

Only 38% of registered voters turn out in November 2 General Election

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The percentage of registered voters in Scott County who either cast absentee ballots or visited the polls on Tuesday, November 2, to make their opinions known still disappointed most observers.

A total of 38.42% voted on Tuesday. That's 7,304 registered voters out of Scott County's 19,010 who were eligible to cast ballots.

That's about 5% better than the number that turned out for the May primary elections in which Democrat and Republican candidates were selected for the November 2 election.

With all of the media focus on candidates – and some of the local races to be decided on November 2 – some political observers thought that as much as 50% of registered voters would make the effort.

According to statistics released by the County Clerk's office, Finley Township had the best turnout on Tuesday. A total of 587 people, representing 50.21% of the 1,169 voters, cast ballots.

Next was Vienna 6, which had 47.64% voting or 545 of 1,144.

The worst turnout was recorded in Jennings 1 in Austin. Only 276 of 1,085 voters exercised their right to vote. That's 25.44%.

Voting statistics collected from the election are:

Finley 1: 50.21% or 587 of 1,169.

Vienna 6: 47.64% or 545 of 1,144.

Vienna 1: 44.14% or 670 of 1,518.

Lexington 2: 42.93% or 577 of 1,344.

Vienna 5: 42.60% or 596 of 1,399.

Jennings 4: 41.50% or 447 of 1,077.

Jennings 5: 41.42% or 304 of 734.

Johnson 1: 40.58% or 741 of 1,826.

Lexington 1: 39.55% or 530 of 1,340.

Vienna 4: 36.8% or 500 of 1,356.

Vienna 2: 31.89% or 428 of 1,342.

Jennings 2: 31.66% or 347 of 1,096.

Vienna 3: 30.50% or 387 of 1,269.

Jennings 3: 28.16% or 365 of 1,296.

Jennings 6: 26.67% or 4 of 15.

Jennings 1: 25.44% or 276 of 1,085.

As a note of interest, 5,621 of the 7,304 voters didn't vote for everyone on the ballot this fall. "Under votes" are recorded when one or more choices are not marked.

Democrat voters led the number of "straight party" ballots cast this fall. A total of 912 Democrats cast straight Demo ballots, compared with 706 people casting straight Republican ballots. Another 61 cast straight Libertarian Party ballots in Scott County.

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