher than the tabulator.

### **UNDervOTE**

When a voter votes for less than the allowable number of candidates for an office.

### **OVERVOTE**

When a voter votes for more than the allowable number of candidates for an office.

### **REJECTED BALLOTS**

Provisional ballots not counted by the electoral board at the Provisional Ballot meeting, unresolved absentee ballots that required cure, and returned absentee ballots unable to be counted that missed the curing process. Rejected ballots must be entered in VERIS in order to generate a letter to the voter that their ballot did not count.