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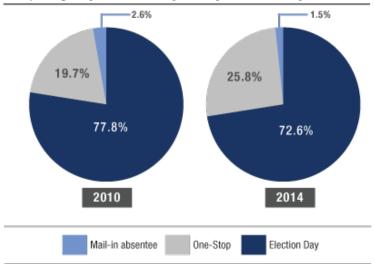
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RALEIGH, N.C. — The State Board of Elections today authenticated results for the May 6 Primary.

More North Carolinians voted early and within fewer days compared to 2010, the most recent non-presidential primary year. Early voting also formed a greater proportion of overall participation. The May Primary was the first election held under a compacted 10-day early voting schedule. Average votes-per-hour at one-stop polling locations increased 34% over 2010.

Voting Method: Comparing May 2010 Primary to May 2014 Primary

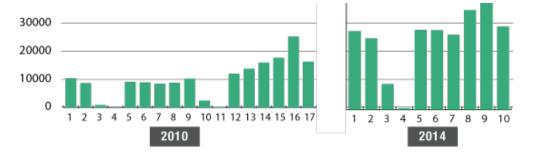


*Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding and provisional votes. Source: North Carolina State Board of Elections

Daily One-Stop Early Voting:

Comparing May 2010 Primary to May 2014 Primary

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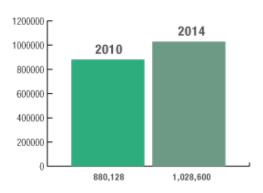


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Statewide participation increased to 15.8% of registered voters compared to 14.4% in 2010. More than 148,000 additional voters cast ballots in 2014 than in 2010.

"Primaries play an increasingly decisive role in our democratic process, and we are encouraged to see greater participation," said Executive Director Kim Westbrook Strach.

Ballots Cast: Comparing May 2010 Primary to May 2014 Primary



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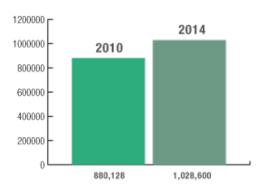
Second primaries will be held Tuesday, July 15 to decide 19 contests in 37 counties. Early voting begins Thursday, July 3. No statewide ballot item required a second primary.

The State Board unanimously denied the appeal of an elections protest filed by Bruce Davis, former candidate for the Democratic nomination in the Sixth Congressional District. Board members also voted unanimously to reprimand Jerry Wallin of the Madison County Board of Elections regarding a Facebook "like" of a candidate's page.

The Agency's review of county abstracts confirmed that the State Board's website accurately displayed results submitted for each race. The site had intermittently displayed an incorrect number of precincts reporting on election night.

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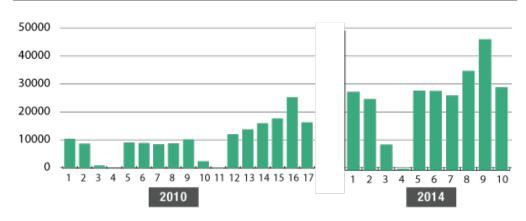
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