



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Postal Verification Card Report for November 2016 General Election

Cost of Report Preparation

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Required Report

This report was prepared in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 201.121, subd. 3, which states:

Within ten days after an election, the county auditor shall send the notice required by subdivision 2 to a random sampling of the individuals registered on election day. The random sampling shall be determined in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state. As soon as practicable after the election, the county auditor shall mail the notice required by subdivision 2 to all other individuals registered on election day. If a notice is returned as not deliverable, the county auditor shall attempt to determine the reason for the return. A county auditor who does not receive or obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote shall immediately notify the county attorney of all of the relevant information and the secretary of state of the numbers by precinct. By March 1 of every odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall report to the chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections the number of notices reported

under this subdivision to the secretary of state for the previous state general election by county and precinct.

Whenever voters register to vote for the first time or update their registrations, county auditors send them postcards, called Postal Verification Cards or PVCs. These postcards serve the dual purpose of notifying voters of their polling place and of providing the county with a verification of the voter's address. The postcards are sent as non-forwardable mail, so that if the voter does not reside at the address at which they registered, it is returned to the county auditor as undeliverable.

These postcards are sent for other purposes as well, such as to notify voters that their polling place has changed or to update voters of their new districts after re-districting. The records of voters who have postcards that are returned as undeliverable and which do not provide a forwarding address for the voter are flagged as "challenged." As a result, if these voters try to vote from this address they will be asked questions under oath about where they reside before being allowed to vote.

For voters who register to vote on election day whose postcards are returned as undeliverable, the process is somewhat different. In this case, the county auditor must attempt to determine the reason for the return. For example, was there a typo in the voter's name or address that made the postcard undeliverable? Has the voter moved since election day? The county auditor must also obtain proof that the individual was eligible to vote. If they cannot find satisfactory evidence of the voter's eligibility, the county auditor is required to turn the matter over to the county attorney for further investigation and potential prosecution. Starting with the 2010 general election, county auditors are also required to report the number of notices referred to their county attorneys to the Secretary of State.

After the 2010 general election, counties reported that there were 399 same day registrants whose postcards were returned where the county auditor could not find proof of the voter's eligibility and turned the cases over to their county attorney for further investigation. After the 2012 general election, counties reported that 218 cases had been referred to county attorneys. After the 2014 general election, counties reported that 45 cases had been referred to their county attorneys. For the 2016 general election, counties have reported that in 180 cases a voter's eligibility could not be determined by the county auditor and those cases have been referred to their county attorneys for further investigation.

This report is a compilation of the reports that this office received from the county auditors and provides the numbers by county and precinct, as required by statute.

By County	Number	By County	Number
Aitkin	3	Martin	0
Anoka	0	McLeod	0
Becker	0	Meeker	0
Beltrami	0	Mille Lacs	0
Benton	0	Morrison	0
Big Stone	0	Mower	0
Blue Earth	0	Murray	1
Brown	3	Nicollet	1
Carlton	0	Nobles	0
Carver	7	Norman	0
Cass	3	Olmsted	16
Chippewa	0	Otter Tail	0
Chisago	0	Pennington	0
Clay	0	Pine	0
Clearwater	3	Pipestone	0
Cook	0	Polk	0
Cottonwood	9	Pope	0
Crow Wing	0	Ramsey	0
Dakota	25	Red Lake	3
Dodge	0	Redwood	0
Douglas	0	Renville	0
Faribault	0	Rice	0
Fillmore	0	Rock	0
Freeborn	0	Roseau	0
Goodhue	6	Scott	0
Grant	0	Sherburne	0
Hennepin	80	Sibley	3
Houston	0	St. Louis	3
Hubbard	10	Stearns	0
Isanti	0	Steele	0
Itasca	0	Stevens	0
Jackson	0	Swift	0
Kanabec	0	Todd	0
Kandiyohi	0	Traverse	0
Kittson	0	Wabasha	0
Koochiching	0	Wadena	0
Lac qui Parle	0	Waseca	0
Lake	1	Washington	0
Lake of the Woods	0	Watonwan	1
LeSueur	1	Wilkin	0
Lincoln	0	Winona	0
Lyon	0	Wright	0
Mahnomen	0	Yellow Medicine	1
Marshall	0	Total	180

By Precinct Detail

County	Precinct	Number
Aitkin	Aitkin	1
Aitkin	Farm Island Twp	1
Aitkin	Rice River Twp	1
Brown	New Ulm W2 P2	1
Brown	New Ulm W3 P1	1
Brown	New Ulm W3 P2	1
Carver	Carver	1
Carver	Chanhassen P-1A	1
Carver	Chanhassen P-2A	1
Carver	Chanhassen P-2B	1
Carver	Chanhassen P-3	1
Carver	Chaska W-4	1
	Norwood Young	
Carver	America	1
	Cass	
Cass	Lake	1
Cass	Pike Bay Twp	1
Cass	Shingobee Twp P-1	1
Clearwater	Rice Twp	2
Clearwater	Dudley Twp	1
Cottonwood	Mountain Lake	5
Cottonwood	Windom 1-2	1
Cottonwood	Windom 2-2	3
Dakota	Apple Valley P-10	1
Dakota	Burnsville P-5	1
Dakota	Burnsville P-10	1
Dakota	Burnsville P-14	1
Dakota	Burnsville P-16	1
	Eagan P-	
Dakota	1	1
Dakota	Eagan P-11	1
Dakota	Eagan P-15	1
Dakota	Eagan P-17	1
Dakota	Farmington P-2	1
Dakota	Hastings W-1 P-2	1
Dakota	Hastings W-2 P-2	3
Dakota	Lakeville P-5	1
Dakota	Lakeville P-7	1
Dakota	Lakeville P-9	1
Dakota	Lakeville P-15	1
Dakota	Lakeville P-17	1
Dakota	Mendota Heights P-1	1
Dakota	Mendota Heights P-3	2

Dakota	Rosemount P-1	1
Dakota	West st Paul W-3 P-2	2
Goodhue	Red Wing 1-1	1
Goodhue	Red Wing 1-2	2
Goodhue	Red Wing 3-1	1
Goodhue	Red Wing 4-2	2
Hennepin	Bloomington W1 P14	1
Hennepin	Bloomington W2 P23	1
Hennepin	Bloomington W4 P32	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Center P2	2
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WC P2	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WC P5	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WC P6	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WE P2	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WW P10	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WW P5	1
Hennepin	Brooklyn Park WW P6	1
Hennepin	Champlin W2 P1	1
Hennepin	Deephaven P2	1
Hennepin	Eden Prairie P7	1
Hennepin	Eden Prairie P8	1
Hennepin	Eden Prairie P9	1
Hennepin	Eden Prairie P12	1
Hennepin	Eden Prairie P15	2
Hennepin	Edina P3	2
Hennepin	Edina P6	1
Hennepin	Edina P16	1
Hennepin	Excelsior P1	1
Hennepin	Maple Grove P3	1
Hennepin	Maple Grove P11	1
Hennepin	Maple Grove P17	1
Hennepin	Maple Grove P19	1
Hennepin	Maple Grove P22	1
Hennepin	Medina P1A	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W1 P6	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W1 P7	2
Hennepin	Minneapolis W2 P5	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W3 P6	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W3 P7	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W3 P8	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W3 P11	2
Hennepin	Minneapolis W3 P12	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W5 P8	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W7 P3	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W7 P6	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W7 P9	1

Hennepin	Minneapolis W8 P3	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W8 P6	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W9 P3	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W9 P7	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W9 P9	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W10 P3A	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W10 P8	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W10 P9	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W12 P5	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W12 P12	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W13 P1	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W13 P4	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W13 P6	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W13 P7	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis W13 P10	1
Hennepin	Minnetonka W1 PB	2
Hennepin	Minnetonka W1 PD	1
Hennepin	Minnetonka W1 PF	1
Hennepin	Minnetrista P1A	1
Hennepin	Plymouth W1 P2	1
Hennepin	Plymouth W3 P14	1
Hennepin	Plymouth W3 P15	1
Hennepin	Plymouth W3 P17	1
Hennepin	Plymouth W4 P18	2
Hennepin	Richfield W1 P5	1
Hennepin	Richfield W3 P9	1
Hennepin	Rogers P2	1
Hennepin	Shorewood P2	1
Hennepin	Shorewood P4	1
Hennepin	St Louis Park W1 P1	1
Hennepin	St Louis Park W1 P3	1
Hennepin	St Louis Park W2 P8	1
Hennepin	St Louis Park W4 P16	1
Hubbard	Akeley	2
Hubbard	Akeley Twp	2
Hubbard	Hart Lake P-1	1
Hubbard	Helga	3
Hubbard	Hendrickson	1
Hubbard	Hubbard	1
Lake	Two Harbors W-4	1
LeSueur	Kasota	1
Murray	Slayton Twp	1
Nicollet	Oshawa Twp	1
Olmsted	Dover	1
Olmsted	Marion Twp	1
Olmsted	Rochester W1 P12	1
Olmsted	Rochester W2 P1	1

Olmsted	Rochester W2 P2	2
Olmsted	Rochester W4 P1	4
Olmsted	Rochester W4 P2	1
Olmsted	Rochester W4 P4	1
Olmsted	Rochester W4 P5	1
Olmsted	Rochester W5 P1	1
Olmsted	Rochester W5 P2	1
Olmsted	Rochester W6 P2	1
Red Lake	Oklee	1
Red Lake	Plummer	1
Red Lake	Red Lake Falls W 2	1
St. Louis	Duluth P-22	1
St. Louis	Morse Twp	1
St. Louis	Unorganized P-9	1
Sibley	Arlington	1
Sibley	Gibbon	1
Sibley	Henderson	1
Watsonwan	St. James City W-1	1
Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls W-1	1

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