

# November 6, 2012 General Election Official Canvass Certification Data

## FINAL RESULTS

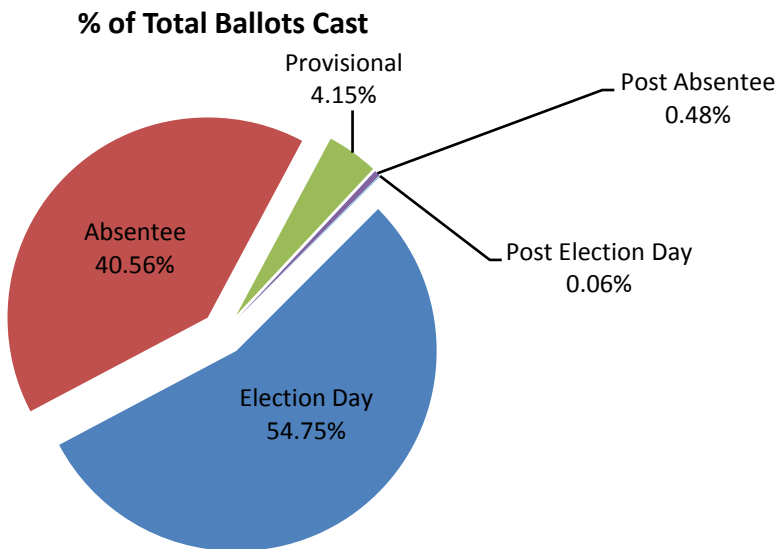
Official Election Results for the November 6, 2012 General Election are attached in the Election Summary Report.

NOTE: There are seven (7) contests within districts overlapping thirteen (13) surrounding counties. Cuyahoga County is the most populous county in six (6) of those contests. The combined totals of all counties in those six (6) contests are reflected in the "Most Populous Results".

## SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

There were a total of 650,387 ballots tabulated for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Below is a breakdown of the ballots counted by category and a percentage of the total vote by category.

Category	Ballots Cast	% of Total Ballots Counted
<b><i>Election Day</i></b>	356,088	54.75%
<b><i>Absentee</i></b>	263,829	40.56%
<b><i>Provisional</i></b>	26,966	4.15%
<b><i>Post Absentee</i></b>	3135	0.48%
<b><i>Post Election Day</i></b>	369	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>650,387</b>	



## ABSENTEE / VOTE BY MAIL

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections received a total of 291,502 valid Absentee/Vote by Mail applications. Of those requests, 269,761 ballots were returned (92.5%). The Ballot Department tabulated 266,964 Absentee / Vote by Mail Ballots (91.6%). There were 2,797 ballots challenged in this election resulting in a challenge rate of 1.04%\*. Details of the challenges are below.

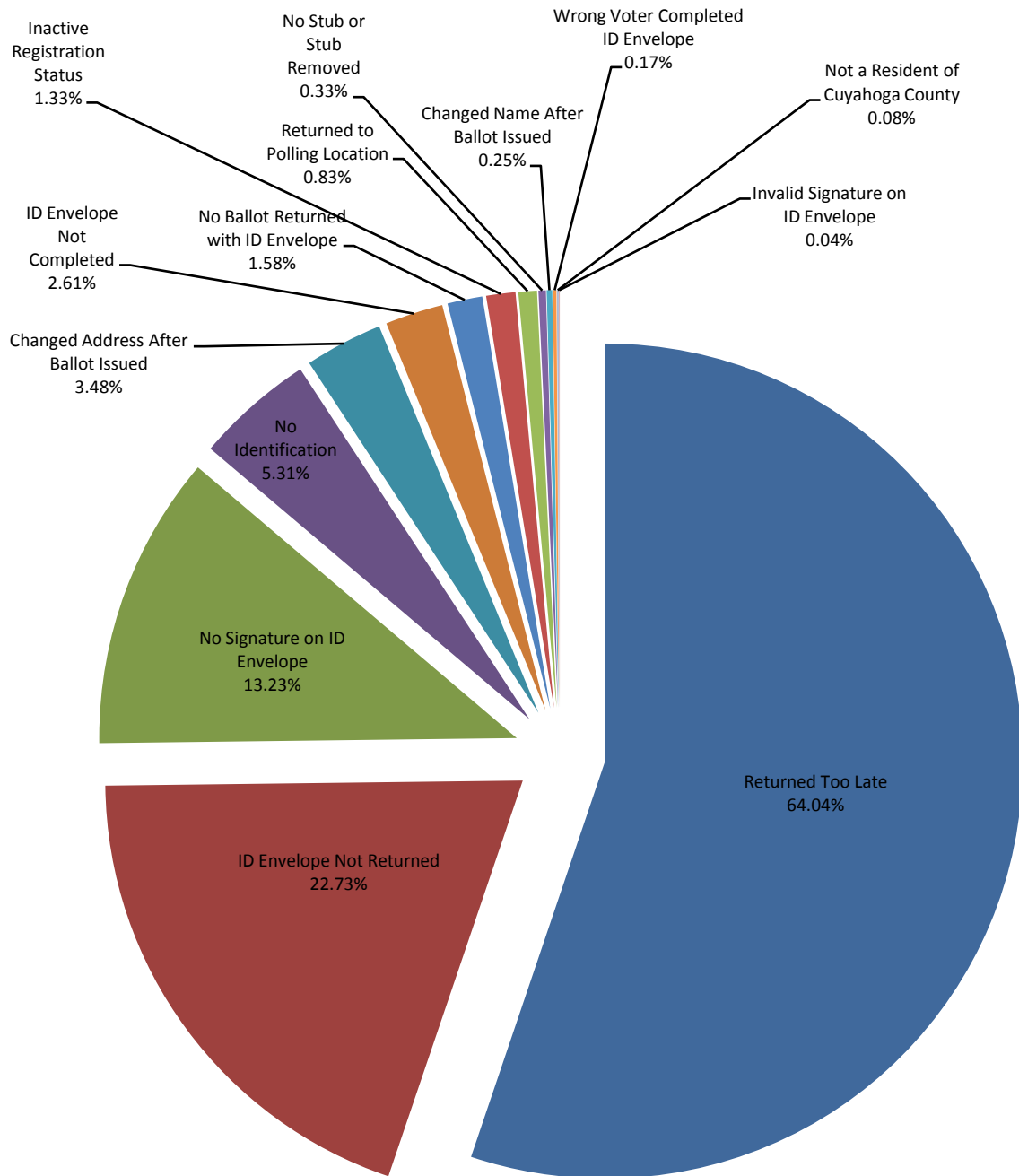
\*The Absentee Ballot Challenge Rate is 0.46% when the Absentee Ballots postmarked after the deadline are excluded.

Absentee Challenge Category	Number of Challenged Ballots	% of Total Challenged Absentee
Returned Too Late	1544	64.04%
ID Envelope Not Returned	548	22.73%
No Signature on ID Envelope	319	13.23%
No Identification	128	5.31%
Changed Address After Ballot Issued	84	3.48%
ID Envelope Not Completed	63	2.61%
No Ballot Returned with ID Envelope	38	1.58%
Inactive Registration Status	32	1.33%
Returned to Polling Location	20	0.83%
No Stub or Stub Removed	8	0.33%
Changed Name After Ballot Issued	6	0.25%
Wrong Voter Completed ID Envelope	4	0.17%
Not a Resident of Cuyahoga County	2	0.08%
Invalid Signature on ID Envelope	1	0.04%

2,797

ABSENTEE DATA	
Total Ballots - COUNTED	650,387
Absentee Ballots - REQUESTED	291,502
Absentee Ballots - RETURNED	269,761
Absentee Ballots - COUNTED	266,964
Absentee Ballots - CHALLENGED	3,919
Challenges - CORRECTED	1,122
Challenges - NOT CORRECTED	2,797
Challenges - LATE RETURN	1,544
% Counted of All Ballots Counted	41.05%
% Returned of Absentee Ballots Requested	92.54%
% Challenged of Absentee Ballots Requested	1.34%
% Remaining Challenges of Absentee Ballots Returned	1.04%
% Challenged Not Including Late	0.46%
% Corrected of All Challenges	28.63%
% Corrected Not Including Late	47.24%
% Late of All Absentee Ballots Returned	0.57%
% Late of All Remaining Challenges	55.20%

### % of Total Challenged Absentee



## PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

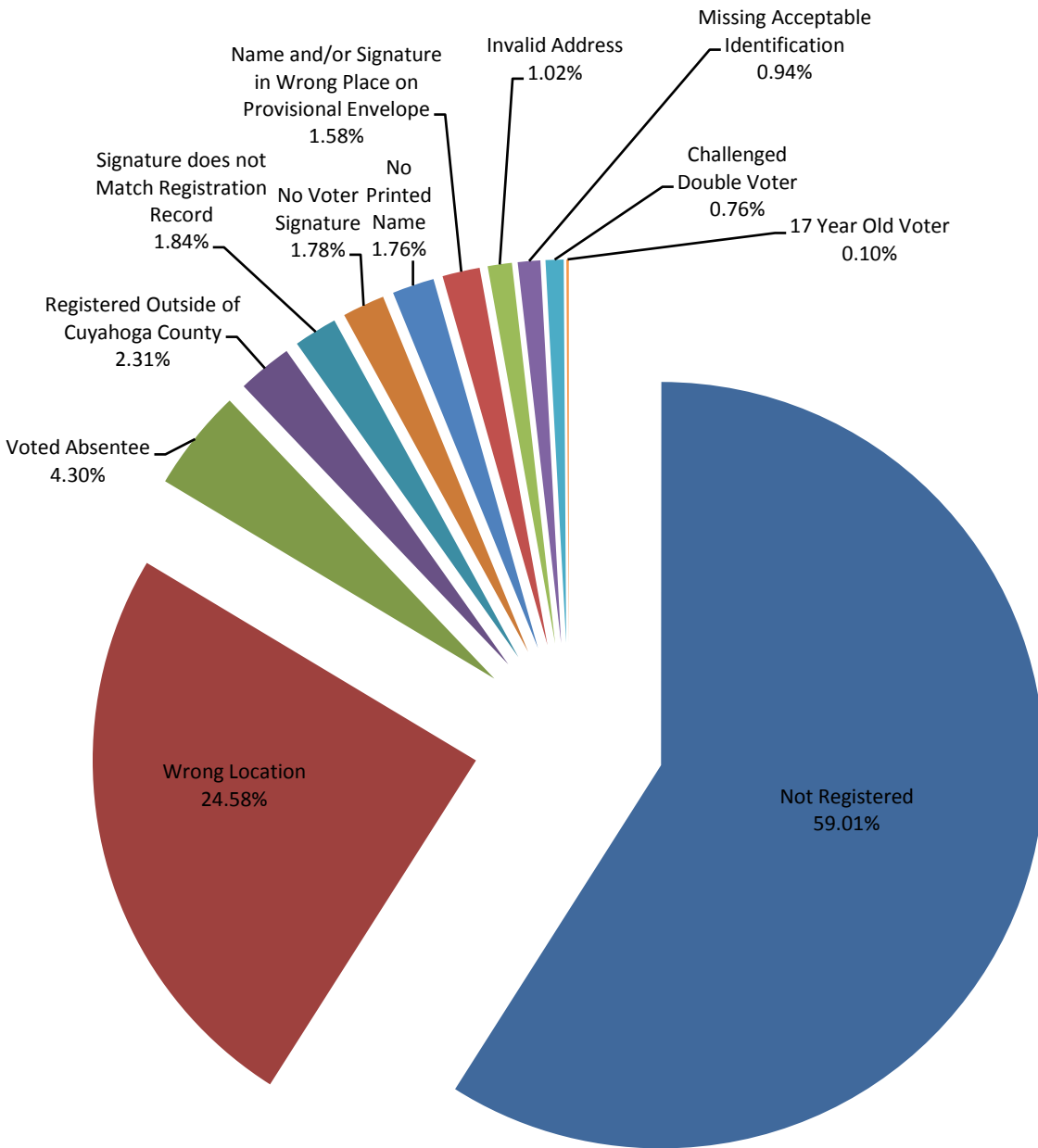
A total of 31,848 Provisional Ballots were cast In-House and on Election Day. Of those ballots, 26,966 (84.67%) were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were 4,882 invalid Provisional Ballots resulting in a 15.33%\* rejection rate for this election. Details of the rejections are below.

\* The Provisional Ballot Rejection Rate is 6.04% when Provisional Voters who have already cast an Absentee Ballot and those who are not currently registered to vote are excluded.

Reason for Rejection	# Rejected	% of Total Provisional Rejections
<i>Not Registered</i>	2881	59.01%
<i>Wrong Precinct/Wrong Location</i>	1200	24.58%
<i>Voted Absentee</i>	210	4.30%
<i>Registered Outside of Cuyahoga County</i>	113	2.31%
<i>Signature does not Match Registration Record</i>	90	1.84%
<i>No Voter Signature</i>	87	1.78%
<i>No Printed Name</i>	86	1.76%
<i>Name and/or Signature in Wrong Place on Provisional Envelope</i>	77	1.58%
<i>Invalid Address</i>	50	1.02%
<i>Missing Acceptable Identification</i>	46	0.94%
<i>Challenged Double Voter</i>	37	0.76%
<i>17 Year Old Voter</i>	5	0.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,882</b>	

<b>Provisional Ballots - CAST</b>	31,848
<b>Provisional Ballots - VALID</b>	26,966
<b>Provisional Ballots - REJECTED</b>	4,882
<b>Rejected – Absentee Voters</b>	210
<b>Rejected - Not Including Absentee Voters</b>	4,672
<b>Rejected - Not Registered</b>	2,881
<b>Rejected - Not Including Not Registered</b>	2,001
<b>Rejected - Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters</b>	1,791
<b>Rejected – Wrong Location</b>	1,200
<b>% Valid of All Provisional Ballots Cast</b>	84.67%
<b>% Rejected of All Provisional Ballots Cast</b>	15.33%
<b>% Rejected Not Including Absentee Voters</b>	14.77%
<b>% Rejected Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters</b>	6.04%
<b>% Wrong Location of All Provisional Ballots Cast</b>	3.77%

## % of Total Rejected Provisionals



## BALLOT REMAKES

During the election, 12,039 ballot pages were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Policy (approved by the Board on February 7, 2012). Of those, 4,915 ballot pages were processed during the Unofficial Canvass; the remaining 7,124 were processed during the Official Canvass. The following is a breakdown by category:

Reason for Remake	Number of Remakes	% of Total Remakes
1 - Ballot folded, torn or mutilated.	1,893	15.72%
2 - Ballot contains indeterminate marks not made by the voter.	245	2.04%
3 - UOCAVA Ballot that cannot be accurately read by automatic tabulating equipment.	3,555	29.53%
4 - Ballot contains votes for ineligible contest(s).	2,747	22.82%
5 - Voter marked entire ballot contrary to the instruction listed at the beginning of the ballot.	123	1.02%
6 - Voter marked part of the ballot according to the ballot marking instructions contained on the ballot, and part of the ballot contrary to the instructions.	73	0.61%
7 - Over vote, voter marked the ballot more than the permissible number of times for a particular contest, and there is no indication of contrary intent.	1,458	12.11%
8 - Voter marked the ballot more than the permissible number of times for a particular contest, however, the voter also made an indication of contrary intent and the voter's choice can be determined.	1,726	14.34%
9 - Voter filled in the oval next to a candidate for an office and also cast a write-in voter for a different candidate for the same office by filling in the oval of, and the writing in of, the name of a write-in candidate.	1	0.01%
10 - Voter filled in the oval next to a candidate for an office and also cast a write-in vote for the same candidate for the same office by filling in the oval next to the blank space provided for write-in candidates.	218	1.81%

**TOTAL REMAKES**

**12,039**

Stage of Election	Number of Ballots Remade	% of Total Remakes
<i>Unofficial</i>	4,915	40.83%
<i>Official</i>	7,124	59.17%

**Total**

**12,039**

## OVER VOTES

There were a total of 10,530 over votes recorded, resulting in a 0.09% over vote rate for the election. The exact number of over voted ballots is unknown as the Unity system reports over votes on a per-contest basis, thus a ballot containing multiple over votes is recorded multiple times. A detailed listing of over votes cast by contest is attached.

## POLL BOOK JUSTIFICATION AND BALLOT RECONCILIATION

All 1,063 precincts were involved in this election. The number of signatures in the Poll Books matches the number of Ballots Cast in 715 (67%) precincts. Below is a breakdown of the range of discrepancies between the number of signatures in the poll books and the number of ballots cast on Election Day.

Number of Precincts	Range
99	3 – 9 Discrepancies
107	2 Discrepancies
142	1 Discrepancy
<b>TOTAL = 348</b>	

A review of the ballots cast on Election Day was completed for all of the precincts with a discrepancy.

## RECOUNTS

The following four (4) contests result in a margin of victory that is less than one half of one percent - the threshold to conduct an automatic recount. A schedule of dates and times for automatic recounts will be released tomorrow.

- State Rep 7<sup>th</sup> District
- Court of Common Pleas General Division UTE 1/5/2015
- Issue 116 – Strongsville CSD
- Issue 119 – Cleveland Charter Amendment

## AUDIT

The post-election audit will begin on January 7th, at 10:00 AM. We will be conducting a risk-limiting audit for the following three races:

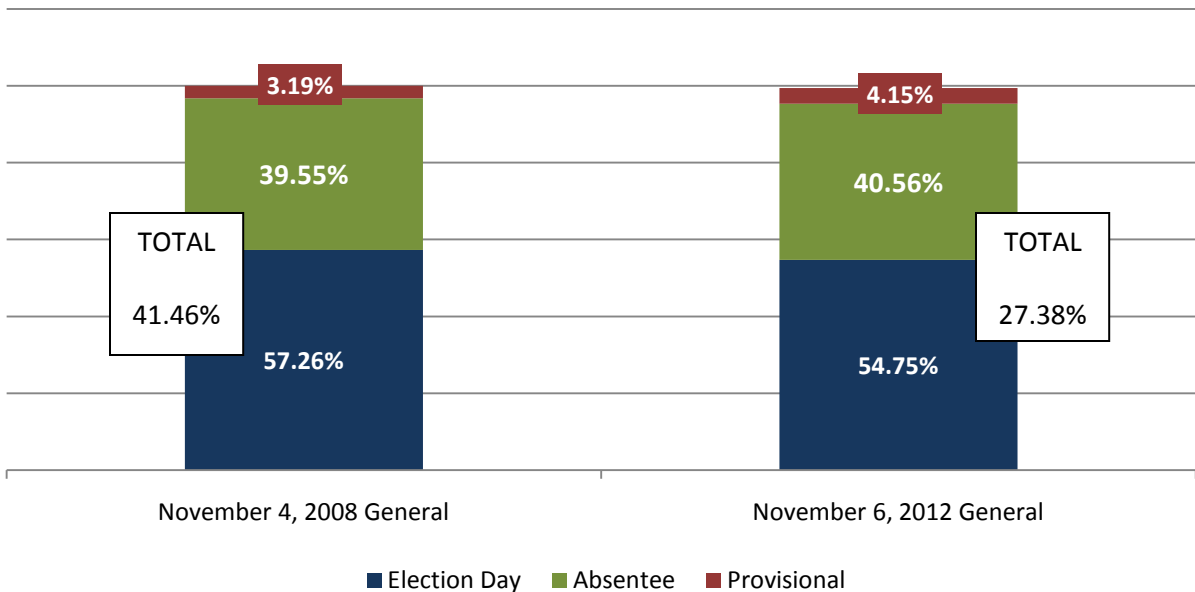
- President of the United States
- Justice of the Supreme Court – FTC 1/1/2013
- County Wide Race – Randomly Selected Today

## HISTORICAL DATA FOR MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

The following data sets and graphs include comparisons related to election information and voting method distributions (ballot categories).

	November 4, 2008 General	November 6, 2012 General
<b>Precincts</b>	1,436	1,063
<b>Registered Voters</b>	1,111,286	927,996
<b>Ballot Cast - Counted</b>	672,750	650,387
<i>Election Day</i>	385,204	356,088
<i>Absentee</i>	266,053	263,829
<i>Provisional</i>	21,493	26,966
<i>Post Absentee</i>	Included in Absentee	3,135
<i>Post Election Day</i>	Included in Election Day	369
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	60.54%	70.09%

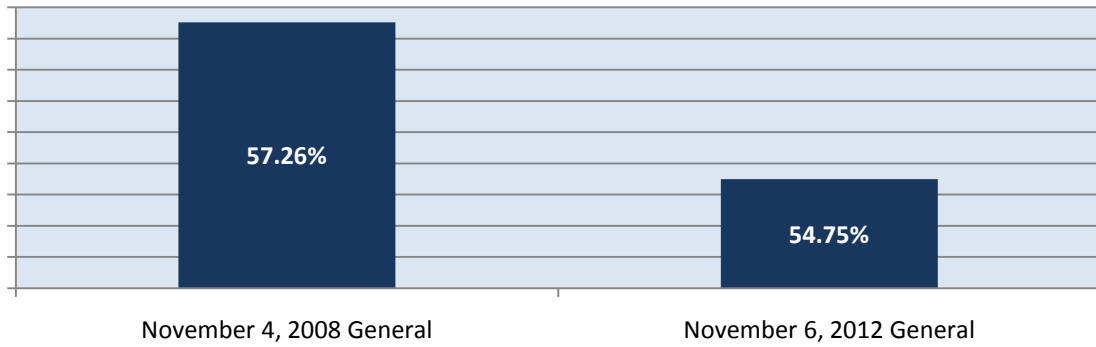
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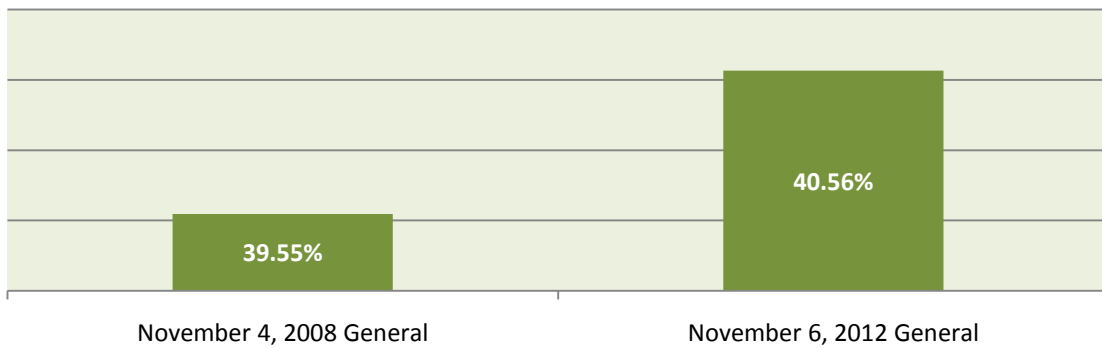
	November 4, 2008 General	November 6, 2012 General
<b>Election Day</b>	57.26%	54.75%
<b>Absentee</b>	39.55%	40.56%
<b>Provisional</b>	3.19%	4.15%



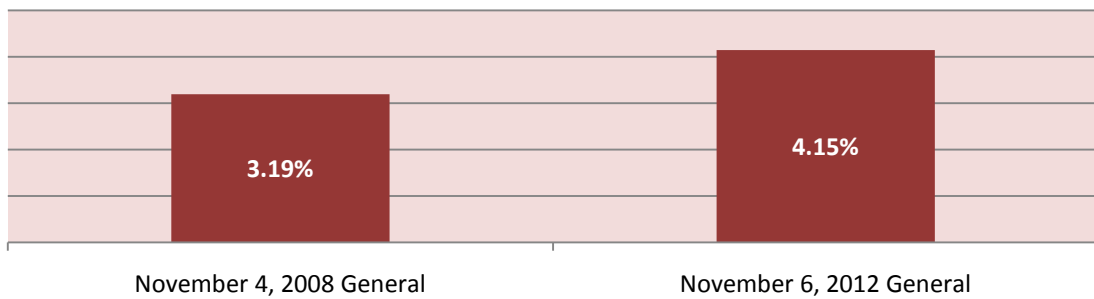
## Election Day Voting Trend



## Absentee Voting Trend

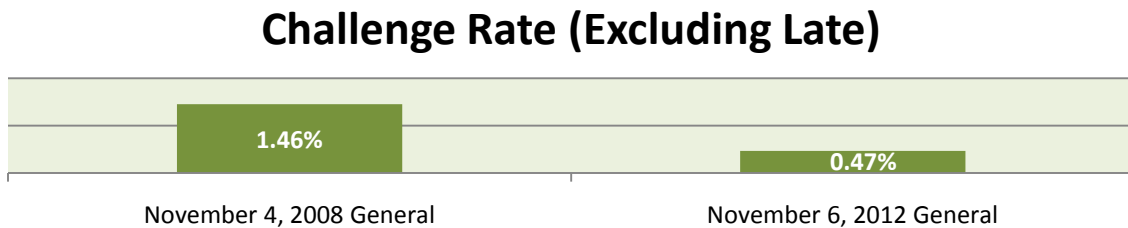
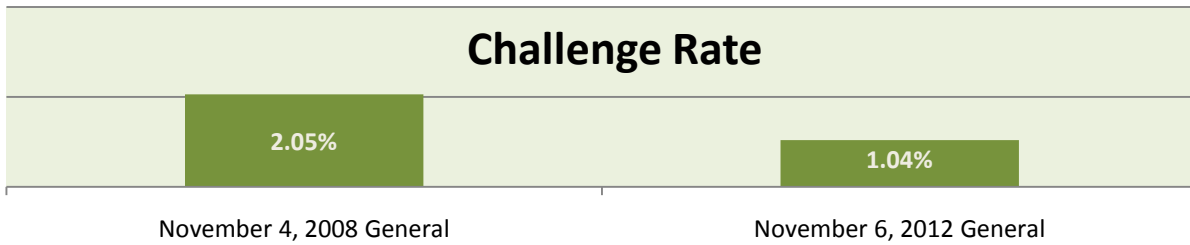


## Provisional Voting Trend



**Absentee Data**

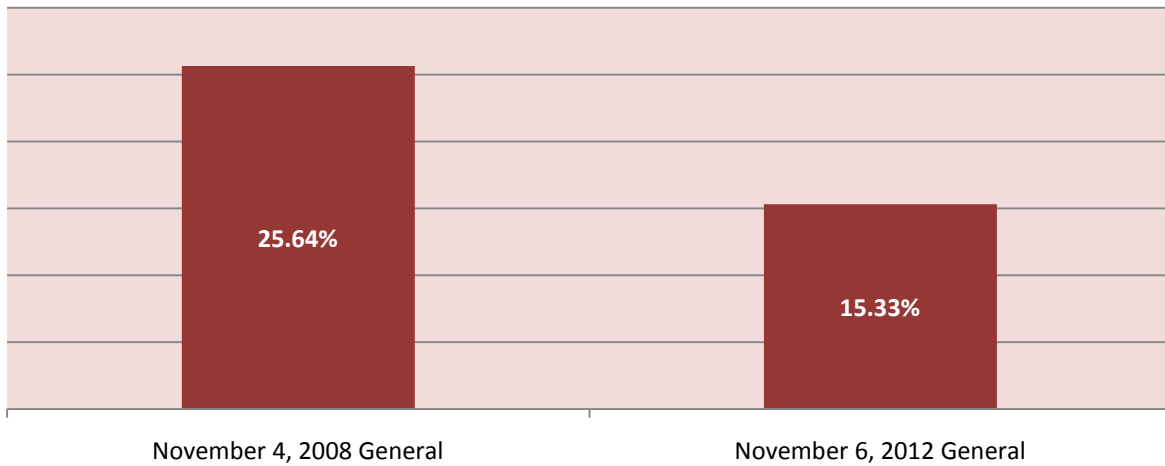
	November 4, 2008 General	November 6, 2012 General
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	672,750	650,387
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUESTED</b>	292,619	291,502
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED</b>	266,053	269,761
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	260,589	266,964
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CHALLENGED</b>	7,154	3,919
<b>CHALLENGES CORRECTED</b>	1,690	1,122
<b>CHALLENGES NOT CORRECTED</b>	5,464	2,797
<b>ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED LATE</b>	1,591	1,544
<b>% COUNTED of All Ballots Counted</b>	38.73%	41.05%
<b>% RETURNED of Absentee Ballots Requested</b>	90.92%	92.54%
<b>% COUNTED of Absentee Ballots Returned</b>	97.95%	1.34%
<b>% CHALLENGED of VBM Ballots Returned</b>	2.05%	1.04%
<b>% CHALLENGED Not Including Late</b>	1.46%	0.46%
<b>% CORRECTED of All Challenges</b>	23.62%	28.63%
<b>% CORRECTED Not Including Late</b>	30.38%	47.24%
<b>% LATE of Absentee Ballots Returned</b>	0.60%	0.57%
<b>% LATE of All Remaining Challenges</b>	29.12%	55.20%



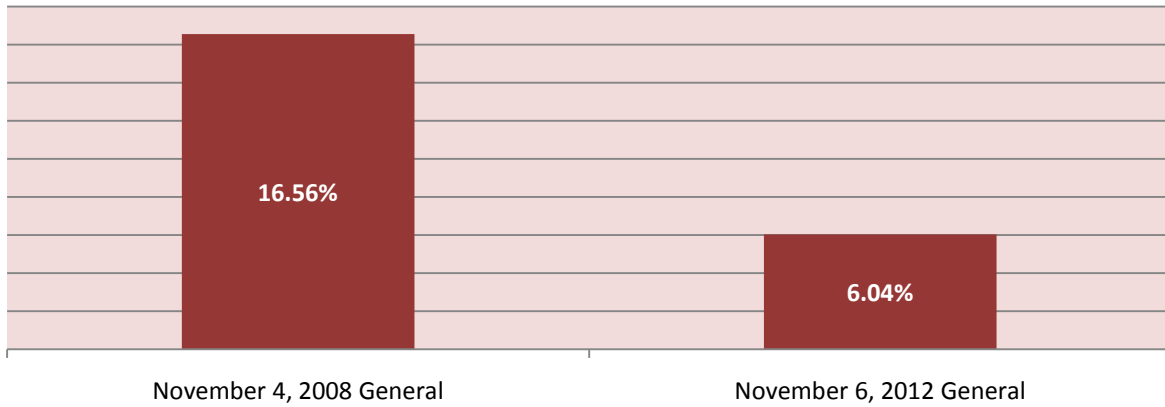
**Provisional Data**

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Provisional Ballots - VALID	21,493	26,966
Provisional Ballots - REJECTED	7,410	4,882
Rejected – Absentee Voters	91	210
Rejected - Not Including Absentee Voters	7,319	4,672
Rejected - Not Registered	3,238	2,881
Rejected - Not Including Not Registered	4,172	2,001
Rejected - Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters	4,081	1,791
Rejected – Wrong Location	3,423	1,200
% Valid of All Provisional Ballots Cast	74.36%	84.67%
% Rejected of All Provisional Ballots Cast	25.64%	15.33%
% Rejected Not Including Absentee Voters	25.40%	14.77%
% Rejected Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters	16.56%	6.04%
% Wrong Precinct (Total) of All Provisional Ballots Cast	11.84%	3.77%

**Rejection Rate**



## Rejection Rate (Excluding Not Registered and Absentee Voters)



## Wrong Location Rejection Rate

