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National Trends

- As of October 15th, over 14 million people have already voted in the 2020 election, both by mail and early in-person. 43 million more people have requested their ballots. The number of people who have already voted or requested their ballots represents over 42% of the total votes cast in 2020.
- Using modeled partisanship combined with party affiliation where it's available, we can estimate that Democrats hold an 21.6% advantage over Republicans in ballots cast by mail (up from 17.1% last week) and 14.1% advantage in early in-person votes (down from 20.9% last week). Democrats also have a 15.3% advantage in ballots requested (down slightly from 15.8% last week).
- Younger voters have requested ballots at comparable rate to their share of total registered voters. Voters aged 18-29 make up 17.2% of all registered voters and 16.4% of ballots requested. However that number drops considerably for ballots cast, where voters aged 18-29 make up just 7.0% of mail ballots and 7.8% of early in-person votes.
- Women continue to outpace men in total ballots requested, however their advantage of requests has dropped from 12.4% to 9.4% as of today. Women are outpacing men in mail ballots returned by 10.4% and by 11.2% in early in-person votes.
- First time voters make up 12.4% of ballots requested nationally but just 4.5% of mail ballots cast.

Presidential Battleground

Florida

- 1,886,842 voters in Florida have cast their ballots by mail with another 3,752,539 voters having requested ballots.

- Democrats are outpacing Republicans in terms of mail ballots cast by 21.2%. Among ballots requested, Democrats hold a 10.28% advantage (down from 12.6% on 10/8). This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Latinx voters currently make up 12.5% of mail ballots cast, though they represent 16.2% of registered voters in the state. Latinx voters make up 18.2% of ballot requests.
- First time voters make up 5.4% of mail ballots cast in Florida, compared to 4.5% nationally.

Pennsylvania

- 500,833 voters in Pennsylvania have cast their ballots by mail with another 2,043,714 people having requested ballots.
- The share of ballots cast among voters under 40 is just 19.6% despite representing 26.4% of ballots requested.
- Democrats are significantly outpacing Republicans in mail ballots cast. They currently hold a 60.5% advantage. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- While first time voters represent 8.0% of ballots requested, they make up just 4.2% of mail ballots cast.

Michigan

- 1,174,423 people in Michigan have cast their mail ballots. Another 1,650,714 have requested ballots and 25,947 have voted early in-person.
- Modeled Republicans are currently outpacing modeled Democrats in mail ballots cast by 1.0% (this is down from 10/8 when modeled Democrats held a 1.0% advantage).
- Black voters make up 10.6% of ballots returned (up from 9.5% last week).
- First time voters make up 9.5% of outstanding ballots requested, but just 4.4% of mail ballots cast.

Wisconsin

- 704,537 voters in Wisconsin have voted in the 2020 election. Another 541,836 voters have requested their mail ballots.
- Modeled Democrats are leading modeled Republicans in mail ballots cast by 1.4% (down from 3.6% on 10/8).
- Voters 65 and older currently make up 44.4% of mail ballots cast despite making up just 36.9% of registered voters.

Nevada

- 34,908 voters in Nevada have cast their ballots by mail. 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 6.4% in mail ballots cast. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- 9.6% of mail ballots cast have come from first time voters, which is ahead of the 4.5% national average.
- Despite making up 19.7% of registered voters in Nevada, Latinx voters make up just 8.8% of mail ballots cast. Similarly, Black voters make up 11.6% of registered voters but just 6.3% of mail ballots cast.

Senate Battleground

Georgia

- 735,961 people have cast ballots (either by mail or early in-person) in Georgia, with another 1,060,393 having requested mail ballots.
- Modeled Democrats still hold a 9% advantage over Republicans in ballots returned. However, that advantage is slimmer - only 3.9% - when looking at early in-person votes.
- Black voters currently over-index in early in-person votes. They make up 38.6% of EIP votes, while being 34.6% of registered voters in Georgia.
- Cobb, Fulton, Dekalb, and Gwinnett counties lead in ballots cast by mail. These counties lead in early in-person votes as well.

North Carolina

- In North Carolina, 493,610 voters have cast their mail ballots.
- Black voters continue to cast absentee ballots at a steady rate of 17.4%. This is consistent with the share of Black registered voters in North Carolina (17.8%).
- By party, Democrats still make up almost three times more ballots returned than Republicans (51.0% compared to 17.8%, respectively). The 33.2% gap is slightly down from 35.3% last week. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Wake and Mecklenburg continue to outpace other counties in votes cast by mail, representing 28.2% of ballots returned (slightly up from 26.8% last week).

Iowa

- Iowa has begun reporting ballots returned this week. So far, 320,272 voters have cast their ballots - 261,425 by mail, and 58,847 early in-person.
- Democrats currently hold a 35.9% advantage over Republicans in ballots returned, and a 10.1% advantage in ballots cast early in-person. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Polk and Linn Counties make up slightly over a quarter of ballots returned.

Arizona

- Arizona has begun reporting ballots returned this week. So far, 146,070 voters have cast their ballots; 141,013 by mail, and 5,057 in person.
- Although Democrats and Republicans now make up almost even shares of ballots requested (35% and 36%, respectively), Democrats hold a 21.3% advantage over Republicans in ballots returned. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Latinx voters currently under-index in votes cast by mail, compared to their share of the electorate. So far, 10.6% of ballots returned are from Latinx voters, despite making up 18.4% of registered voters.
- Maricopa County represents the overwhelming majority of votes cast by mail (75.2%), followed by Pima (20%).

Maine

- 98,697 voters in Maine have cast their mail ballots and another 29,489 have voted early in-person. 211,509 voters currently have outstanding mail ballots.
- Democrats currently hold a 44.4% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast and a 29.0% advantage in early in-person votes.
- Voters 65 and older make up 55.1% of both mail ballots cast and early in-person votes, despite making up just 42.3% of registered voters.