When will election results be available at the precinct polling location?

Per regulation, after all ballots cast at a polling location have been processed, poll workers will print a tally slip from the voting machine for each precinct and post it at the polling location for public observation. This typically happens by 8:30 p.m.

Please note that the precinct tally slip posted at the polling location will not include:

- Early and absentee ballots processed at the Central Tabulation Facility
- Ballots that need to be hand-counted
- Specific write-in votes

Why are some outlets able to report election results much sooner?

Campaign volunteers and members of the media are welcome to visit polling locations to wait for unofficial results to be posted in person. As a result, some news outlets and campaigns may report results earlier than the Election Department. This is because certain campaigns have the resources to assign volunteers to all 275 precincts, allowing them to view and report the printed results that are publicly posted at each location.

When will the results from Central Tabulation be available?

Processing and tabulation of ballots began in advance, during the week before Election Day, and will continue through Election Day. All early and absentee ballots processed by 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day will be tabulated at City Hall.

To obtain results from the tabulators used at the Central Tabulation Facility, each of the 275 precincts must be closed out individually. Under the law, the process of closing precincts cannot begin until after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

The results from each precinct processed at the Central Tabulation will be posted in a publicly accessible area within the Election Department as soon as all precincts have been closed out. These results will also be posted online on the Unofficial Results page under the header “Central Tabulation.”

We expect that this will occur by approximately 9:30 p.m.

Online Posting of Unofficial Results

When will Election Night results be uploaded to the city's website?

Unofficial Election Night results will be uploaded to our website as soon as they are available. We expect to begin posting precinct results by 10 p.m. Results will continue to be uploaded by precinct throughout the night, until all precincts have reported.

Unofficial Election Night results posted on our website include:

- Machine tallies from each precinct tabulator
- Machine tallies from the Central Tabulation Facility

Unofficial Election Night results posted on our website do not include:

- Ballots that must be hand-counted by election officials
- Specific write-in votes
- Provisional ballots
- Overseas ballots
- Mail-in and absentee ballots received by the deadline, but too late to be sent to polling locations for counting.

Before a precinct's results are published online, the following process must occur:

1. After the close of the polls and the conclusion of all counting activities at each polling location, the election materials, including the clerk's book, the voting machine, and ballots are sealed and delivered to the Election Department in City Hall by police officers for all 275 precincts.
2. Once delivered to the Election Department at City Hall, precinct results are downloaded from the tabulator memory card.
3. Results from the Central Tabulation Facility are then added to the precinct total.
4. The total combined tally for that precinct is then uploaded to the website.

We will publish each precinct's results on a rolling basis, as they are received at City Hall.

NOTE: Initial precinct totals posted online do not include ballots returned to City Hall or drop boxes after 12 p.m. on Election Day. These ballots must be counted at City Hall after polls close. Results for these ballots will then be added to unofficial totals.

Initial results will display a citywide or districtwide total for each candidate. We expect to publish precinct-level unofficial initial results the day after Election Day.

Under state law, the Election Department has a set period of days to certify official results:

- State Election: 15 days
- State Primary: 4 days
- Presidential Primary: 4 days