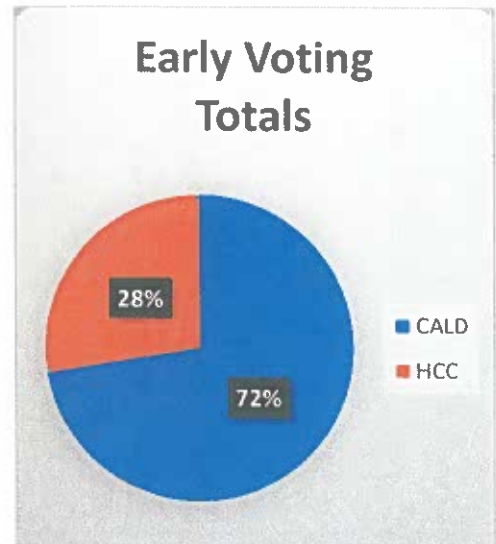
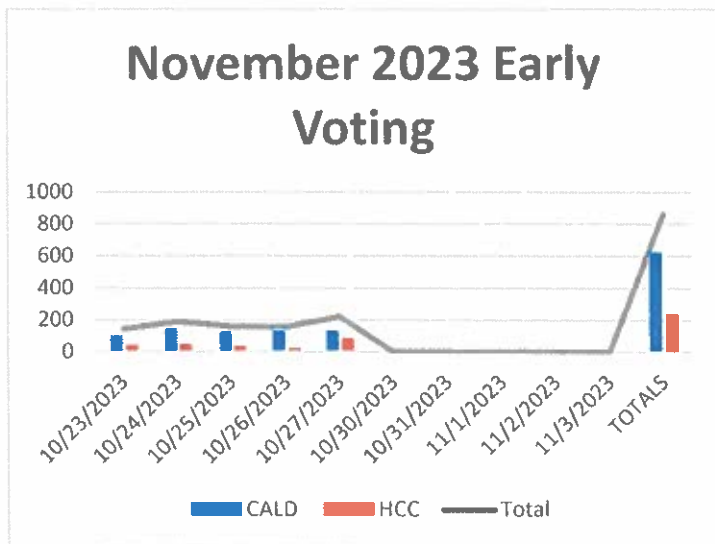


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As of Friday October 27th, the Early Voting numbers and statistics are as follows:

DATE	CALD	HCC	Total
10/23/2023	98	43	141
10/24/2023	142	46	188
10/25/2023	121	36	157
10/26/2023	130	26	156
10/27/2023	132	87	219
10/30/2023			0
10/31/2023			0
11/1/2023			0
11/2/2023			0
11/3/2023			0
TOTALS	623	238	861

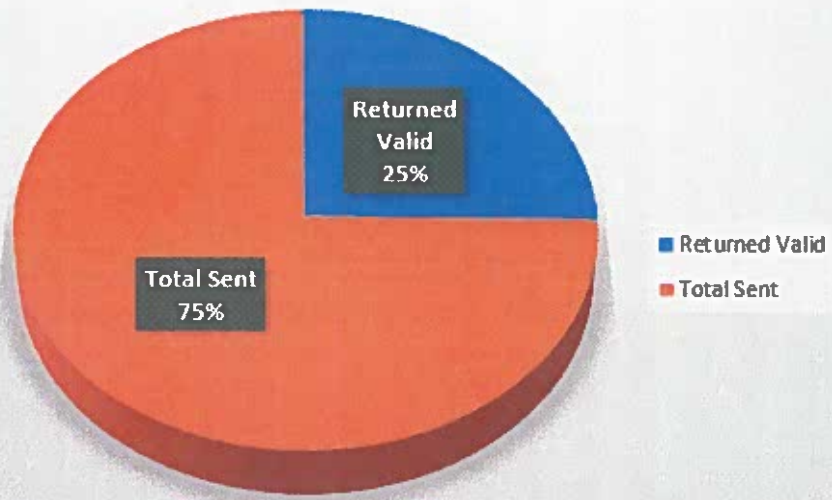


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Absentee Update:

Returned Valid	1716
Total Sent	5093

Absentee Sent/Returned



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Poll Worker Status:

Poll workers needed: 380

Staffed: 299

Due to the shortage of workers for the November 7th 2023 election, we have no choice but to remove curbside voting for all 37 locations for Election Day.

With removing curbside, we are adequately staffed.

Law does not require us to have curbside as all polling locations are ADA compliant or made ADA compliant through temporary measures. This was suggested from the Secretary of State Phil McGrane during a meeting prior to early voting.

Other Idaho Counties removed curbside voting a couple years ago from their voting locations on Election Day and have had better success staffing their locations.

Canyon County will continue to offer Curbside Voting during Early Voting in Caldwell and Nampa for this current election.

Polling Locations

On Monday, October 23rd, our Nampa early voting location reported their scanner was not accepting ballots. We sent our technical administrator to Nampa to troubleshoot the issue, which resulted in replacing the unit with a different scanner. In the meantime, people were able to vote and deposit their ballot into the curbside slot for scanning upon replacement.

Wednesday October 25th, the Chief Judge assigned to Nampa Hispanic Cultural Center for early voting, reported the HVAC system was not working, as such there is no heat in the building. With the equipment requiring to be in a temperature-controlled environment and the concern for the voters and poll workers well-being, a staff member from the Hispanic Cultural Center brought in several space heaters while the HVAC system is being fixed.

There are no other issues with polling locations or equipment at this time.

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Coordination Status

The election office and staff have been in daily communication with the Secretary of State's office. Some of the State Election office staff have joined us in working early voting at both locations, assistance with updating software on our ePollbooks and answering questions throughout this election cycle.

Our election staff have been in communication with the cities and local taxing district clerks to answer questions, work collaboratively together and provide feedback or suggestions. This is a common practice; however, we look forward to working more closely with the district offices moving forward.

Plans to Reduce Wait Times

Every two years we conduct elections for city offices, school district trustee, fire district commissioners and cemetery district supervisors. Often times this also includes bonds or levies for school districts and/or cities.

In November 2021, we held the same cycle of elections, although we lost many of our polling locations during the pandemic. We were very concerned during the time, as we only had 13 polling locations available for use. This unfortunately resulted in lengthy lines and wait times.

This election, we are excited to have built up the number of polling locations in the eligible areas to 37. We are always working to increase the number of sites available to us, as well as replacing some of the locations which are too small for the voting population.

We have used all resources to advertise early voting in Nampa and Caldwell as well absentee voting, with the hope to reduce wait times and long lines on November 7th.

Equipment Security Upgrade

The software upgrade on Hart Verity is still in process of being certified in the state of Idaho. After speaking with the Voting Systems Specialist, Dan from the state office, he predicts 2.7 will be certified and made available very soon. We hope to upgrade to 2.7 sometime in the beginning of 2024.

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Election Website

Several complaints have been made regarding the election website from taxing districts as well as the voting public. The Election Operations Supervisor has discussed the concerns with the Canyon County Clerk and the Secretary of State's office and have made plans to make some very big changes in the coming year to educate and provide clearer information to the citizens.

Public Relation Efforts

As the Election Operations Supervisor, the decision to transition from the Public Information Officer to the Constituent Services Office would need to be made by the Elected Official.

L&A Testing

A logic and accuracy test (L&A) for the November election was performed in the morning of October 20th, 2023. All L&A tests are open to the public and held prior to each election. The purpose of this test is to ensure the election and voting equipment function as expected, and accurately count votes as marked. Testing cannot start until all ballots are proofed and finalized.

During the L&A test external photo copies were introduced to the L&A test, which caused confusion to our staff and those in attendance. As a result, we contacted the vendor and the Secretary of State to get further information, as our staff was under the impression the device would not accept a copied ballot.

Upon further discussions with the vendor and State office, we have learned the scanner could accept a copied ballot, however there are many other safeguards in place to prevent those from occurring.

A poll worker is stationed at the scanner at all times to assist voters with the deposit of their ballot. If a poll worker noticed a voter attempting to deposit more than one ballot, they are to intervene and then immediately report to the election office staff.

When polls are closed, the poll workers run a closing report which will list the number of ballots scanned. We compare that report to the number of voters checked in, and if there was a discrepancy, we would run an audit of the ballots deposited. At that time, we could identify the photo copied ballot and remove it from the tally.

Ballot boxes are sealed with serial numbered locks and are logged after the first voter has witnessed the ballot box is empty, and then only removed when polls are closed. This requires two-person authentication and documentation. When opening the box, the polling staff are to remove the ballot bag within the box, close and place a serial numbered lock to ensure there is no tampering between the polling location and the election office.

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Spoiled Ballots

There are several ways a ballot could be spoiled. Some scenarios are listed below:

- Voter checks into the ePollbook, but decides to not vote for any reason-
 - The check-in can be spoiled from the ePollbook, to allow the voter to come back at a later time to cast their ballot.
- A voter receives an absentee, however would prefer to vote in-person-
 - Upon checking in to the ePollbook, the poll worker can void the absentee which then voids the absentee in the voter registration system at the county level.
- A voter makes a mistake on their ballot-
 - the ballot would be marked with “SPOILED”, a new ballot would be provided to the voter. This is only if the voter has not deposited their ballot into the scanner.

Interdepartmental Coordination

Any bottlenecks or delayed functions are hard to prevent for anyone working in conjunction with the election office. Election timelines are tight and often don't align well with other department functions. The Canyon County IT department understands the oddities and has done an outstanding job working with the election staff to ensure things are working in a timely manner as much as possible.

Support

Continued support and communication are always helpful and appreciated.