Early Vote Day Report

Day 15 of 17 · Data through Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026*

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ballots cast so far, in person and by mail

+34%
more than at this point in 2022 (1,753,484)

29.9%
of registered voters have voted (23.7% in 2022)

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Snapshot

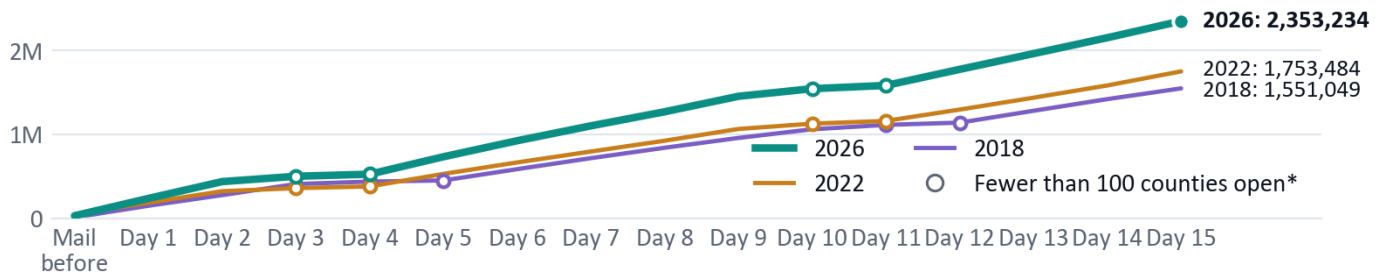
After 15 days of early voting, North Carolinians have cast 2,353,234 ballots in person and by mail, 34% more than at the same point in 2022. 39.7% of registered Democrats have voted, against 25.9% of registered Republicans, a 13.8-point turnout edge. At this point in 2022 the gap was 2.1. Among sporadic and unlikely voters, 197,625 Democrats have voted, more than double this point in 2022 (95,737), and 186,791 unaffiliated voters, nearly double (95,220). Republicans are down 10% (81,150 against 89,837). These voters account for more than half of the growth in Democrats' ballot lead since 2022. If the last two days run like 2022's, Republicans would need to out-vote Democrats by more than 295,000 on Election Day to erase their ballot lead, 66% more than in 2022 (177,807).

194,087 voted in person on Thursday, 24% more than on 2022's fifteenth day of early voting (157,145). Unaffiliated voters out-voted Democrats for the second straight day, 71,767 to 66,616, a wider margin than Wednesday's. Republicans cast 59,629.

Seats to watch today

- **HD-59**, Branson (R), R+8.0 in 2024. The turnout edge has swung 13.3 points toward Democrats since this point in 2022, the fifth-biggest swing of the 31 seats to watch. Democratic ballots are up 47%, Republican 7%.
- **HD-9**, Reeder (R), R+7.0 in 2024. The turnout edge narrowed 0.3 points here on Thursday, one of 8 seats to watch where it did. Democrats lead turnout by 12.2 points, against 1.4 at this point in 2022.
- **HD-7**, open seat, R+9.9 in 2024. Republican ballots are up 29% from this point in 2022, the second-biggest Republican gain of the 31 seats to watch. Democratic ballots are up 31%, unaffiliated up 67%.
- **SD-24**, Britt (R), R+8.8 in 2024. Republican ballots are up 34% from this point in 2022, the biggest Republican gain of the 31 seats to watch. Democratic ballots are up 22%, unaffiliated up 66%.
- **SD-4**, Newton (R), R+7.3 in 2024. Democrats lead turnout by 10.6 points here, the third-narrowest edge of the 31 seats to watch, against Republicans by 0.4 at this point in 2022.

Ballots cast, day by day



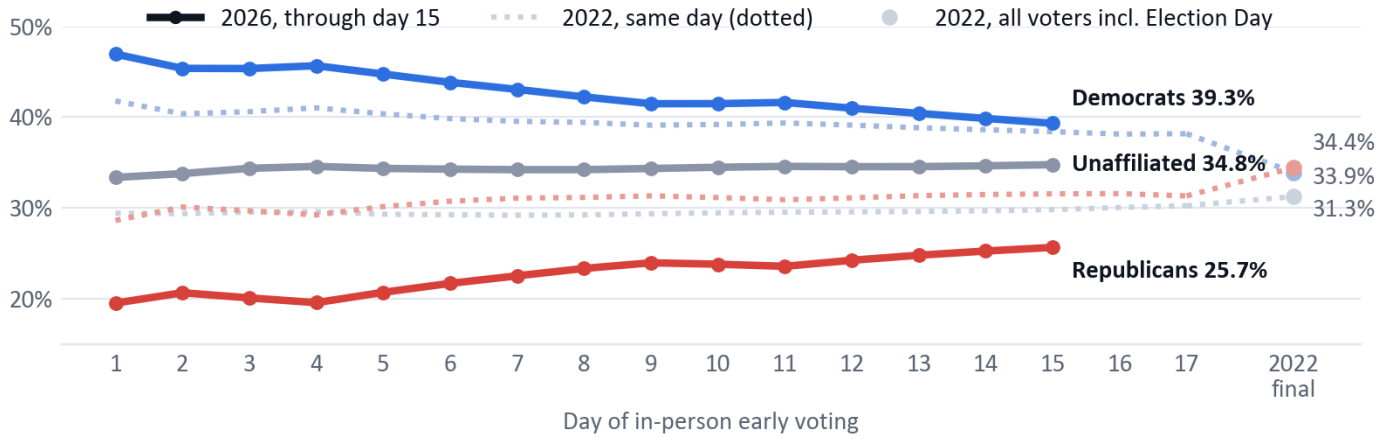
Day by day

	2026			2022, same day			2018, same day	
Day	Date	In person	All so far	Date	In person	All so far	Date	All so far
15	Thu. Oct. 29	194,087	**2,353,234**	Thu. Nov. 3	157,145	1,753,484	Wed. Oct. 31	1,551,049
14	Wed. Oct. 28	183,809	**2,154,424**	Wed. Nov. 2	138,863	1,585,988	Tue. Oct. 30	1,423,079
13	Tue. Oct. 27	182,152	**1,965,187**	Tue. Nov. 1	135,209	1,440,100	Mon. Oct. 29	1,284,225
12	Mon. Oct. 26	186,181	**1,777,861**	Mon. Oct. 31	125,987	1,298,679	Sun. Oct. 28*	1,143,059
11	Sun. Oct. 25*	38,460	**1,586,052**	Sun. Oct. 30*	32,765	1,163,784	Sat. Oct. 27*	1,116,168
10	Sat. Oct. 24*	88,941	**1,547,382**	Sat. Oct. 29*	60,607	1,130,865	Fri. Oct. 26	1,064,128
9	Fri. Oct. 23	180,641	**1,456,894**	Fri. Oct. 28	133,689	1,067,593	Thu. Oct. 25	960,818

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.

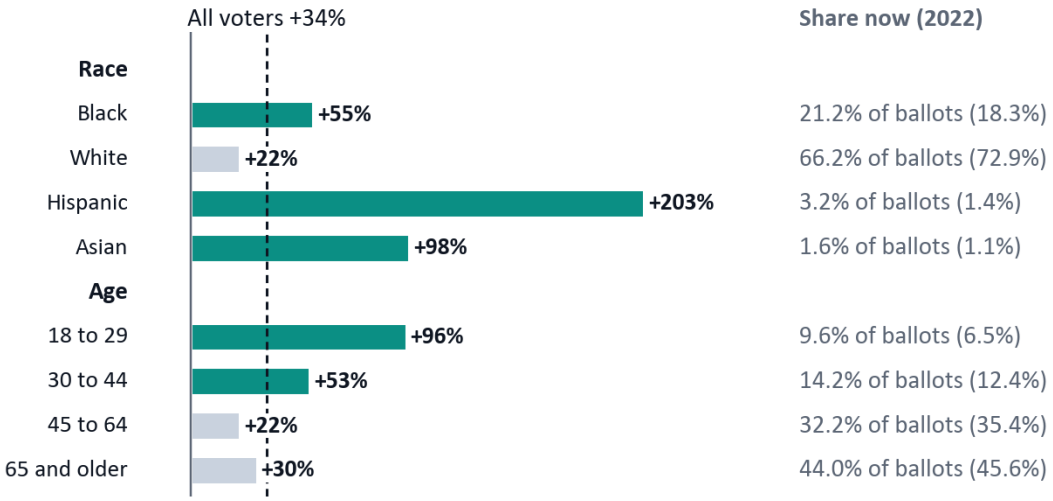
Who is voting: the party mix, day by day

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** **727,496** 30.9% of all ballots +45,614 on Thursday **58.8%** of 1,237,884 registered 2022, same point: 39.8%	**Democrat Sporadic** **123,750** 5.3% of all ballots +13,869 on Thursday **23.5%** of 526,595 registered 2022, same point: 10.6%	**Democrat Unlikely** **73,875** 3.1% of all ballots +7,133 on Thursday **13.0%** of 569,413 registered 2022, same point: 8.0%
UNAFFILIATED	**Unaffiliated Base** **631,108** 26.8% of all ballots +49,882 on Thursday **44.5%** of 1,417,817 registered 2022, same point: 33.4%	**Unaffiliated Sporadic** **110,284** 4.7% of all ballots +13,445 on Thursday **16.7%** of 658,746 registered 2022, same point: 10.5%	**Unaffiliated Unlikely** **76,507** 3.3% of all ballots +8,440 on Thursday **7.0%** of 1,093,945 registered 2022, same point: 4.9%
REPUBLICAN	**Republican Base** **522,479** 22.2% of all ballots +49,380 on Thursday **38.1%** of 1,370,390 registered 2022, same point: 34.9%	**Republican Sporadic** **53,918** 2.3% of all ballots +7,198 on Thursday **10.7%** of 504,969 registered 2022, same point: 12.8%	**Republican Unlikely** **27,232** 1.2% of all ballots +3,051 on Thursday **6.0%** of 455,061 registered 2022, same point: 7.1%

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 Thursday: ballots dated that day. Other parties (6,577 voters) are not shown.

The unaffiliated row, by the primary ballots they have taken

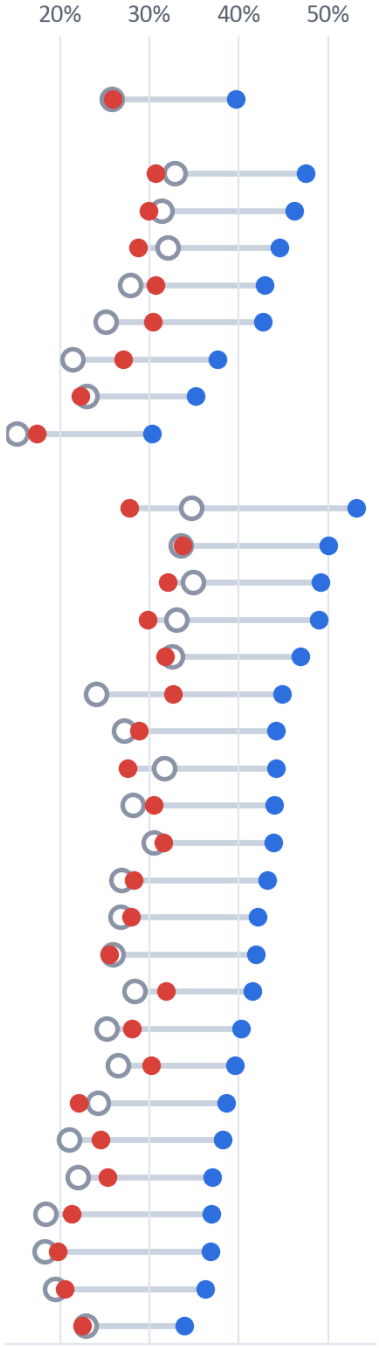
The 817,899 unaffiliated voters so far, sorted by which party's primary ballot they took in the five statewide primaries from 2018 to 2026.



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), unaffiliated voters (○ grey) and Republicans (● red) who have voted so far. **This is turnout by party registration, not votes for a candidate and not a forecast.** Statewide, 39.7% of Democrats, 25.8% of unaffiliated voters and 25.9% of Republicans have voted. Democrats and Republicans are 13.8 points apart; at this point in 2022 they were 2.1 points apart.

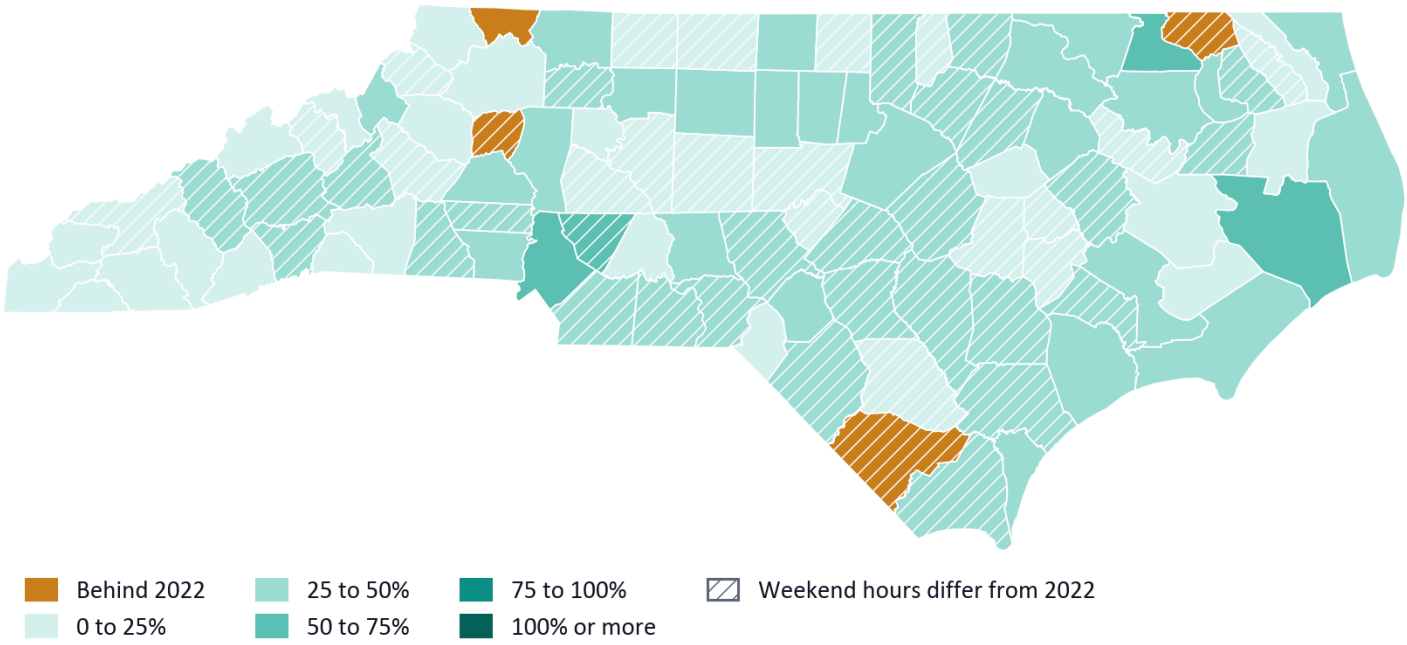


		2024 lean	Dem minus Rep	Same, 2022	Ballots	vs. same point in 2022
Statewide			+13.8	+2.1	2,353,234	+34%
Senate						
SD-13	Grafstein (D)	D+4.4	+16.8	+5.4	60,678	+41%
SD-18	Fatmi (D)	R+0.8	+16.3	+6.2	56,896	+43%
SD-42	Bradley (D)	D+3.3	+15.8	+2.8	56,839	+29%
SD-7	Lee (R)	R+4.6	+12.2	+4.1	53,610	+25%
SD-11	Barnes (R)	R+0.8	+12.3	+1.0	51,644	+35%
SD-4	Newton (R)	R+7.3	+10.6	-0.4	41,629	+23%
SD-34	Open seat	R+6.8	+12.9	-0.1	40,294	+52%
SD-24	Britt (R)	R+8.8	+13.0	+5.3	29,240	+35%
House						
HD-115	Prather (D)	R+0.5	+25.3	+10.6	26,131	+31%
HD-74	Zenger (R)	R+8.1	+16.3	+5.7	25,254	+29%
HD-105	Cotham (R)	R+1.9	+17.1	+3.3	26,404	+32%
HD-35	Schietzelt (R)	R+3.3	+19.1	+7.4	26,660	+52%
HD-37	Paré (R)	R+2.4	+15.2	+4.2	28,349	+45%
HD-25	Chesser (R)	D+2.6	+12.1	-1.7	23,047	+34%
HD-59	Branson (R)	R+8.0	+15.4	+2.1	24,010	+36%
HD-98	Helfrich (D)	D+0.9	+16.6	+5.0	23,134	+29%
HD-20	Open seat	R+9.6	+13.4	+4.8	25,107	+21%
HD-62	Blust (R)	R+6.3	+12.3	-0.4	24,989	+31%
HD-7	Open seat	R+9.9	+14.9	+6.3	22,021	+40%
HD-64	Riddell (R)	R+6.1	+14.2	+0.8	19,747	+40%
HD-26	White (R)	R+10.0	+16.5	+3.8	22,976	+44%
HD-32	Cohn (D)	D+3.1	+9.6	+1.1	20,601	+28%
HD-9	Reeder (R)	R+7.0	+12.2	+1.4	20,504	+25%
HD-63	Open seat	R+6.1	+9.4	-0.8	18,695	+31%
HD-82	Echevarria (R)	R+7.5	+16.5	+3.8	18,397	+60%
HD-12	Humphrey (R)	R+7.6	+13.6	+0.9	16,020	+16%
HD-24	Pittman (D)	D+1.7	+11.8	-0.4	16,937	+25%
HD-43	Wheatley (R)	R+9.7	+15.6	+4.7	16,081	+33%
HD-48	Pierce (D)	D+4.6	+17.1	+7.8	15,046	+32%
HD-5	Ward (R)	R+4.8	+15.7	+6.2	15,891	+15%
HD-73	Almond (R)	R+5.0	+11.4	-1.5	16,303	+54%

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; the bar is the change from the same point in 2022. Full district pages: dashboard.majorityrisingnc.org/early-voting.

Counties: ballots against the same point in 2022

96 of 100 counties are ahead of their 2022 pace.



Fastest growth: Hertford +53%, Cabarrus +52%, Mecklenburg +51%, Wake +48%, Duplin +46%, Franklin +45%.

Behind 2022: Alexander -16%, Columbus -6%, Alleghany -5%, Gates -1%.

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.