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Voters Shatter Record in St. Charles County

Largest Number of Votes Ever Cast

St. Charles County, Mo—They came, they saw, they voted.

A record number of people—228,700—cast their ballots in St. Charles County over the absentee voting period through Election Day.

That breaks the earlier record of 223,533 voters set in November 2020. Voter turnout in St. Charles County was 76%, slightly lower than 2020 due to increased voter registrations.

There are currently 301,218 registered voters in St. Charles County. Of those, 76,338 voted before Election Day, while 152,362 voted on Election Day.

Media Event:

WHAT: The hand count audit of randomly selected precincts and races supervised by Republican and Democratic participants will take place.

WHERE: County Election Authority, 397 Turner Blvd., St. Peters

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m..

The purpose is to compare hand counted totals with the machine counted totals. Results are expected by the end of the day Thursday. Election Director Kurt Bahr will be available for interviews.

Bahr says the record-setting election had relatively few problems. All of the soggy ballots from the Tuesday rain ended up dry and counted, Bahr says. Many voters left behind umbrellas, eyeglasses, driver licenses and passports. Lost and found items can be retrieved at the Election Authority.

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About St. Charles County:

St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of over 415,000, it is the state's third largest county. It is home to 21 scenic county parks of which three are in reserve, encompassing 4,509 acres.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit <u>sccmo.org</u>.