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### STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS CERTIFIES RESULTS OF MARCH 19 PRIMARY

**SPRINGFIELD (April 19, 2024)** – Voter turnout for the March 19 primary election was 19 percent, according to the official vote total certified today by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The official total showed 1,518,856 of the state's 7,965,287 registered voters cast ballots in the primary, resulting in a statewide voter turnout of 19.07 percent. It was the lowest turnout in a presidential primary in several decades. (See turnout charts below.)

Democratic voters cast 891,342 ballots, accounting for 58.69 percent of the total. Republican ballots totaled 609,941 for 40.16 percent of the total.

The only statewide office on the primary ballot was for President of the United States. Incumbent President Joseph Biden won the Democratic primary with 91.48 percent of the vote while Donald Trump won the Republican primary with 80.5 percent. Voters in those primaries also selected delegates to party conventions from the state's 17 congressional districts.

Also on the state primary ballot were 118 representative and 23 senatorial seats in the Illinois General Assembly, 17 congressional seats and judicial races at all levels including the first and fourth Illinois Supreme Court districts.

Complete results can be found on the [State Board of Elections website](#) and the complete Official Vote Totals Book is available for download in the Vote Totals section of the site's [publications page](#).

Winners in the primary elections will appear on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot. For offices in which a party did not nominate a candidate in the primary, managing committees of those offices have until June 3 to fill the vacancy in nomination for the November ballot.

Independent and new party candidates will file nominating petitions with the State Board of Elections June 17-24. SBE is scheduled to certify the Nov. 5 ballot on Aug. 23. Early voting for the General Election begins Sept. 26.

Here is a look at presidential primary election turnout, including party split of the total vote, back to 1972.

#### Presidential Primary Turnout, 1972-2024

Year	Turnout	Democrat	Republican
1972	40%	70%	30%
1976	43%	67%	33%
1980	44%	53%	47%
1984	41%	72%	28%
1988	43%	63%	36%
1992	44%	64%	34%
1996	29%	50%	48%
2000	26%	52%	45%
2004	29%	63%	34%
2008	41%	69%	30%
2012	23%	43%	56%
2016	47%	58%	41%
2020	28%	75%	25%
2024	19%	59%	40%

#### Presidential Primary Turnout, Lowest-Highest 1972-2024

Year	Turnout	Democrat	Republican
2024	19%	59%	40%
2012	23%	43%	56%
2000	26%	52%	45%
2020	28%	75%	25%
1996	29%	50%	48%
2004	29%	63%	34%
1972	40%	70%	30%
1984	41%	72%	28%
2008	41%	69%	30%
1976	43%	67%	33%
1988	43%	63%	36%
1980	44%	53%	47%
1992	44%	64%	34%
2016	47%	58%	41%

Here are turnout figures and party splits for all primaries – midterm and presidential – back to 1972:

Year	Presidential/Midterm	Total Turnout	Democrat	Republican
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1972	pr	40%	70%	30%
1974	m	23%	65%	35%
1976	pr	43%	67%	33%
1978	m	25%	61%	39%
1980	pr	44%	53%	47%
1982	m	27%	59%	41%
1984	pr	41%	72%	28%
1986	m	26%	64%	36%
1988	pr	42%	63%	36%
1990	m	33%	57%	41%
1992	pr	44%	64%	34%
1994	m	32%	60%	37%
1996	pr	29%	50%	48%
1998	m	27%	57%	42%
2000	pr	26%	52%	45%
2002	m	32%	57%	41%
2004	pr	29%	63%	34%
2006	m	25%	55%	42%
2008	pr	41%	69%	30%
2010	m	23%	55%	45%
2012	pr	23%	43%	56%
2014	m	18%	37%	62%
2016	pr	47%	58%	41%
2018	m	26%	64%	35%
2020	pr	28%	75%	25%
2022	m	22%	52%	46%
2024	pr	19%	59%	40%

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the state's 108 election authorities.

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