

Voter Registration and Turnout Statistics for Santa Cruz County

Pink= Presidential Primary
 Blue = Presidential General
 Green = Gubernatorial Primary
 Yellow = Gubernatorial General
 Orange = Special Statewide
 Purple = Direct Primary
 WHITE = Local Election or Special Vacancy

Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Absentees Issued	Absentees Counted ¹
June 1976	84,034	61,890	73.6	NA	3,185
Nov 1976	96,035	75,970	79.1	NA	4,004
June 1978	103,701	68,231	65.7	NA	3,670
Nov 1978	97,232	68,494	70.4	NA	3,778
Nov 1979 ²	97,780	40,486	41.4	NA	2,222
June 1980	102,045	74,016	72.5	NA	3,997
Nov 1980	112,457	87,269	77.6	NA	6,013
Nov 1981	105,590	27,825	26.3	NA	NA
June 1982	105,337	64,437	61.2	4,828	3,793
Nov 1982	111,494	78,946	70.8	6,810	5,962
Nov 1983	104,796	33,303	31.7	6,363	3,908
June 1984	110,719	61,245	51.3	5,548	4,600
Nov 1984	124,836	97,155	77.8	11,502	10,402
Nov 1985	118,854	33,866	28.5	4,665	3,283
June 1986	114,171	54,939	48.1	6,646	5,403
Nov 1986	117,615	75,063	63.8	9,093	7,698
Oct 1987 ³	8,849	3,695	41.7	8,849	3,695
Nov 1987	113,846	25,743	25.5	4,797	3,310
June 1988	118,741	74,940	63.1	9,376	7,809
Nov 1988	132,816	106,088	79.9	23,326	18,064

¹ Absentees counted excludes mail ballot precincts.

² Special Statewide Election for Proposition 4 (Gann Limit)

³ San Lorenzo Valley Water District all mail ballot election.

Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Absentees Issued	Absentees Counted ⁴
Nov 1989 ⁵	1,758	165	9.3	43	27
Nov 1989 ⁶	390	166	42.5	15	13
June 1990	122,505	57,756	47.2	10,736	8,627
Nov 1990	129,150	82,392	63.8	21,382	17,628
June 1992	133,334	69,646	52.2	14,178	12,013
Nov 1992	148,281	116,527	78.6	29,640	26,586
April 1993 ⁷	103,451	31,976	30.9	17,536	11,771
June 1993 ⁸	103,271	33,886	32.8	19,703	14,619
Aug 1993 ⁹	121,110	33,619	27.8	20,796	15,733
Nov 1993 ¹⁰	140,007	66,056	47.2	30,997	24,470
June 1994	132,139	58,040	44.0	17,505	15,422
Nov 1994	140,960	93,644	66.4	36,146	30,680
Nov 1995 ¹¹	2,415	729	30.2	340	238
Dec 1995 ¹²	33,089	10,513	31.8	6,100	4,729
March 1996	133,652	65,981	49.4	25,862	20,441
June 1996 ¹³	2,348	783	33.3	475	403
Nov 1996	148,663	104,085	70.0	37,145	28,281
June 1997 ¹⁴	74,468	17,498	23.5	10,297	8,170
Nov 1997 ¹⁵	6,600	3,849	58.3	All mail	All mail
April 1998 ¹⁶	64,593	17,073	26.4	8,867	6,973
April 1998 ¹⁷	737	339	46.0	274	235

⁴ Absentees counted excludes mail ballot precincts.

⁵ Central Water District Board of Directors Election

⁶ Pacific School Tax Measure

⁷ 17th Congressional District Special Vacancy Election

⁸ 17th Congressional District Run-off Election

⁹ 27th Assembly District Special Vacancy Election

¹⁰ Special Statewide Election consolidated with 27th AD run-off

¹¹ Loma Prieta Elementary School District Gann Limit Measure & Aromas Fire Board

¹² 15th Congressional District Special Vacancy Election

¹³ Loma Prieta Elementary School District Gann Limit. Measure P

¹⁴ County Parks and Recreation (CSA 11) special tax, Measure A

¹⁵ Special District Election, Scotts Valley Drive, Measure D – All mail ballot election

¹⁶ Santa Cruz High School & Elementary School District Bonds, Measures E & H

Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Absentees Issued	Absentees Counted ¹⁸
June 1998	130,197	66,826	51.3	26,359	20,774
Nov 1998	137,955	86,634	62.8	32,199	25,502
Mar 1999 ¹⁹	37,232	8,862	23.9	3,923	3,234
June 1999 ²⁰	6,509	3,989	61.3	2,342	2,077
Aug 1999 ²¹	705	429	60.9	230	215
Nov 1999 ²²	4,959	1,627	32.8	1,167	888
Nov 1999 ²³	682	279	40.9	All mail	All mail
March 2000	134,997	79,746	59.1	26,535	22,267
Nov 2000	145,214	109,266	75.2	39,155	30,388
June 2001 ²⁴	2,396	1,319	55.1	All mail	All mail
June 2001 ²⁵	8	8	100.0	All mail	All mail
June 2001 ²⁶	11	11	100.0	All mail	All mail
Jan 2002 ²⁷	18	18	100.0	All mail	All mail
Mar 2002	127,582	62,317	48.8	22,269	16,025
Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Absentees Issued	Absentees Counted ²⁸
Nov 2002	135,553	80,021	59.0	33,718	26,428
June 2003 ²⁹	15,124	5392	35.7	2,670	2028
June 2003 ³⁰	34,663	11,124	32.1	5,961	4,540

¹⁷ Lakeside School District Bond, Measure B.

¹⁸ Absentees counted **EXCLUDES** mail ballot precincts.

¹⁹ City of Santa Cruz Fluoride Initiative, Measure N.

²⁰ City of Scotts Valley Glenwood Referendum, Measures O & P.

²¹ City of Watsonville, District 1 Special Vacancy Election (term expires 12/2000)

²² Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Area 6, Special Vacancy Election.

²³ Salsipuedes Sanitary District Board of Directors – all mail ballot election

²⁴ Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District Special Tax, Measure E – all mail ballot election

²⁵ Transfer 7 parcels from SLVUSD to SVUSD, Measure W – all mail ballot election

²⁶ Transfer 16 parcels from SVUSD to LG-SJUHSD, Measure X – all mail ballot election

²⁷ Depot Hill GHAD Special Governing Board Election – Landowner District Election

²⁸ Absentees from this point forward **INCLUDES** ballots cast by voters assigned to Mail Ballot Precincts.

²⁹ San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, Measure A, parcel tax

³⁰ Santa Cruz City Elementary School District, Measure B, parcel tax

Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Absentees Issued	Absentees Counted
June 2003 ³¹	5,775	1,150	19.9	1,559	776
Oct 2003 ³²	129,912	94,759	72.9	36,704	32,310
Mar 2004	132,307	74,671	56.4	33,307	25,950
April 2004 ³³	689	327	47.5	All mail	All mail
May 2004 ³⁴	2	2	100.0	All mail	All mail
Nov 2004	148,185	123,275	83.2	53,356	46,993
May 2005 ³⁵	2,098	1,130	53.9	All mail	All mail
July 2005 ³⁶	2,526	1,621	64.2	All mail	All mail
Aug 2005 ³⁷	34,607	12,099	35.0	All mail	All mail
Nov 2005 ³⁸	142,889	81,368	56.9	45,687	33,267
Dec 2005 ³⁹	1,402	582	41.5	All mail	All mail
June 2006	142,525	56,871	39.9	44,521	26,422
Nov 2006	142,428	92,236	64.8	56,447	42,047
Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Vote-by-Mail ⁴⁰ Issued	Vote-by-Mail Counted
Feb 2008 ⁴¹	136,144	91,133	66.94	52,198	38,433
June 2008	139,827	54,848	39.2	50,904	29,519
Aug. 2008 ⁴²	34,322	9,713	28.3	All mail	All mail
Nov. 2008	148,361	128,555	86.7	68,763	60,502
May 2009 ⁴³	147,099	49,900	33.9	56,425	29,314

³¹ Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, Measure C, bond measure

³² Statewide Special Election to Recall Governor Gray Davis, plus Props. 53 and 54

³³ Special Election for CSA 11L – all Mail Ballot Election

³⁴ School District Reorganization – 1 parcel

³⁵ Special Election for CSA 11M (McGregor) – all Mail Ballot Election

³⁶ Special Election for CFS 1 (Felton) – all Mail Ballot Election

³⁷ Santa Cruz City Special Election – all Mail Ballot Election

³⁸ Special Statewide Election

³⁹ Special Election for Branciforte Fire Protection District – all Mail Ballot Election

⁴⁰ A new law that went into affect in January 2008 changes the term “absentee” to “vote-by-mail.”

⁴¹ California bifurcated its Primary to allow for a Presidential Primary in February and a Direct Primary in June.

⁴² Santa Cruz City Special Election – all Mail Ballot Election

⁴³ Special Statewide Election – Budget Reform

Election Date	Registration	Turnout	Percent	Vote-by-Mail Issued	Vote-by-Mail Counted
May 2010 ⁴⁴	837	540	64.52	All mail	All mail
May 2010 ⁴⁵	2,559	1237	48.34	All mail	All mail
June 8 2010	146,821	55,085	37.52	59,778	31,037
June 22 2010 ⁴⁶	57,675	16,062	27.85	25,106	11,405
Aug. 17, 2010 ⁴⁷	57,041	21,742	38.12	27,765	15,418
Nov. 2010	148,500	98,037	66.02	69,321	50,401
June 2012	146,936	58,526	39.83	64,360	34,855
Nov. 2012	158,641	121,323	76.48	79,586	64,372
May 2013 ⁴⁸	17,014	7,241	42.56	All mail	All mail
June 2013 ⁴⁹	14,198	4,419	31.12	7,570	3,397
Nov. 2013 ⁵⁰	9,337	4,010	42.95	5,092	2,845
June 2014	141,107	49,143	34.83	71,951	31,153
Nov. 2014	142,405	74,040	51.99	75,417	43,744
Feb. 2015 ⁵¹	738	516	69.92	All mail	All mail
June 2015 ⁵²	261	161	61.69	All mail	All mail
Nov. 3, 2015 ⁵³	14	8	57.14	All mail	All mail
Nov. 17, 2015 ⁵⁴	71,718	22,096	30.81	All mail	All mail
May 3, 2016 ⁵⁵	3,205	1,238	38.77	All mail	All mail
June 2016	146,193	94,928	64.93	87,794	57,357
Aug 30, 2016 ⁵⁶	1,421	713	50.18	All Mail	All mail
Nov 2016	157,204	132,165	84.07	103,238	83,021

⁴⁴ Special School District Election – Lakeside School District Parcel Tax

⁴⁵ Special School District Election – Loma Prieta School District Parcel Tax

⁴⁶ Special Primary Election to fill vacancy in the 15th State Senate District

⁴⁷ Special General Election to fill vacancy in the 15th State Senate District

⁴⁸ Special School District Election – Lakeside School Parcel Transfer & Soquel School Parcel Tax

⁴⁹ Watsonville Urban Limit Line Initiative Measure

⁵⁰ Special Districts Election – Loma Prieta School Parcel Tax & Scotts Valley City Sales Tax

⁵¹ Special Election - CFD No. 2 (Lompico Water) Bond, Special Tax, Appropriations Limit

⁵² Special Property Owner Election – Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District Board Vacancy

⁵³ Reclamation District 2049 (College Lake) landowner election

⁵⁴ Santa Cruz City School District High School & Elementary School Parcel Tax Election

⁵⁵ Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School Parcel Tax Election

⁵⁶ Branciforte Fire Protection District Parcel Tax Election

