

ELECTION NEWS

Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Newsletter

Winter 2023

2022 General Turnout

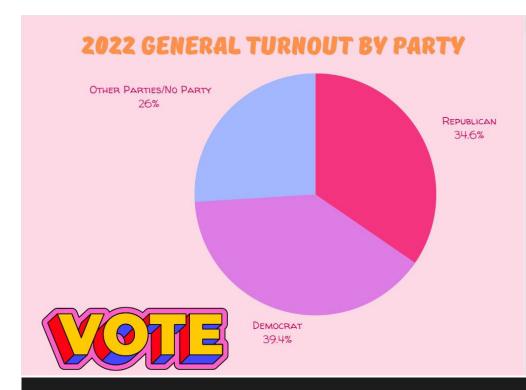
After every election we look at who voted. It is interesting to see trends based on geography, party, gender, and age. We can see what method voters used to cast a ballot- whether they voted early, by mail or on Election Day. This information is fun to look at, but it is also used for future elections to help determine where new polling locations are necessary, if election workers or equipment are needed somewhere, and how many days and hours to offer Early Voting.

As always, we saw older voters vote at higher rates than younger voters. This is not unique to Osceola County but rather a nationwide trend. We also saw District 5 vote at the highest rate. This is not unique to this election.

Celebration Heritage Hall processed the most voters on Election and was the busiest location countywide. Other busy locations included the Deer Run Fire Station, 17th Street Civic Center, St. Cloud Community House, and the Robert Guevara Community Center.

"They say it takes a village...and boy does that apply to elections, too! This election cycle we trained over 500 workers to run our forty-seven polling locations. Thanks for all your hard work and commitment to our community. We couldn't have done it without you."

- Heather Leeper, Election Worker Coordinator

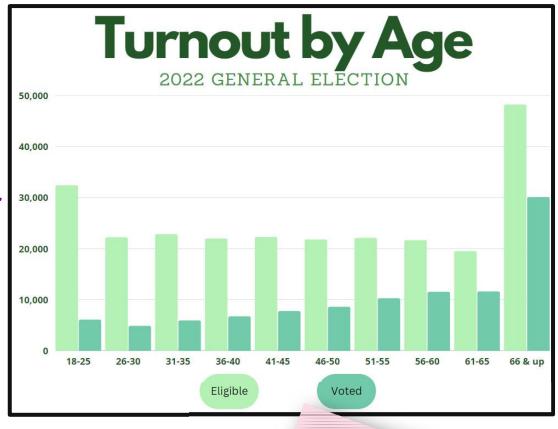


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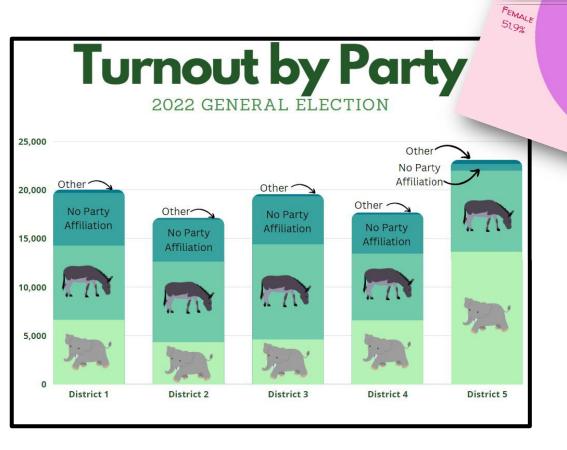
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Voter Education: Adopt a Precinct

Our office offers a program called Adopt-a-Precinct. This is a fundraising program in which a group will collect enough people to staff a polling location, we train them, the group works and earns money. Community groups have been participating in this program for more than 10 years now in Osceola County. Groups range from Rotaries to churches to sports teams. This year, we had many high school programs participate.

The St. Cloud High School FCCLA has been a long-time participant in the Adopt-a-Precinct program but this year, two more groups from St. Cloud High School joined in. The Bulldogs Baseball Team and the Bulldogs Weightlifting Team adopted precincts as well. High school students helped parents, coaches and teachers staff all three of these locations. More than \$6,000 went to support programs at one high school in our county.

We are so proud of these
Bulldogs! If you are part of a
group that would like to
participate, reach out to our
election worker coordinator,
Heather Leeper at
heather.leeper@voteosceola.com



One table of outstanding Clerks and Assistant Clerks

Clerk Post-Election Roundtables

Post-election, we invited all our clerks and assistant clerks to come in for a round table discussion on this election season. There was a wonderful response and we quickly filled up both sessions that were offered with 50 of our clerks and assistant clerks. These sessions allowed time to get valuable feedback from our workers who were in the field.

Clerks and assistant clerks discussed procedures, training, staffing, paperwork, locations and more. Elections truly cannot happen without election workers. It isn't possible to run all the locations without members of our community answering the call to work. It's also true that we can improve our elections with feedback about their first-hand experiences.

We want to give a HUGE shoutout to everyone who worked this



Recent Events

October

Election worker training was in full swing in October. All workers had to be trained for Election Day and Early Voting prior to the start of Early Voting on October 24. Staff spent countless hours, six days a week for the first 3 weeks of the month to achieve this task. Hurricane Ian decided to drop by and keep us on our toes. Training classes had to be rescheduled as well as visits to conduct high school voter registration.

Our outreach team managed to visit two high schools- Poinciana and Harmony- during this month prior to book closing which was on October 11. The team also attended an event organized by Hope Partnership on October 10 to conduct voter registration.

November

Early Voting continued up through November 6 and then Election Day was November 8. The Canvassing Board continued to meet through November 18 when they certified the official results of the election.

On the last day of the month, the outreach team visited Osceola School for the Arts to conduct the last high school voter registration visit of the semester. Also, in this last week, Clerks and Assistant Clerks were invited back to attend round table discussions.

December

Supervisor Arrington attended the Winter Conference for the Florida Supervisors of Elections. These conferences give supervisors the opportunity to reflect on the election season, learn from each other and prepare for the next one.

Upcoming Events

The outreach team will be at the Osceola County Chamber of Commerce's Three Kings Event on January 8 at Old Town. Come out and visit!

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