

Many votes were left uncounted in the 2016 Presidential Election in Racine County

Hand-count verified election results from six selected Racine County wards

	Total ballots	Certified vote total (original)	Certified vote total (recount)	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by the canvass
Vill. Elmwood Park	332	310	310	326	16 (4.9%)
City of Racine, Ward 1	782	743	744	761	17 (2.2%)
City of Racine, Ward 22	1,421	1,315	1,359	1,383	24 (1.7%)
City of Racine, Ward 25	1,000	936	952	977	25 (2.6%)
City of Racine, Ward 26	168	157	155	165	10 (6.1%)
City of Racine, Ward 35	876	828	829	848	19 (2.2%)
Total	4,579	4,289	4,349	4,460	111 (2.5%)

Notes:

- Total ballots are from <http://elections.wi.gov/node/4952>
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Many of the most common types of voting-machine malfunctions show up as high undervote rates (that is, fewer votes than ballots). As a result, the Wisconsin Elections Commission instructs county election officials always to examine the undervote rate before declaring election results final.

In a normal presidential election, approximately 0.5% (1 in every 200 voters) will cast a ballot without voting for president. In 2016, the rate was a little higher, at 0.77% across most Wisconsin counties. Preliminary election results in Racine County exhibited much higher undervote rates of the type that should have caused election officials to check their accuracy. Despite the fact that preliminary vote totals indicated undervote rates more than twice that elsewhere in Wisconsin, the Racine County Board of Canvass certified incorrect vote totals without checking, after both the election and the recount. In doing that, they disenfranchised hundreds of voters.

Voters must tell election officials to stop accepting inaccuracy. All voting machines, new and old, will occasionally miscount for various reasons including random malfunction and human error. In addition, federal officials warn ever more insistently about the threat of hacking.

To stress the need for routine audits, Wisconsin Election Integrity joined with Racine County voters to conduct a hand count. The county charged the citizens almost \$600 for access to the ballots for only six of the county's 69 wards, so the audit was limited. The results are below. In just six wards, the hand count discovered 111 uncounted votes, or 2.5% of all the votes. One in every 40 voters was silently disenfranchised by county officials who did not protect their votes from unreliable voting machines.

Village of Elmwood Park, Ward 1 (332 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	147	147	157	10
Clinton/ Kaine	150	150	156	6
Castle/ Bradley	0	0	0	0
Johnson/ Weld	10	10	10	0
Stein/ Baraka	2	2	2	0
Moorehead/ Lilly	0	0	0	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	0	0	0	0
Registered Write-Ins	1	1	1	0
Total votes	310	310	326	16 (4.9% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			5	
No presidential vote			2	

City of Racine, Ward 1 (782 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	170	169	174	5
Clinton/ Kaine	545	548	560	12
Castle/ Bradley	3	2	2	0
Johnson/ Weld	14	14	14	0
Stein/ Baraka	9	9	9	0
Moorehead/ Lilly	1	1	1	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	0	0	0	
Registered Write-Ins	1	1	1	0
Total votes	743	744	761	17 (2.2% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			8	
No presidential vote			10	

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City of Racine, Ward 22 (1,421 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	433	439	445	6
Clinton/ Kaine	801	834	850	16
Castle/ Bradley	3	3	3	0
Johnson/ Weld	58	59	60	1
Stein/ Baraka	19	20	20	0
Moorehead/ Lilly	1	1	1	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	0	0	1	1
Registered Write-Ins	0	3	3	0
Total votes	1,315	1,359	1,383	24 (1.7% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			16	
No presidential vote			12	

City of Racine, Ward 25 (1,000 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	249	253	255	2
Clinton/ Kaine	641	658	676	18
Castle/ Bradley	4	4	4	0
Johnson/ Weld	21	21	21	0
Stein/ Baraka	10	10	10	0
Moorehead/ Lilly	0	0	0	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	2	2	2	0
Registered Write-Ins	9	4	9	5
Total votes	936	952	977	25 (2.6% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			10	
No presidential vote			13	

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City of Racine, Ward 26 (168 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	81	80	84	4
Clinton/ Kaine	72	71	77	6
Castle/ Bradley	0	0	0	0
Johnson/ Weld	3	3	3	0
Stein/ Baraka	1	1	1	0
Moorehead/ Lilly	0	0	0	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	0	0	0	0
Registered Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total votes	157	155	165	10 (6.1% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			2	
No presidential vote			1	

City of Racine, Ward 35 (876 ballots)

Candidates	Original total votes	Machine recounted total votes	Hand counted total votes	Votes not counted by canvass
Trump/ Pence	296	297	302	5
Clinton/ Kaine	489	494	502	8
Castle/ Bradley	1	1	1	0
Johnson/ Weld	31	31	31	0
Stein/ Baraka	3	3	4	1
Moorehead/ Lilly	1	1	1	0
DeLaFuente/ Steinberg	0	0	0	0
Registered Write-Ins	7	2	7	5
Total votes	828	829	848	19 (2.2% of the votes)
Unregistered Write-ins			12	
No presidential vote			17	

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