Voter Participation History (1998-2024)		Total Registered	Democratic Participation		Republican Participation		Overall Participation	
			Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
2026	General Election	3,438,317					2,054,835	59.8%
	State Primaries*	3,383,591	380,996	11.3%	511,740	15.1%	892,736	26.4%
2024	General Election	3,414,652					2,566,404	75.2%
	State Primaries*	3,236,875	138,585	4.3%	367,376	11.3%	506,018	15.6%
	Presidential Primaries	3,242,898	132,057	4.1%	757,930	23.4%	889,987	27.4%
2022	General Election	3,379,089					1,718,626	50.9%
	State Primaries*	3,317,605	187,605	5.7%	374,171	11.3%	561,776	16.9%
2020	General Election	3,513,225					2,533,010	72.1%
	State Primaries*	3,311,106	283,996	8.6%	466,388	14.1%	750,384	22.7%
	Presidential Primaries	3,300,161	540,062	16.4%	N/A	N/A	540,062	16.4%
2018	General Election	3,137,659					1,726,527	50.0%
	State Primaries*	3,044,589	248,113	12.3%	373,987	8.1%	622,100	20.4%
2016	General Election	3,129,467					2,123,584	67.9%
	State Primaries*	3,022,827	158,959	5.3%	260,611	8.6%	419,570	13.9%
	Presidential Primaries	2,961,362	373,063	12.6%	745,405	25.2%	1,118,468	37.8%
2014	General Election	2,881,052					1,261,611	43.8%
	State Primaries*	2,835,296	132,321	4.7%	320,354	11.3%	452,675	16.0%
2012	General Election	2,875,121					1,981,516	68.9%
	State Primaries*	2,747,709	147,677	5.4%	225,228	8.2%	372,905	13.6%
	Presidential Primaries	2,731,513	N/A	N/A	582,547	21.3%	582,547	21.3%
2010	General Election	2,631,459					1,365,480	51.9%
	State Primaries*	2,584,525	210,504	8.1%	474,640	18.4%	685,144	26.5%
2008	General Election	2,553,923					1,941,480	76.0%
	State Primaries*	2,340,773	194,391	8.3%	285,319	12.2%	479,710	20.5%
	Presidential Primaries	2,246,242	532,151	23.7%	445,499	19.8%	977,650	43.5%
2006	General Election*	2,452,714					1,104,132	45.0%
	State Primaries*	2,408,258	146,062	6.1%	277,003	11.5%	423,065	17.6%
2004	General Election*	2,315,182					1,631,148	70.5%
	State Primaries*	2,157,442	184,288	8.5%	357,831	16.6%	542,119	25.1%
2002	General Election*	2,047,368					1,116,936	54.6%
	State Primaries*	2,005,671	114,346	5.7%	384,944	19.2%	499,290	24.9%
2000	General Election*	2,266,199					1,433,533	63.3%
	State Primaries*	2,096,679	194,796	9.3%	197,923	9.4%	392,719	18.7%
1998	General Election*	2,021,763					1,098,484	54.3%
	State Primaries*	1,634,783	206,354	12.6%	230,414	14.1%	436,768	26.7%

If not noted, participation is calculated using Ballots Cast Method (BCM) uses actual ballots cast and is the most accurate way to measure participation. Participation using BCM will match ballots cast in election results here: https://scvotes.gov/elections-statistics/election-results.

***** - Denotes participation calculated using Voter History Method (VHM). VHM calculates participation by using the number of voters marked on voter registration lists and absentee ballot returns. Participation using VHM will match Voter History here: https://info.scvotes.sc.gov/Eng/VoterStatistics/VoterHistory/VoterHistoryResults.aspx. Participation numbers will not match ballots cast numbers exactly due to errors on lists and list scanning variances. However, the variation is statistically small (approximate 1% variation on average). This method is used to show participation by party in primaries, which the BCM cannot do. BCM is also not available for 2006 and earlier elections due to election results reporting methods used at the time.

NOTE on "State Primaries": Statistics reflect voters who participated in the State Primary process, including the Runoffs. Voters receive credit for participating in the primary process by voting in either the primary or runoff, or both.