

FULTON COUNTY ELECTION FACTS



Fulton County Statement on Election Night Reporting

The Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections is committed to providing timely, accurate, and transparent election results. Our staff works diligently to ensure that unofficial election results are reported as quickly as possible following the close of polls on Election Night.

In accordance with Georgia election law, Advance Voting and Absentee by Mail results are expected to be reported by 8:00 p.m., or within one hour after all polling locations have officially closed. This timeline may be affected if a court order extends voting hours at any Election Day polling location.

Unforeseen circumstances beyond the County's control, such as delayed openings, emergency situations, power outages, severe weather, or other disruptions, may require a court-ordered extension of voting hours. Even if an extension affects only one polling location, the release of election results countywide will be delayed until all polling locations have officially closed. This ensures compliance with applicable election laws and procedures, including O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-493(a) and State Election Board Rule 183-1-12-.12(d). Compliance with this statute and regulation further ensures that voters who have not yet had the opportunity to cast their ballots are not influenced by the publication of election results from other county polling locations.

For a countywide election, Fulton County manages election operations across more than 30 Advance Voting locations and 125+ Election Day polling locations. Following the close of polls on Election Day, results are securely transported from each polling location throughout the County (spanning approximately 529 square miles and more than 70 miles from north to south) to the Election Hub. At the Hub, staff receive, process, and incorporate the results from each polling location, as well as the results from Advance Voting locations and absentee by mail ballots, into the consolidated unofficial election results. This process requires careful coordination and there are numerous updates to the results while the process is ongoing.

Election Night results are unofficial and may be updated prior to election certification. Following Election Night, the Department will continue processing provisional ballots, write-in votes, and any remaining eligible Absentee by Mail ballots received within the deadlines established by Georgia law. All such ballots and votes will be reviewed, verified, and processed in accordance with applicable election laws and procedures prior to the official certification of election results by the Board of Registration and Elections.

The Department remains committed to reporting results efficiently and accurately while maintaining the integrity and security of the election process. Fulton County's election teams are trained, prepared and will work diligently to ensure that every eligible vote is accurately counted and reported in accordance with Georgia law.