



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
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Postal Verification Card Report for elections held between January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Cost of Report Preparation

The total cost for the Office of the Secretary of State to prepare this report was approximately \$928. These costs include staff time answering questions from the counties as they compiled the report, compiling the submitted data, and preparing the written report.

Estimated costs are provided in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 3.197, requiring the cost for preparing a report to be provided at the beginning of a report to the legislature.

Required Report

This report was prepared in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 201.121, subd. 3, which was updated during the 2021 First Special Session to require that this report be made each year and must include each election that may occur in a county. This statute states:

(a) 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. By February 15 of each year, the county auditor must notify the secretary of state of the following information for each election held in the previous year by each precinct:

- (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;
- (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that the county auditor was able to determine the reason for the return along with the reason for each return;
- and
- (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

(b) By March 1 of every year, the secretary of state shall report to the chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections the following information for each election held in the previous year by each precinct and each county:

- (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;
- (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that a county auditor was able to determine the reason for the return along with the reason for each return; and
- (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

This report reflects the returned postal verification cards from voters who registered to vote on Election Day as required by Minnesota Statutes 201.121, subdivision 3.

When a county auditor adds a new voter registration record or updates the record of a currently registered voter in the statewide voter registration system (SVRS), a confirmation notice is mailed to the voter. This mailed notice, known as a postal verification card (PVC), must be mailed non-forwardable, so its delivery can verify that the voter lives at that address. Additionally, it advises the voter of their election day polling place location and elective districts.

When a PVC is returned in the mail, state statute requires the county auditor attempt to determine the reason for the postcard's return and that they have satisfactory proof of the individual's eligibility to vote. To determine the reason for return, the county auditor may examine if there was a typo in the voter's name or address that made the postcard undeliverable, if an apartment or unit number was inadvertently omitted from the registration application, or if the voter may have moved since election day. If the county auditor cannot find satisfactory evidence of the voter's eligibility, they are required to turn the matter over to the county attorney for further investigation and potential prosecution. This number is captured on the attached spreadsheet in column D.

If a postal verification card is returned as undeliverable, the record of the voter must be marked as "challenged" in the statewide voter registration system. Prior to voting at that address in the future, the voter will be required to resolve the challenge under oath as prescribed in Minnesota *Statutes* section 201.121, subdivision 2.

The attached pages are a compilation of the reports that the Office received from county auditors for all general elections conducted in 2024. It provides the final disposition of the post cards (columns D, E, F), including the determined reason for return (columns G through Z), by precinct and county as required by statute. In the event any additional information is gathered from county auditors, this report will be updated.

02.11.2024 Special Elections

County	Precinct Name	Total returned (C+D+E)	No satisfactory proof of eligibility	No yellow sticker indicating return reason	Determined reason for return (=F+G+....+Y)	Attempted - not known	Forwarding address in another MN county	Forwarding address in county	Forwarding address out of state	Insufficient address	Moved - left no address	No CPD number	No such number	No such street	Not deliverable as addressed	Return to sender	Temporarily away	Unable to forward/ for review	Unclaimed	Vacant	PO Box	No Mail Receptacle	Refused	In Dispute	All Other Reasons
Pine	POKEGAMA TWP	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pine	TOTAL	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

County Name	Precinct Name	Total returned	No satisfactory proof of eligibility	No yellow sticker indicating return reason	Determined reason for return	Attempted not known	Forwardin g address in another MN county	Forwarding address in county	Forwarding address out of state	Insufficient address	Moved - left no address	No CPO number	No such number	No such street	Not deliverable as addressed	Return to sender	Temporarily away	Unable to forward/ for review	Unclaimed	Vacant	PO Box	No Mail Receptac e	Refused	In Dispute	All Other Reasons
Dakota	Greenvale Twp	1			1										1										
Dakota	Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	Silver Creek Twp	1			1												1								
Lake	Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine	POKEGAMA TWP	1			1										1										
Pine	Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Louis	DULUTH 14	3			3								1			1		1							
Saint Louis	DULUTH 19	4			4										2			2							
Saint Louis	DULUTH 21	3			3										1	1		1							
Saint Louis	DULUTH 32	3			3										1	1		1							
Saint Louis	FAIRBANKS	1			1										1										
Saint Louis	GNESEN	3			3							1				1		1							
Saint Louis	HIBBING W-1	1			1										1			1							
Saint Louis	HIBBING W-2	3			3										1	1		1							
Saint Louis	KABETOGAMA	2			2											1		1							
Saint Louis	LINDEN GROVE	2			2											1		1							
Saint Louis	MOUNTAIN IRON 01	3			3											1		1	1						
Saint Louis	SOLWAY	3			3							1				1		1							
Saint Louis	TOTAL	31			31								3		5	11		11	1						
Stearns	OAK TWP	1			1																	1			
Stearns	TOTAL	1			1																	1			
	TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTIES	35	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	7	11	1	11	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

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Freeborn	ALBERT LEA W3	1			1	1																			
Freeborn	Total	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nicollet	ST PETER 1-1	1			1			1																	
Nicollet	Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTIES	2	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Pine	CHENGWATANA TWP	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pine	TOTAL	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

11.05.2024 General Election																									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Wright	Buffalo P2	7			7		1	3		1								1	1						
Wright	Buffalo P3	12			12	1	1	5	1						4										
Wright	Buffalo P4	10	1		9	1	4	2		1							1								
Wright	Chatham Township P1	1			1								1												
Wright	Clearwater City P1	22			22		1	2		18												1			
Wright	Clearwater Township	1			1										1										
Wright	Cokato	14			14		4	3	1	2					1			2				1			
Wright	Cokato Township	1			1																		1		
Wright	Corinna Township	4			4		1	1	1						1										
Wright	Delano	11			11		1	2		3							3					2			
Wright	Franklin Township	6			6		1	0	1				1		1		2								
Wright	French Lake Township	3			3		1	2																	
Wright	Hanover P2	1			1		0	0	1																
Wright	Howard Lake	4			4		0	1		1							1					1			
Wright	Maple Lake	2			2		0	1	1																
Wright	Maple Lake Township	6			6		1	2		2					1										
Wright	Marysville Township	10			10		1	5							3				1						
Wright	Monticello P1	78			78		4	4		56					5		2	1				6			
Wright	Monticello P2	11			11		1	2		6					1	1									
Wright	Monticello P3	17			17		3	4		6					4										
Wright	Monticello P4	16			16		2			7					6						1				
Wright	Montrose	3			3		0	1	1											1					
Wright	O																								

	TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTIES	13,757	61	128	13,568	1,510	1,275	2,339	541	1,456	266	0	727	76	2,845	412	585	259	86	203	171	645	44	11	117
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