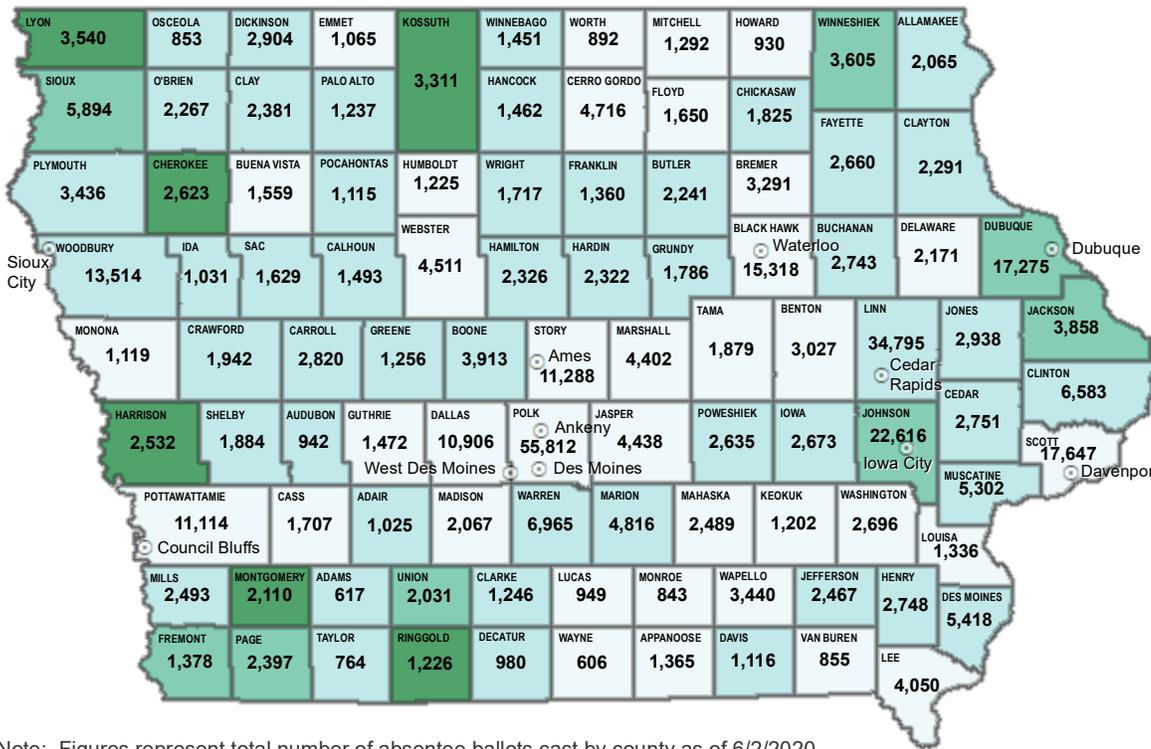


# 2020 Primary Election Turnout and Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots as a Percentage of Total Active Voters by County — 2020



**531,131**

Total Voter Turnout

**24.5%**

Active Registered Voters Who Voted in Primary

**420,389**

Absentee Ballots Cast

**79.1%**

Voted by Absentee Ballot

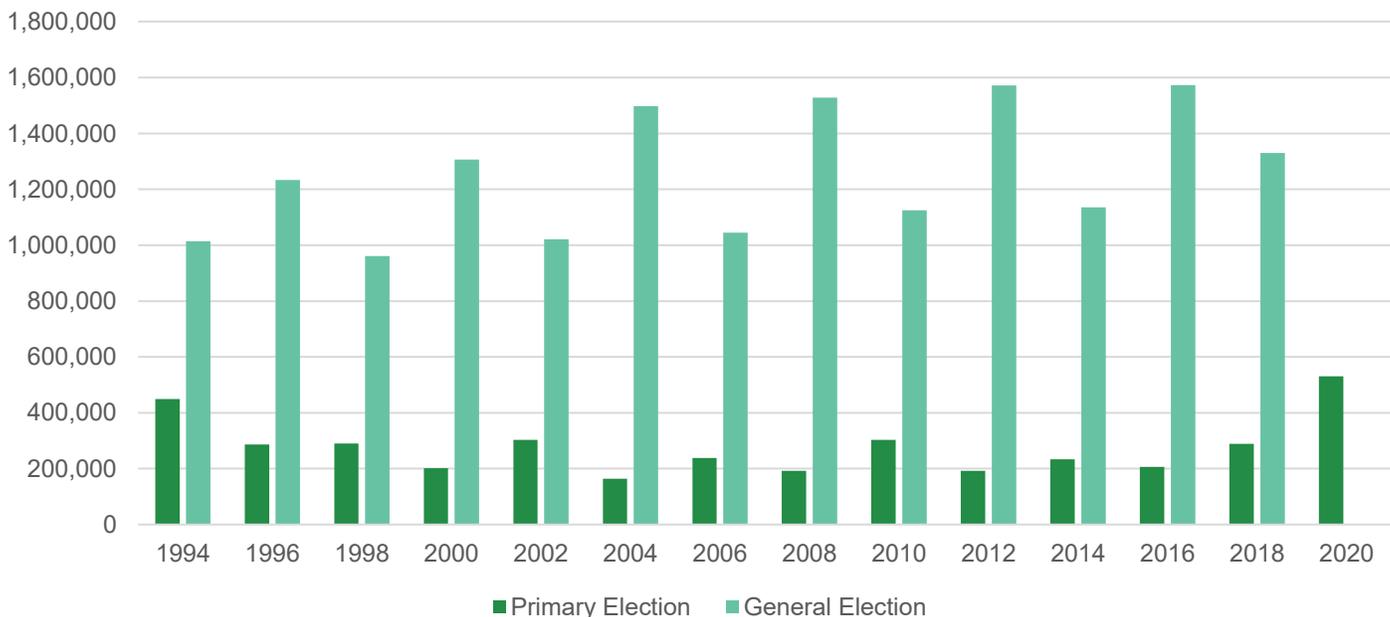
Percentage Voting by Absentee Ballot

- 13.9% - 20.0%
  - 20.1% - 25.0%
  - 25.1% - 30.0%
  - 30.1% - 43.8%
- Major Cities

Note: Figures represent total number of absentee ballots cast by county as of 6/2/2020.

The 2020 primary election turnout surpassed the previous record of 449,490 set in 1994. Absentee ballots in the 2020 primary election were over 10 times higher than in previous primaries, attributed to COVID-19 social distancing concerns at polling places.

## Voter Turnout in General and Primary Elections — 1994 to 2020



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