

# Monroe County Board of Elections

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## 2025 Annual Report to the Monroe County Legislature

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# 2025 Key Takeaways



In 2025, the Monroe County Board of Elections successfully administered multiple elections across the county, including Village Elections, School District Elections, the June Primary Election, and the November General Election.



Total voters served across all methods: 167,376



Voter participation remained strong throughout the year. Monroe County's registered voter population increased from 502,242 at the start of the year to 516,698 by year's end.



Early voting continued to serve as an important option for voters, with 4,122 voters participating in the Primary Election and 31,176 voters participating in the General Election.



The Board trained and appointed 2,392 Election Inspectors to ensure the smooth and secure administration of elections.

# Mission & Authority



**The Monroe County Board of Elections is a New York State–mandated department responsible for administering all aspects of elections within Monroe County and ensuring fair, secure, and accessible participation for all eligible voters.**

**The Board is led by two bipartisan Commissioners** appointed by the Monroe County Legislature to **four-year terms** and supported by Deputy Commissioners, as required by New York State Election Law.

The Board **conducts local, state, and federal elections; administers voter registration; certifies election results; maintains official records; and provides voter outreach and education.**

# *Official Mission Statement*

*We will provide, as a New York State mandated department of Monroe County, through a skilled and dedicated staff, in collaboration with federal, state, county and local municipalities, for the highest degree of voter participation in honest and fair elections for all citizens of Monroe County, New York.*



# Governance & Structure



The Board operates under a bipartisan structure required by law to ensure fairness and balance in election administration. The Board is led by two Commissioners and supported by Deputy Commissioners and professional staff.

## Commissioners

**Jackie Ortiz**

**Peter Elder**

**Full-time staff: 50**

**Part-time staff: 8**

**Seasonal staff: 13**

*\*Excludes Election Inspectors on early voting and election day.*

## Deputy Commissioners

**Natalie Sheppard**

**David Reilich**



***The Board works in coordination with the New York State Board of Elections and operates within a budget approved by the Monroe County Legislature.***

# 2025 Budget



**The entire operating budget of the Monroe County Board of Elections is funded by and charged back to the taxpayers of Monroe County.**

The **total adopted budget for 2025** was **\$14,945,628** reflecting the resources required to administer multiple elections throughout the year, including Village, School District, Primary, and General Elections.

**As a non-presidential election year, the 2025 budget reflects routine operational costs associated with election administration, staffing, equipment maintenance, and voter services.** The Board remains grateful to the Monroe County Legislature for fully funding its requested operating budget and supporting the continued delivery of fair, secure, and accessible elections.

# Budget Allocation by Operational Area

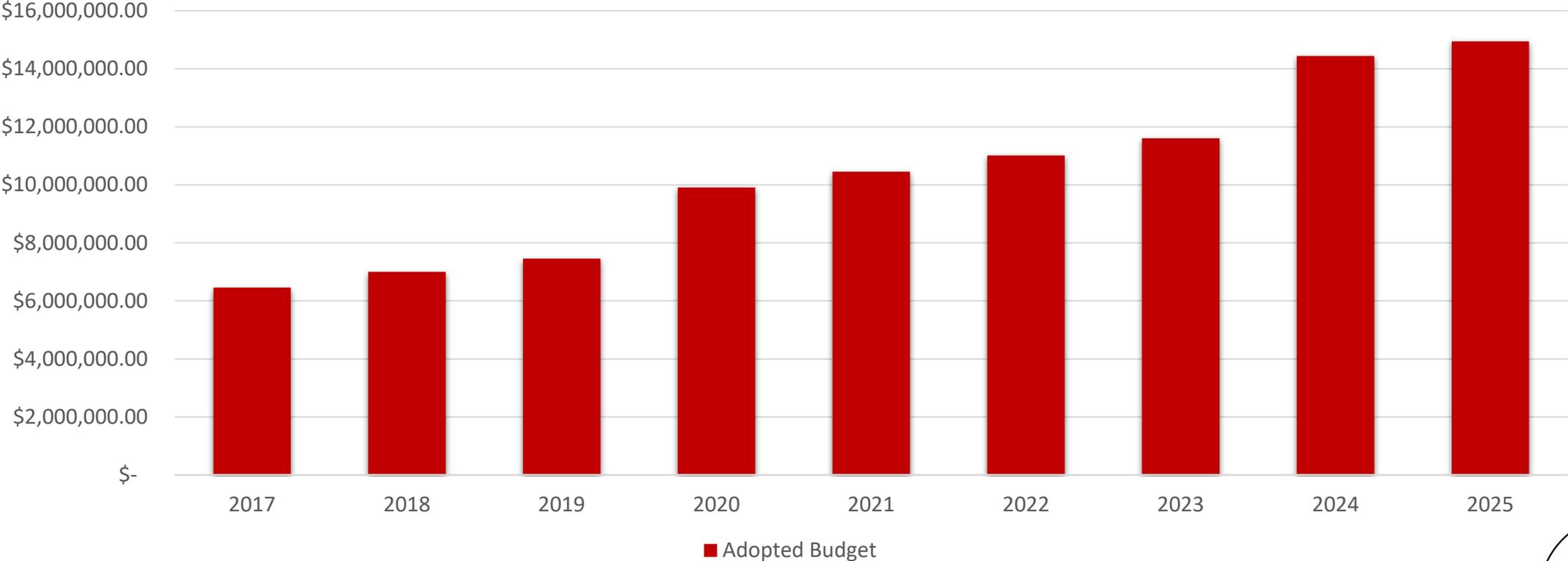


The Board's budget is allocated across key operational areas necessary to support secure, efficient, and accessible elections, including:

- **Personnel Costs** - salaries and benefits
- **Technology & Data Processing** - system support and election infrastructure
- **Facilities & Operations** - rent and administrative overhead
- **Voting Equipment** - maintenance and supplies
- **Ballots & Materials** - printing, postage, and office supplies
- **Commercial Services** - security, delivery, payroll, and communication tools
- **Professional Services** - election inspectors, coordinators, interpreters, and polling site rentals

# Budget Comparison by Year

## Adopted Budgets



# Elections Administered in 2025



## In 2025, the Board administered:

- ✓ **March Village Elections**
- ✓ **May School District Elections**
- ✓ **June Village Elections**
- ✓ **June Primary Election**
- ✓ **November General Election**



# Voter Participation



## Voters utilized multiple voting methods in 2025.

During the **Primary Election**, participation included:

- **Early Voting:** 4,122
- **Election Day:** 12,861
- **Absentee:** 1,066
- **Early Vote by Mail:** 188

During the **General Election**, participation included:

- **Early Voting:** 31,176
- **Election Day:** 110,946
- **Absentee:** 5,838
- **Early Vote by Mail:** 1,179

*Total voters served across all methods: **167,376***

# Early Voting



Early voting continued to provide flexible and convenient opportunities for Monroe County voters in 2025. The Board of Elections successfully staffed and operated multiple early voting locations to ensure **accessible**, **efficient**, and **secure voting across the county**.

In 2025, the Board operated:

- **7** early voting sites for the **Primary Election**
- **13** early voting sites for the **General Election**

*Each early voting period lasted nine days and included weekend voting opportunities.*

**Total voters served across early vote methods: 35,298**



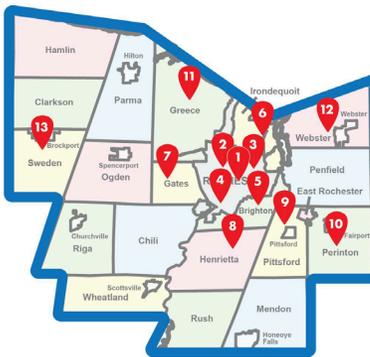
## Early Voting

General Election  
Oct 25 - Nov 2, 2025

**Polling Hours:**  
Sat & Sun: 9 am-5 pm  
M, W & F: 9 am-5 pm  
Tu & Th: 12 noon-8 pm

### Monroe County Early Voting Sites

Eligible Voters can vote at any Early Voting site in the county.



- 1 Monroe County Office Building**  
(Public entrances on S. Fitzhugh St. or Irvine Pl. - ADA entrance on Irvine Pl.)  
39 W. Main St,  
Rochester, NY 14614
- 2 Edgerton Rec Center**  
41 Backus St.,  
Rochester, NY 14608
- 3 David F. Gantt Center**  
700 North St,  
Rochester, NY 14605
- 4 Staybridge Suites Rochester University**  
1000 Genesee St,  
Rochester, NY 14611
- 5 Brighton Farmer's Market**  
1435 Westfall Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14618
- 6 Irondequoit Community Center**  
450 Skyview Centre Pkwy  
Suite 200,  
Rochester, NY 14622
- 7 Gates Public Library**  
902 Elmgrove Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14624
- 8 Henrietta Library**  
625 Calkins Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14623
- 9 Pittsford Town Court**  
3750 Monroe Ave  
Suite 950,  
Pittsford, NY 14534
- 10 Perinton Square Mall**  
6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd,  
Fairport, NY 14450
- 11 Greece Town Hall**  
1 Vince Tofany Blvd,  
Rochester, NY 14612
- 12 Webster Justice Court Building**  
1002 Ridge Rd,  
Webster, NY 14580
- 13 Sweden-Clarkson Community Center**  
4927 Lake Rd S,  
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# Mail-In Voting



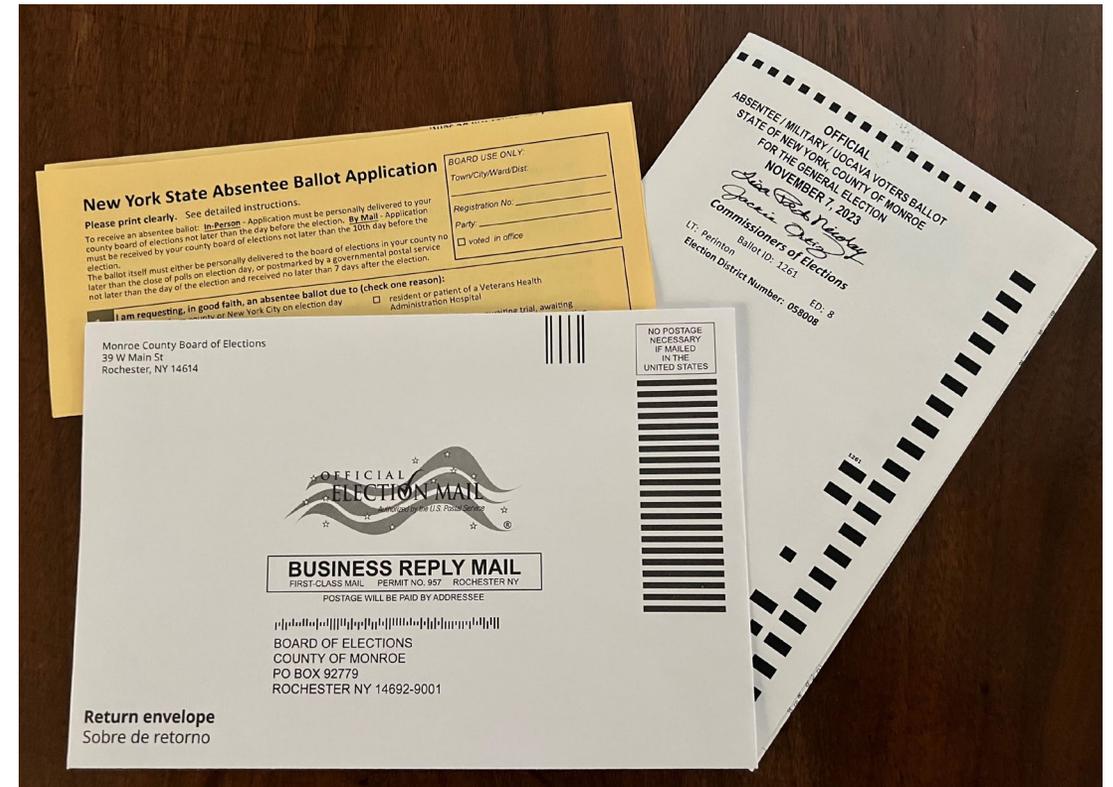
## Mail-In Voting continues to be an important option for voters in Monroe County.

### For the **Primary Election:**

- **2,597** ballots requested
- **1,254** ballots counted
- **30** absentee cure notices sent out to voters
- **16** absentee cure notices returned by voter

### For the **General Election:**

- **9,473** ballots requested
- **6,833** ballots counted
- **171** absentee cure notices sent out to voters
- **112** absentee cure notices returned by voter



# Affidavit & Cure Process



Affidavit ballots provide an opportunity for voters to cast a ballot when eligibility questions arise.

## For the Primary Election:

- **166** ballots counted
- **48** ballots rejected
- **0** ballots cured

## For the General Election:

- **681** ballots counted
- **74** ballots rejected
- **2** ballots cured

# Election Inspector Program

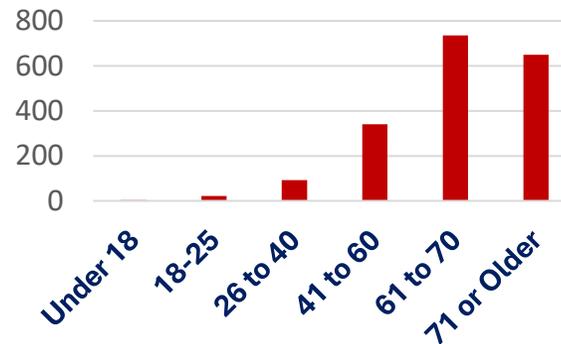


Election Inspectors play a critical role in the successful administration of elections in Monroe County. In 2025, the Board of Elections Training and Recruitment Team coordinated staffing for all election events held throughout the year, including Village and School District elections, the June Primary Election, and the November General Election.

The team also managed staffing for each Early Voting period, ensuring that all designated early voting sites were fully supported to maintain safe, efficient, and accessible voting operations.

- **2,392** Election Inspectors were appointed
  - **162** training classes held
  - Class size: **35**
  - Month held: **May, September, and October**
- **384** were new workers

Election Inspectors by Age



# Polling Locations & Facilities



Securing polling locations that meet legal and operational requirements remains a critical part of election administration. The Monroe County Board of Elections prioritizes sites that are fully ADA accessible, provide adequate parking and lighting, and support reliable cellular connectivity to ensure efficient and accessible voting.

To promote consistency and a positive voter experience, polling locations are evaluated using established standards, including accessibility, square footage, parking capacity, and technological readiness. The Board conducts ongoing reviews when new sites are added or when changes are needed to address operational or accessibility concerns.

## In 2025:

- **90** polling locations were used for the Primary Election
- **211** polling locations were used for the General Election

## Polling Sites

Need to lookup your polling site for Election Day?

[Find My Polling Site](#)

On Election Day, all polling sites will have an Absentee/Early Vote by Mail Drop Box.

*The Board's website allows voters to look up their polling location at any time.*

# Voting Technology & Infrastructure



The Monroe County Board of Elections continued its commitment to secure and modern election technology in 2025 with the **full transition to ES&S ExpressVote XL voting machines**. These new systems replaced legacy equipment and enhanced accessibility, reliability, and operational efficiency for voters and election staff.

Electronic Poll Pads were used at all voting locations to securely verify voter eligibility and update records in real time, ensuring accurate ballot issuance and preventing duplicate voting.

## Voting Machines Deployed

For the **Primary Election**:

- **233** machines – Election Day
- **32** machines – Early Voting

For the **General Election**:

- **960** machines – Election Day
- **173** machines – Early Voting

## Poll Pads in Use

For the **Primary Election**:

- **214** poll pads – Election Day
- **32** poll pads – Early Voting

For the **General Election**:

- **648** poll pads – Election Day
- **86** poll pads – Early Voting



# Voting Accessibility



The Monroe County Board of Elections remains committed to ensuring that all voters have equal and independent access to the election process.

- **100%** of polling locations are ADA accessible
- **Every** ES&S ExpressVote XL voting machine is a **fully accessible machine**
- **Accessible absentee ballots** available for voters who are blind or visually impaired

Election materials, including voter registration forms, absentee ballot requests, and the Voter's Bill of Rights, are provided in multiple formats, including Spanish and Braille.

Language support services continued to be available at voting locations:

- **Spanish interpreter recruitment and on-site placement** to ensure language access for Spanish-speaking voters
- **American Sign Language** interpreters available at select sites
- **Language Access Devices** deployed at all Early Voting and Election Day sites



*Language Access Devices support **47** different languages*

# Voter Registration



In 2025, the Board registered **14,307** new voters

Most registrations occurred through the Department of Motor Vehicles, followed by in-person events, online registrations, and mailed applications.

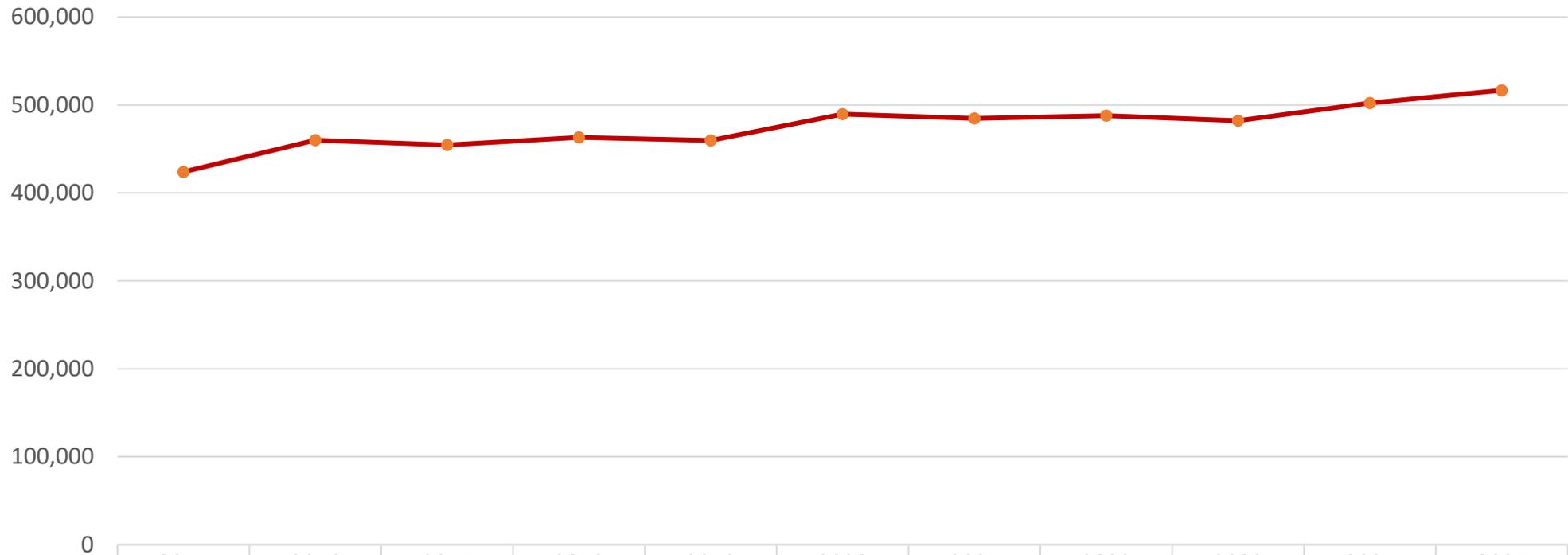
Method breakdown:

- DMV – **8,075**
- Online - **681**
- Mail - **455**
- In-person events – **685**
- Other methods – **4,411**



# Number of Registered Voters – 516,698

2015 -2025



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Registered Voters	423,859	460,140	454,580	463,304	459,669	489,532	484,613	487,814	482,238	502,242	516,698

*\*This includes inactive voters*

# Voter Registration Form Distribution

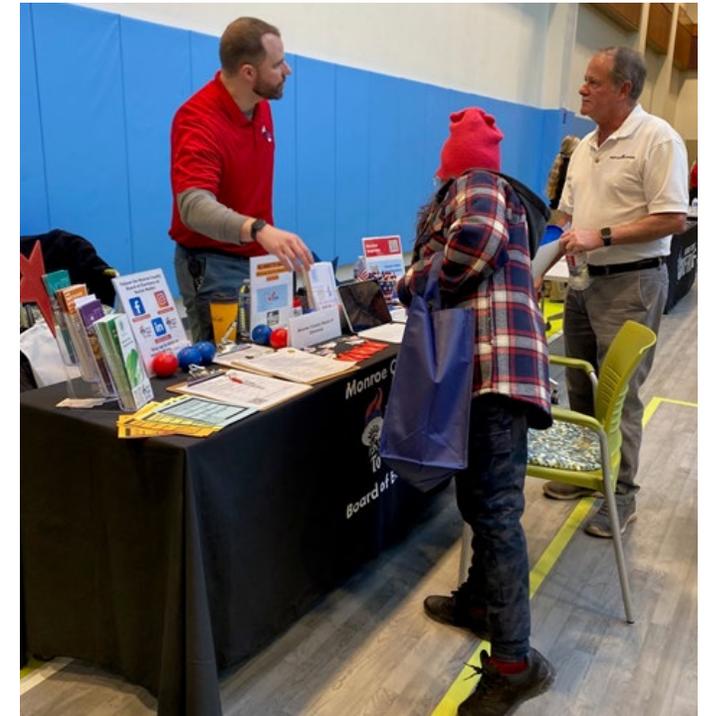


The Monroe County Board of Elections distributed voter registration forms throughout the community to ensure residents had convenient access to registration opportunities. Forms were provided to schools, public offices, community organizations, and public events across Monroe County.

## Registration Forms Distributed in 2025

- Schools: **800**
- Post Offices: **500**
- Public Offices: **300**
- Community Groups: **1,100**
- Public Events & Outreach: **600**

**Total Form Distribution: 3,300**



# Postal & School Outreach Programs



The Monroe County Board of Elections conducts voter registration outreach through partnerships with local post offices and educational institutions. These programs track how many locations are served, how many participate in registration efforts, and how many voters are ultimately reached.

## Postal Outreach Program

The Board supplies voter registration forms to post offices throughout Monroe County to ensure residents have convenient access to registration materials.

- Post Offices supplied with forms: **12**
- Forms supplied per location:
  - **50 English**
  - **25 Spanish**

*Additional forms provided upon request throughout the year*

## School Registration Outreach Program

The School Program measures outreach reach, participation, and registration outcomes across the **188** educational institutions within the County.

- Entities contacted by BOE: **84**
- On-site registration programs conducted: **84**
- Programs conducted independently by schools: **8**
- Students registered through program: **108**

*In addition to supplying registration materials, the Board conducted school presentations, assemblies, and campus outreach events to promote youth voter participation.*

# Community Outreach & Engagement



The Board conducted extensive in-person outreach throughout Monroe County to increase voter awareness and participation, particularly among youth, new citizens, and underserved communities.

## 2025 Outreach Activities:

- High school presentations & assemblies: **23**
- Youth leadership program presentations: **14**
- High school registration pop-up events: **24**
- Teacher engagement presentations: **8**
- College & university tabling events: **15**
- Naturalization ceremonies administered: **12**
- New American voters registered: **420+**



In addition, the Commissioners made it a continued goal to engage directly with community groups, civic organizations, and public forums throughout the year, promoting voter awareness and participation.

# Media, Print & Community Partnerships



The Board expanded public awareness through media outreach, partnerships, and new print resources to improve voter education and engagement.

## Media & Public Awareness

- **National Voter Registration Day** press conference with extensive media coverage
- **National Voter Education Week** partnership with City of Rochester
- **Spanish-language radio outreach** including interviews and public service announcements
- Youth-created public service campaign

## Print & Community Resources

- **New unified BOE branding platform** for print materials
- **50 community partner outreach kits** distributed
- QR-code voter registration posters displayed at:
  - **10 City R-Centers**
  - **32 public library locations**
- Youth-focused voter awareness campaigns launched



# Security & Audits



## Election security remains a top priority.

**After each election, the Board conducted mandatory audits of ballots from randomly selected election districts, as required by New York State Election Law.**

Pursuant to NYS Election Law, 3% of Election Districts ballots are audited.

For the **Primary Election:**

- **7** election districts audited
- **0** discrepancies found

For the **General Election:**

- **20** election districts audited
- **0** discrepancies found

***All staff completed required cybersecurity training throughout the year.***

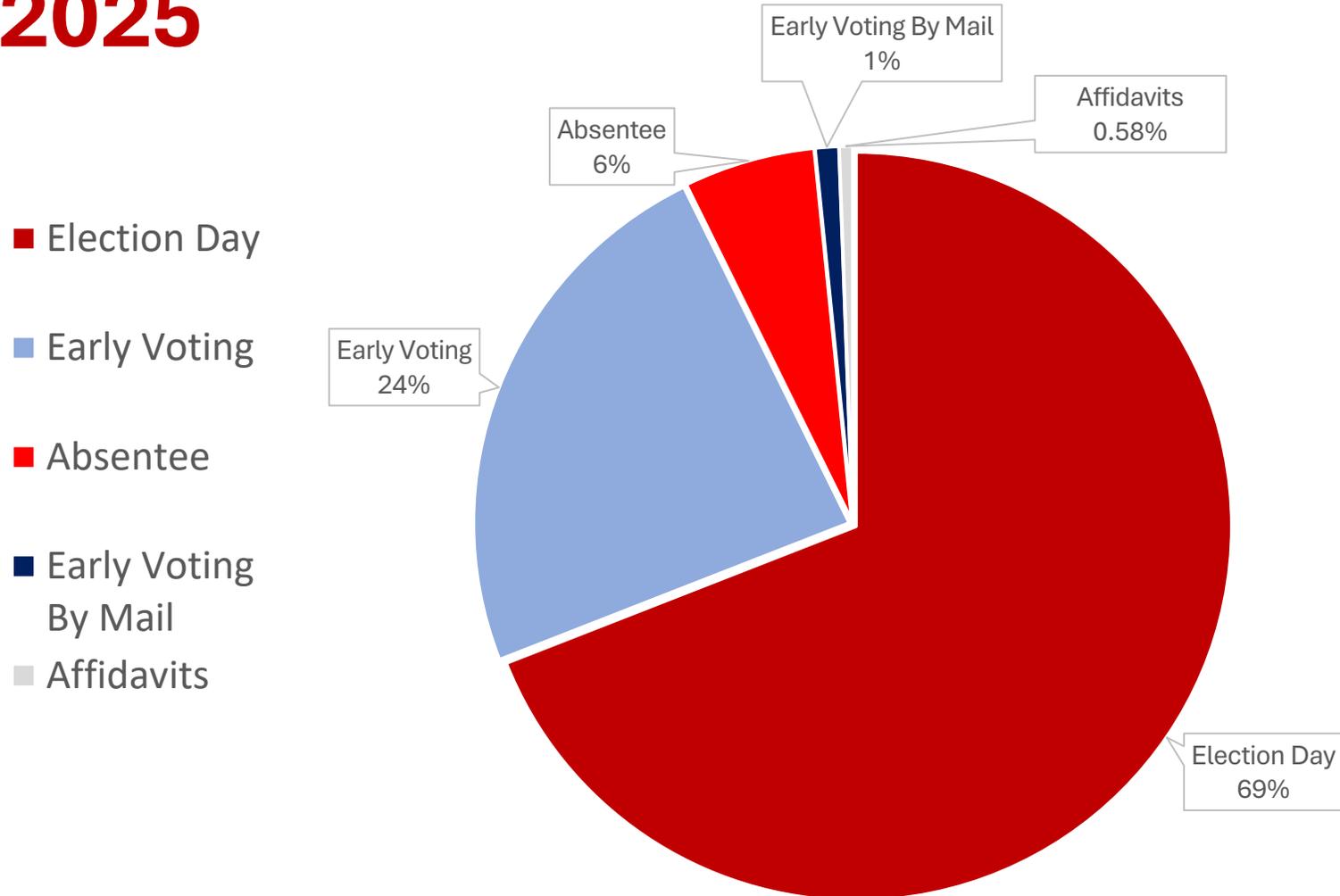
# Primary Election Statistics

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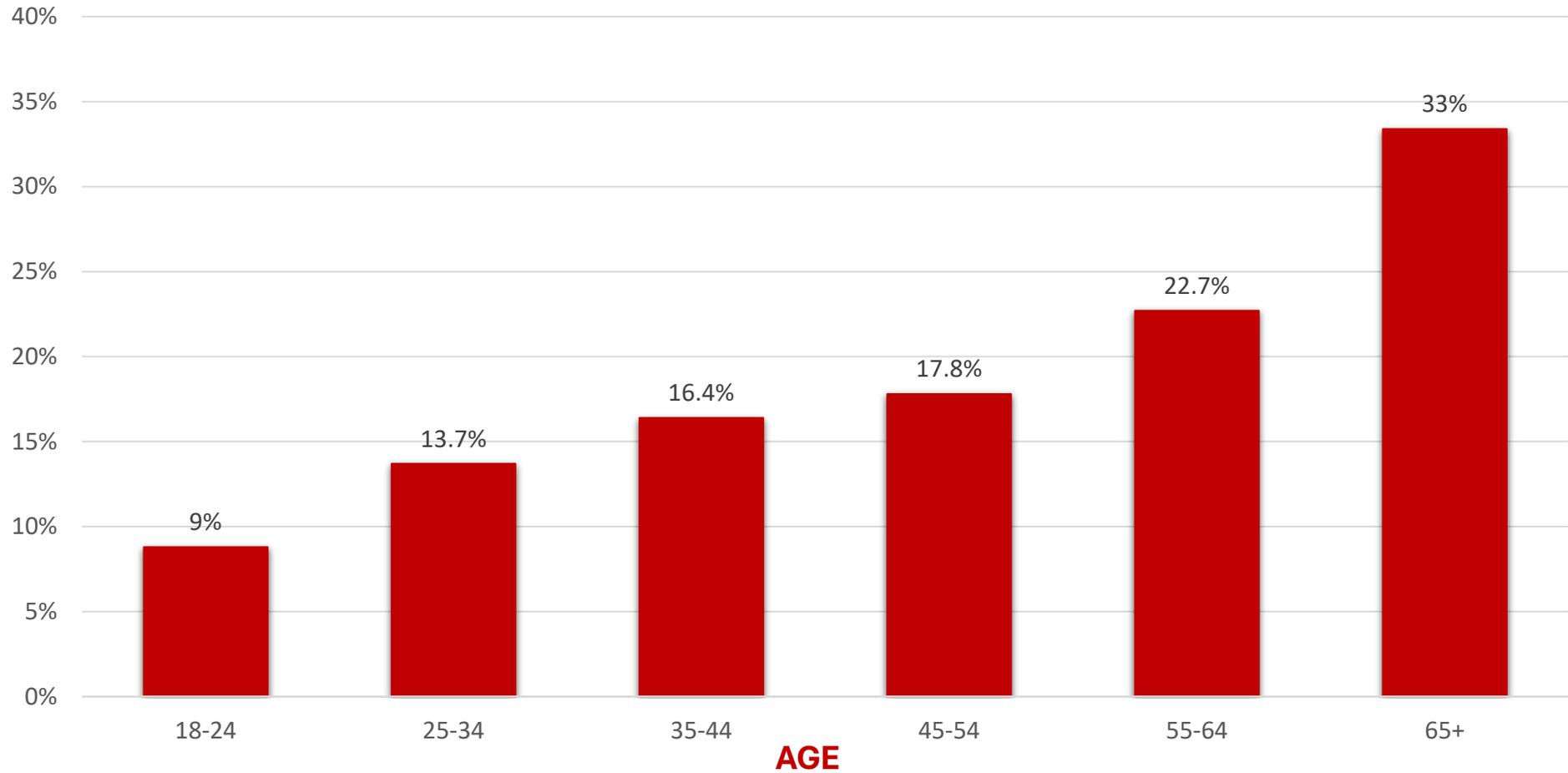
# Voter Methods for the Primary Election

## 2025



# Voter Turnout by Age – Primary Election

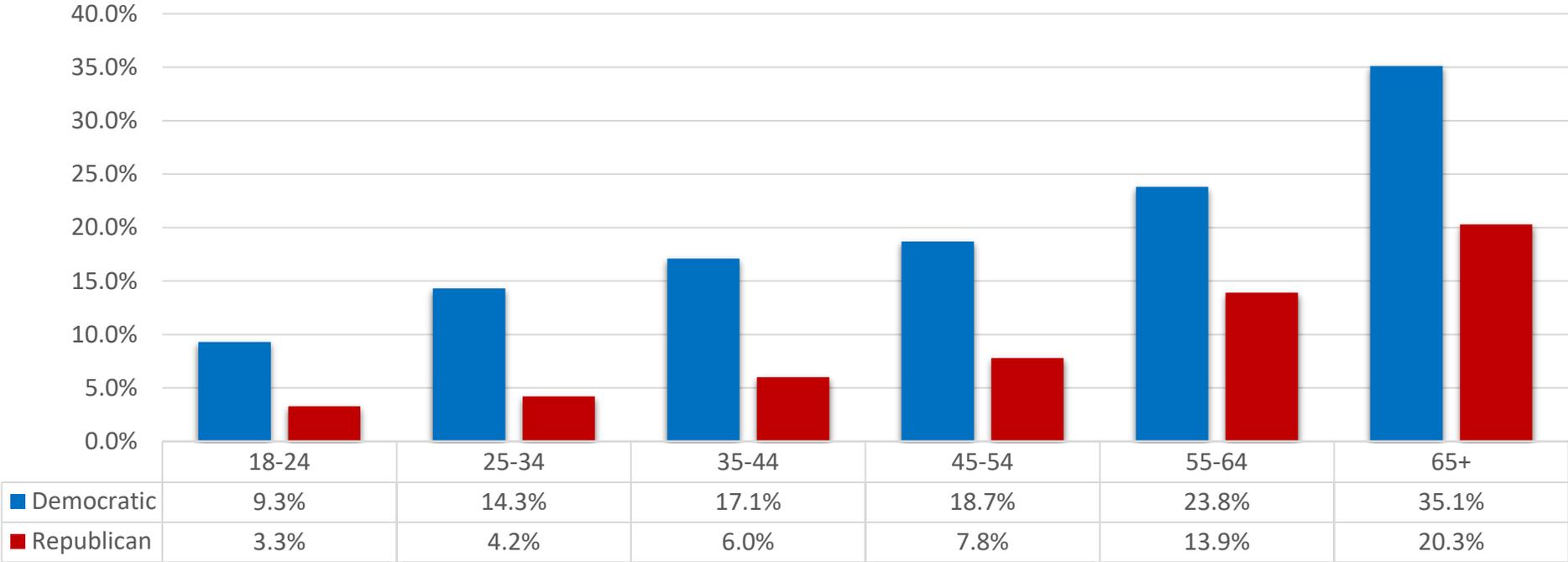
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# Comparison of Turnout by Age Group & Party

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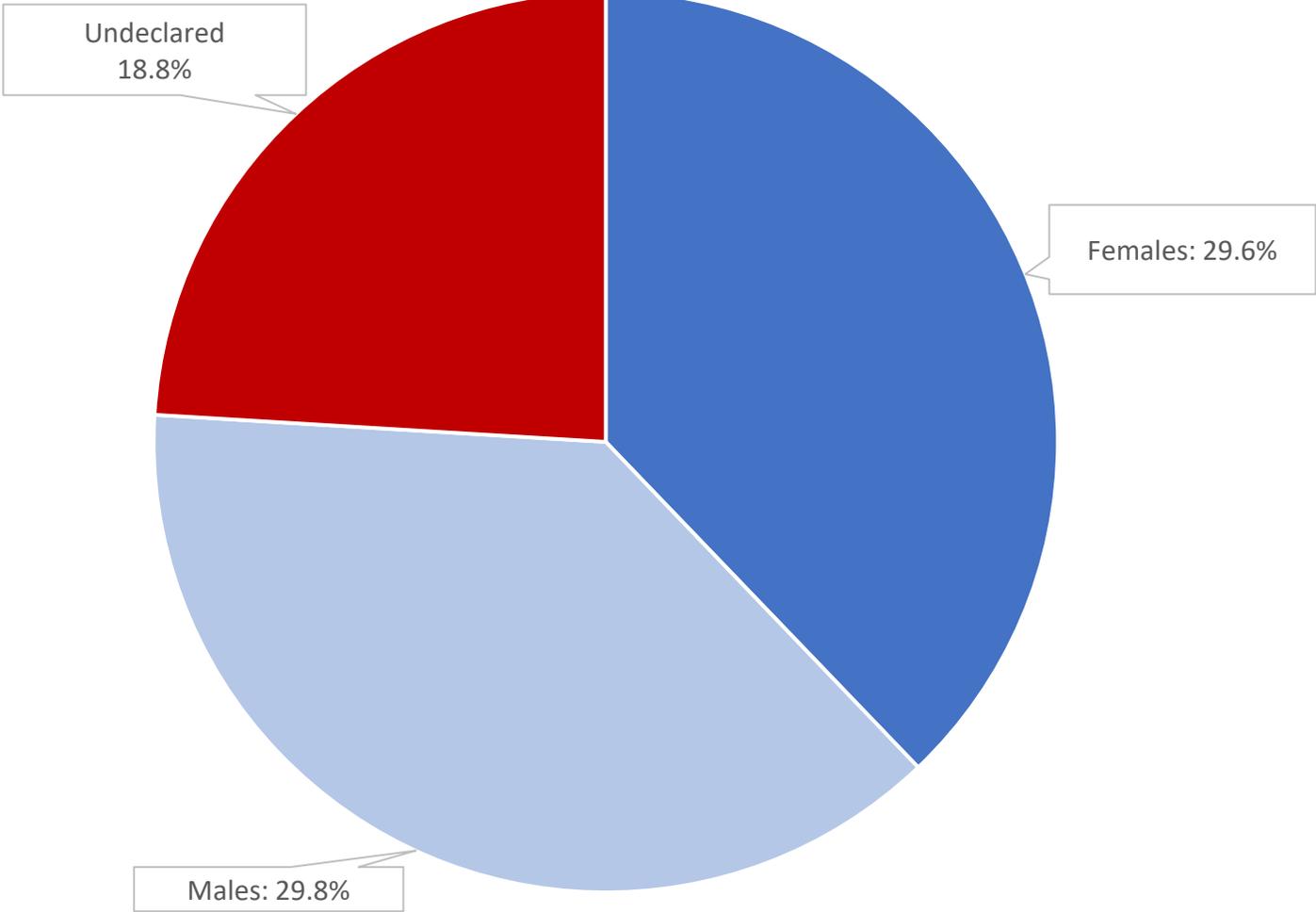
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# Voter Turnout by Gender - Primary Elections

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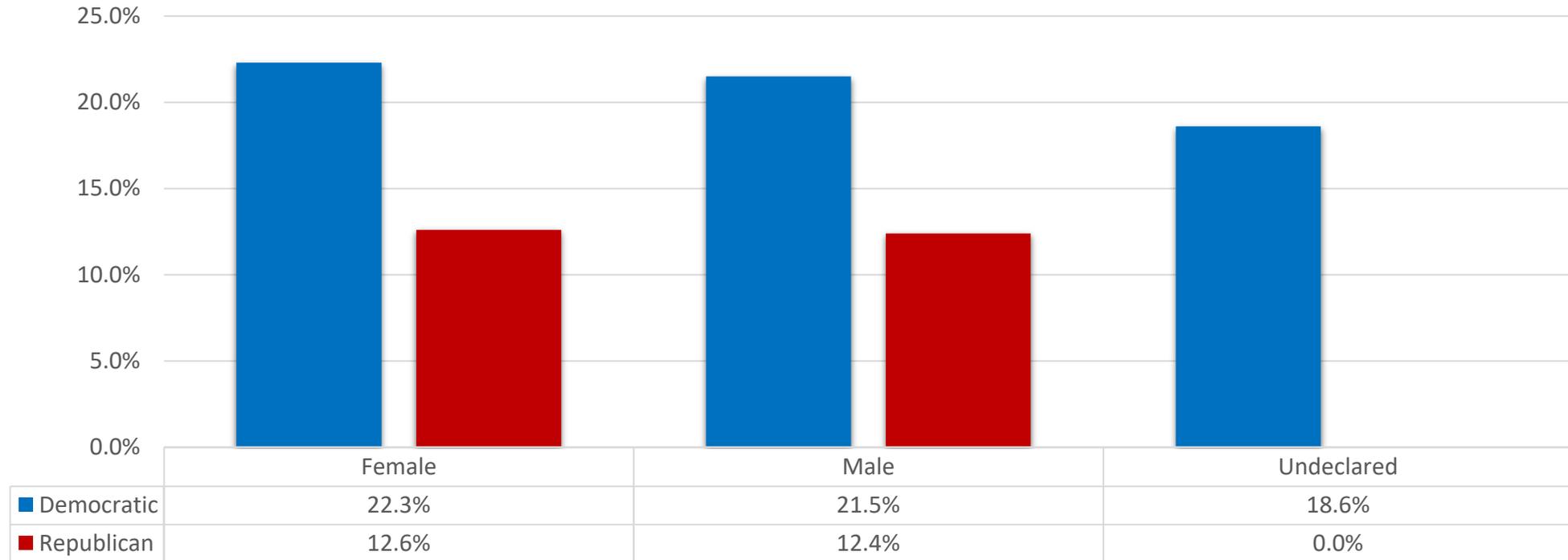
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# Comparison of Turnout by Gender & Party

## - Primary Election

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# General Election Statistics

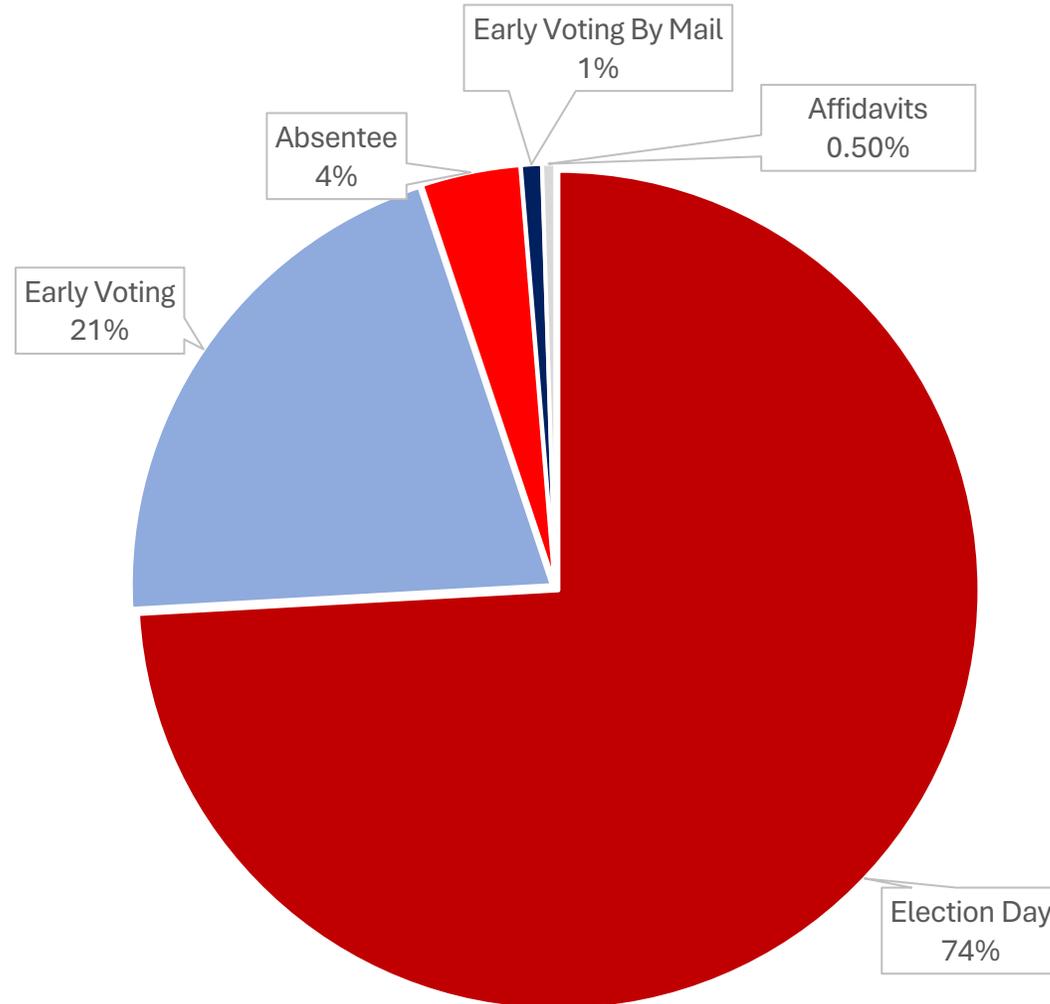
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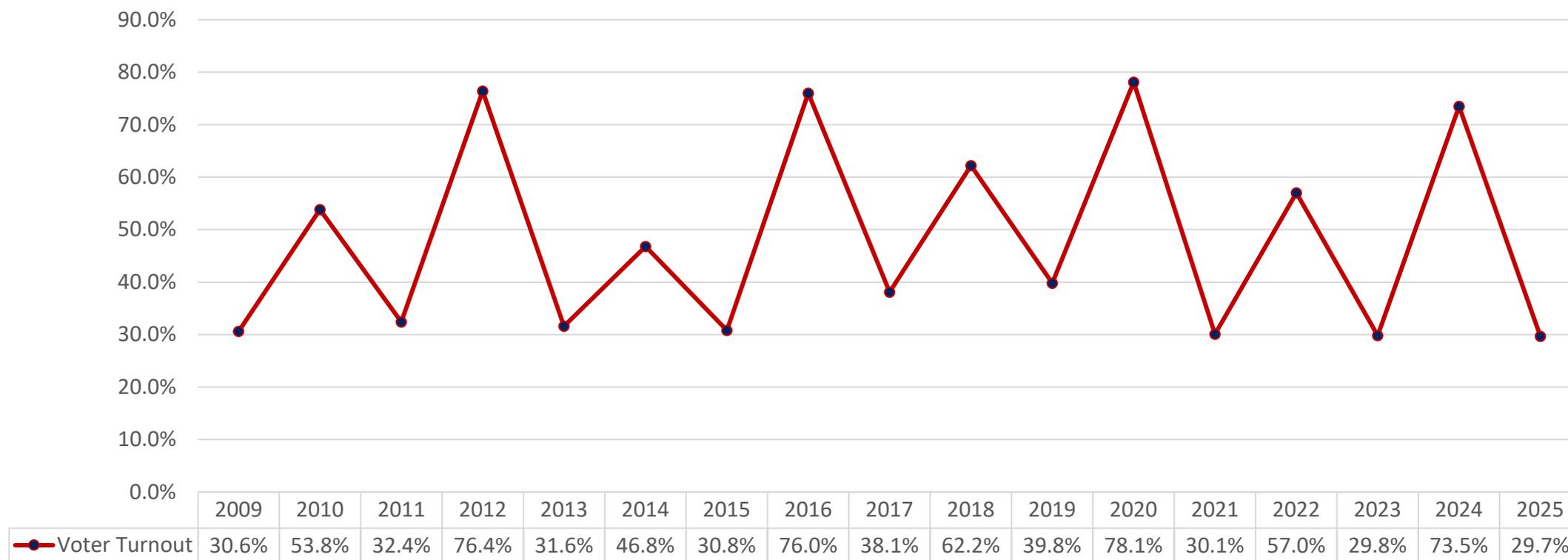
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- Election Day
- Early Voting
- Absentee
- Early Voting By Mail
- Affidavits



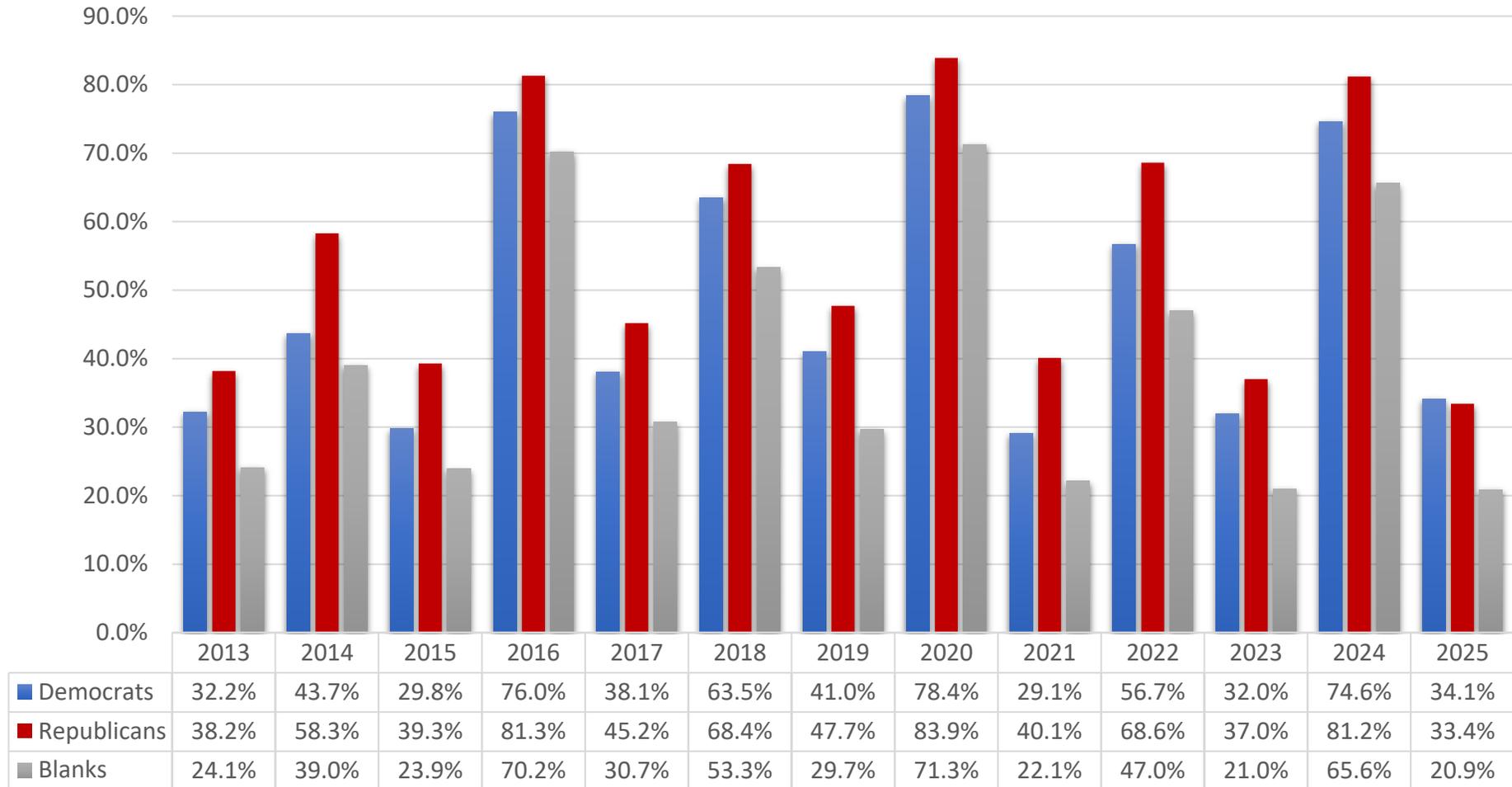
# Voter Turnout for the General Election

2009 Through 2025



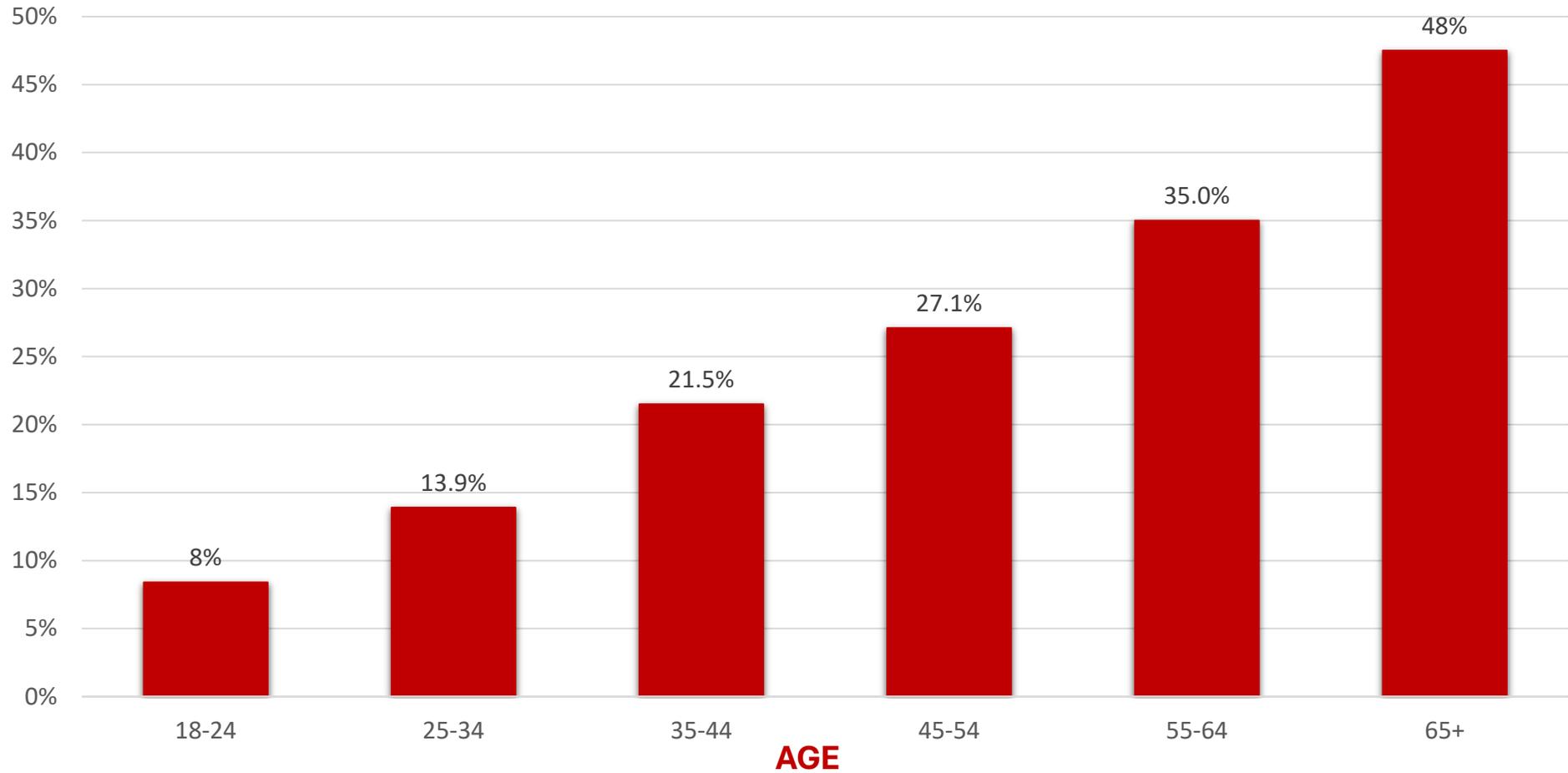
# Voter Turnout By Party - General Election

2013 Through 2025



# Voter Turnout by Age - General Election

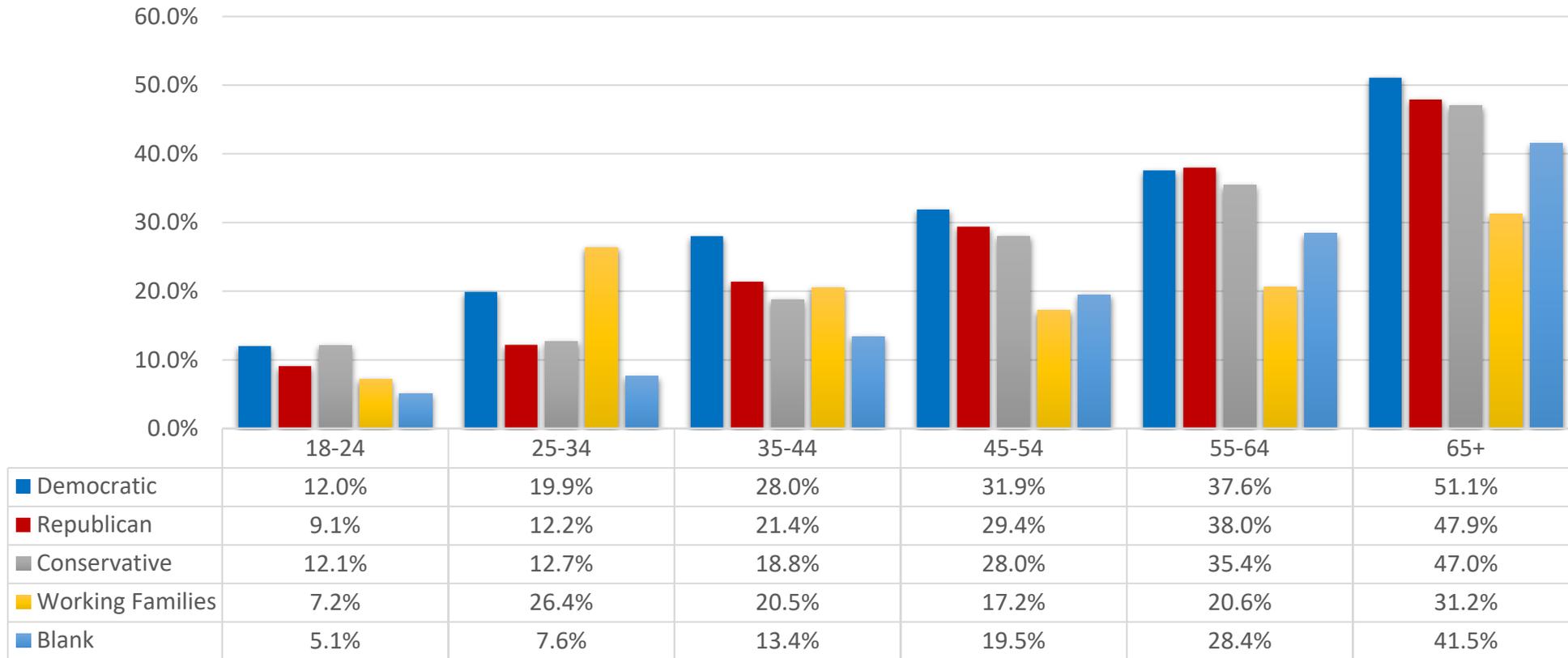
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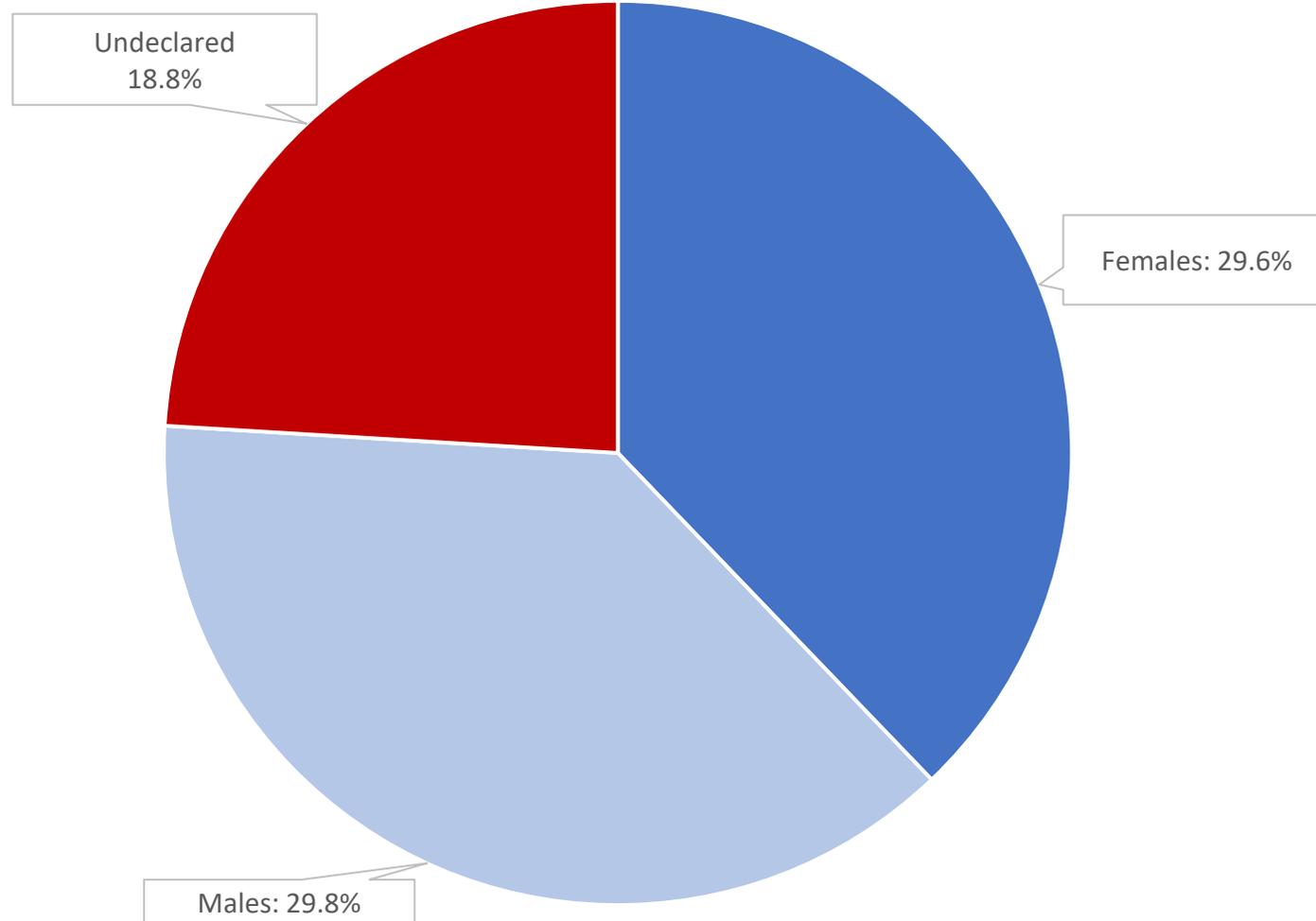
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# Voter Turnout by Gender - General Elections

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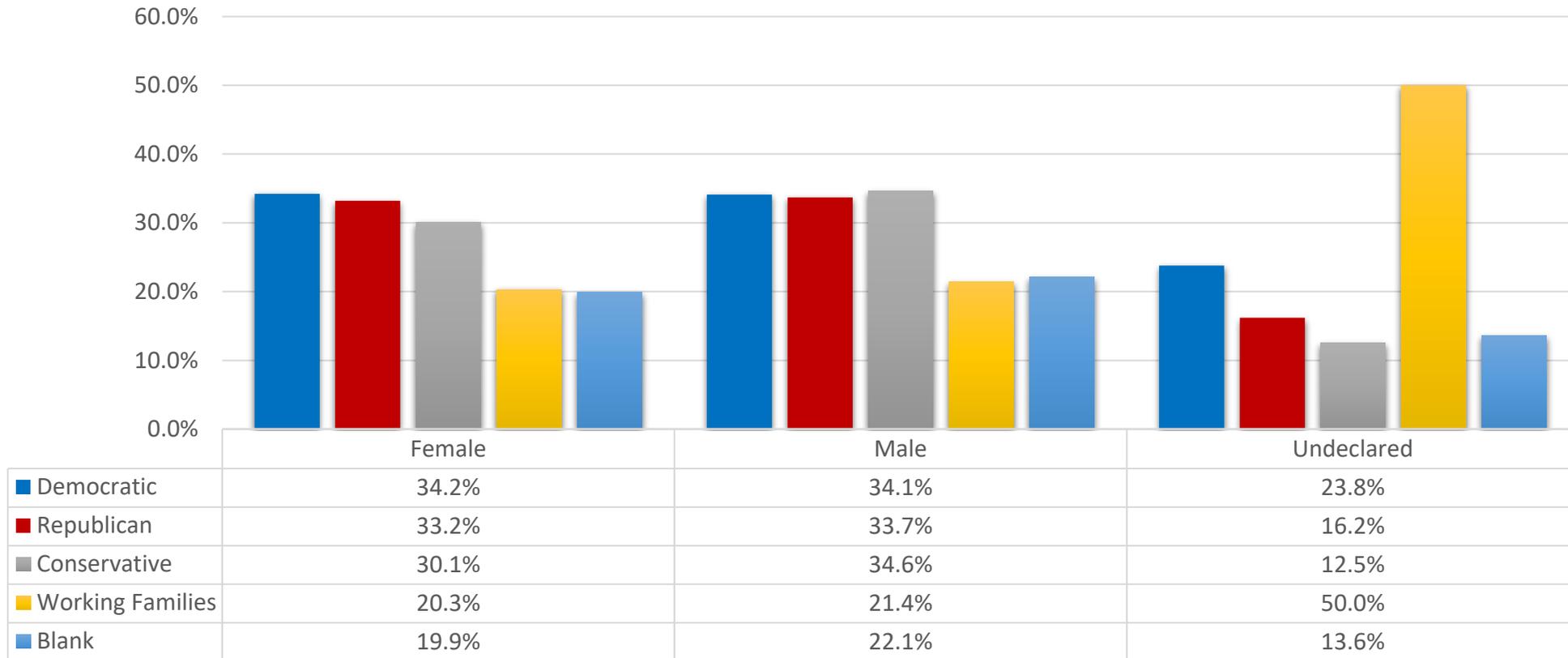
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# Comparison of Turnout by Gender & Party

## - General Election

**2025**



# Looking Ahead to 2026: Operations



**As the Board prepares for the next election cycle, planning efforts remain focused on ensuring secure, efficient, and accessible elections for all Monroe County voters.**

**In 2026, the Board anticipates administering multiple election events, including:**

- March Village Elections
- May School District Elections
- June Village Elections
- June Primary Elections
- November General Elections

**The Board will continue to focus on strengthening election operations** through ongoing training, **technology maintenance**, and **recruitment of Election Inspectors** to ensure adequate staffing for all election events.

Additionally, the Board will continue to maintain **modern election technology**, including ExpressVote XL voting machines and the deployment of **new ExpressPoll electronic poll pads**, while supporting **accessibility** and **language access services** for all voters.

# Looking Ahead to 2026: Voter Outreach



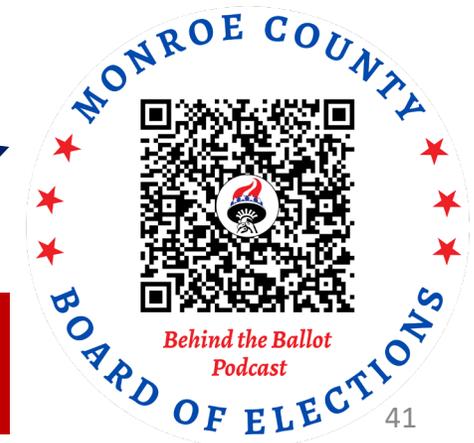
Looking ahead, the Board will continue to prioritize voter engagement through expanded partnerships, targeted outreach efforts, and innovative communication strategies.

Outreach efforts will focus on **strengthening partnerships** with schools, youth organizations, and community groups, while improving **tracking of voter registration program outcomes**.

The Board will continue to expand **public education initiatives**, including the *Behind the Ballot Podcast*, a **Commissioners-led initiative** that provides voters with accessible, transparent information about election processes, voter services, and civic participation.



**Scan here to watch!**



Through these efforts, the Board remains committed to increasing voter awareness, accessibility, and public trust in the electoral process.

**The Monroe County Board of Elections remains committed to maintaining public trust through transparency, professionalism, and adherence to election law.**

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