

Vote-by-Mail Stats for Santa Cruz County

Pink = Presidential Primary
 Blue = Presidential General
 Green = Gubernatorial Primary
 Yellow = Gubernatorial General
 Orange = Special Statewide
 White = Direct Primary

| Elections | Issued | | | | | | | | | | Returned | | Final Election Results | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2nd Ballot | Counter Ballot | Mail* Request | Mail Precinct | Military and Overseas | | | Perm VBM** | Total | Reg | % VBM | Cast VBM | % Ret VBM | Polling Place Voters | Total Voters | % Voting at Polls | % Voting by VBM | Percent Turnout |
| Nov-16 | 3,219 | 4,405 | 3,840 | 7,514 | 1,608 | | | 85,878 | 106,464 | 157,204 | 67.72% | 83,021 | 77.98% | 49,144 | 132,165 | 37.18% | 62.82% | 84.07% |
| Jun-16 | 4,263 | 2,391 | 7,894 | 3,659 | 1,195 | | | 72,655 | 87,794 | 146,193 | 60.05% | 57,357 | 65.33% | 37,571 | 94,928 | 39.58% | 60.42% | 64.93% |
| Nov-14 | 706 | 1,294 | 3,602 | 6,537 | 70 | 510 | 447 | 62,936 | 75,396 | 142,405 | 52.94% | 43,744 | 58.02% | 30,296 | 74,040 | 40.92% | 59.08% | 51.99% |
| Jun-14 | 304 | 1,085 | 2,345 | 3,713 | 69 | 504 | 468 | 63,767 | 71,951 | 141,107 | 50.99% | 31,153 | 43.30% | 16,546 | 49,143 | 33.67% | 63.39% | 34.83% |
| Nov-12 | 1,266 | 3,608 | 12,884 | 6,997 | 89 | 598 | 543 | 56,095 | 80,814 | 158,641 | 50.94% | 64,372 | 79.65% | 56,951 | 121,323 | 46.94% | 53.06% | 76.48% |
| Jun-12 | 278 | 914 | 4,582 | 5,476 | 69 | 559 | 291 | 52,817 | 64,708 | 146,936 | 44.04% | 34,855 | 53.87% | 23,671 | 58,526 | 40.45% | 59.55% | 39.83% |
| Nov-10 | 736 | 2,471 | 4,617 | 9,196 | 85 | 595 | 298 | 51,323 | 68,585 | 148,500 | 46.19% | 50,401 | 73.49% | 47,636 | 98,037 | 48.59% | 51.41% | 66.02% |
| Jun-10 | 283 | 1,502 | 2,943 | 2,590 | 94 | 611 | 286 | 51,752 | 59,778 | 146,821 | 40.71% | 31,037 | 51.92% | 24,047 | 55,084 | 43.66% | 56.34% | 37.52% |
| May-09 | 246 | 971 | 2,502 | 2,308 | 103 | 0 | 319 | 50,220 | 56,423 | 147,099 | 38.36% | 29,357 | 52.03% | 20,586 | 49,943 | 41.22% | 58.78% | 33.95% |
| Nov-08 | 1,553 | 6,281 | 7,580 | 8,705 | 147 | 634 | 606 | 44,810 | 68,763 | 148,361 | 46.35% | 60,502 | 87.99% | 68,053 | 128,555 | 52.94% | 47.06% | 86.65% |
| Jun-08 | 539 | 904 | 5,609 | 2,236 | 82 | 284 | 268 | 41,521 | 50,904 | 139,827 | 36.40% | 29,519 | 57.99% | 25,329 | 54,848 | 46.18% | 53.82% | 39.23% |
| Feb-08 | 1,270 | 2,301 | 7,413 | 2,203 | 90 | 278 | 294 | 39,619 | 52,198 | 136,144 | 38.34% | 38,433 | 73.63% | 52,700 | 91,133 | 57.83% | 42.17% | 66.94% |
| Nov-06 | 935 | 2,013 | 6,537 | 9,985 | 119 | 364 | 387 | 36,107 | 55,512 | 142,428 | 38.98% | 42,047 | 75.74% | 50,189 | 92,236 | 54.41% | 45.59% | 64.76% |
| Jun-06 | 486 | 1,224 | 5,533 | 3,152 | 118 | 226 | 351 | 33,917 | 44,521 | 142,525 | 31.24% | 26,422 | 59.35% | 30,449 | 56,871 | 53.54% | 46.46% | 39.90% |
| Nov-05 | 525 | 1,930 | 5,919 | 3,134 | 151 | NA | 413 | 34,140 | 45,687 | 142,889 | 31.97% | 33,267 | 72.82% | 48,101 | 81,368 | 59.12% | 40.88% | 56.94% |
| Nov-04 | 1,198 | 4,433 | 11,991 | 7,407 | 173 | 339 | 566 | 28,447 | 53,356 | 148,185 | 36.01% | 46,993 | 88.07% | 76,282 | 123,275 | 61.88% | 38.12% | 83.19% |
| Mar-04 | 880 | 1,487 | 8,178 | 2,835 | 35 | 13 | 72 | 20,886 | 33,506 | 132,307 | 25.32% | 25,950 | 77.45% | 48,721 | 74,671 | 65.25% | 34.75% | 56.44% |
| Oct-03 | 535 | 3,078 | 14,194 | 2,850 | 30 | 0 | 94 | 15,923 | 36,169 | 129,912 | 27.84% | 32,310 | 89.33% | 62,449 | 94,759 | 65.90% | 34.10% | 72.94% |
| Nov-02 | 331 | 1,903 | 13,598 | 9,032 | 23 | 9 | 42 | 9111* | 33,718 | 135,553 | 24.87% | 26,428 | 78.38% | 53,595 | 80,023 | 66.97% | 33.03% | 59.03% |
| Mar-02 | 180 | 1,775 | 15,937 | 3,445 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 1,118 | 22,287 | 127,582 | 17.47% | 16,025 | 71.90% | 46,292 | 62,317 | 74.28% | 25.72% | 48.84% |

* Includes e-mail requests.

**AB 1520, Chapter 922, Statutes of 2001 went into affect in January 2002 to allow any voter to sign up to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter. Previously it was restricted to certain voters, such as persons with disabilities. The growth in permanent vote-by-mail voters was first seen in the November 2002 Election, and has grown each election since.

| Election | Total | Reg | % VBM | Cast VBM | Counter | CO Drop | FAX | Mail | Polls | Cap City | SC City | SV City | Wat City | % Ret VBM |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|-----|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Jun-16 | 87,794 | 146,193 | 60.05% | 57,357 | 2,906 | 7,951 | 139 | 32,989 | 9,723 | 656 | 427 | 480 | 2,075 | 65.33% |
| Nov-14 | 75,396 | 142,405 | 52.94% | 43,744 | 1,444 | 8,165 | 60 | 21,652 | 10,056 | 103 | 325 | 2 | 1,805 | 58.02% |
| Jun-14 | 71,951 | 141,107 | 50.99% | 31,153 | 1,239 | 5,302 | 17 | 16,480 | 7,047 | 111 | 24 | 110 | 785 | 43.30% |
| Nov-12 | 80,814 | 158,641 | 50.94% | 64,372 | 4,080 | 10,722 | 276 | 33,341 | 12,719 | 46 | 94 | 0 | 2,901 | 79.65% |
| Jun-12 | 64,708 | 146,936 | 44.04% | 34,855 | 1,491 | 4,953 | 2 | 20,868 | 6,274 | 9 | 22 | 0 | 1,129 | 53.87% |
| Nov-10 | 68,585 | 148,500 | 46.19% | 50,401 | 3,041 | 6,960 | 0 | 28,384 | 9,712 | 35 | 0 | 34 | 2,022 | 73.49% |
| Jun-10 | 59,778 | 146,821 | 40.71% | 31,037 | 1,448 | 4,501 | 6 | 18,637 | 5,351 | 4 | 91 | 1 | 979 | 51.92% |
| May-09 | 56,423 | 147,099 | 38.36% | 29,357 | 1,287 | 3,701 | 4 | 19,484 | 4,181 | 9 | 10 | 40 | 642 | 52.03% |
| Nov-08 | 68,763 | 148,361 | 46.35% | 60,502 | 6,897 | 6,907 | 121 | 35,475 | 8,528 | 226 | 34 | 85 | 2,060 | 87.99% |
| Jun-08 | 50,904 | 139,827 | 36.40% | 29,519 | 1,288 | 3,225 | 8 | 20,218 | 4,368 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 338 | 57.99% |
| Feb-08 | 52,198 | 136,144 | 38.34% | 38,433 | 2,746 | 3,469 | 33 | 25,376 | 5,973 | 27 | 4 | 0 | 693 | 73.63% |
| Nov-06 | 55,512 | 142,428 | 38.98% | 42,047 | 2,474 | 4,311 | 34 | 26,132 | 7,902 | 12 | 72 | 20 | 831 | 75.74% |
| Jun-06 | 44,521 | 142,525 | 31.24% | 26,422 | 1,317 | 2,226 | 10 | 18,697 | 3,827 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 392 | 59.35% |
| Nov-05 | 45,687 | 142,889 | 31.97% | 33,267 | 1,967 | 2,263 | 9 | 24,272 | 4,110 | 36 | 13 | 0 | 506 | 72.82% |
| Nov-04 | 53,356 | 148,185 | 36.01% | 46,993 | 4,341 | 4,954 | 50 | 29,699 | 6,138 | 49 | 0 | 38 | 948 | 88.07% |
| Mar-04 | 33,506 | 132,307 | 25.32% | 25,950 | 1,642 | 1,644 | 3 | 18,806 | 3,392 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 354 | 77.45% |
| Oct-03 | 36,169 | 129,912 | 27.84% | 32,310 | 3,312 | 1,369 | 0 | 23,487 | 3,399 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 704 | 89.33% |
| Nov-02 | 33,718 | 135,553 | 24.87% | 26,428 | 1,945 | 1,431 | 0 | 16,876 | 5,633 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 554 | 78.38% |
| Mar-02 | 22,287 | 127,582 | 17.47% | 16,025 | 1,240 | 714 | 0 | 12,001 | 3,562 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 362 | 71.90% |