Early Vote Day Report

Day 11 of 17 · Data through Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026*

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ballots cast so far, in person and by mail

+36%
more than at this point in 2022 (1,163,784)

20.1%
of registered voters have voted (15.7% in 2022)

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Snapshot

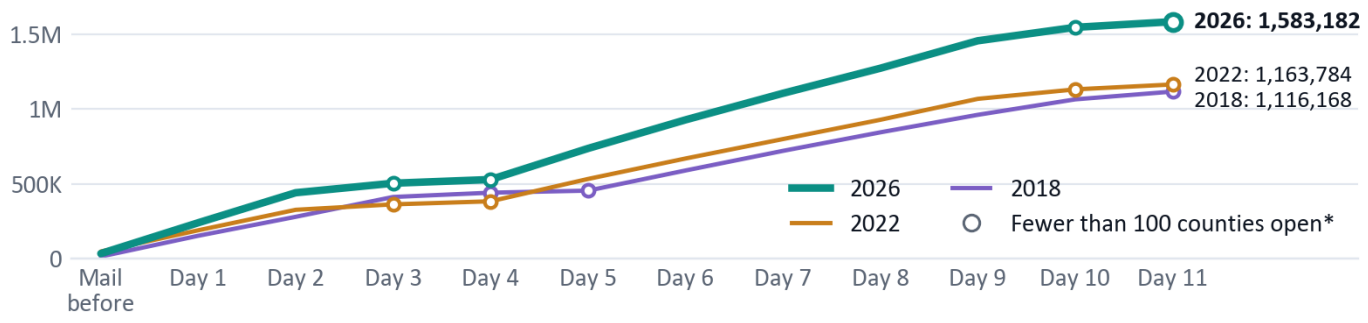
Through Sunday, the eleventh day of early voting, North Carolinians have cast 1,583,182 ballots in person and by mail, 36% more than at the same point in 2022. The Democratic turnout edge widened to 12.2 points on Sunday, from 11.7 after Saturday: 28.2% of registered Democrats have voted, against 16.0% of registered Republicans. At this point in 2022 the gap was 2.1.

With only 15 counties open on Sunday, today's report steps back from the day's numbers to what 11 of 17 days of early voting show. Ballots so far are 36% ahead of 2022 at this point and 42% ahead of 2018.

What 11 days of early voting show

- **Democrats are the ones bringing out sporadic voters.** 14.1% of sporadic Democrats have voted, against 5.8% of sporadic Republicans. At this point in 2022 it was the other way around: 7.3% of sporadic Republicans and 6.4% of sporadic Democrats. Among voters new to the rolls or with no recent vote, 8.0% of Democrats have voted, against 3.5% of Republicans.
- **The electorate is younger and more diverse than in 2022.** Ballots from voters under 30 are up 101% from this point in 2022, and from voters 30 to 44 up 60%, against 36% overall. Black ballots are up 61%, Hispanic 203% and Asian 102%. Black voters are 21.9% of ballots, up from 18.6%.
- **Republicans are turning out their regulars, and fewer of the rest than in 2022.** 24.0% of Republican base voters have voted, a little ahead of 2022's 23.1%. Sporadic and new Republicans trail 2022.
- **Republicans would need a bigger Election Day than 2022's.** In 2022, registered Republicans out-voted registered Democrats by 177,807 on Election Day, erasing the 158,439-ballot lead Democrats built in early voting and by mail. This year that lead is already 285,076. If the last six days run like 2022's, it ends early voting at roughly 225,000 to 290,000, still more than Republicans' 2022 Election Day margin. Republican ballots are up only 4% from 2022, against 36% for all ballots, so an Election Day like 2022's would leave them short. A weaker one would leave them further behind. Unaffiliated voters, 35% of ballots, decide the rest; those with a primary record lean Democratic, 196,921 to 120,682.

Ballots cast, day by day



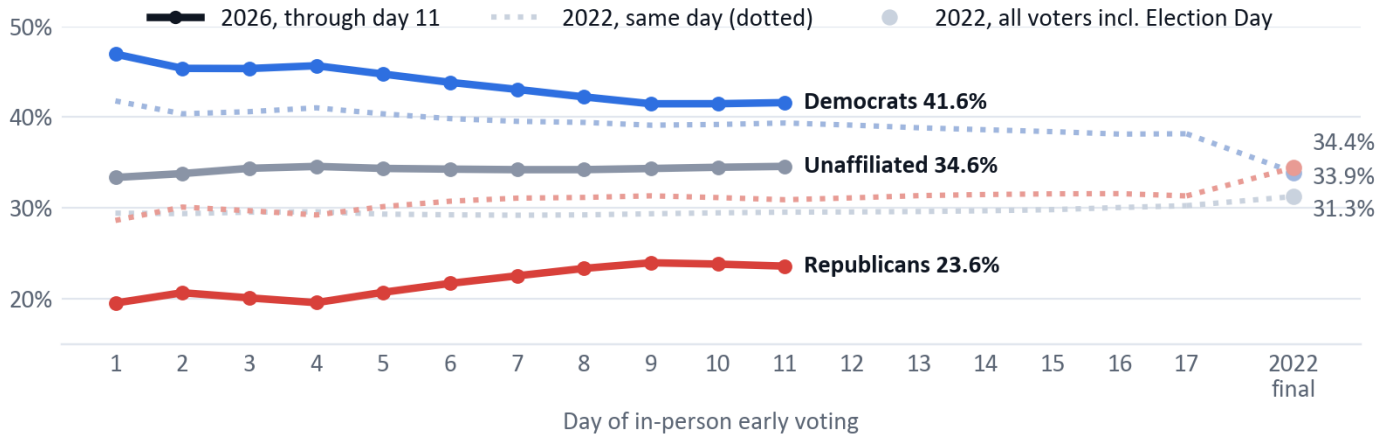
Day by day

	2026			2022, same day			2018, same day	
Day	Date	In person	All so far	Date	In person	All so far	Date	All so far
11	Sun. Oct. 25*	37,734	**1,583,182**	Sun. Oct. 30*	32,765	1,163,784	Sat. Oct. 27*	1,116,168
10	Sat. Oct. 24*	88,342	**1,545,343**	Sat. Oct. 29*	60,607	1,130,865	Fri. Oct. 26	1,064,128
9	Fri. Oct. 23	180,223	**1,455,655**	Fri. Oct. 28	133,689	1,067,593	Thu. Oct. 25	960,818
8	Thu. Oct. 22	164,421	**1,272,067**	Thu. Oct. 27	120,505	927,708	Wed. Oct. 24	843,829
7	Wed. Oct. 21	173,882	**1,104,581**	Wed. Oct. 26	124,614	798,778	Tue. Oct. 23	719,939
6	Tue. Oct. 20	187,554	**927,181**	Tue. Oct. 25	133,127	668,913	Mon. Oct. 22	588,862
5	Mon. Oct. 19	203,640	**736,222**	Mon. Oct. 24	141,489	532,240	Sun. Oct. 21*	454,336

All so far: every accepted ballot, in person and by mail. *Fewer than 100 counties open: Sat. Oct. 24, 50 (2022: 50); Sun. Oct. 25, 15 (2022: 31). Earlier days are in the dashboard's day-by-day table.

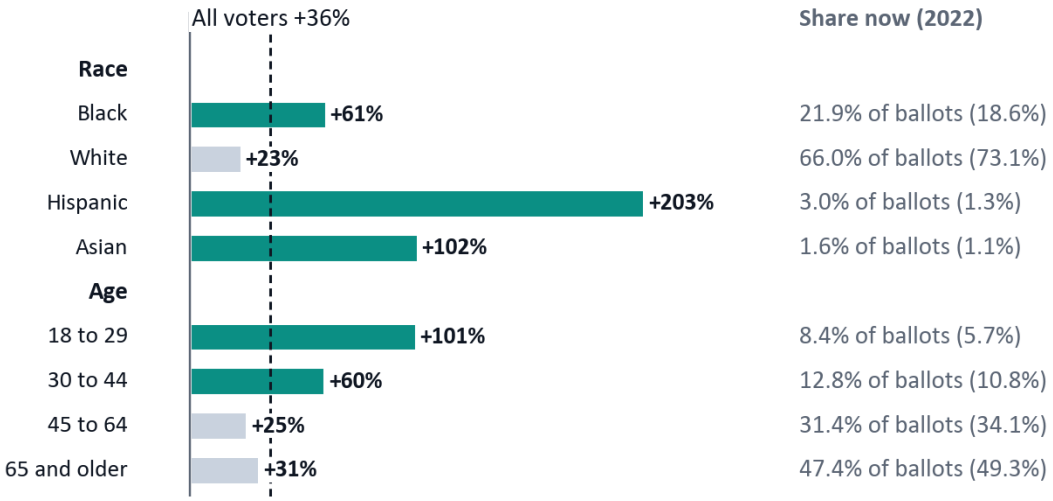
Who is voting: the party mix, day by day

Each party's share of all ballots cast so far, this year against the same day in 2022. The last point shows 2022's full electorate, after Election Day.



Who is growing fastest since 2022, by race and age

Change in ballots from the same point in 2022. Teal bars are growing faster than the electorate as a whole. Race as registered with the State Board of Elections; Hispanic is any race.



Who is voting: party by how often they vote

Voters so far by party of registration and by their record in the last two general elections. Base: voted in both 2022 and 2024. Sporadic: voted in one of the two. Unlikely: new to the rolls, or voted in neither. Under each count: the share of that group's registered voters who have voted, and the same share at this point in 2022.

	BASE	SPORADIC	UNLIKELY
DEMOCRAT	**Democrat Base** **538,563** 34.0% of all ballots +13,366 on Sunday **43.5%** of 1,237,884 registered 2022, same point: 27.5%	**Democrat Sporadic** **74,259** 4.7% of all ballots +2,517 on Sunday **14.1%** of 526,595 registered 2022, same point: 6.4%	**Democrat Unlikely** **45,683** 2.9% of all ballots +1,746 on Sunday **8.0%** of 569,413 registered 2022, same point: 5.0%
UNAFFILIATED	**Unaffiliated Base** **435,660** 27.5% of all ballots +10,425 on Sunday **30.7%** of 1,417,817 registered 2022, same point: 22.4%	**Unaffiliated Sporadic** **65,327** 4.1% of all ballots +2,296 on Sunday **9.9%** of 658,746 registered 2022, same point: 6.2%	**Unaffiliated Unlikely** **46,362** 2.9% of all ballots +1,895 on Sunday **4.2%** of 1,093,945 registered 2022, same point: 3.0%
REPUBLICAN	**Republican Base** **328,589** 20.8% of all ballots +4,549 on Sunday **24.0%** of 1,370,390 registered 2022, same point: 23.1%	**Republican Sporadic** **29,117** 1.8% of all ballots +631 on Sunday **5.8%** of 504,969 registered 2022, same point: 7.3%	**Republican Unlikely** **15,724** 1.0% of all ballots +285 on Sunday **3.5%** of 455,061 registered 2022, same point: 4.3%

Base also takes in a voter who voted in the only one of the two elections they were registered for. Registered: the current voter file (7,886,545 registered); 2022 sorts the 2022 rolls the same way by the 2018 and 2020 elections. +N on Sunday: ballots dated that day. Other parties (3,893 voters) are not shown.

The unaffiliated row, by the primary ballots they have taken

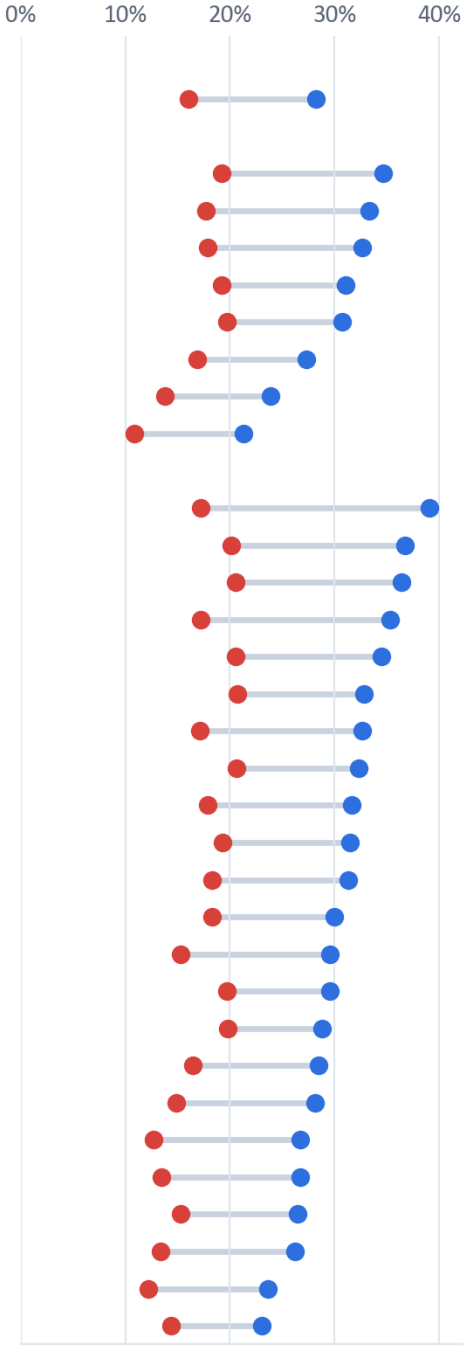
The 547,349 unaffiliated voters so far, sorted by which party's primary ballot they took in the five statewide primaries from 2018 to 2026.



Strong lean: at least two more of one party's primary ballots than the other's. Light lean: one primary ballot, one party. Mixed: both parties, no clear pattern. Tested on voters who later joined a party: strong lean named the right party 97% of the time, light lean about 92%.

Seats to watch: turnout by party

Every contested seat that leaned within 10 points either way in the 2024 statewide races. For each, the share of its registered Democrats (● blue) and registered Republicans (● red) who have voted so far. **This is turnout by party registration, not votes for a candidate and not a forecast.** Statewide, 28.2% of Democrats and 16.0% of Republicans have voted, 12.2 points apart; at this point in 2022 they were 2.1 points apart.

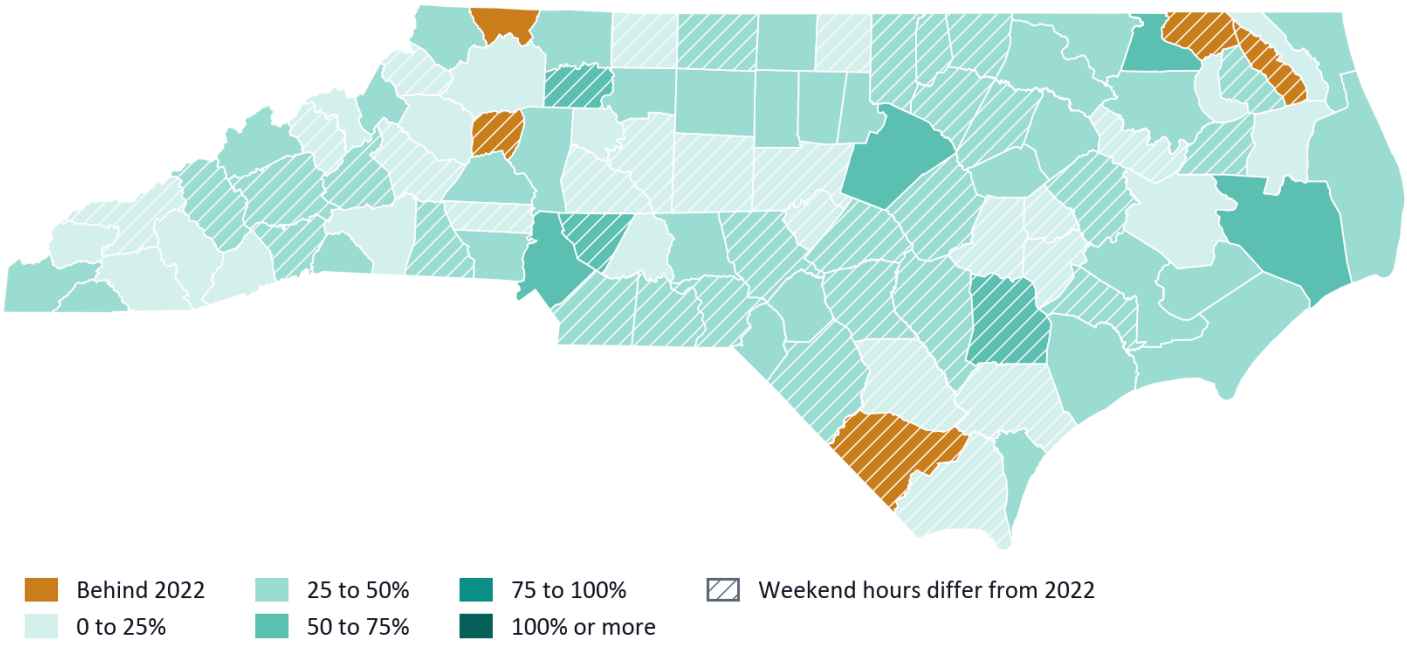


		2024 lean	Dem minus Rep	Same, 2022	Ballots	vs. 2022
Statewide			+12.2	+2.1	1,583,182	+36%
Senate						
SD-13	Grafstein (D)	D+4.4	+15.4	+4.8	41,672	+42%
SD-18	Fatmi (D)	R+0.8	+15.5	+5.2	38,190	+44%
SD-42	Bradley (D)	D+3.3	+14.7	+2.8	39,066	+33%
SD-11	Barnes (R)	R+0.8	+11.9	+1.6	35,438	+33%
SD-7	Lee (R)	R+4.6	+11.0	+3.6	36,296	+27%
SD-4	Newton (R)	R+7.3	+10.4	+0.5	28,341	+25%
SD-34	Open seat	R+6.8	+10.1	+0.2	26,467	+58%
SD-24	Britt (R)	R+8.8	+10.4	+4.4	19,744	+37%
House						
HD-115	Prather (D)	R+0.5	+21.8	+8.7	18,057	+35%
HD-105	Cotham (R)	R+1.9	+16.6	+3.2	18,368	+37%
HD-74	Zenger (R)	R+8.1	+15.8	+5.1	17,165	+28%
HD-35	Schietzelt (R)	R+3.3	+18.1	+6.0	17,787	+51%
HD-37	Paré (R)	R+2.4	+13.9	+3.7	19,662	+47%
HD-25	Chesser (R)	D+2.6	+12.1	-0.7	15,863	+31%
HD-98	Helfrich (D)	D+0.9	+15.5	+4.3	15,924	+32%
HD-62	Blust (R)	R+6.3	+11.6	-0.3	17,488	+35%
HD-7	Open seat	R+9.9	+13.8	+6.1	15,109	+36%
HD-20	Open seat	R+9.6	+12.2	+4.2	16,889	+23%
HD-59	Branson (R)	R+8.0	+13.1	+1.6	16,274	+40%
HD-64	Riddell (R)	R+6.1	+11.7	+1.6	13,492	+43%
HD-26	White (R)	R+10.0	+14.3	+3.4	14,915	+46%
HD-32	Cohn (D)	D+3.1	+9.8	+2.2	13,910	+32%
HD-63	Open seat	R+6.1	+9.0	+0.2	12,914	+35%
HD-9	Reeder (R)	R+7.0	+12.0	+1.8	13,444	+21%
HD-12	Humphrey (R)	R+7.6	+13.2	+2.1	10,858	+17%
HD-48	Pierce (D)	D+4.6	+14.0	+6.3	10,462	+36%
HD-82	Echevarria (R)	R+7.5	+13.2	+2.8	12,183	+72%
HD-24	Pittman (D)	D+1.7	+11.1	+0.7	11,395	+27%
HD-43	Wheatley (R)	R+9.7	+12.8	+4.1	10,786	+32%
HD-5	Ward (R)	R+4.8	+11.4	+5.7	9,934	+4%
HD-73	Almond (R)	R+5.0	+8.7	-0.9	10,761	+58%

Seats are listed by the share of Democrats who have voted, highest first. Beside each: its sitting member, or open if the member is not running. 2024 lean: how the district voted in the 2024 statewide races. Dem minus Rep: the blue dot minus the red dot, in points; Same, 2022: that gap at this point in 2022, on today's district lines. Ballots: all ballots cast in the district so far; vs. 2022: change from the same point in 2022. Full district pages: dashboard.majorityrisingnc.org/early-voting.

Counties: ballots against the same point in 2022

95 of 100 counties are ahead of their 2022 pace.



Fastest growth: Cabarrus +59%, Mecklenburg +55%, Duplin +54%, Hertford +52%, Wake +51%, Yadkin +50%.

Behind 2022: Alexander -27%, Columbus -17%, Gates -15%, Alleghany -12%, Pasquotank -7%.

Hatched counties had different weekend hours from 2022 (open on Saturday or Sunday in one year but not the other), so their comparison tilts with the calendar. Click a county name for its page on the dashboard.

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Methodology

Ballots are every accepted ballot in the State Board of Elections' absentee file, posted each morning; our totals must match the State Board's own state and county count files for that morning. 2022 and 2018 come from the State Board's final files, each year lined up by its own first day of in-person early voting; a county counts as open on a day it has in-person ballots dated that day, and days with fewer than 100 counties open carry an asterisk. Party, race and age are as registered (party is registration, not a vote; Hispanic is any race), and turnout rates divide a group's ballots by its registered voters. Base, sporadic and unlikely come from the State Board's voter history: the last two general elections. 2022's final electorate is everyone in its voter history file, by party on the 2022 rolls. Districts are the ones printed on each ballot; 2022 ballots are placed on today's lines through precincts, and district lean is the 2024 statewide races. No percent change is shown when the earlier year had fewer than 100 ballots.