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This presentation has been prepared as a reference for the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County Lunch and Learn on October 1, 2026, to help individuals, groups and volunteers participating in voter registration activities. It is important that anyone seeking to register voters know the regulations and laws regarding voter registration.

We encourage citizen involvement in the electoral and registration processes.

Additional information or clarification is available by calling the Lancaster County Election Commission Office at (402) 441-7311. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM, excluding holidays.

Election Commissioners in Nebraska

- In Counties having a population of over 100,000, Election Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms. This includes Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy Counties.
- In Counties having a population of 20,000 to 100,000, the County Boards of Supervisors/Commissioners may appoint an Election Commissioner. Currently, the counties that have chosen to do this are Hall, Buffalo, and Platte Counties.
- In the other 87 counties in Nebraska, the elected County Clerk also serves as Election Commissioner.
- Subject to oversight by the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Responsibilities of the Lancaster County Election Commissioner

- Conducts Elections for Federal, State, County, and Local governments.
- Ensures compliance with State and Federal Election Law.
- Maintains a voter registration data base of all voters in the County.
- Recruits, trains and motivates over 1,100 election board workers.
- Locates polling locations for 199 precincts.
- Prepares ballots and supplies for each precinct.
- Provides for Early Voting including for Military and Overseas Voters.
- Verifies petition signatures on local and state-wide initiative, referendum, constitutional amendments, and city charter amendment petition drives.
- Maintains election history.

Voter Registration Maintenance

- A centralized state voter registration database was created in 2005 as required by the Help America Vote Act.
- Database connects all 93 counties allowing efficient list maintenance provision found in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and Nebraska Election Act.
- Allows checks of a driver's license number and last four digits of a Social Security Number through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Weekly comparison with the Nebraska's Office of Vital Records for death notices.
- Monthly comparison with Nebraska's criminal justice system for felons.
- Eliminates duplicates and makes it possible for a voter's voting history to follow them when they move within Nebraska.
- Allows more transparency in voter registration.

Who may register to vote?

Anyone who….

- Will be 18 years of age or older on General Election Day (first Tuesday after the first Monday in November)
- Is a United States Citizen
- Is a resident of Nebraska
- Has not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, completion of the sentence for the felony including any parole term
- Has not been found to be non compos mentis

Who needs to re-register to vote?

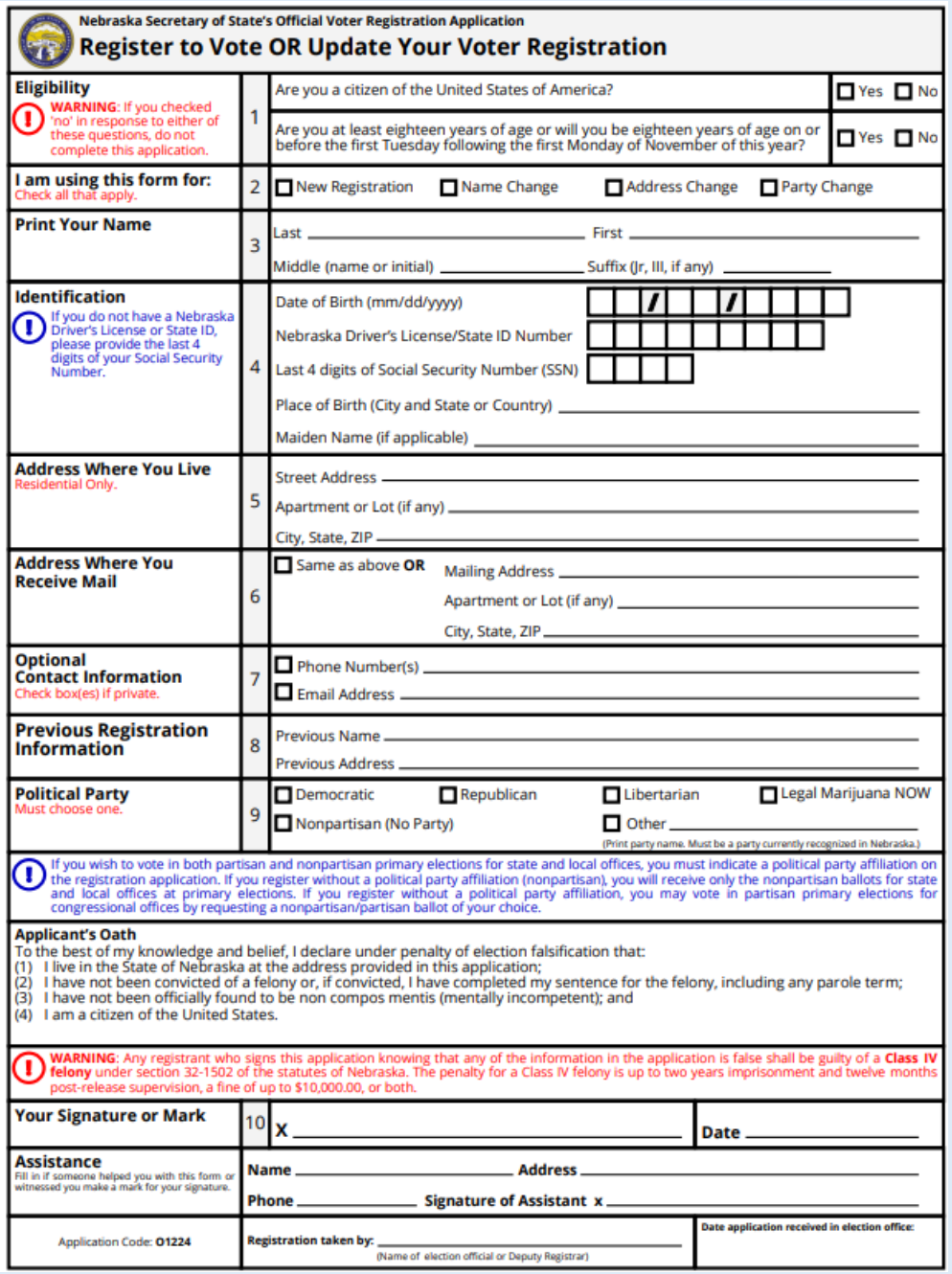
Anyone who…

- Has changed address
- Has changed name
- Wants to change political party affiliation
- Had voting rights restored

Failure to vote in a previous election does not require re-registration

Register to Vote by Mail

Mail-in Voter Registration forms are available online and at most libraries, post offices, and other government offices.



Nebraska Secretary of State's Official Voter Registration Application

Register to Vote OR Update Your Voter Registration

Eligibility
WARNING: If you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions, do not complete this application.

1 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you at least eighteen years of age or will you be eighteen years of age on or before the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November of this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am using this form for: Check all that apply.

2 ☐ New Registration ☐ Name Change ☐ Address Change ☐ Party Change

Print Your Name

3 Last _____ First _____

Middle (name or initial) _____ Suffix (Jr, III, if any) _____

Identification
If you do not have a Nebraska Driver's License or State ID, please provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

4 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ☐☐/☐☐/☐☐☐☐

Nebraska Driver's License/State ID Number ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number (SSN) ☐☐☐☐

Place of Birth (City and State or Country) _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Address Where You Live
Residential Only.

5 Street Address _____

Apartment or Lot (if any) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Address Where You Receive Mail

6 ☐ Same as above **OR** Mailing Address _____

Apartment or Lot (if any) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Optional Contact Information
Check box(es) if private.

7 ☐ Phone Number(s) _____

☐ Email Address _____

Previous Registration Information

8 Previous Name _____

Previous Address _____

Political Party
Must choose one.

9 ☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ Libertarian ☐ Legal Marijuana NOW

☐ Nonpartisan (No Party) ☐ Other _____

(Print party name. Must be a party currently recognized in Nebraska.)

If you wish to vote in both partisan and nonpartisan primary elections for state and local offices, you must indicate a political party affiliation on the registration application. If you register without a political party affiliation (nonpartisan), you will receive only the nonpartisan ballots for state and local offices at primary elections. If you register without a political party affiliation, you may vote in partisan primary elections for congressional offices by requesting a nonpartisan/partisan ballot of your choice.

Applicant's Oath

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under penalty of election falsification that:
(1) I live in the State of Nebraska at the address provided in this application;
(2) I have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, I have completed my sentence for the felony, including any parole term;
(3) I have not been officially found to be non compos mentis (mentally incompetent); and
(4) I am a citizen of the United States.

WARNING: Any registrant who signs this application knowing that any of the information in the application is false shall be guilty of a **Class IV felony** under section 32-1502 of the statutes of Nebraska. The penalty for a Class IV felony is up to two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release supervision, a fine of up to $10,000.00, or both.

Your Signature or Mark

10 X _____ **Date** _____

Assistance
Fill in if someone helped you with this form or witnessed you make a mark for your signature.

Name _____ **Address** _____

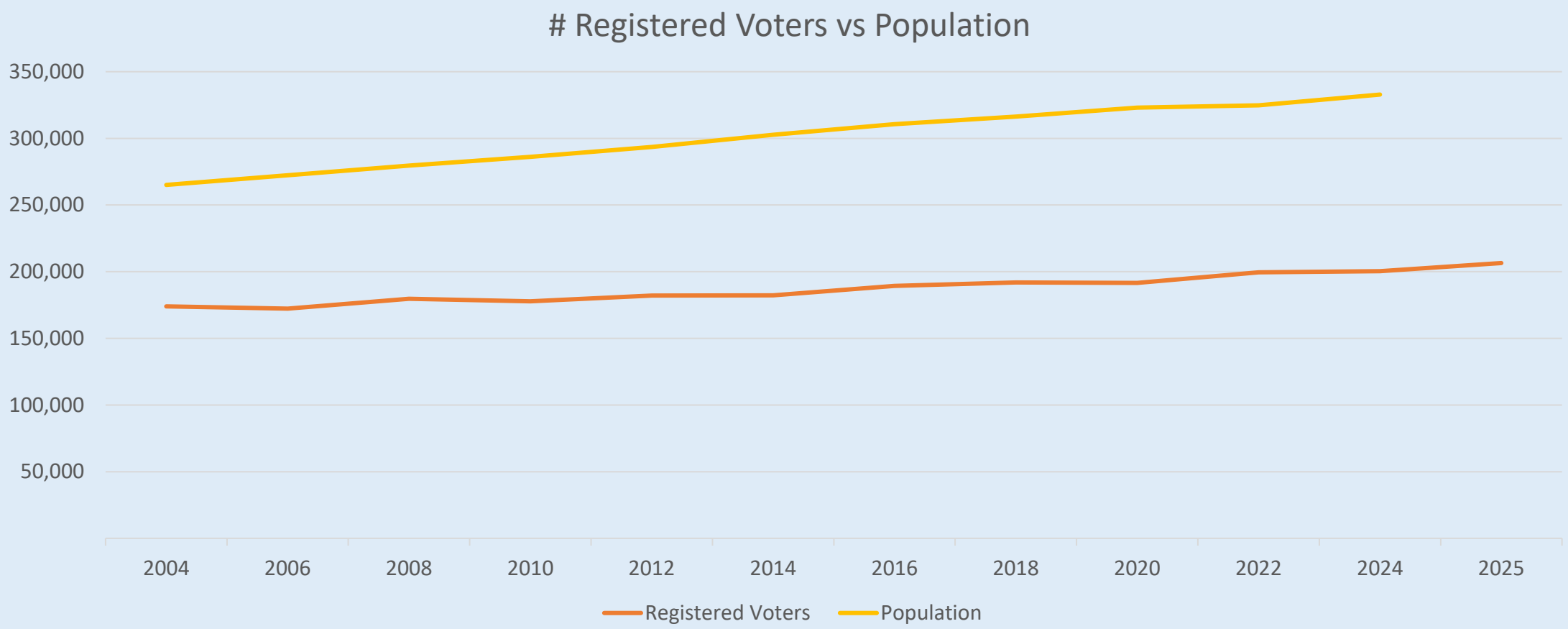
Phone _____ **Signature of Assistant x** _____

Application Code: **O1224**

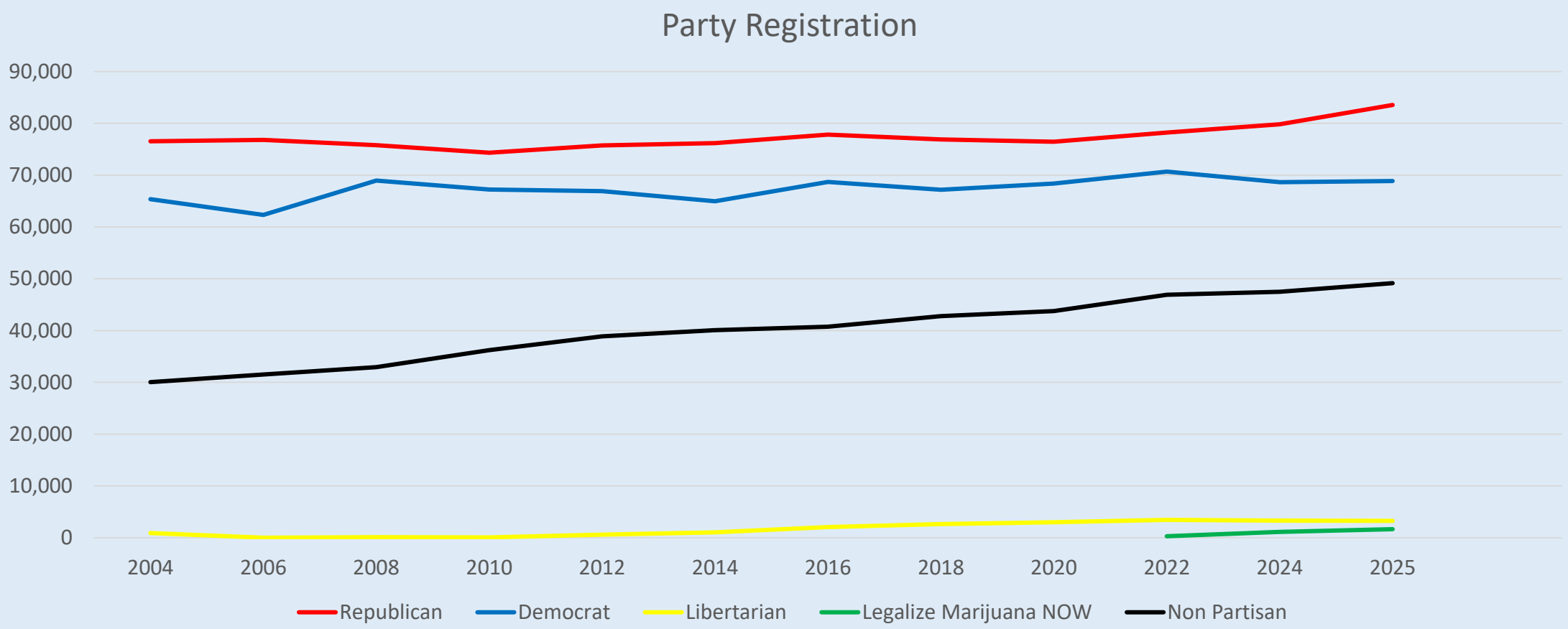
Registration taken by: _____
(Name of election official or Deputy Registrar)

Date application received in election office:

Total Number of Registered Voters in Lancaster County 2004 to 2025



Lancaster County Political Party Registration Breakdown 2004-2025



Registered Voters

Select item in list to display the number of registered voters per precinct.

Republican
82,948
39.9% of Reg. Voters

Democratic
68,274
32.8% of Reg. Voters

Nonpartisan
51,492
24.8% of Reg. Voters

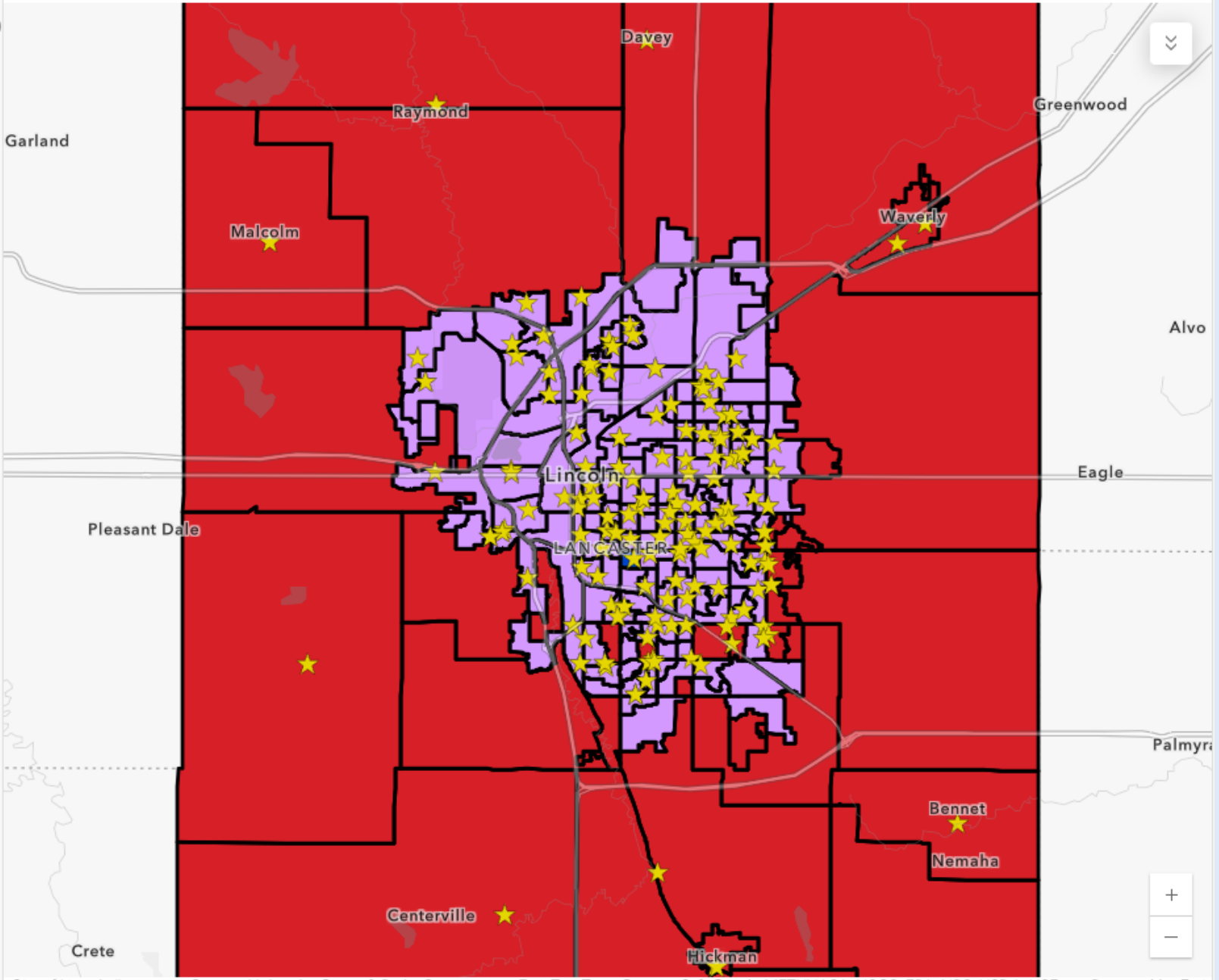
Libertarian
3,201
1.5% of Reg. Voters

Legal Marijuana Now
1,924
0.93% of Reg. Voters

America First
40
0.02% of Reg. Voters

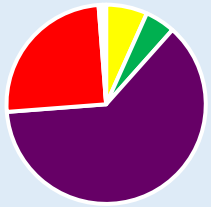
Voter Precincts - Majority Party

Precincts are colored to match the majority party if there are at least 50% of voters in that precinct registered in that party. Otherwise, the precinct is colored purple to indicate a split precinct.



September 2026 Political Party Changes

164 Democratic Voters



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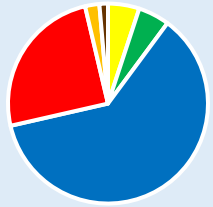
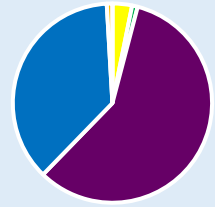
- Legaglize Marijuana NOW - 8
- Non Partisan - 102
- Republican - 41
- America First Party - 1
- Nebraska Working People - 1

217 Non Partisan Voters



- Libertarian - 11
- Legalize Marijuana NOW - 11
- Democratic - 133
- Republican - 54
- America First Party - 5
- Nebraska Working People - 3

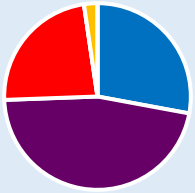
220 Republican Voters



- Libertarian - 7
- Legalize Marijuana NOW - 2
- Non Partisan - 128
- Democratic - 81
- America First Party - 2
- Nebraska Working People - 0

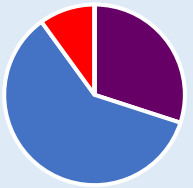
September 2026 Political Party Changes – Cont.

43 Libertarian Voters



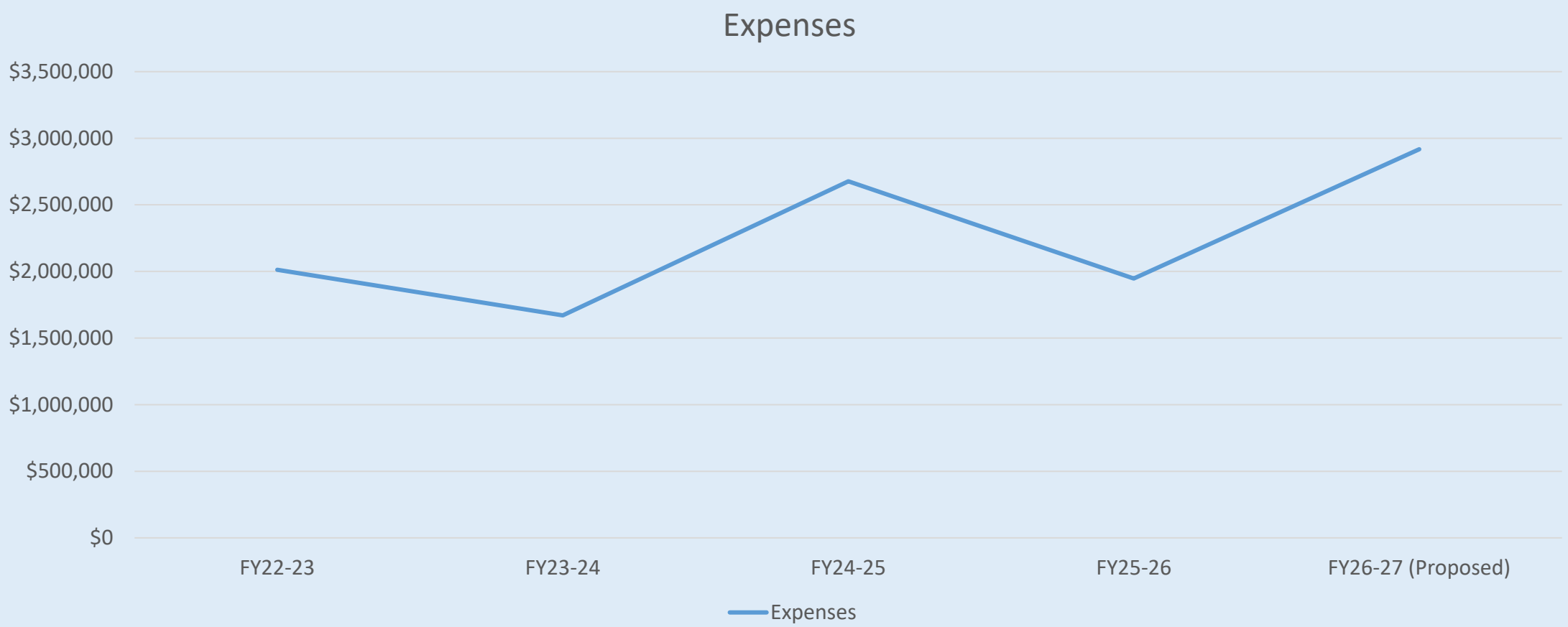
- Democratic - 12
- Non Partisan - 20
- Republican - 10
- Legal Marijuana Now - 0
- American First Party - 1
- Nebraska Working People - 0

20 Legalize Marijuana NOW Voters



- Non Partisan - 6
- Democratic - 12
- Republican - 2
- Libertarian - 0
- America First Party - 0
- Nebraska Working People - 0

Budget Information



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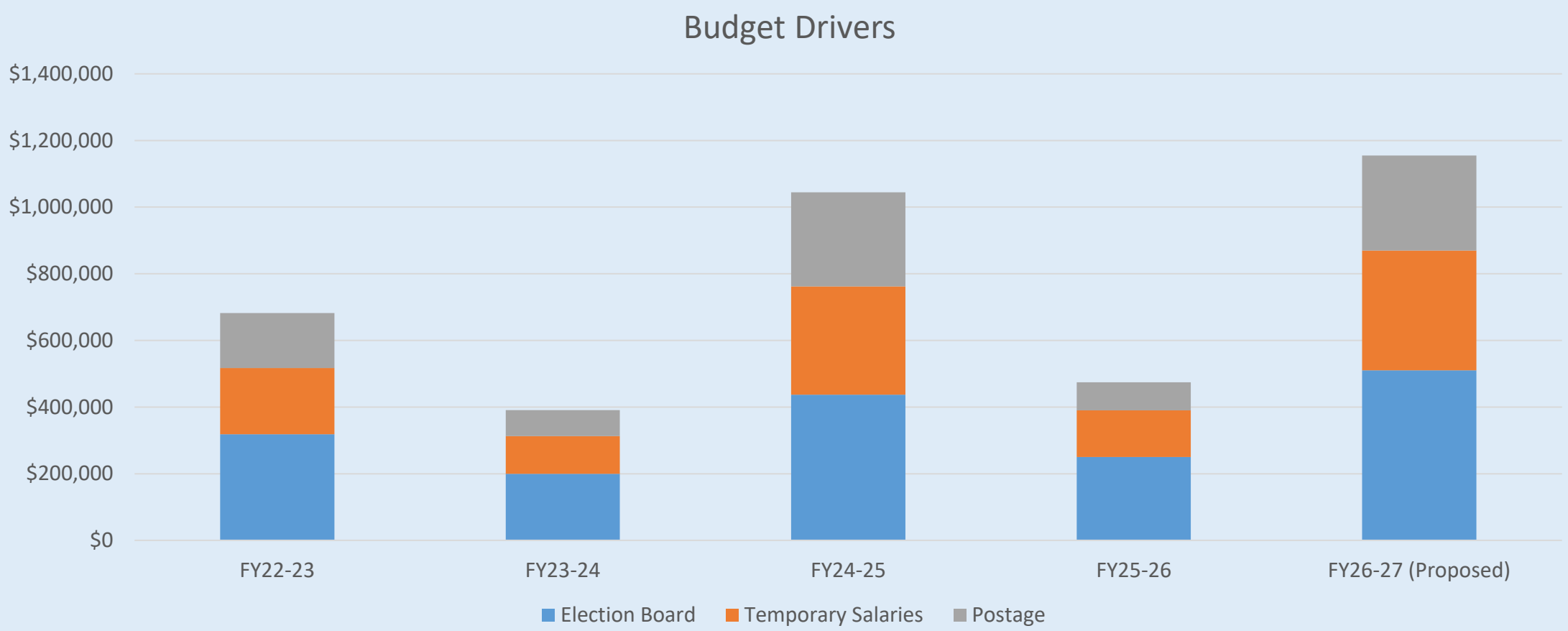
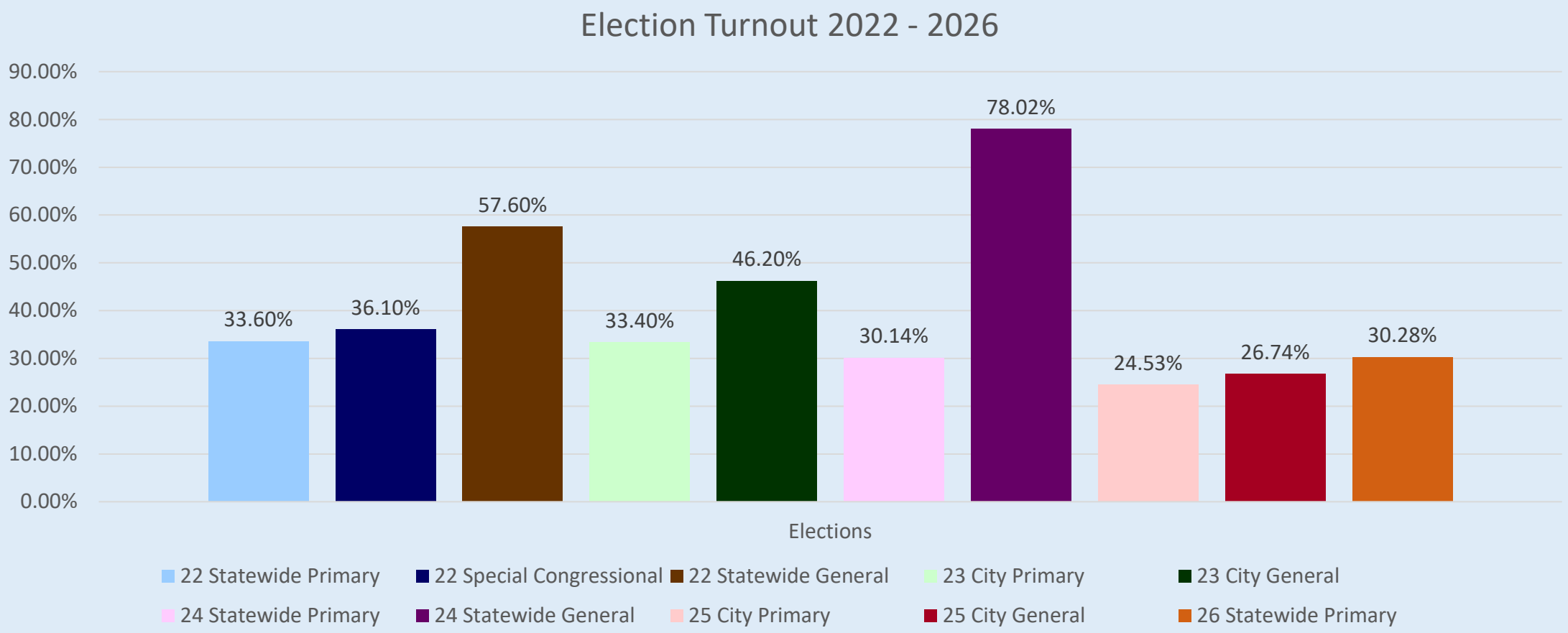
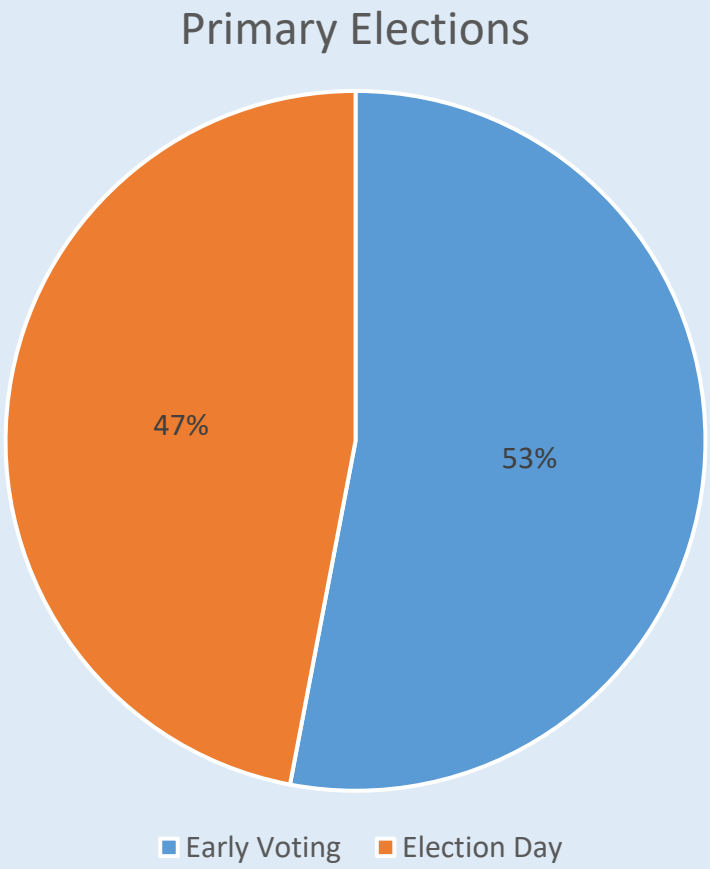
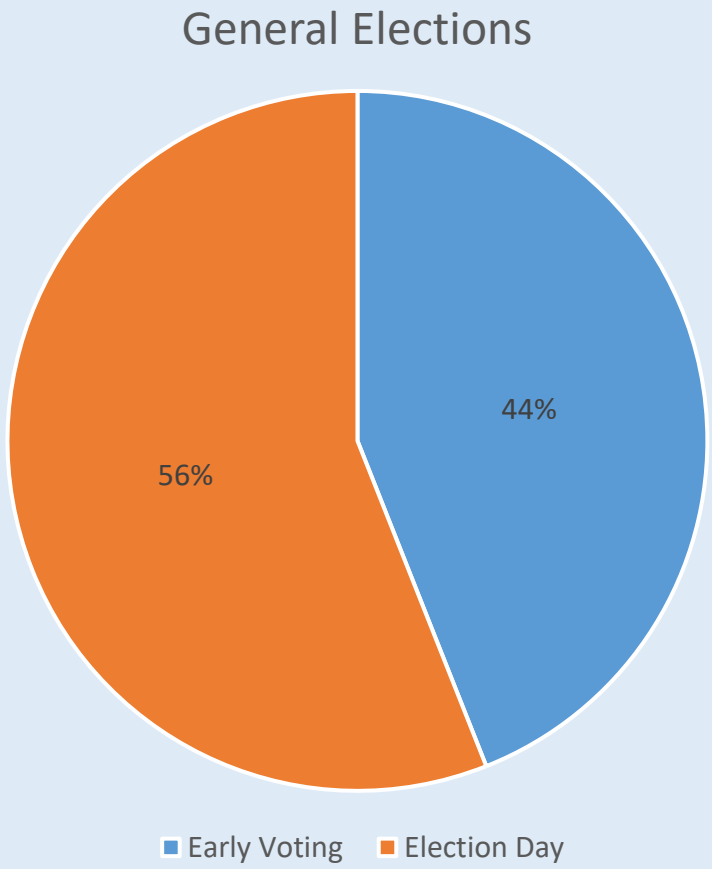


Recent Election Turnout Trends



How Voters Vote





Statewide General Election – Tuesday, November 3rd

- Partisan Races
  - U.S. Senate
  - U.S. House of Representatives
  - Statewide Constitutional Offices
    - Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer
  - County Offices
    - Commissioner Districts 1, 3, 5; Assessor/Register of Deeds, Attorney; Clerk; Clerk of the District Court; Engineer; Public Defender; Sheriff; Treasurer
- Nonpartisan Races
  - Nebraska Legislature Districts 2, 26, 28, 30, 32, 46
  - Board of Regents District 1
  - State Board of Education District 5
  - Nemaha NRD District 1, 2, At Large
  - Southeast Community College District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - Lower Platte South NRD District 1 – 10, At Large
  - Nebraska Public Power District 1
  - ESU #2 District 5, #5 District 5, #6 District 5, #6 District 7

Voter Registration Deadlines

Deadlines to register to vote in general election:

- Mail-in voter registrations must be mailed and postmarked on or before the third Friday preceding an election – Friday, October 16, 2026
- Registrations completed at the Department of Motor Vehicles must also be completed by the third Friday preceding an election
- Voter registrations delivered by personal messenger or personal agent must also arrive on or before the third Friday preceding an election
- Individuals may register in person at the Election Commission office prior to 6:00 PM on the second Friday preceding an election – Friday, October 23, 2026

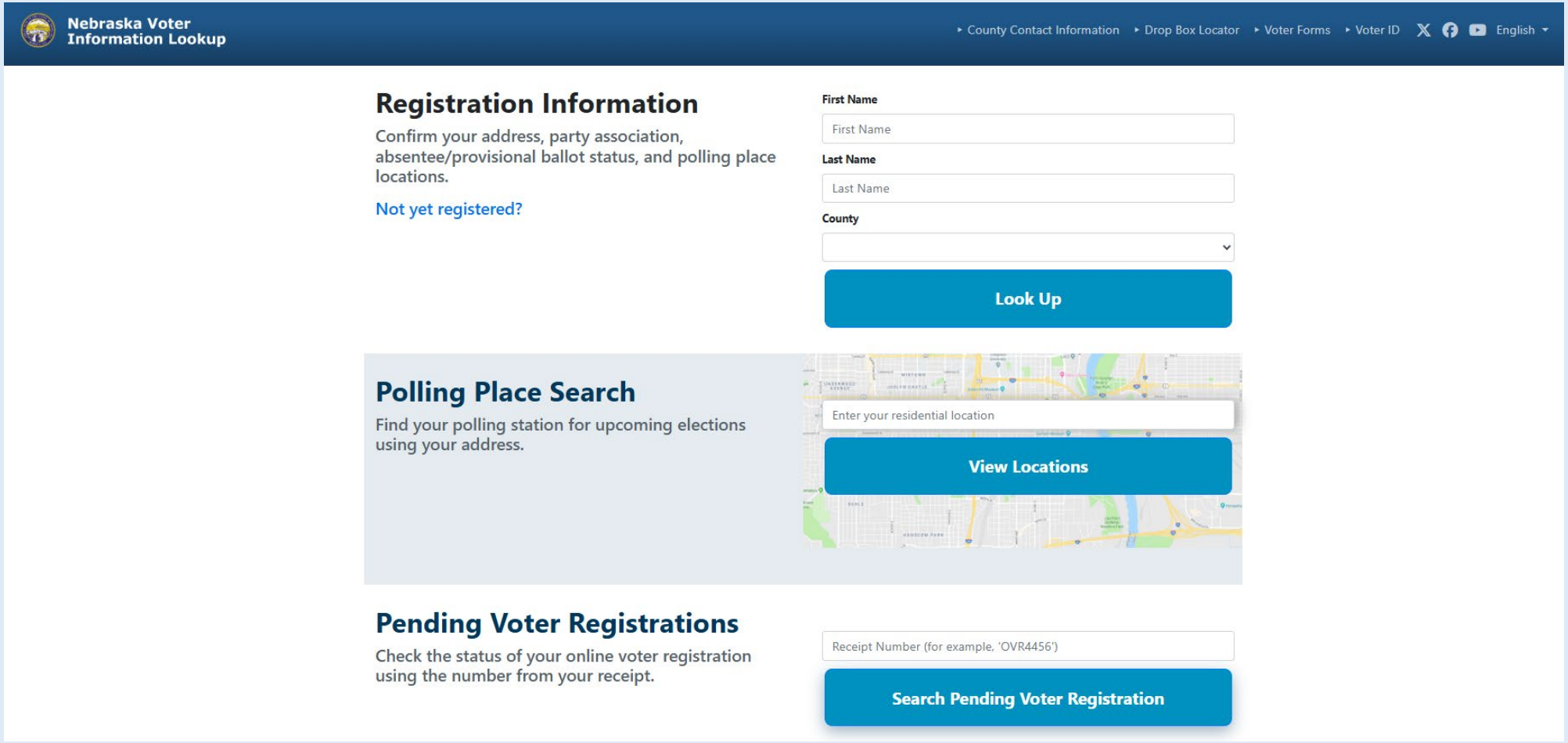
Deadlines are subject to change due to weekends and holidays. Always refer to the official election calendar for deadlines specific to election cycle.

Early Voting Deadlines

Deadlines to vote early in general election:

- Early Vote Ballots mailed Monday, September 28, 2026
- In Person voting starts Monday, October 5, 2026, through Monday, November 2, 2026
- Voters requesting early vote ballots by mail 6:00 PM Friday, October 23, 2026
- Agents may pick up early vote ballots until 7:00 PM Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- All early vote ballots must be returned by 8:00 PM Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Nebraska Secretary of State
votercheck.necvr.ne.gov



Secure Drop Box Locations

- Election Commission
  601 North 46th Street
- Anderson Branch Library
  3635 Touzalin Avenue
- Eiseley Branch Library
  1530 Superior Street
- Gere Branch Library
  2400 South 56th Street
- Walt Branch Library
  6701 South 14th Street

Questions?

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