

How to Read a Statement of Votes Cast (SOVC)

The Statement of Votes Cast shows election results by precinct and race. The first pages show the turnout. The first column is the number of registered voters in each precinct. "Cards Cast" is the number of people who actually voted by all methods – early, paper absentee, provisional and on Election Day. The third column is the percent turnout.

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	TURN OUT		
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout
Jurisdiction Wide			
00100	5589	659	11.79%
00200	4628	585	12.64%
01100	2523	242	9.59%
01200	982	168	17.11%

In this case, please note that 659 people voted in Precinct 001-00.

Now scroll down to page 4, where the results for the Republican County County Mayor's race start. A new column "Times Counted" has appeared. Times Counted is the number of ballots that were issued for that race in that precinct. In this case, 109 ballots in Precinct 001-00 were issued. The next column "Total Votes" shows how many people voted in that race; you will notice that 107 people actually voted in that election; two people choose to make no selection.

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	COUNTY MAYOR (R)						
	Reg. Voters	Times Counted	Total Votes	David Lenoir	Terry Roland	Joy Toulantos	
Jurisdiction Wide							
00100	5589	109	107	73 68.22%	15 14.02%	19 17.76%	
00200	4628	122	122	89 72.95%	17 13.93%	16 13.11%	
01100	2523	13	12	4 33.33%	3 25.00%	5 41.67%	
01200	982	3	2	1 50.00%	0 0.00%	1 50.00%	
01300	2099	2	2	0 0.00%	1 50.00%	1 50.00%	

Yes

Now take a look at page 10, where the results for the Democratic Primary County Mayor start.

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COUNTY MAYOR (D)							
	Reg. Voters	Times Counted	Total Votes	Sidney Chism	Lee Harris	Write-In Votes	
Jurisdiction Wide							
00100	5589	550	534	86 16.10%	445 83.33%	3 0.56%	
00200	4628	463	451	55 12.20%	395 87.58%	1 0.22%	
01100	2523	229	218	75 34.40%	140 64.22%	3 1.38%	
01200	982	165	160	45 28.13%	115 71.88%	0 0.00%	
01300	7000	727	777	40 21.00%	147 60.47%	1 0.14%	

Notice that Times Counted in Precinct 001-00 in this race are 550. Again, this is the number of ballots given to voters. If you add this number to the 109 Republican ballots issued, you will see that this adds up to 659 Cards Cast from page 1. If you add up the votes for the candidates and the write-ins, you will see that they total 534, so sixteen voters choose not to vote in the race.

If you take a look at page 12, or the last page of any race, you will see that the results have been totaled.

MCC00	2337	161	158	42 26.58%	116 73.42%	0 0.00%
MIL01	4645	267	259	56 21.62%	201 77.61%	2 0.77%
MIL02	5124	291	285	77 27.02%	208 72.98%	0 0.00%
MOR01	5499	460	455	110 24.18%	342 75.16%	3 0.66%
MOR02	2802	153	151	41 27.15%	108 71.52%	2 1.32%
ROS05	3854	534	529	124 23.44%	405 76.56%	0 0.00%
ROS13	5046	587	578	167 28.89%	409 70.76%	2 0.35%
ROS14	3413	509	500	142 28.40%	356 71.20%	2 0.40%
ROS15	2902	340	334	103 30.84%	230 68.86%	1 0.30%
ROS16	4993	759	744	202 27.15%	540 72.58%	2 0.27%
STE00	4045	174	166	43 25.90%	120 72.29%	3 1.81%
Total	555887	46006	44801	10434 23.29%	34106 76.13%	261 0.58%