

2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Key Information for Media

Media Representatives are encouraged to contact the county auditor prior to visiting a polling location, when possible, to minimize disruption. Once at the polling location, Media representatives should check in with election officials. Election workers may direct the placement of equipment and media personnel to ensure voter safety and privacy. Please recognize that filming and photography in a polling location may be intimidating to voters who are voting. All subjects in close-ups must agree before being filmed or photographed. For additional election-related media guidance, refer to the [Election Resources](#) page on the North Dakota Secretary of State website.

IMPORTANCE OF VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTION

- Elections give people the opportunity to have a voice in who leads their cities, schools, counties, and state.
 - We are fortunate that we have the right to choose our leaders through fair, secure elections.
 - Eligible voters in North Dakota have a responsibility and a right to choose who will best serve their communities.
- Elections allow voters to decide on statewide and local ballot measures that may appear on the ballot.
- Primary elections determine which partisan, judicial, and county candidates move forward to the general election in November.
- City and school contests are final in the primary which means this election determines who will lead and serve at the local level.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of North Dakota

Voters must reside in their precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election. If they have moved within 30 days of election day, they must vote in the precinct where they lived previously.

VOTING NUMBERS

- [Absentee and Early Vote Numbers](#)

EARLY VOTING

- Available in the following counties: Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, Morton, Stark, Stutsman, Ward
- Polling location information for voters - vote.nd.gov/myvotinginfo.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY (JUNE 11, 2024)

- Poll Hours
 - Open between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. (local time)
 - Close between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (local time)
- If people are in line when the polls close, they will still be allowed to vote and have 30 minutes to cast their ballot after check-in.
 - Polling location information for voters - vote.nd.gov/myvotinginfo.
- Must bring a valid form of ID:
 - North Dakota driver's license
 - North Dakota non-driver ID
 - Tribal ID or letter
 - Long term care certificate

RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- Absentee ballots must be returned by the day before Election Day.
- For the 2024 Primary Election, absentee ballots must be:
 - Postmarked on or before June 10
 - Placed in a county dropbox by 5:00 p.m. local time on June 10
 - Hand-delivered to the county auditor by 5:00 p.m. local time on June 10
- Absentee ballots returned by the day before election day and are received before the county canvassing board meets will be eligible for inclusion in the official election results.
- People can vote at a polling location if they requested and received an absentee ballot but have not returned it (received by county). However, if they have returned their absentee ballot, the voter record will show that they have already voted, and they will not be able to cast another ballot at a polling location.

RESULTS REPORTING

- All results on election night are **UNOFFICIAL** until the appropriate canvassing board meets.
 - County canvassing boards meet within 13 days after election day – by June 24, 2024.
 - State canvassing board meets within 17 days after election day – will be meeting on June 26, 2024 at 10 a.m.
 - **UNOFFICIAL** results will start to be available at [2024 Results Site](#) beginning at 8 p.m. CST on Election Day – June 11, 2024.
- Results page links:
 - [2024 Results Site](#)
 - [All Election Results \(previous years available\)](#)

RECOUNTS

Recount thresholds vary by election and type of race. Contests that result in automatic or demand recounts, will be reflected on the [2024 Results Site](#).

Recount availability is determined by the canvassing boards at each level for elections.

State canvassing board members include Secretary of State Michael Howe, State Treasurer Thomas Beadle, clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court Petra Mandigo Hulm, and the state committee chair of the Republican party and Democratic-NPL party.

County canvassing board members include the county auditor, county recorder, chair of the board of county commissioners, and district party chair from each district and party in the county.

- ND Secretary of State – determines recounts for federal, state, judicial, multi-county races, and statewide measures – notifies counties within 4 days after the state canvassing board and sets a date for recount within 7 days for legislative contests and 14 days for statewide contests.
- County – determines recounts for county and city office, schools (when in conjunction with the county) – within 4 days of county canvassing board and sets a date for recount within 8 days.
- City – city measures, special elections - within 4 days of city canvassing board and sets a date for recount within 8 days.
- Schools – schools (when held separate from county/city) within 4 days of school canvassing board and sets a date for recount within 8 days.

North Dakota Century Code that directs processes for recounts:

- 16.1-16-01 Election Recounts
- 16.1-07-09 Canvassing of mailed absent voters' ballots received late
- 16.1-07-11 Submitting ballot to inspector of elections
- 16.1-07-12 Opening ballot – voting or rejecting – depositing in ballot box – preserving
- 16.1-16-19 County canvassing board to disregard technicalities, misspellings, and abbreviations – write in votes canvassed – votes from unestablished polling places disregarded.

Recount Guidelines – Guidance for election officials on conducting election recounts.