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Vote Count Update

California's county elections officials have processed and counted 7.29 million ballots from the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. County elections officials estimate approximately 1.37 million additional unprocessed ballots remain.

[Click here for the Unprocessed Ballots Report](#)

[Click here for the reporting status from each county](#)

NOTE: The Secretary of State's office does not issue, receive, or count ballots. Elections officials in each of California's 58 counties process and count ballots, and transmit results to the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State's office compiles all of these results in the official Statement of Vote.

"County elections officials are hard at work processing and counting ballots from the June 7 Presidential Primary Election," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "Voting by mail has increased significantly in recent years and while most vote-by-mail ballots arrive on or before Election Day, many arrive after. State law as of 2014 requires that vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later than 3 days after Election Day must be processed. County elections officials must also verify the registration status of the voter for every provisional ballot cast at the polls."

"Ensuring the integrity of the vote count is critical to our democracy. State law gives county elections officials up to 30 days after Election Day to complete vote counting, auditing, and certification. In California, we work to ensure every ballot is counted properly and every ballot is accounted for," Padilla added.

Provisional Ballots

In California, provisional ballots serve as a fail-safe method of ensuring all voters who show up to the polls can cast a ballot.

All provisional ballots are carefully checked by county elections officials to confirm that the person who voted provisionally is both registered and that they did not cast a ballot by mail or at another polling location on Election Day.

Canvass Deadlines

County elections officials have up to 30 days after Election Day to complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work (known as the "official canvass"). The frequency of updated results varies by county.

County elections officials must report their final results of the presidential primary contests to the Secretary of State by [July 5, 2016](#), and of all other offices by [July 8, 2016](#).

The Secretary of State will compile the results of the presidential primary contests by [July 9, 2016](#), and will certify the results of all other offices by [July 15, 2016](#).

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