

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Zoom in
Tues, Oct 8 at Noon

12 Welcome, Overview
12:05 Video-PA
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Voter Services
Discussion



PA VOTER TURNOUT & VOTING SYSTEM INTEGRITY

10/4/24 News Nation TV Interview with
Amy Widestrom, Executive Director, League of Women Voters PA

<https://www.newsnationnow.com/video/pennsylvania-voting-system-is-secure-league-of-women-voters-spokesperson-newsnation-live/10101928/>



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- Please be respectful to all.
- Unmute yourself + turn on your video to encourage open dialogue.
- Mute yourself during the video streaming.
- Raise your hand or use the chat room to make a comment or pose a question.
- Tackle problems, not people.
- Discuss the undiscussable.





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VOTEBEAT PENNSYLVANIA



Trust in elections is strongest at the local level, Pennsylvania poll shows

But there's a deep partisan divide, with Republicans showing far less faith in state and national results.

By Carter Walker | Today, 5:06am EDT



ELECTION LAWS

These little-noticed statehouse races could shape the way elections are run

In several swing states, control of legislative chambers — and agendas — is on the ballot in November.

By Carrie Levine and Votebeat Staff | September 25



ELECTION LAWS

Pennsylvania county's voters deserved to be notified of mail ballot errors, court rules

The ruling sets the stage for another state Supreme Court decision before the November election.

By Carter Walker | September 24



VOTER REGISTRATION & ROLLS

Democrats are losing ground in Pennsylvania voter registrations

Party's advantage over Republicans is slimmer than at any point since 1998

By Carter Walker and Katie Meyer, Spotlight PA | September 18



Ruling by Pennsylvania's Supreme Court restores date requirement for mail ballots

The decision could affect thousands of mail voters in November's election.

By Carter Walker | September 13



ELECTION MISINFORMATION

Reports have it wrong. Early voting in Pa. doesn't start Sept. 16.

No, early voting in Pennsylvania doesn't start on Sept. 16

By Carter Walker | September 13



VOTING ACCESS

Pennsylvania's polling place lookup tool has errors that could stymie voters

Several cities are listed with varied spellings, and voters who choose the wrong one might not be able to find their polling place.

By Carter Walker | September 12

Video



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Mission

To provide residents with the opportunity to register to vote, to conduct fair, accurate and impartial elections in Chester County and to afford all registered electors the opportunity to participate in the election process.

Goals & Objectives

- To maintain approximately 380,000 voter registration records.
- To provide voters the opportunity to participate in secure elections through in-person, absentee, and mail-in ballot voting.
- To produce an accurate listing of qualified electors for each election.
- To improve the accuracy of voter registration rolls.
- To improve the lines of communication with prospective candidates.

<https://pa-chestercounty2.civicplus.com/1868/Mission-Goals>

<https://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>



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- Election Board Reports
- Forms
- Outreach
- Overseas and Military Absentee Voting
- Poll Watchers & Observers
- Poll Workers
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Notices

Notice is hereby given that the Chester County Board of Elections will be conducting a public test of the voting systems to be used in Chester County at the Election on November 5th, 2024. The public test will take place at Chester County Voter Services Equipment Center, 601 Westtown Road Suite 040, West Chester, PA commencing **Monday, October 7th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** & the 5th floor, located at 313 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA, commencing **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

Satellite Offices

Voter Registration

Mail-in/Absentee
Voting

2024 General Election

- Specimen (Sample) Ballots
- Satellite Offices
- Mail Ballot Voting Instructions
- Airport Road Post Office Closure - Blue Mailbox Locations
- Official Notice of Election for Military & Overseas Voters
- Official List of Candidates and Referendums
- Election Calendar
- Important Dates

Live Election Cams

- Ballot Intake Area
- Central Scan
- Equipment Center

Voter Intimidation and Election Complaints

- Guidance on Voter Intimidation and Discriminatory Conduct
- Report Election Complaints

Election FAQs

- What is a "quiet period" in terms of voter registration?
- Why are records still changing during a quiet period?
- Why does it take so long to update the voting history records for those that voted in-person at the polls on election day?
- Why doesn't Chester County Voter Services perform independent audits?
- Are mail ballots always on camera, or are there blind spots? Are there malfunctions?

2024 Presidential Election

Important Dates

- Final day to register to vote: October 21
- Final day to request mail-in ballot: October 29, 5PM
- Final day to submit mail-in ballot: November 5, 8PM
- Ballot Services & Satellite Offices open: October 15
- Mail-in ballot drop boxes open: October 22

Helpful Links

- Get the FACTS on PA elections
- PennDOT Guidance for Campaign Signs
- Statement of Financial Interests Form
- Election Cycle
- Election District Maps

<https://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>

Report Election Complaints

Reporting Voter Intimidation And Discriminatory Conduct

•Individuals who witness voter intimidation or who are victims of voter intimidation should report the incident to their county election office and District Attorney.

•Each county election office is required to investigate alleged violations and report them to the District Attorney, who has the authority to prosecute violations.

•The Office of Attorney General also has concurrent authority to investigate and prosecute voter intimidation and violations of the Election Code.

CHESTER COUNTY VOTER TURNOUT

APRIL 2024



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VOTER SERVICES HOME MY TRACKED CONTESTS

Chester County Pennsylvania Election Results

VOTER TURNOUT

23.05%

Total Ballots Cast: 87,918
Registered Voters: 381,352

Ballots Cast By Mail-In: 33,319
Ballots Cast By Polling Place: 54,336
Ballots Cast By Provisional Ballot: 263

IN-PERSON VOTING

100%

Precincts Reported Fully: 230

ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN BALLOTS

All ballots are being processed and verified. County can only count ballots as the law allows.

Ballots Received: 33,759
Ballots Counted: 33,319

Current Status: Complete

Official PRIMARY ELECTION APRIL 23, 2024

ELECTION RESULTS

FEDERAL

STATE

MUNICIPAL

RESULTS BY PRECINCT

RESULTS LAST UPDATED

5/13/2024 12:52:40 PM EST

VOTER SERVICES

601 Westtown Rd, Suite 160
West Chester, PA 19380
610-344-6410
ccelectionofficials@chesco.org
<https://chesco.org/elections>

RESOURCES

County Exports

Summary Results Report
2024 General Primary Election
April 23, 2024

OFFICIAL

	TOTAL	Election Day	Mail Votes	Provisional Votes
Election Day Precincts Reporting	230 of 230	230	0	0
Precincts Complete	0 of 230	0	0	0
Precincts Partially Reported	230 of 230	230	0	0
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	230 of 230	0	230	132
Registered Voters - Total	381,352			
Registered Voters - Democratic	136,158			
Registered Voters - Republican	152,819			
Registered Voters - Nonpartisan	70,148			
Ballots Cast - Total	87,918	54,336	33,319	263
Ballots Cast - Democratic	48,391	23,594	24,826	171
Ballots Cast - Republican	39,527	30,742	8,803	92
Ballots Cast - Nonpartisan	0	0	0	0
Ballots Cast - Blank	34	21	13	0
Voter Turnout - Total	23.05%			
Voter Turnout - Democratic	36.40%			
Voter Turnout - Republican	26.00%			
Voter Turnout - Nonpartisan	0.00%			

<https://pennsylvania.totalvote.com/default.aspx?cid=03&eid=54>

CHESTER COUNTY VOTER TURNOUT

NOVEMBER 2020



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Chester County Pennsylvania Election Results

VOTER TURNOUT

Official GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Total Ballots Cast: 316,586
Registered Voters: 380,388

83.23%

Ballots Cast By Mail-In: 151,149
Ballots Cast By Polling Place: 165,437
Ballots Cast By Provisional Ballot: 0

IN-PERSON VOTING

100%

Precincts Reported Partially: 0
Fully: 230

ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN BALLOTS

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Ballots Received: 0
Ballots Counted: 0

Current Status: Complete

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FEDERAL

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RESULTS BY PRECINCT

RESULTS LAST UPDATED

11/23/2020 3:55:31 PM EST

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<https://chesco.org/election>

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Votes	Provisional Votes
DEM JOSEPH R BIDEN	182,372	37.76%	61,873	118,545	1,954
REP DONALD J TRUMP	128,565	40.72%	96,905	30,182	1,478
LIB JO JORGENSEN	3,565	1.13%	2,171	1,356	38
Write-In Totals	1,231	0.40%	614	623	14
Write-In: Howe Hawkins	107	0.03%	40	65	2
Write-In: Brian Carroll	85	0.03%	53	30	0
Write-In: Kanye West	49	0.02%	37	10	2
Write-In: Andrew Yang	22	0.01%	12	10	0
Write-In: Jade Simmons	3	0.00%	3	0	0
Not Assigned	985	0.31%	469	306	10
Total Votes Cast	315,753	100.00%	161,563	130,786	3,404
Precincts Reporting	230 of 230				

<https://pennsylvania.totalvote.com/default.aspx?cid=03&eid=54>



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Tues., Nov. 5, 2024 is the General Election

- [Polls](#) are open on election day from 7 am - 8 pm
- Last day to [register to vote](#): Oct. 21, 2024
- Last day to [request a mail-in or absentee ballot](#): Oct. 29, 2024
- Final day to submit mail-in ballot: Nov. 5, 2024 at 8pm
- Mail-in ballot drop boxes open: Oct. 22, 2024

- [Learn about General Elections:](#)

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senators & U.S. Representatives to Congress
- PA Governor & Lieutenant Governor
- PA General Assembly members (PA Senators & PA Representatives)
- Attorney general, auditor general & state treasurer
- *County & local officials (in odd-numbered years)*
- *Judges & magisterial district judges (in odd-numbered years)*

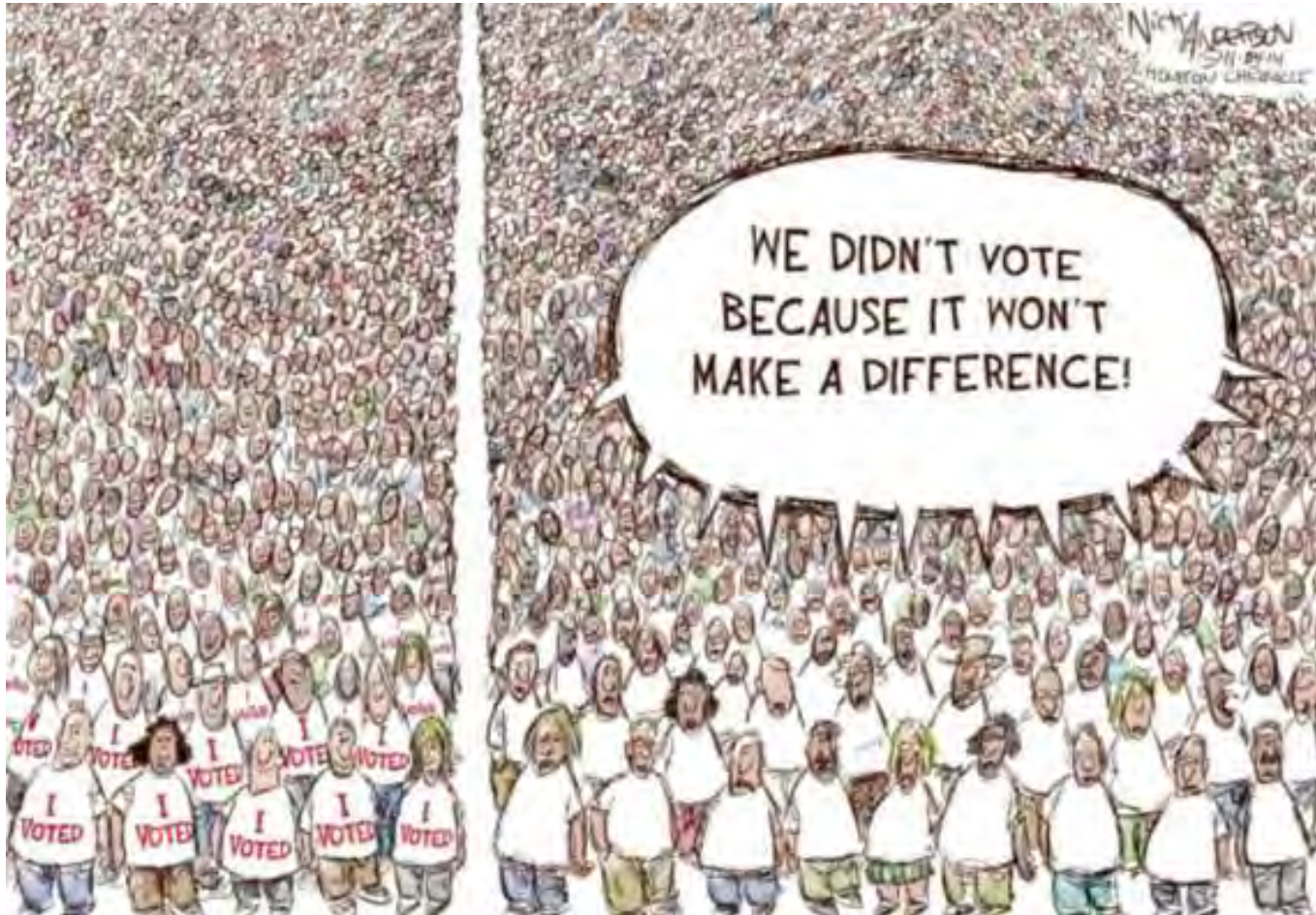
Voter Services



For more information about voting in PA, visit

<https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Upcoming-Elections.aspx>

REASONS FOR NOT VOTING



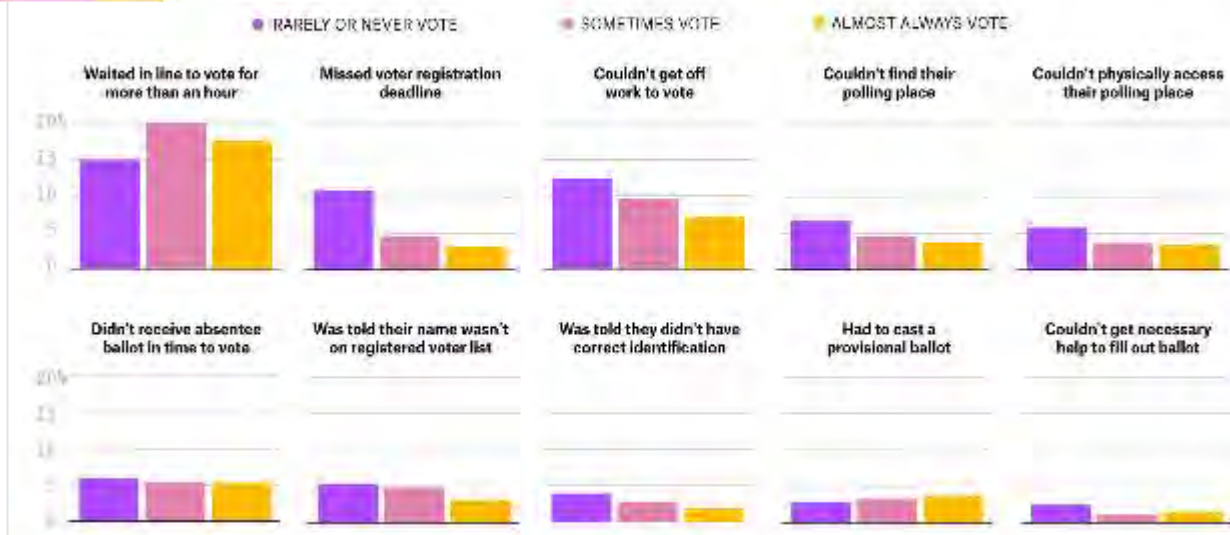
REASONS FOR NOT VOTING

Those who almost always vote and those who sometimes vote aren't that different
Demographic information of survey respondents, by voting history

<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/non-voters-poll-2020-election/>



All types of voters report experiencing barriers
barriers to voting that respondents reported experiencing, by voting history

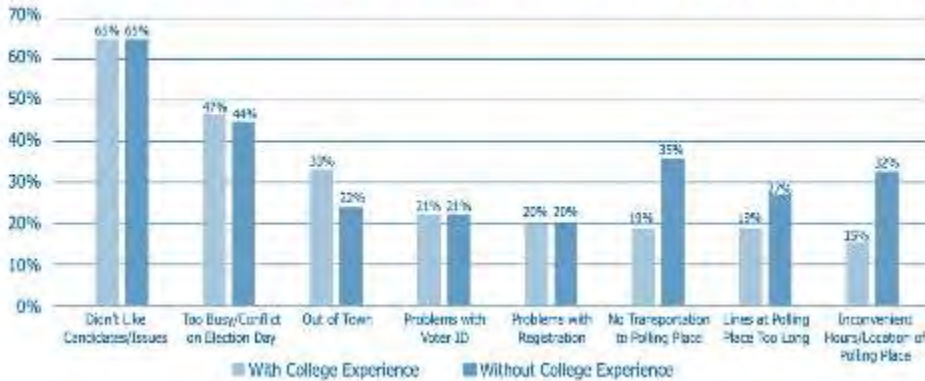


We also charted the information with a binary response of already voted. RARELY OR NEVER VOTED is an overall combination. SOMETIMES VOTED is not broken out by age, race, or education. ALMOST ALWAYS VOTED is not broken out by age, race, or education.

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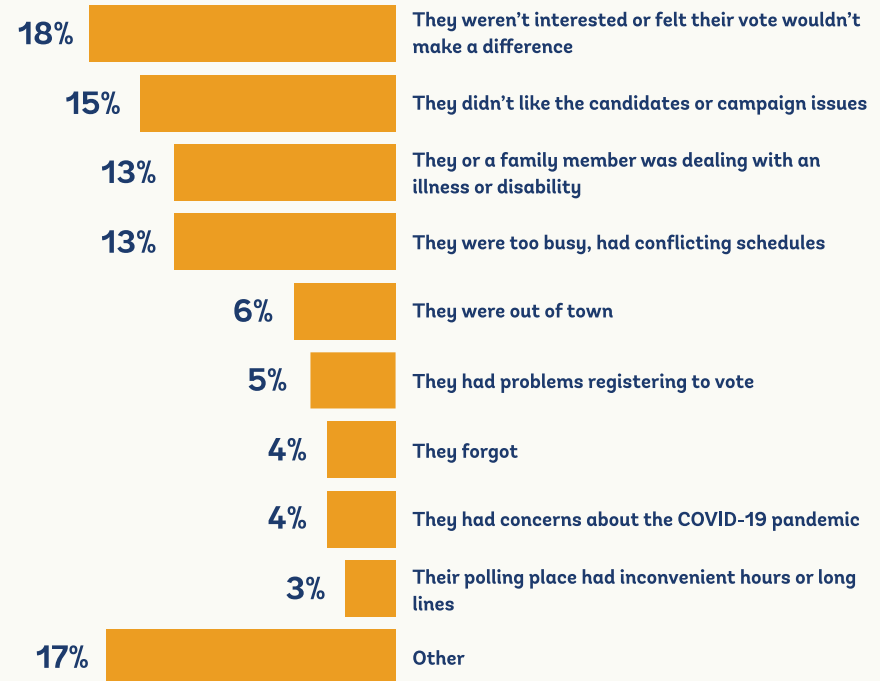
CIRCLE: Youth Reasons for Not Voting in 2016 Election, by College Experience

Source: CIRCLE analysis of the 2016 Survey of the Performance of Political Factors (SPPF)



Why didn't you vote in the 2020 presidential election?

% of registered voters who didn't vote said the main reason was ____.



Based on U.S. citizens who said they were registered to vote but did not vote in the 2020 presidential election. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey, November 2020 Voting and Registration Supplement. Figures may not add to 100 due to rounding. Respondents who answered "don't know" or did not give an answer are not shown.

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/data-visualizations/2021/why-some-americans-didnt-check-the-box-in-2020>

BARRIERS TO VOTING

Irrespective of voter registration status, young voters reported the following barriers to vote:



52%

need to rearrange their work or school schedule



26%

need help discerning truth vs. fake news



39%

did not know where to vote



25%

need to arrange a ride to the polls



26%

need help with their questions about candidates, ballots and polls



16%

need to find someone to cover their shift

15% percent of Black voters
14% of Hispanic voters
5% of white voters
had trouble finding polling places
on Election Day

>**10%** of Black & Hispanic voters
3% of white voters
missed the registration
deadline to vote in 2016

Black and Hispanic voters were **2x** as likely as white voters
to have been unable to get off work to vote



<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/07/poll-prri-voter-suppression/565355/>



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Calling all BIPOC Organizations, Faith Communities, Sororities,
Fraternities, Businesses and Allies!
Call to Action: Take the Challenge!



#OurVoiceShouldBeHeard

A non-partisan multimedia campaign to increase the participation of the under-represented women in the political process through voting and completing the census in Chester County, PA.

Learn more <https://www.bwcca.org/general-9>

Brief Intros

- Who are you? What brought you to today's Community Conversation?
- What did you want to learn? What have you learned?

Discussion

1. For the top reasons people say they don't vote, what can be done—individually, system-wide?
2. How can each of us help enhance voter engagement & Get Out the Vote?

VOTER ENGAGEMENT MINI GRANTS



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION **TODAY!**

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Register for Free

<https://chescocf.org/explore/communityconversations/>



Zoom in 2nd Tuesday monthly, noon-1

09.17.24	Elections & Voter Engagement
10.08.24	Elections & Voter Engagement/Voting Integrity
11.12.24	Civil Society
12.10.24	Anti-Semitism
01.14.25	Poverty: Creating A Pathway Forward
02.11.25	Civil Rights & Civilian Revolutionaries /Black History
03.11.25	Gender Equity/Women's History
04.08.25	Police w/Mental Health Response Teams
05.13.25	Health Care Equity
06.10.25	LGBTQ+POC Intersectionality / Pride
07.08.25	I Declare! 250 Will Be Here, In One Year!

12 Welcome

12:05 Topic Overview

12:25 Video

12:35 Full Conversation
&/or Breakout Groups



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