

POST-ELECTION REPORT

November 2, 2021

General and Special Elections

Fairfax County Office of Elections

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ELECTION BY THE NUMBERS



VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS - 2021

- Registration records processed this year (as of Dec 1) = **300,000+**
- New registrations processed = **31,229**
- Re-registrations processed = **3,733**
- Voters transferred into Fairfax County = **18,469**
- Voters transferred out of Fairfax County = **23,296**
- Voters transferred out of the state = **16,399**
- Voter registration cancellations = **32,239**
- Voter registration changes (address and other info) = **58,741**
- National Change of Address Confirmation (NCOA) = **21,764**
- Voter registrations purged (inactive for 2 federal elections) = **14,486**

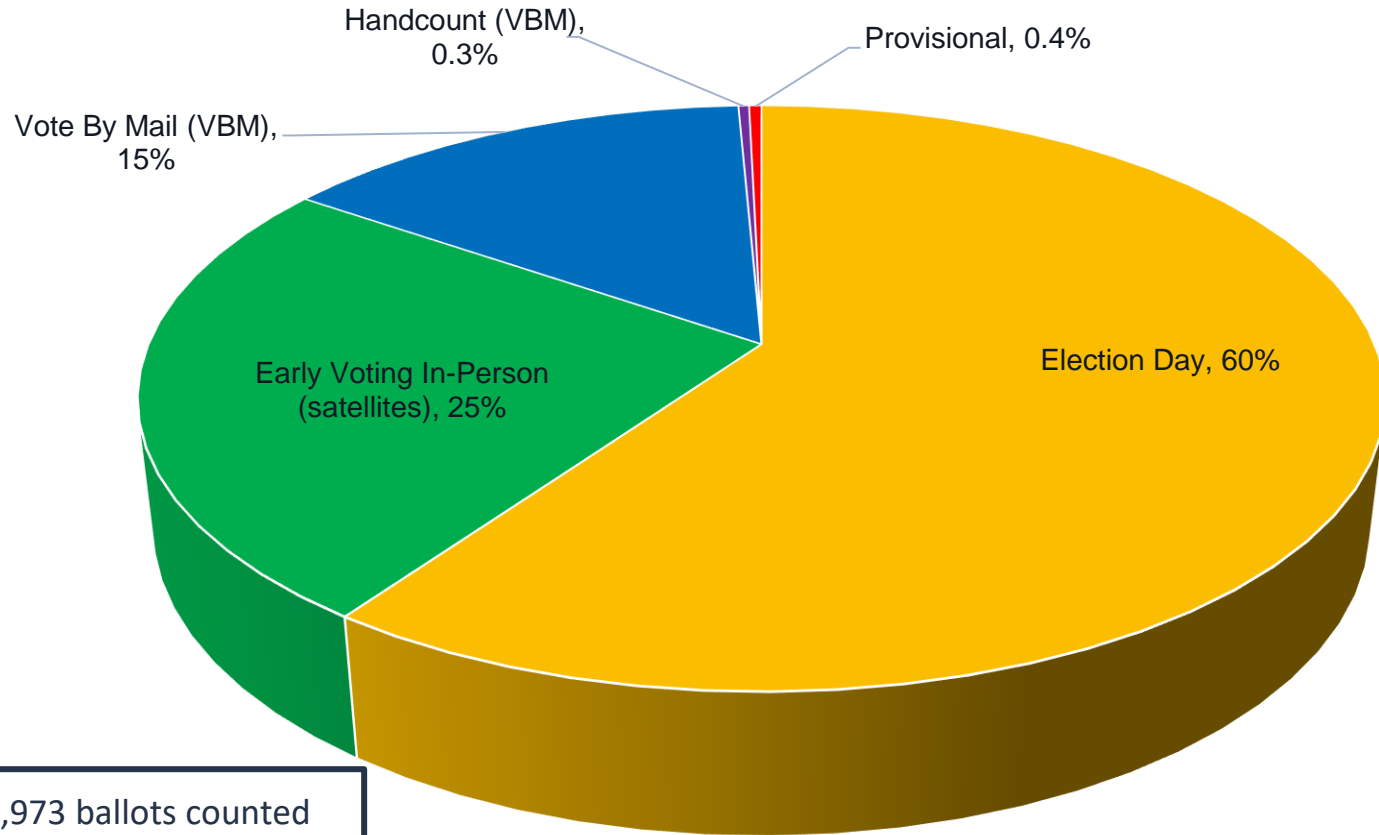
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Overall

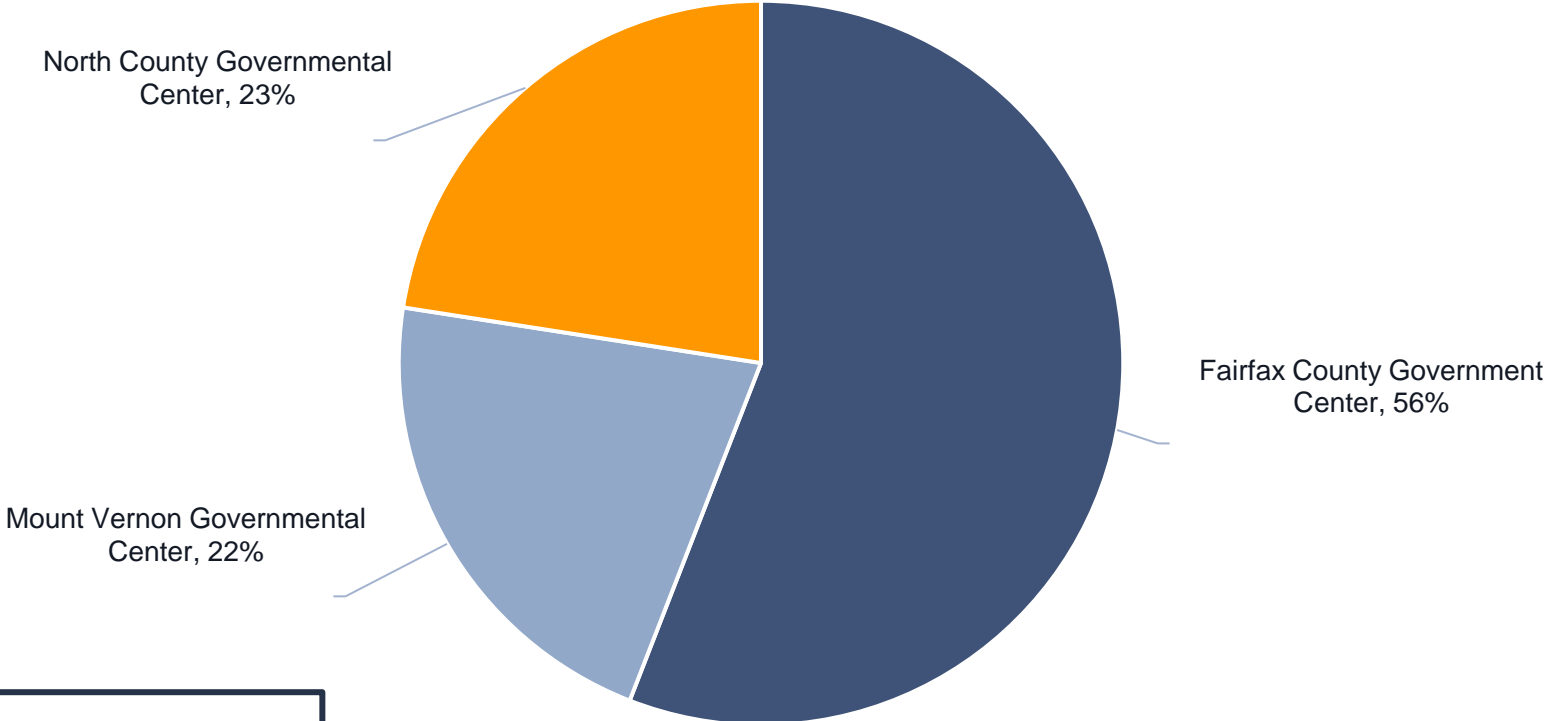
Total Registered Voters & Turnout	733,892	60.2%
Total Votes (ballots counted) & Turnout	441,973	
Election Day	264,178	60%
Early Voting In-Person (satellites)	109,730	25%
Vote By Mail (VBM)	64,911	15%
Handcount (VBM)	1,462	0.3%
Provisional	1,692	0.4%

Voter Turnout



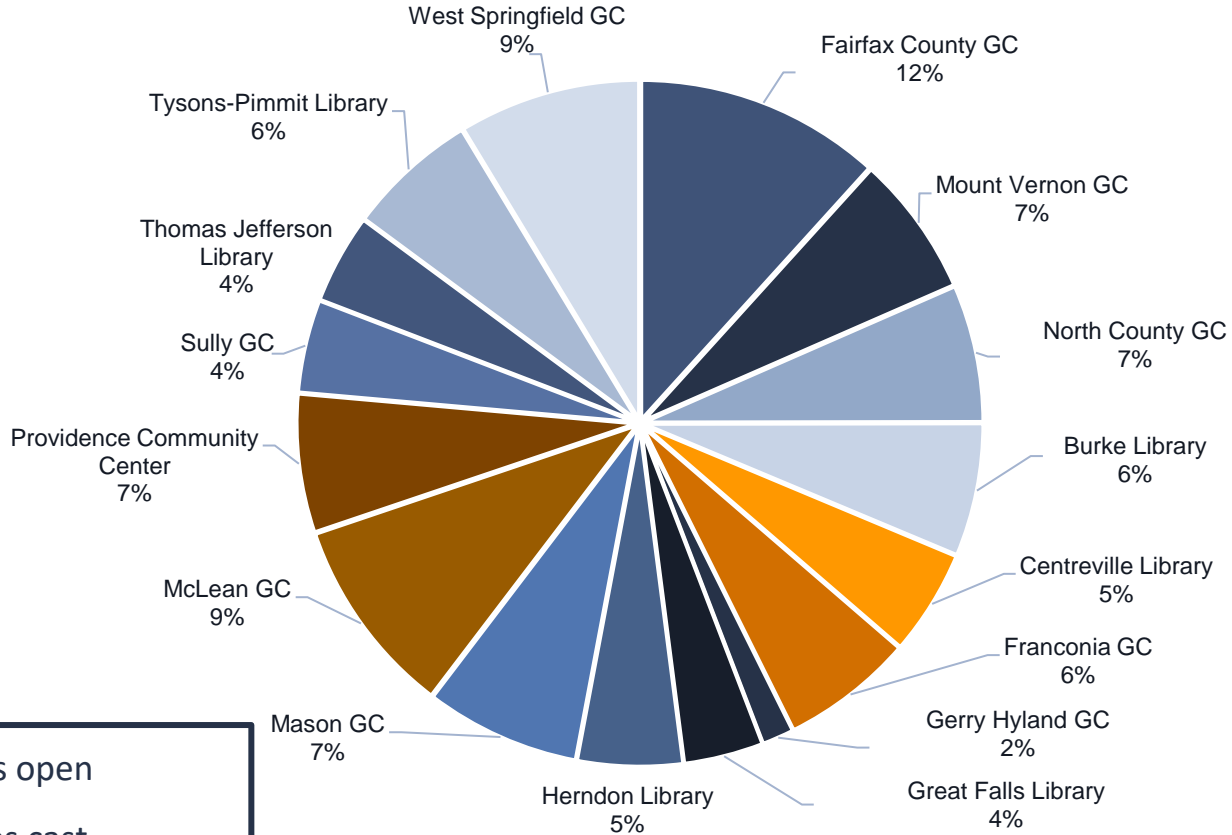
441,973 ballots counted
60.2% turnout

Early Voting Sep 17 to Oct 20 by Location



3 locations open
26,638 votes cast
(24% of early in-person votes)

Early Voting Oct 21 to Oct 31 by Location

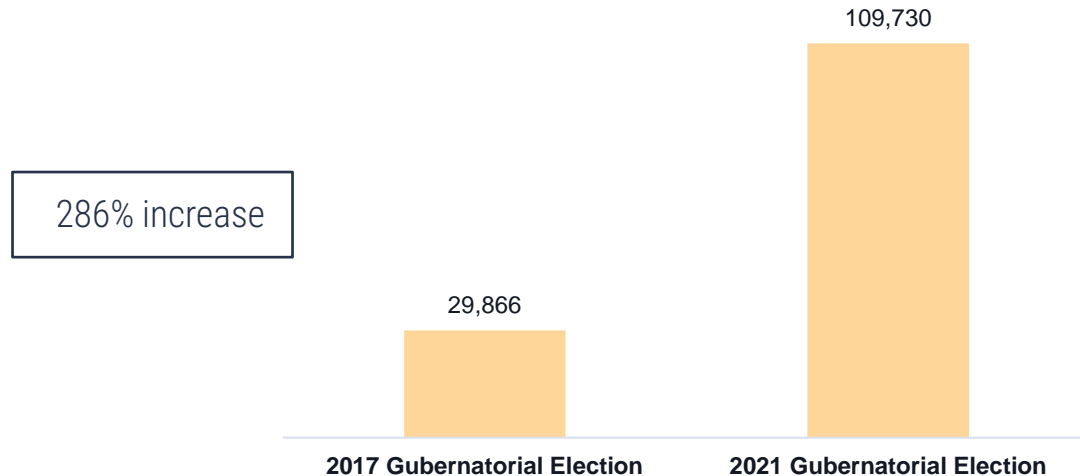


16 locations open
83,092 votes cast
(76% of early in-person votes)



GROWTH IN EARLY VOTING AT 16 LOCATIONS

- Legislation that took effect on July 1, 2020 enabled all voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia to vote early in-person or by mail with no excuse or reason.
- As a result of this legislation, there has been a significant increase in early voting at the county's 16 satellite voting locations.



Vote By Mail (VBM)

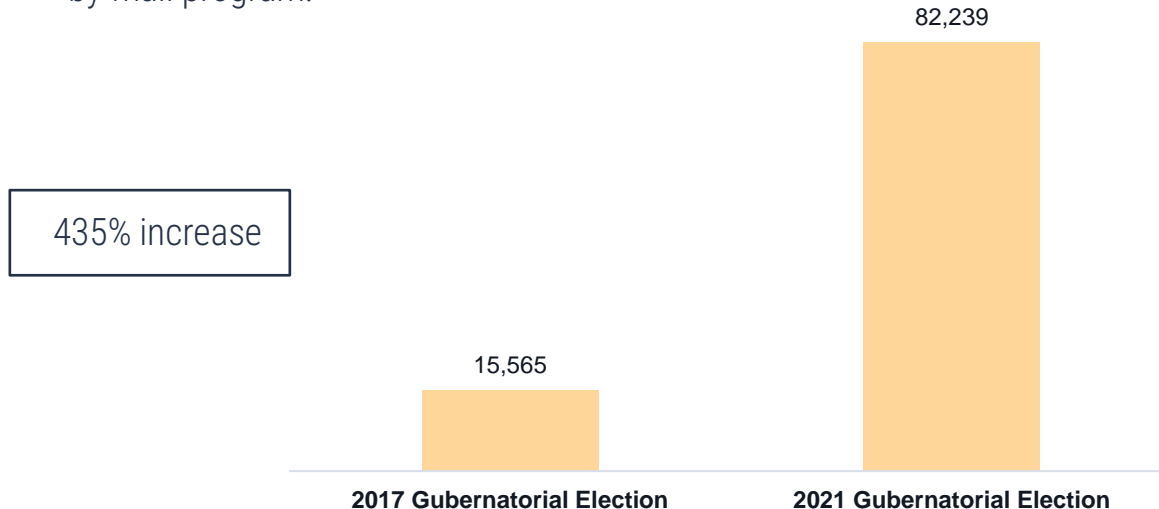
Total voters issued VBM Ballot:	82,239	11%
Domestic	75,522	92%
UOCAVA (Overseas/Military)	1,779	2%
Email UOCAVA (Overseas/Military)	4,938	6%
Total VBM ballots returned and accepted	66,373	81%
Total VBM ballots scanned on machine	64,911	98%
Total VBM ballots hand-counted	1,462	2%
Total VBM ballots returned and rejected/void	672	1%
Total VBM ballots returned undeliverable by USPS	971	1%

Absentee Ballot Envelope Curing		
Absentee Ballot Envelopes Requiring Curing	1464	2%
Missing voter signature only	44	3%
Missing witness signature only	839	57%
Missing name only	48	3%
Missing address only	228	16%
Combinations	127	9%
Blank	178	12%
Absentee Ballot Envelopes Cured	811	55%
Missing voter signature only	24	3%
Missing witness signature only	484	60%
Missing name only	30	4%
Missing address only	101	12%
Combinations	67	8%
Blank	105	13%



Growth in Vote-by-Mail (VBM)

- Legislation that took effect on July 1, 2020 enabled all voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia to vote early in-person or by mail with no excuse or reason.
- As a result of this legislation, there has been a significant increase in the volume of the absentee by-mail program.



Rovers & Voting Equipment		
Rovers	29	-
Route Rovers	24	-
Regional Rovers	5	-
Voting equipment	-	-
DS200s programmed and tested	646	-
ExpressVotes programmed and tested	599	-
Test ballots	-	-
Ballots tested on DS200 machines	15,000	-
Ballots tested on ExpressVote machines	12,000	-

Election Officers		
Total election officers serving on election day	2,117	
Democrats	1105	52%
Republicans	749	35%
Independents	263	12%
First-time officers	267	-
Cancellations	272	-
Total officers trained and eligible to serve	2,962	-
High School Pages		
High School Student Pages serving on election day	170	-

Election Day Voter Service

Phone calls received on election day

4,636

Calls from voters regarding voter registration

630

14%

Calls from polling places regarding voter registration

2,010

43%

Calls from polling places for support and information

1,758

38%

Calls from polling places for technical support

238

5%

Web page metrics on election day

Page views

75,015

-

Unique visitors

55,248

-

Provisional Ballots		
Total provisional ballots	2,634	-
Provisional ballots (Accepted)	1,692	64%
Absentee (Ballot requested but not returned)	1,552	92%
No ID - ID provided before the deadline	2	0.1%
Shown as already having voted	43	3%
Shown as not on pollbook	95	6%
Provisional ballots (Not counted)	942	36%
Absentee Ballot Issued and Voted	12	1.3%
No ID - ID not provided before the deadline	1	0.1%
Attempted to vote twice	17	2%
Not registered in Virginia	306	32%
Wrong Locality	317	34%
Wrong Precinct	289	31%

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SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES



Guiding Principles for the November 2021 Election

- **SECURITY**: We take all necessary measures to maintain the security of voting machines, ballots, voter registration records, and all other data associated with the election process.
- **ACCURACY**: We strive for perfection in every part of the election process and do whatever it takes to maintain the accuracy of the voting process.
- **TRANSPARENCY**: Nothing we do is secret except for the voter's ballot.



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Precinct Ballots and use of ExpressVote Machines

- Pending legislation would require all jurisdictions in Virginia to report absentee votes by precinct.
- We printed 249 ballot styles, one for each precinct.
- We deployed ExpressVote touchscreen ballot marking devices at every location.
- We are one of only five jurisdictions in the state that reported all results, including all absentee votes, by precinct this election.



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Sunday Voting at 16 Satellite Locations

- For the first time, jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia were encouraged to provide early voting on a Sunday.
- We implemented Sunday voting at all 16 satellite voting locations on **Sunday, October 24** from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- We processed **4,656** voters on this day (4.2% of all early voters).



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Use of Poll Pads at 16 Satellite Locations

- We transitioned from using laptops to using **Poll Pads** (iPad-based devices) to check in voters at all early voting locations.
- We checked in voters much more quickly and efficiently.
- We could remotely monitor real-time information.
- We adjusted staffing on an ongoing basis as needed.
- We could ensure that sufficient paper ballots were available at all satellite voting locations.



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Poll Pad Voter File Download

- Poll Pads to be used at precincts were given to Chief Election Officers and configured to automatically download the final voter file from a secure central database two days before the election.
- Office staff monitored downloads of the voter file and ensured every device was turned on and fully updated.
- This eliminated the need for:
 - ▶ Staff to prepare USB flash drives for each precinct;
 - ▶ Delivering USB flash drives to each Chief Election Officer;
 - ▶ Chief Election Officers to import the voter file from a USB flash drive within a 1-hour window election morning.



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Ballot Mailer

- We contracted with an established third-party ballot mailer to mail absentee ballots to voters.
- This automated the process of preparing and mailing ballots and allowed us to easily respond to a significant increase in requests for mailed ballots.
- This greatly reduced the need for seasonal staffing. In 2020, approximately 250 additional seasonal staff were hired to prepare and mail absentee ballots. In 2021, we reduced this to a handful of seasonal staff.
- This greatly reduced the need for physical space for the ballot mailing program. In 2020, we used vacant office space throughout the Fairfax County Government Center, but that was only possible because so many staff were working-from-home.



SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE: Secure USB Flash Drives for Election Results

- On election night, we imported election results from the USB flash drives used in the ballot scanners at each precinct.
- Election officers from each precinct drove the secure USB flash drives to our office immediately after the polls closed.
- This replaced the phone-in results process, which was prone to human errors.
- This provided much more accurate and timely results on election night. There were no corrections to results posted in VERIS during the canvass process.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

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Future Initiatives

- **Improve Poll Pads:** Enable cellular connectivity of Poll Pads and election day syncing with central database.
- **Assess early voting locations:** Move or improve early voting locations, as needed.
- **Explore ballot-on-demand options:** Instead of printing and providing 249 ballot types at early voting locations, consider purchasing ballot-on-demand printers or other options.

Future Initiatives

- **Expand return depots**: Add at least one more additional location for Chiefs to return materials on election night.
- **Eliminate hand counts**: Transpose hand-marked ballots that cannot be read by scanner to a machine-readable ballot.
- **Continue to improve canvass process**: Identify further process changes to improve process and function of reviewing election results.

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?