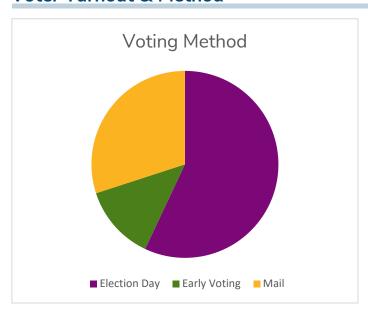


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# Post-Election Report June 21, 2022

## **Voter Turnout & Method**



11% of active voters participated in this Election. 57% of voters voted on Election Day, 30% voted by mail, and 13% in person during Early Voting.

Total Turnout	
Election Day	17,506
Early Voting	2,203
Mail	5,303

#### **Historical Comparison**

This was a Democratic primary to choose the nominee for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Only this office was on the ballot. This primary is unique to primaries held in recent years in Arlington. The last Democratic primary for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was held in 2014. In 2019, a Democratic primary was held for Commonwealth's Attorney, 49<sup>th</sup> House District, and the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District. In 2021, a Democratic primary was held for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, 45<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> House Districts, and the County Board.

Election	Registered Voters	Total Voting	Percent Voting	Total Before Election	Percent Before Election
2014	140,541	14,457	10%	93%	7%
2019	155,690	26,388	17%	91%	9%
2021	157,358	17,506	16%	75%	25%

## Vote-By-Mail

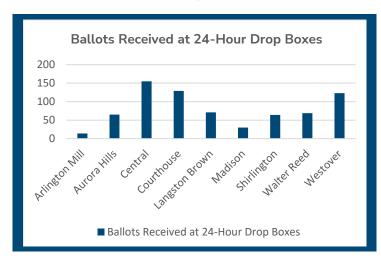
## Summary

9,245 ballots were mailed to voters who requested one. This includes reissued ballots when voters reported their ballot lost or spoiled and ballots emailed to overseas voters and voters who requested accommodation. 5,303 ballots were counted. 246 ballots were exchanged so that the voter could vote in person. 54 ballots were rejected.

Ballots Mailed	9,245
Counted	5,303
Mail Ballots exchanged for In Person Voting	246
Rejected	54

#### **Return Method**

Nine 24-hour drop boxes were available from May 9 to June 21, 2022. Drop boxes were also available at 3 Early Voting and 54 Polling Locations while the sites were open for in person delivery. 1,018 ballots were returned using a drop box. This included 229 returned to polling places on Election Day and 70 returned at Early Voting Sites.



Return Method	Number
By Mail	4,383
In Person/Drop Box	1,018

## Mail Ballots Exchanged for In Person Ballots

A total of 246 voters who requested a mail ballot chose to vote in person. Voters had several options to change from a mail ballot to an in person ballot. Voters could exchange their mail ballot for an in person ballot at early voting or their assigned precinct on Election Day, sign a statement authorizing our office to reissue a ballot during early voting, or cast a provisional ballot on Election Day.

Method of Exchange	Number
Exchanged at Early Voting	36
Exchanged on Election Day	58
Reissued during Early Voting	27
Provisional	125
Total	246

### **Issues or Rejections**

Mail ballots can be 'rejected' in two ways. They are missing something on their return materials such as the voter's signature. This is called a material omission. Ballots can also be rejected by the scanner when being tallied.

Voters were permitted to correct omissions on their mail ballots up until noon the Friday after the election. 98 voters were contacted to correct their ballots because of a material omission. 44 of these were corrected.

Ballots that are rejected by the scanner are hand counted by a team of election officers. If voter intent can be determined, these ballots are counted. 35 ballots were rejected by the scanner and counted by hand.

Issue	Number	% of Mail Ballots
Rejected by Scanner. Counted by Hand	35	0.6%
Rejected for Omission	54	1%
Omissions Corrected	44	0.8%

**UOCAVA** – UOCAVA is a special category of mail ballot voters. These are voters who are either in the military or reside overseas. These voters are eligible to receive their ballots by mail or email.

**ADA** – Virginia entered into an agreement to allow print disabled voters the ability to use the online tool for UOCAVA voters to mark their ballots from home in August 2020.

## **Early Voting**

## **Early Voting Site Turnout**

3 Early Voting sites were open for this election. The main site at 2100 Clarendon Blvd was open Mon-Fri May 6 – June 18, as well as 2 Saturdays, June 11 and 18. 1,530 voters voted at the main site during this time.

The remaining sites opened on June 11 and the sites were open 2 Saturdays 9-5, and Tuesday, and Thursday 2-7pm. 304 voters voted at Madison and 369 voters at Walter Reed.

#### **Voter Wait Times**

All wait times were 0-5 minutes.

## **Election Day**

#### **Election Officers**

254 Election Officers worked on Election Day. Training was conducted in person for the first time since 2020, but an online option was still available. 96% indicated they were very likely to return, which is encouraging for future retention.

#### **Election Officer Performance**

**Election Officer Feedback -** A post-election survey of election officers revealed some additional findings:

- Precinct leadership was well rated with 96% of Chiefs receiving an "Excellent" or "Good" rating.
- 97% of election officers rated their training as "Excellent" or "Good".
- Even with several no shows, 96% of Chiefs said they had the right number of Election Officers.

#### **Provisional Data**

A provisional ballot is issued when a voter's eligibility cannot be determined on Election Day.

Provisional Ballots	#
Issued	97
Counted	76
Not Counted	21

#### **Spoiled Ballots**

A spoiled ballot is when a voter makes a mistake marking their ballot. The voter can exchange the ballot for a replacement ballot. 100 ballots were spoiled.

#### **Voter Wait Times**

No wait times were reported at any time on Election Day.

## Administration

### Staffing

The Office has 10 permanent employees. Between May 6 and June 24, these employees worked a combined total of 160.5 hours of comp and overtime.

28 temporary employees were hired from May 9 – June 17. They worked a total of 22.5 overtime hours during this time.

15 Election Officers and temporary and permanent employees noted above staffed and managed the early voting locations.

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