



2010 Spring Election Debriefing for the Madison Election Advisory Committee

Overview

The City of Madison had a voter turnout of 14 percent on April 6, 2010. There were 22,242 votes cast. Election Officials registered 960 voters at the polls.

For comparison, the City of Madison had a voter turnout of 22 percent in April 2006, with 36,662 votes cast. Election Officials registered 3,241 voters at the polls in April 2006.

Election Official Statistics

Of the 513 individuals who worked at the polls, 475 were paid by the Clerk's Office (93%), 36 were paid by their employer (7%), and 10 were volunteers who received no pay (2%). Some election officials were paid by their employers and received additional pay from the Clerk's Office for time worked beyond normal employment hours.

We had 4 Election Officials ages 18-25 (1%), 41 Election Officials ages 26-40 (8%), 116 Election Officials ages 41-60 (23%), 151 Election Officials ages 61-70 (29%), and 201 Election Officials ages 71 or older (39%).

Of our 513 Election Officials, 9 were of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (2%), 3 were American Indian (1%), 3 were Asian (1%), and 24 were African-American (5%). For comparison, 6.5% of City of Madison residents are of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 7.5% are Asian, and 5.9% are African-American.

Training

The City Clerk's Office offered 29 training sessions in the two weeks leading up to the Spring Election. Training sessions were held at Villager Mall, Attic Angels, the City-County Building, and Olbrich Gardens. Training focused on election day paperwork.

Absentee Ballots

Election Officials counted 1,984 absentee ballots at the polls. Fifty-two absentee ballots were rejected at the polls.

Three-hundred eighty-six people voted absentee in the City Clerk's Office.

Election Day

The City of Madison printed the Inspectors' Statement in a larger font to make it easier for our election officials to read.

Three polling places were not unlocked by 6 a.m.: Head Start, Wil-Mar, and Tenney Park Apartments.

City of Madison Information Technology helped with AutoMark troubleshooting on Election Day. The City Assessor's Office provided the Clerk's Office with access to an additional photocopier after the polls closed so the Clerk's Office could prepare canvass materials for all eight school districts in a much more efficient manner.