

INDIANA VOTER TURNOUT

All elections matter. But it's no secret that not all elections are the same – at least in the eyes of the voters. The numbers who make the effort to cast their ballot (whether on Election Day or in advance) vary widely. Consider the three different elections at right: 2014 primary (limited number of races in most areas), 2012 general (presidential, gubernatorial and a widely-watched U.S. Senate race at the top of the ticket) and 2010 general (U.S. Senate and House campaigns).

This year does not include a U.S. Senate race in the state and what are generally considered to be less competitive than normal U.S. House battles. How that impacts turnout will be seen in November.



2014 Primary Election

Registered voters: 4.57 million
Voters voting: 617,156
Turnout: 13%

Top Counties

- Sullivan: 36%
- Jefferson: 32%
- Rush: 32%
- Vermillion: 30%
- Benton: 29%
- Tipton: 29%

Bottom Counties

- St. Joseph: 6%
- Vanderburgh: 6%
- DeKalb: 7%
- Miami: 7%
- Monroe: 7%
- Posey: 7%

2012 General Election

Registered voters: 4.55 million
Voters voting: 2.66 million
Turnout: 58%

Top Counties

- Wells: 72%
- Adams: 71%
- Hamilton: 69%
- Whitley: 69%
- Decatur: 67%

Bottom Counties

- Scott: 46%
- Clinton: 49%
- Warrick: 50%
- Four counties (Delaware, Orange, Switzerland, Vanderburgh): 51%

2010 General Election

Registered voters: 4.32 million
Voters voting: 1.78 million
Turnout: 41%

Top Counties

- Martin: 56%
- Wells: 56%
- Adams: 55%
- Ohio: 54%
- Perry: 54%
- Pike: 54%

Bottom Counties

- Grant: 35%
- Tippecanoe: 35%
- Delaware: 36%
- Marion: 36%
- Lake: 37%
- Vanderburgh: 37%

ABSENTEE VOTING

2014 Primary Election

Total votes: 98,969
Percentage of total: 16%

2012 General Election

Total votes: 590,445
Percentage of total: 22%

2010 General Election

Total votes: 258,320
Percentage of total: 14%

Source: Indiana Secretary of State

CONGRESSIONAL CONTROL

Candidate Spending

- 1998: \$1.6 billion
- 2012: \$3.7 billion

Swing Districts

(5% or less voter advantage for one political party)

- 1998: 164
- 2012: 90*

*Approximately 20 to 30 of these are deemed truly competitive

By the Numbers in 2012

	House	Senate
Average winner spent	\$1.56 million	\$11.47 million
Average loser spent	\$496,637	\$7.43 million
Most expensive campaign	\$21.19 million	\$49.49 million
Least expensive winning campaign	\$209,532	\$2.85 million
Incumbents seeking re-election	391	23
Incumbents re-elected	351	21
Incumbent re-election rate	90%	91%
Close races (less than 10% margin)	60	11
Average winner's vote %	65%	57%

Sources: BIPAC, Cook Political Report, opensecrets.org

STATE SUPREMACY

Legislature Control by Party**

- Republican: 27
- Democrat: 18

**The five states not controlled by one party includes Nebraska, which has a unicameral General Assembly

Party Control of Governor's Office and Legislature

- Republican: 23
- Democrat: 14

Source: StateScape policy tracking and analysis

