



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Postal Verification Card Report for November 2012 General Election

Cost of Report Preparation

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Required Report

This report was prepared in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 201.121, subd. 3, which states:

Postelection sampling. Within ten days after an election, the county auditor shall send the notice required by subdivision 2 to a random sampling of the individuals registered on election day. The random sampling shall be determined in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state. As soon as practicable after the election, the county auditor shall mail the notice required by subdivision 2 to all other individuals registered on election day. If a notice is returned as not deliverable, the county auditor shall attempt to determine the reason for the return. A county auditor who does not receive or obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote shall immediately notify the county attorney of all of the relevant information and the secretary of state of the numbers by precinct. By March 1 of every odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall report to the chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections the number of notices reported under this subdivision to the secretary of state for the previous state general election by county and precinct.

Whenever voters register to vote for the first time, or update their registrations, county auditors send them postcards, called Postal Verification Cards or PVCs. These postcards serve the dual purpose of notifying voters of their polling place and of providing the county with a verification of the voter's address. The postcards are sent as non-forwardable mail, so if the voter does not reside at the address at which they registered, it is returned to the county auditor as undeliverable.

These postcards are used for other purposes as well, such as to notify voters that their polling place has changed or to update voters of new districts after re-districting. The records of voters who have postcards that are returned as undeliverable and which do not provide a forwarding address for the voter are flagged as "challenged". As a result, if these voters try to vote from this address they will be asked questions under oath about where they reside before being allowed to vote.

For voters who register to vote on election day whose postcards are returned as undeliverable, the process is somewhat different. In this case, the county auditor must attempt to determine the reason for the return. For example, was there a typo in the voter's name or address that made the postcard undeliverable? Has the voter moved since election day? The county auditor must also obtain proof that the individual was eligible to vote. If they cannot find satisfactory evidence of the voter's eligibility, the county auditor is required to turn the matter over to the county attorney for further investigation and potential prosecution. Starting with the 2010 general election, county auditors are also required to report the number of notices referred to their county attorneys to the Secretary of State.

After the 2010 general election, counties reported that there were 399 same day registrants whose postcards were returned where the county auditor could not find proof of the voter's eligibility and turned the cases over to their county attorney for further investigation. Now, after the 2012 general election, counties reported that 218 cases have been referred to county attorneys.

This report is a compilation of the reports that this office received from the county auditors and provides the numbers by county and precinct, as required by statute.

**Report to Legislature under 201.121 Subd. 3
PVC Undeliverable Reported by Counties as of February 15, 2013**

| By County | Number | By County | Number |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Aitkin | 8 | Martin | 0 |
| Anoka | 2 | McLeod | 0 |
| Becker | 12 | Meeker | 0 |
| Beltrami | 0 | Mille Lacs | 0 |
| Benton | 2 | Morrison | 0 |
| Big Stone | 0 | Mower | 14 |
| Blue Earth | 0 | Murray | 0 |
| Brown | 0 | Nicollet | 1 |
| Carlton | 0 | Nobles | 0 |
| Carver | 6 | Norman | 0 |
| Cass | 2 | Olmsted | 7 |
| Chippewa | 1 | Otter Tail | 0 |
| Chisago | 7 | Pennington | 0 |
| Clay | 0 | Pine | 2 |
| Clearwater | 0 | Pipestone | 0 |
| Cook | 0 | Polk | 0 |
| Cottonwood | 0 | Pope | 0 |
| Crow Wing | 0 | Ramsey | 45 |
| Dakota | 20 | Red Lake | 0 |
| Dodge | 0 | Redwood | 0 |
| Douglas | 0 | Renville | 0 |
| Faribault | 0 | Rice | 0 |
| Fillmore | 0 | Rock | 0 |
| Freeborn | 0 | Roseau | 0 |
| Goodhue | 3 | Scott | 0 |
| Grant | 0 | Sherburne | 0 |
| Hennepin | 63 | Sibley | 0 |
| Houston | 6 | St. Louis | 1 |
| Hubbard | 0 | Stearns | 0 |
| Isanti | 0 | Steele | 0 |
| Itasca | 0 | Stevens | 5 |
| Jackson | 0 | Swift | 0 |
| Kanabec | 0 | Todd | 0 |
| Kandiyohi | 0 | Traverse | 0 |
| Kittson | 0 | Wabasha | 0 |
| Koochiching | 0 | Wadena | 0 |
| Lac qui Parle | 0 | Waseca | 0 |
| Lake | 4 | Washington | 0 |
| Lake of the Woods | 0 | Watonwan | 2 |
| LeSueur | 0 | Wilkin | 0 |
| Lincoln | 0 | Winona | 0 |
| Lyon | 0 | Wright | 5 |
| Mahnomen | 0 | Yellow Medicine | 0 |
| Marshall | 0 | Total | 218 |

By Precinct Detail

| County | Precinct | Number |
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| Aitkin | Farm Island Twp | 1 |
| Aitkin | Malmo Twp | 2 |
| Aitkin | Morrison Twp | 1 |
| Aitkin | Spalding Twp | 2 |
| Aitkin | Waukenabo Twp | 1 |
| Aitkin | Workman Twp | 1 |
| Anoka | Columbia Heights P-3 | 1 |
| Anoka | Columbia Heights P-7 | 1 |
| Becker | Audubon | 1 |
| Becker | Detroit Lakes W2 | 1 |
| Becker | Frazee | 2 |
| Becker | Lake Eunice Twp | 2 |
| Becker | Lake Park | 1 |
| Becker | Lake Park Twp | 1 |
| Becker | Richwood | 1 |
| Becker | Silver Leaf | 1 |
| Becker | Sugar Bush | 1 |
| Becker | White Earth Twp | 1 |
| Benton | St. Cloud W 2 P4 | 1 |
| Benton | Watab | 1 |
| Carver | Chanhassen P-1B | 1 |
| Carver | Chanhassen P-2B | 1 |
| Carver | Chanhassen P-4 | 1 |
| Carver | Chaska W-2 | 1 |
| Carver | Chaska W-4 | 1 |
| Carver | Victoria P-2 | 1 |
| Cass | Fairview Twp | 2 |
| Chisago | Chisago City | 1 |
| Chisago | Lindstrom | 1 |
| Chisago | North Branch P-A | 2 |
| Chisago | North Branch P-B | 2 |
| Chisago | Wyoming | 1 |
| Chippewa | Montevideo P-2 | 1 |
| Dakota | Apple Valley P-4 | 1 |
| Dakota | Apple Valley P-5A | 1 |
| Dakota | Apple Valley P-7 | 2 |
| Dakota | Apple Valley P-10 | 1 |
| Dakota | Burnsville P-1 | 1 |
| Dakota | Burnsville P-8 | 1 |
| Dakota | Burnsville P-13 | 1 |
| Dakota | Burnsville P-16 | 1 |
| Dakota | Eagan P-4 | 1 |
| Dakota | Eagan P-5B | 2 |
| Dakota | Eagan P-14 | 2 |
| Dakota | Farmington P-1 | 1 |

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| Dakota | Inver Grove Hts P-4 | 1 |
| Dakota | Lakeville P-9 | 1 |
| Dakota | Ravenna Twp P-1 | 1 |
| Dakota | West St Paul W1 P2 | 1 |
| Dakota | West St Paul W2 P1 | 1 |
| Goodhue | Red Wing W2 P1 | 1 |
| Goodhue | Zumbrota P1 | 1 |
| Goodhue | Zumbrotz P2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Bloomington W1 P10 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Bloomington W1 P30 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Bloomington W2 P23 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Bloomington W3 P28 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Bloomington W4 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Brooklyn Park WC P7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Brooklyn Park WE P4A | 1 |
| Hennepin | Brooklyn Park WW P2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Champlin W4 P1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Crystal W2 P2 | 2 |
| Hennepin | Crystal W3 P1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Crystal W4 P1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Eden Prairie P-11 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Edina P-11 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Excelsior P-1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Greenwood P-1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Maple Grove P-6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Maple Grove P-19 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W1 P1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W3 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W3 P7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W5 P2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W5 P4 | 2 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W5 P6C | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W5 P7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W6 P2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W6 P5 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W6 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W7 P3 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W7 P8 | 2 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W7 P9 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W8 P3 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W8 P4 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W8 P5 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W8 P8 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W9 P3 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W9 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W10 P2 | 2 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W11 P6 | 1 |

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| Hennepin | Minneapolis W11 P7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W13 P1 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W13 P2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W13 P3 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W13 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minneapolis W13 P7 | 2 |
| Hennepin | Minnetonka W3 PB | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minnetrista P-1A | 1 |
| Hennepin | Minnetrista P-4A | 1 |
| Hennepin | New Hope P-5 | 1 |
| Hennepin | New Hope P-7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Plymouth W1 P6 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Richfield W2 P7 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Robbinsdale W-4 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Rogers P-2 | 1 |
| Hennepin | Shorewood P-4 | 1 |
| Hennepin | St. Louis Park W2 P5 | 1 |
| Hennepin | St. Louis Park W4 P13 | 1 |
| Hennepin | St. Louis Park W4 P16 | 1 |
| Houston | LaCrescent P-1 | 4 |
| Houston | Lacrescent P-2 | 2 |
| Lake | Crystal Bay Twp | 1 |
| Lake | Fall Lake Twp | 2 |
| Lake | Silver Bay P-1 | 1 |
| Mower | Austin W1 P1 | 1 |
| Mower | Austin W2 P1 | 5 |
| Mower | Austin W2 P2 | 1 |
| Mower | Austin W3 P1 | 2 |
| Mower | Austin W3 P2 | 1 |
| Mower | Dexter | 1 |
| Mower | Frankford Twp | 1 |
| Mower | Lansing Twp | 1 |
| Mower | Racine Twp | 1 |
| Nicollet | N Mankato P-1 | 1 |
| Olmsted | Cascade Twp P-1 | 3 |
| Olmsted | Orion Twp | 1 |
| Olmsted | Rochester W1 P5 | 1 |
| Olmsted | Rochester W2 P2 | 1 |
| Olmsted | Rochester W3 P3 | 1 |
| Pine | Pine City | 2 |
| Ramsey | Arden Hills P-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Lauderdale P-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Maplewood P-7 | 4 |
| Ramsey | Maplewood P-13 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Maplewood P-14 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Mounds View P-3 | 3 |
| Ramsey | North St. Paul P-2 | 1 |

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| Ramsey | Roseville P-7 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Shoreview P-1S | 1 |
| Ramsey | Shoreview P-3 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-1 | 2 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-4 | 2 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-5 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-7 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-8 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-11 | 4 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 2-13 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 3-5 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 3-7 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 3-9 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 3-12 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 3-13 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 4-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 4-3 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 4-7 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 4-12 | 2 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 4-15 | 2 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 5-5 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 6-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 6-4 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 7-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | St. Paul 7-12 | 1 |
| Ramsey | White Bear Lake 5-1 | 1 |
| Ramsey | Duluth P-13 | 1 |
| St. Louis | Hancock | 1 |
| Stevens | Morris P-1B | 1 |
| Stevens | Morris P-2A | 1 |
| Stevens | Morris P-2B | 1 |
| Stevens | Morris Twp | 1 |
| Watonwan | Madelia | 2 |
| Wright | Buffalo P-2 | 1 |
| Wright | Corrinna Twp | 1 |
| Wright | Middleville Twp | 1 |
| Wright | Soughside Twp | 1 |
| Wright | Waverly | 1 |
| Total | | 218 |