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**Election Summary  
June 8, 2010  
Statewide Primary Election**

## **Executive Summary**

This report summarizes the June 8, 2010 Statewide Direct Primary Election conducted by the Orange County Registrar of Voters. This primary was characterized by many firsts for the Department that included products, events and procedures not seen in any other voting jurisdiction in the country.

There were 1,603,312 registered voters in Orange County for this election with 482,708 (30%) casting a ballot. The number of volunteers needed for this election was over 5,000 (1,400 bilingual) to process voters at 1,104 polling locations.

The Registrar of Voters is proud to have certified this primary election in half the time (14 days) allowed by statute (28 days). This has been a consistent standard in the office since the June 2006 Primary election.

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Registrar of Voters

# Registration and Turnout

## Registration

The number of registered voters in Orange County has steadily increased over the years. As seen in Table 1, current registration is over 1.6 million. The Secretary of State reports that Orange County has the fourth highest percentage (85.15%) of eligible citizens registered to vote of the 58 counties in California. (Sierra 90.82%/2,255 registered, Alpine 88.95%/797 registered, Plumas 85.61%/13,272 registered).

### Primary Elections

### Registration

June 2010	1,603,312
June 2008	1,566,951
February 2008	1,537,201
June 2006	1,476,210
March 2004	1,384,086
March 2002	1,286,638
March 2000	1,228,575
June 1998	1,178,669
March 1996	1,174,528

Table 1 - Total voter registration by election

## Turnout

Turnout countywide for this election (30%) is higher than both of the previous statewide primary elections dating back to 2006. (Note: the average is for Statewide Direct Primary Elections and does not include the February 2008 Presidential Primary Election where Orange County saw a 49% turnout.)

The cities/areas with the highest turnout are: Laguna Woods (52.26%), Villa Park (46.32%), Seal Beach (43.85%), Silverado (37.54%) and Yorba Linda (37.39%).

### Primary Elections

### Total Ballots Cast

### Percent Turnout

June 2010	482,708	30.1%
June 2008	336,114	21.5%
February 2008	748,910	48.7%
June 2006	407,996	27.6%
March 2004	576,204	41.6%
March 2002	533,139	41.4%
March 2000	724,816	59.0%
June 1998	495,714	42.1%
March 1996	509,135	43.3%

Table 2 - Total ballots cast and percent turnout

# Vote-by-Mail

## Vote-by-Mail Ballots Issued and Returned

The number of vote-by-mail ballots requested continues to rise. As is typical with primary elections a larger number of people voted-by-mail in June 2010 as opposed to people that voted at the polling places. A special feature is available on [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com) prior to each election that allows voters to view the number of vote-by-mail ballots mailed, returned and the number returned by party. Daily reports for each category are available. Additional special features include live streaming video of the vote-by-mail preparation and the ability to track your vote-by-mail ballot.

Primary Elections	VBM Ballots Issued	VBM Ballots Cast
June 2010	628,986	295,798
June 2008	546,230	224,632
February 2008	538,450	340,558
June 2006	415,000	225,386
March 2004	319,039	223,621
March 2002	196,299	145,580
March 2000	222,744	181,184
June 1998	171,137	128,297
March 1996	171,484	131,323

Table 3 - Vote-by-Mail ballots issued and cast

## Vote-by-Mail Ballots Dropped Off At Polls

As seen on Table 4, the number of voters that dropped off their voted vote-by-mail ballot at the polling place was higher than any previous primary election. The Registrar of Voters works diligently to have all vote-by-mail ballots received prior to Election Day scanned and ready for tally on election night as part of the first returns. All vote-by-mail ballots received on Election Day are processed quickly beginning the day after the election and are part of the daily return updates at 5:00 pm until the canvass is complete.

Primary Elections	VBM Ballots Dropped Off
June 2010	53092
June 2008	30530
February 2008	51271
June 2006	29399
March 2004	27625
March 2002	24383

Table 4 - Vote-by-Mail ballots dropped off at polls

The cities with the highest Vote-by-Mail drop off rate are: Ladera Ranch (24.4%), Rancho Santa Margarita (21.2%), Lake Forest (20.5%), Mission Viejo (20.4%) and Costa Mesa (20.3%).