

Indian People's Action



One of the challenges of doing community organizing for voter turn-out is the contraction of timely, publically available information about satellite offices and election results in Montana. There was significantly more election information available within days of elections under Secretary of State, Linda McCulloch.

The table below was compiled from information on registered voters and absentee voting on the Secretary of State's 'Election Services' web page. For some counties, these numbers differ from those offered by county election officials this morning – which is, in itself, a problem. According to the Secretary of State's website, eight of the nine counties with the lowest turn-out contained Reservation lands within their boundaries. Under previous Secretaries of State, we would be able to analyze results to compare precincts located on Reservations with those outside.

Montana Counties with the lowest effective turn-out in the Montana 2020 Primary.

County Name	Population	Registered Voters	Ballots Sent	Ballots Received	Ballots/Voters	Sent/Received	Received/Voters
Big Horn	13,376	7169	5,746	2,617	86.0%	67.9%	58.4%
Blaine	6,727	3938	3,395	1,887	80.2%	45.5%	36.5%
Flathead	98,082	70174	59,409	36,152	86.2%	55.6%	47.9%
Glacier	13,699	7902	6,548	3,337	82.9%	51.0%	42.2%
Hill	16,439	8686	7,383	4,637	85.0%	62.8%	53.4%
Lake	29,774	18995	15,849	10,559	83.4%	66.6%	55.6%
Richland	11,360	7151	5,852	3,436	81.8%	58.7%	48.0%
Roosevelt	11,228	5604	4,369	2,150	78.0%	49.2%	38.4%
Rosebud	9,250	4785	4,059	2,503	84.8%	61.7%	52.3%

These results show that significant barriers to American Indian participation in elections in Montana remain. Our assumption is that a precinct-level analysis would further demonstrate this disparity.

One of the barriers to participation is information. The Secretary of State, and some of the counties did not include information on satellite election office locations until late in the period for absentee voting. Voting required not only equal access to the physical act of voting, but also equal access to information about how and when to vote. While the Secretary of State and some of the counties are not violating the letter of the law as laid out in the terms of the Wandering Medicine settlement, they are violating the spirit of the settlement.

The next page shows a screen shot of the Election Results as shown on the Secretary of State's website. The technology should make the cost of providing information cheaper than under previous administrations. This lack of timely election information is a concern for Indian

People’s Action as it directly impacts the ability of small grassroots organizations to effectively target resources in assisting our communities.

2020 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Results will show starting at 8:00PM and are updated through the night.

[Post Election Audit Selections](#)
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OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Election results from 1992 through the current year are available electronically. The state file will show election results for state candidates by county. The legislative file will show election results for legislative candidates by county.

Archived election results from 1912 through the present are also available.

Results broken down by precinct are available in the county files.

Election results are available for all Federal, Statewide and State district offices; and for statewide ballot issues.

2020 Election Results				
Canvass	State	By County	Legislative	Writein
2020 Primary	Statewide Statewide by HD Statewide Recounts	County by County Precinct by Precinct	Legislative	Write-in

2018 Election Results				
Canvass	State	By County	Legislative	Writein
2018 General	Statewide Statewide by HD Statewide Recounts	County by County Precinct by Precinct	Legislative Legislative Recounts	Write-in
2018 Primary	Statewide	County by County	Legislative	Write-in