National Trends

- As of October 26th, just over 55 million people have already voted in the 2020 election, both by mail and early in-person voting. Another 34 million people have an outstanding mail ballot. The number of people who have already voted or requested a ballot represents about 65% of the total votes cast in the 2016 general election.

- Using modeled partisanship combined with party affiliation where it’s available, we can estimate that Democrats hold a 19.4% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 20.1% on 10/23). However, Republicans hold a 1.3% advantage in early in-person votes (up from 10/23 when Democrats held a 1.2% advantage). Democrats still have many more outstanding mail ballots than Republicans by a margin of 14.9% (no change from 10/23).

- Young voters’ share of votes cast so far continues to rise. Voters 18-29 now make up 9.6% of mail ballots cast (up from 9.0% on 10/23) and 10.2% of early in-person votes (up from 9.4% on 10/23). The vote share of the oldest voters, those 65 and up, has seen a corresponding decrease in the last few days. Voters 65+ now make up 43.2% of mail ballots cast (down from 44.5% on 10/23) and 34.1% of early in-person votes (down from 36.4% on 10/21).

- Black voters continue to turn out at high rates for early in-person voting. Black voters are just 14.3% of registered voters nationally, but make up 13.9% of early in-person voters.

- There has been a slight increase in vote share for first time voters in the last week. First time voters are now 6.2% of mail ballots cast (up from 4.9% one week ago).

Presidential Battleground
Florida

- 3,660,248 voters in Florida have cast their ballots by mail and 1,945,020 have voted early in-person. Another 1,957,236 voters have outstanding mail ballots. Each of those numbers represents a large change from 10/23 (496,403 new mail ballots cast, 907,067 new early in-person votes, and 590,607 fewer outstanding ballots). The total number of votes cast in Florida so far (both my mail and EIP) is 59.5% of the total votes cast in Florida in the 2016 general election.

- Democrats are outpacing Republicans in mail ballots cast by 16.2% (down from 17.5% on 10/23). However, Republicans currently hold a 11.0% advantage in early in-person votes (up from 8.1% on 10/23). Democrats still have more outstanding mail ballots than Republicans by a margin of 8.7%. This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.

- Latinx voters’ vote share in Florida continues to trend up. They currently make up 14.7% of mail ballots cast (up from 14.2% on 10/23) and 16.6% of early in-person votes (up from 15.5% on 10/23).

- Black voters continue to over-index among early in-person votes compared to their share of registered voters. Black voters make up 15.2% of early in-person voters despite being just 14.1% of registered voters. They also make up 11.4% of mail ballots cast (no change from 10/23).

Pennsylvania

- 1,387,083 voters in Pennsylvania have cast their mail ballots with another 1,416,738 having outstanding ballots.

- While Democrats still hold a large lead over Republicans in mail ballots cast, it has continued to trend down slightly each day. Currently, the Democratic margin is 51.1% which is down from 58.3% at this time last week. This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.

- Black voters in Pennsylvania are still overperforming their registration rates. Black voters make up 11.8% of registered voters in the state but currently represent 12.2% of mail ballots cast. As with Democratic vote share, this number has also trended down in recent days (from 14.1% on 10/21).

- White college-educated voters make up 43.5% of mail ballots cast by white voters (down slightly from 43.7% on 10/23). White non-college voters make up 44.8% of mail ballots cast by white voters (up slightly from 44.7% on 10/23).

Michigan

- 1,938,785 voters in Michigan have cast their ballots by mail with another 63,619 having voted early in-person. 1,054,220 people have outstanding mail ballots.
• Black voters make up 11.9% of mail ballots cast. This number has been very stable, not changing since 10/21.

• White college-educated voters in Michigan make up 40.6% of mail ballots cast by white voters (down slightly from 40.7% on 10/23). White non-college voters make up 50.4% of mail ballots cast by white voters, meaning white non-college voters are outpacing white college-educated voters by 9.8%. However, white non-college voters have a 19.9% registration advantage in Michigan.

• Michigan has very few first time voters compared to the national average. Just 3.8% of mail ballots cast in Michigan are from first time voters, compared to 6.2% nationally.

Wisconsin

• 992,595 voters in Wisconsin have cast their mail ballots and 267,451 have voted early in-person. Another 342,153 voters have outstanding mail ballots. The number of early in-person voters in Wisconsin has almost doubled since our last report on 10/23 (124,503 new EIP votes cast).

• Young voters (aged 18-29) have increased their share of early in-person votes somewhat since our last report, from 3.5% on 10/23 to 4.6% as of today. Their share of mail ballots cast has also increased slightly from 8.2% on 10/23 to 8.4% today. This is consistent with the national trend we are seeing of youth vote share increasing.

• Women are still outpacing men in mail ballots cast by a wide margin (13.9%) despite having only a 5.6% registration advantage. However that gap shrinks considerably among early in-person votes where women hold just a 2.6% advantage. That margin has tightened since 10/23, when women held a 3.2% margin.

• Black voters are making use of Wisconsin’s early in-person voting at a rate that is close to their total registration rates. Black voters make up 5.3% of early in-person votes and are 5.7% of registered voters.

Nevada

• 426,552 voters in Nevada have cast their ballots by mail and another 249,392 have voted early in-person. The state of Nevada sent mail ballots to all registered voters this year, so there is no data about ballot requests to report.

• Democrats are currently outpacing Republicans by 18.0% in mail ballots cast (down from 25.5% on 10/23). In early in-person votes, however, Republicans currently hold an 11.7% advantage (up from 9.2% on 10/23). This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.

• Nevada continues to have a high number of first time voters. 12.2% of mail ballots have come from first time voters (down slightly from 12.3% on 10/23), which is well ahead of the 6.2% national average.
● Latinx voters share of mail ballots cast is currently 11.9% (down from 12.1% on 10/23) and 14.3% of early in-person votes (up from 13.3% on 10/23).

● Black voters’ share of mail ballots is currently 8.2% (down from 9.1% on 10/23) and 9.9% of early in-person votes (up from 9.6% on 10/23).

Senate Battleground

Georgia

● 942,129 voters in Georgia have cast their mail ballots and 1,725,609 have voted early in-person. Another 576,335 have outstanding mail ballots. These numbers represent a large shift from our last report on 10/23 (180,157 new mail ballots cast, 594,789 new EIP votes, and 205,289 fewer outstanding ballots). The total number of ballots cast (both by mail and EIP) represents 64.8% of all votes cast in Georgia in the 2016 general election.

● Modeled Democrats hold a 4.7% advantage over modeled Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 5.7% on 10/23). Modeled Republicans, however, hold a 12.9% advantage in early in-person votes (up from 9.6% on 10/23).

● Black voters make up 33.4% of mail ballots cast (down slightly from 33.9% on 10/23) and 30.3% of early in-person votes (down from 31.8% on 10/23), keeping pace with their share of registered voters.

● Young voters’ share of the electorate has been trending up in Georgia. Voters aged 18-29 make up 8.2% of mail ballots cast (up from 6.9% on 10/23) and 11.9% of early in-person voters (up from 10.0% on 10/23).

North Carolina

● 760,312 voters in North Carolina have cast their ballot by mail and 2,257,802 people have voted early in-person. The number of people voting early in-person continues to climb dramatically between each report (556,113 new EIP votes since 10/23). The total number of votes cast so far (both by mail and EIP) represents 63.7% of the total votes cast in North Carolina in the 2016 general election.

● Democrats currently have a 28.2% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 29.9% on 10/23) and a 4.9% advantage in early in-person votes (down from 8.2% on 10/23). These numbers have continued to trend downward in recent days. This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.

● Black voters continue to over-index among early in-person voters, making up 24.2% of votes (down from 25.6% on 10/23) compared to 23.1% of registered voters. Among mail ballots cast, Black voters represent 17.1% of votes cast (down slightly from 17.3% on 10/23).
• Vote share among first time voters has continued to trend up. As of today, 8.9% of mail ballots cast are from first time voters, compared to 7.8% this time last week.

Iowa
• 556,186 voters in Iowa have cast their ballots by mail with another 152,999 having voted early in-person. 145,718 more voters have outstanding mail ballots.
• Democrats currently hold a 24.3% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 25.7% on 10/23). That gap shrinks to just 1.0% on among early in-person votes (down from 3.4% on 10/23). This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
• College-educated white voters make up 39.4% of mail ballots cast by white voters (a number that has been unchanged since 10/21) and 40.7% of early in-person white voters (down from 41.0% on 10/23).

Arizona
• 1,421,563 voters in Arizona have cast their ballots by mail with another 1,665,056 having an outstanding mail ballot.
• Democrats currently have a 8.0% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 9.5% on 10/23). Republicans currently have more outstanding ballots than Democrats, by a margin of 6.5% (up from 6.2% on 10/23). Arizona is one of the only battleground states where Republicans have more outstanding ballots than Democrats. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
• Latinx voters’ share of mail ballots cast continues to trend up, currently making up 14.3% of mail ballots cast (up from 14.0% on 10/23).
• Young voters’ share of mail ballots cast has also continued to increase in Arizona. The share of mail ballots cast by voters aged 18-29 has increased from 8.5% on 10/23 to 8.7% today.

Maine
• 251,634 voters in Maine have cast ballots by mail and another 78,309 have voted early in-person. 92,605 voters have outstanding mail ballots.
• Democrats currently hold a 36.2% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 38.0% on 10/23) and a 18.2% advantage in early in-person votes (down from 21.6% on 10/23). This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
• College-educated white voters make up 40.4% of mail ballots cast by white voters (down slightly from 40.7% on 10/23) and 39.2% of early in-person white voters (down slightly from 40.1% on 10/23).