

## Voter Registration and Turnout Statistics for Santa Cruz County

Pink= Presidential Primary  
 Blue = Presidential General  
 Green = Gubernatorial Primary  
 Yellow = Gubernatorial General  
 Orange = Special Statewide  
 Purple = Direct Primary  
 WHITE = Local Election or Special Vacancy

| Election Date         | Registration | Turnout | Percent | Absentees Issued | Absentees Counted <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|---------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| June 1976             | 84,034       | 61,890  | 73.6    | NA               | 3,185                          |
| Nov 1976              | 96,035       | 75,970  | 79.1    | NA               | 4,004                          |
| June 1978             | 103,701      | 68,231  | 65.7    | NA               | 3,670                          |
| Nov 1978              | 97,232       | 68,494  | 70.4    | NA               | 3,778                          |
| Nov 1979 <sup>2</sup> | 97,780       | 40,486  | 41.4    | NA               | 2,222                          |
| June 1980             | 102,045      | 74,016  | 72.5    | NA               | 3,997                          |
| Nov 1980              | 112,457      | 87,269  | 77.6    | NA               | 6,013                          |
| Nov 1981              | 105,590      | 27,825  | 26.3    | NA               | NA                             |
| June 1982             | 105,337      | 64,437  | 61.2    | 4,828            | 3,793                          |
| Nov 1982              | 111,494      | 78,946  | 70.8    | 6,810            | 5,962                          |
| Nov 1983              | 104,796      | 33,303  | 31.7    | 6,363            | 3,908                          |
| June 1984             | 110,719      | 61,245  | 51.3    | 5,548            | 4,600                          |
| Nov 1984              | 124,836      | 97,155  | 77.8    | 11,502           | 10,402                         |
| Nov 1985              | 118,854      | 33,866  | 28.5    | 4,665            | 3,283                          |
| June 1986             | 114,171      | 54,939  | 48.1    | 6,646            | 5,403                          |
| Nov 1986              | 117,615      | 75,063  | 63.8    | 9,093            | 7,698                          |
| Oct 1987 <sup>3</sup> | 8,849        | 3,695   | 41.7    | 8,849            | 3,695                          |
| Nov 1987              | 113,846      | 25,743  | 25.5    | 4,797            | 3,310                          |
| June 1988             | 118,741      | 74,940  | 63.1    | 9,376            | 7,809                          |
| Nov 1988              | 132,816      | 106,088 | 79.9    | 23,326           | 18,064                         |

<sup>1</sup> Absentees counted excludes mail ballot precincts.

<sup>2</sup> Special Statewide Election for Proposition 4 (Gann Limit)

<sup>3</sup> San Lorenzo Valley Water District all mail ballot election.

| Election Date            | Registration | Turnout | Percent | Absentees Issued | Absentees Counted <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nov 1989 <sup>5</sup>    | 1,758        | 165     | 9.3     | 43               | 27                             |
| Nov 1989 <sup>6</sup>    | 390          | 166     | 42.5    | 15               | 13                             |
| June 1990                | 122,505      | 57,756  | 47.2    | 10,736           | 8,627                          |
| Nov 1990                 | 129,150      | 82,392  | 63.8    | 21,382           | 17,628                         |
| June 1992                | 133,334      | 69,646  | 52.2    | 14,178           | 12,013                         |
| Nov 1992                 | 148,281      | 116,527 | 78.6    | 29,640           | 26,586                         |
| April 1993 <sup>7</sup>  | 103,451      | 31,976  | 30.9    | 17,536           | 11,771                         |
| June 1993 <sup>8</sup>   | 103,271      | 33,886  | 32.8    | 19,703           | 14,619                         |
| Aug 1993 <sup>9</sup>    | 121,110      | 33,619  | 27.8    | 20,796           | 15,733                         |
| Nov 1993 <sup>10</sup>   | 140,007      | 66,056  | 47.2    | 30,997           | 24,470                         |
| June 1994                | 132,139      | 58,040  | 44.0    | 17,505           | 15,422                         |
| Nov 1994                 | 140,960      | 93,644  | 66.4    | 36,146           | 30,680                         |
| Nov 1995 <sup>11</sup>   | 2,415        | 729     | 30.2    | 340              | 238                            |
| Dec 1995 <sup>12</sup>   | 33,089       | 10,513  | 31.8    | 6,100            | 4,729                          |
| March 1996               | 133,652      | 65,981  | 49.4    | 25,862           | 20,441                         |
| June 1996 <sup>13</sup>  | 2,348        | 783     | 33.3    | 475              | 403                            |
| Nov 1996                 | 148,663      | 104,085 | 70.0    | 37,145           | 28,281                         |
| June 1997 <sup>14</sup>  | 74,468       | 17,498  | 23.5    | 10,297           | 8,170                          |
| Nov 1997 <sup>15</sup>   | 6,600        | 3,849   | 58.3    | All mail         | All mail                       |
| April 1998 <sup>16</sup> | 64,593       | 17,073  | 26.4    | 8,867            | 6,973                          |
| April 1998 <sup>17</sup> | 737          | 339     | 46.0    | 274              | 235                            |

<sup>4</sup> Absentees counted excludes mail ballot precincts.

<sup>5</sup> Central Water District Board of Directors Election

<sup>6</sup> Pacific School Tax Measure

<sup>7</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special Vacancy Election

<sup>8</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Run-off Election

<sup>9</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Special Vacancy Election

<sup>10</sup> Special Statewide Election consolidated with 27<sup>th</sup> AD run-off

<sup>11</sup> Loma Prieta Elementary School District Gann Limit Measure & Aromas Fire Board

<sup>12</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special Vacancy Election

<sup>13</sup> Loma Prieta Elementary School District Gann Limit. Measure P

<sup>14</sup> County Parks and Recreation (CSA 11) special tax, Measure A

<sup>15</sup> Special District Election, Scotts Valley Drive, Measure D – All mail ballot election

<sup>16</sup> Santa Cruz High School & Elementary School District Bonds, Measures E & H

| Election Date           | Registration   | Turnout       | Percent     | Absentees Issued | Absentees Counted <sup>18</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| June 1998               | 130,197        | 66,826        | 51.3        | 26,359           | 20,774                          |
| Nov 1998                | 137,955        | 86,634        | 62.8        | 32,199           | 25,502                          |
| Mar 1999 <sup>19</sup>  | 37,232         | 8,862         | 23.9        | 3,923            | 3,234                           |
| June 1999 <sup>20</sup> | 6,509          | 3,989         | 61.3        | 2,342            | 2,077                           |
| Aug 1999 <sup>21</sup>  | 705            | 429           | 60.9        | 230              | 215                             |
| Nov 1999 <sup>22</sup>  | 4,959          | 1,627         | 32.8        | 1,167            | 888                             |
| Nov 1999 <sup>23</sup>  | 682            | 279           | 40.9        | All mail         | All mail                        |
| March 2000              | 134,997        | 79,746        | 59.1        | 26,535           | 22,267                          |
| Nov 2000                | 145,214        | 109,266       | 75.2        | 39,155           | 30,388                          |
| June 2001 <sup>24</sup> | 2,396          | 1,319         | 55.1        | All mail         | All mail                        |
| June 2001 <sup>25</sup> | 8              | 8             | 100.0       | All mail         | All mail                        |
| June 2001 <sup>26</sup> | 11             | 11            | 100.0       | All mail         | All mail                        |
| Jan 2002 <sup>27</sup>  | 18             | 18            | 100.0       | All mail         | All mail                        |
| <b>Mar 2002</b>         | <b>127,582</b> | <b>62,317</b> | <b>48.8</b> | <b>22,269</b>    | <b>16,025</b>                   |
| Election Date           | Registration   | Turnout       | Percent     | Absentees Issued | Absentees Counted <sup>28</sup> |
| Nov 2002                | 135,553        | 80,021        | 59.0        | 33,718           | 26,428                          |
| June 2003 <sup>29</sup> | 15,124         | 5392          | 35.7        | 2,670            | 2028                            |
| June 2003 <sup>30</sup> | 34,663         | 11,124        | 32.1        | 5,961            | 4,540                           |

<sup>17</sup> Lakeside School District Bond, Measure B.

<sup>18</sup> Absentees counted **EXCLUDES** mail ballot precincts.

<sup>19</sup> City of Santa Cruz Fluoride Initiative, Measure N.

<sup>20</sup> City of Scotts Valley Glenwood Referendum, Measures O & P.

<sup>21</sup> City of Watsonville, District 1 Special Vacancy Election (term expires 12/2000)

<sup>22</sup> Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Area 6, Special Vacancy Election.

<sup>23</sup> Salsipuedes Sanitary District Board of Directors – all mail ballot election

<sup>24</sup> Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District Special Tax, Measure E – all mail ballot election

<sup>25</sup> Transfer 7 parcels from SLVUSD to SVUSD, Measure W – all mail ballot election

<sup>26</sup> Transfer 16 parcels from SVUSD to LG-SJUHSD, Measure X – all mail ballot election

<sup>27</sup> Depot Hill GHAD Special Governing Board Election – Landowner District Election

<sup>28</sup> Absentees from this point forward **INCLUDES** ballots cast by voters assigned to Mail Ballot Precincts.

<sup>29</sup> San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, Measure A, parcel tax

<sup>30</sup> Santa Cruz City Elementary School District, Measure B, parcel tax

| <b>Election Date</b>     | <b>Registration</b> | <b>Turnout</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Absentees Issued</b>                 | <b>Absentees Counted</b>    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| June 2003 <sup>31</sup>  | 5,775               | 1,150          | 19.9           | 1,559                                   | 776                         |
| Oct 2003 <sup>32</sup>   | 129,912             | 94,759         | 72.9           | 36,704                                  | 32,310                      |
| Mar 2004                 | 132,307             | 74,671         | 56.4           | 33,307                                  | 25,950                      |
| April 2004 <sup>33</sup> | 689                 | 327            | 47.5           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| May 2004 <sup>34</sup>   | 2                   | 2              | 100.0          | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| Nov 2004                 | 148,185             | 123,275        | 83.2           | 53,356                                  | 46,993                      |
| May 2005 <sup>35</sup>   | 2,098               | 1,130          | 53.9           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| July 2005 <sup>36</sup>  | 2,526               | 1,621          | 64.2           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| Aug 2005 <sup>37</sup>   | 34,607              | 12,099         | 35.0           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| Nov 2005 <sup>38</sup>   | 142,889             | 81,368         | 56.9           | 45,687                                  | 33,267                      |
| Dec 2005 <sup>39</sup>   | 1,402               | 582            | 41.5           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| June 2006                | 142,525             | 56,871         | 39.9           | 44,521                                  | 26,422                      |
| Nov 2006                 | 142,428             | 92,236         | 64.8           | 56,447                                  | 42,047                      |
| <b>Election Date</b>     | <b>Registration</b> | <b>Turnout</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail<sup>40</sup> Issued</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail Counted</b> |
| Feb 2008 <sup>41</sup>   | 136,144             | 91,133         | 66.94          | 52,198                                  | 38,433                      |
| June 2008                | 139,827             | 54,848         | 39.2           | 50,904                                  | 29,519                      |
| Aug. 2008 <sup>42</sup>  | 34,322              | 9,713          | 28.3           | All mail                                | All mail                    |
| Nov. 2008                | 148,361             | 128,555        | 86.7           | 68,763                                  | 60,502                      |
| May 2009 <sup>43</sup>   | 147,099             | 49,900         | 33.9           | 56,425                                  | 29,314                      |

<sup>31</sup> Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, Measure C, bond measure

<sup>32</sup> Statewide Special Election to Recall Governor Gray Davis, plus Props. 53 and 54

<sup>33</sup> Special Election for CSA 11L – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>34</sup> School District Reorganization – 1 parcel

<sup>35</sup> Special Election for CSA 11M (McGregor) – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>36</sup> Special Election for CFS 1 (Felton) – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>37</sup> Santa Cruz City Special Election – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>38</sup> Special Statewide Election

<sup>39</sup> Special Election for Branciforte Fire Protection District – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>40</sup> A new law that went into affect in January 2008 changes the term “absentee” to “vote-by-mail.”

<sup>41</sup> California bifurcated its Primary to allow for a Presidential Primary in February and a Direct Primary in June.

<sup>42</sup> Santa Cruz City Special Election – all Mail Ballot Election

<sup>43</sup> Special Statewide Election – Budget Reform

| <b>Election Date</b>        | <b>Registration</b> | <b>Turnout</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail Issued</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail Counted</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 2010 <sup>44</sup>      | 837                 | 540            | 64.52          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| May 2010 <sup>45</sup>      | 2,559               | 1237           | 48.34          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| <b>June 8 2010</b>          | <b>146,821</b>      | <b>55,085</b>  | <b>37.52</b>   | <b>59,778</b>              | <b>31,037</b>               |
| June 22 2010 <sup>46</sup>  | 57,675              | 16,062         | 27.85          | 25,106                     | 11,405                      |
| Aug. 17, 2010 <sup>47</sup> | 57,041              | 21,742         | 38.12          | 27,765                     | 15,418                      |
| <b>Nov. 2010</b>            | <b>148,500</b>      | <b>98,037</b>  | <b>66.02</b>   | <b>69,321</b>              | <b>50,401</b>               |
| June 2012                   | 146,936             | 58,526         | 39.83          | 64,360                     | 34,855                      |
| Nov. 2012                   | 158,641             | 121,323        | 76.48          | 79,586                     | 64,372                      |
| May 2013 <sup>48</sup>      | 17,014              | 7,241          | 42.56          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| June 2013 <sup>49</sup>     | 14,198              | 4,419          | 31.12          | 7,570                      | 3,397                       |
| Nov. 2013 <sup>50</sup>     | 9,337               | 4,010          | 42.95          | 5,092                      | 2,845                       |
| <b>June 2014</b>            | <b>141,107</b>      | <b>49,143</b>  | <b>34.83</b>   | <b>71,951</b>              | <b>31,153</b>               |
| <b>Nov. 2014</b>            | <b>142,405</b>      | <b>74,040</b>  | <b>51.99</b>   | <b>75,417</b>              | <b>43,744</b>               |
| Feb. 2015 <sup>51</sup>     | 738                 | 516            | 69.92          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| June 2015 <sup>52</sup>     | 261                 | 161            | 61.69          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| Nov. 3, 2015 <sup>53</sup>  | 14                  | 8              | 57.14          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| Nov. 17, 2015 <sup>54</sup> | 71,718              | 22,096         | 30.81          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| May 3, 2016 <sup>55</sup>   | 3,205               | 1,238          | 38.77          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| June 2016                   | 146,193             | 94,928         | 64.93          | 87,794                     | 57,357                      |
| Aug 30, 2016 <sup>56</sup>  | 1,421               | 713            | 50.18          | All mail                   | All mail                    |

<sup>44</sup> Special School District Election – Lakeside School District Parcel Tax

<sup>45</sup> Special School District Election – Loma Prieta School District Parcel Tax

<sup>46</sup> Special Primary Election to fill vacancy in the 15<sup>th</sup> State Senate District

<sup>47</sup> Special General Election to fill vacancy in the 15<sup>th</sup> State Senate District

<sup>48</sup> Special School District Election – Lakeside School Parcel Transfer & Soquel School Parcel Tax

<sup>49</sup> Watsonville Urban Limit Line Initiative Measure

<sup>50</sup> Special Districts Election – Loma Prieta School Parcel Tax & Scotts Valley City Sales Tax

<sup>51</sup> Special Election - CFD No. 2 (Lompico Water) Bond, Special Tax, Appropriations Limit

<sup>52</sup> Special Property Owner Election – Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District Board Vacancy

<sup>53</sup> Reclamation District 2049 (College Lake) landowner election

<sup>54</sup> Santa Cruz City School District High School & Elementary School Parcel Tax Election

<sup>55</sup> Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Parcel Tax Election

<sup>56</sup> Branciforte Fire Protection District Parcel Tax Election

| <b>Election Date</b>        | <b>Registration</b> | <b>Turnout</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail Issued</b> | <b>Vote-by-Mail Counted</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nov 2016                    | 157,204             | 132,165        | 84.07          | 103,238                    | 83,021                      |
| March 7, 2017 <sup>57</sup> | 857                 | 512            | 59.74          | All mail                   | All mail                    |
| June 2018                   | 152,387             | 72,382         | 47.5           | 95,730                     | 47,612                      |
| Nov 2018                    | 159,475             | 121,700        | 76.3           | 111,655                    | 82,868 <sup>58</sup>        |

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<sup>57</sup> Special Election - Lakeside Joint School District Parcel Tax

<sup>58</sup> VBM counted is from the SOV. The VBM reports do not include confidential voters or same day voters.