

## 2014 General Election

### DISCUSSION POINTS

#### I. OVERVIEW

##### A. Turnout

Turnout was higher than the Secretary of State's prediction of 872,000 (50%).

<u>Year</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u># Voting</u>	<u>% Voting</u>
2014	1,744,866	887,023	51
2012	1,771,252	1,182,771	67
2010	1,725,012	856,831	50
2008	1,749,756	1,234,765	71
2006	1,663,017	864,294	52
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	72
2002	1,615,699	840,243	52
2000	1,623,623	1,083,264	67
1998	1,513,685	751,505	50
1996	1,438,894	1,076,237	75
1994	1,273,648	836,251	64
1992	1,365,849	1,161,927	85

##### B. Advance Voting

<u>Year</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u># Advance</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
2014	1,744,866	240,442	27.1
2012	1,771,252	371,674	31.4
2010	1,725,012	245,089	28.6
2008	1,749,756	428,772	34.7
2006	1,663,017	165,313	19.1
2004	1,694,365	245,827	20.2
2002	1,615,699	139,055	16.5
2000	1,623,623	185,399	17.1
1998	1,513,685	84,160	11.1
1996	1,438,894	150,000	12.9

#### II. UNCONTESTED RACES

49 uncontested races in the House (62 in 2002; 58 in 2004; 40 in 2006; 47 in 2008; 51 in 2010; 39 in 2012)

#### III. CANDIDATES & PARTIES

##### Candidates

238 total candidates for state & national office (excluding judges; there were 105 judicial candidates)

332 candidates in 2012, excluding judges (175 judicial candidates)

254 candidates in 2010, excluding judges (98 judicial candidates)

337 candidates in 2008, including KS Senate

270 candidates in 2006 (no KS Senate on ballot)  
309 candidates in 2004, including KS Senate  
231 candidates in 2002 (no KS Senate on ballot)

#### Makeup of State Legislature

Senate party breakdown: 32 Republicans, 8 Democrats

House party breakdown: 97 Republicans, 28 Democrats  
In 2012 it was: 92 Republicans, 33 Democrats  
In 2010 it was: 92 Republicans, 33 Democrats  
In 2008 it was: 77 Republicans, 48 Democrats  
In 2006 it was: 78 Republicans, 47 Democrats  
In 2004 it was: 83 Republicans, 42 Democrats

#### Write-Ins

Write-in candidates for state offices elected on statewide basis (not US Senate) must file affidavits of write-in candidacy to have their votes tabulated and reported with official results. No candidates filed affidavits.

One state office was won by a write-in candidate:

The District Magistrate Judge position in Gove County was won by a Ben Boone defeated Republican candidate Gregory L. Gillespie in Judicial District 23, Position 1. The incumbent was not on the ballot.

#### Incumbency in Legislature

2 Senate elections were held for the remainder of unexpired terms:

District 35 Richard Wilborn (R)  
District 37 Mollie Baumgardner (R) [incumbent appointed]

106 incumbent House members won

3 House incumbents lost in the general election (Menghini #3, Weigel #56, Sloop #88)  
In 2012, 12 incumbents lost in general (1 was House member running for Senate)  
In 2010, 13 incumbents lost in general  
In 2008, 3 incumbents lost in general  
In 2006, 6 incumbents lost in general  
In 2004, 3 incumbents lost in general  
In 2002, 6 incumbents lost in general

Kansas House has 19 new members as a result of the primary and general elections:

Districts 3, 23, 24, 30, 41, 46, 50, 52, 56, 61, 64, 65, 77, 81, 88, 93, 113, 120, 125

#### **IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Authorizing charitable raffles

Yes 612,582

No 208,695

## **V. RECOUNT**

KS House District 79 (Cowley & Sumner Counties)

Republican Larry Alley requested a hand recount. Results did not change—Democratic incumbent Ed Trimmer won.

## **VI. MINOR PARTY**

Maintaining official recognition as a party requires nomination of a candidate for statewide office and at least one such candidate receiving 1% of the vote.

The Libertarian Party retained official recognition.

A party whose candidate for Governor receives 5% of the vote achieves major party status and is authorized to participate in the primary in future elections. The Libertarian Party's candidate for Governor, Keen Umbehr, fell short with 4.0% of the vote.

## **VII. POINTS OF INTEREST**

New records set for voter registration and turnout in nonpresidential years.