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## **Clerk Orr reminds voters to check their Election Day polling places** **Polls open tomorrow at 6 a.m.**

Suburban Cook County voters should verify their polling places before going to vote tomorrow in the Presidential Primary Election, Cook County Clerk David Orr said Monday.

“With redistricting came some polling place changes, so make sure you review your new voter registration card or check your precinct information online,” Orr said.

Orr also noted that voters may see unfamiliar candidates and districts on the ballot, also due to redistricting.

All 1.4 million suburban Cook County voters were mailed a new voter registration card last month. While voters are not required to show the card before voting, it lists a lot of useful information including the voter’s precinct, polling location and voting districts.

Voters can also visit [cookcountyclerk.com/elections/voterprofile](http://cookcountyclerk.com/elections/voterprofile) to check their registration, precinct, polling place and sample ballot.

Orr offered these other Election Day tips and reminders:

- Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Polling places are least crowded between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Anyone in line when polls close at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.
- Voters will have a choice of voting on a touch screen or with a paper ballot.
- Any voter who voted during Early Voting or by mail ballot cannot vote on Election Day.

While voter interest is down overall from the 2008 Presidential Primary, 32,384 suburban Cook County voters cast ballots during Early Voting from Feb. 27-March 15 (Find more Early Voting data online). About 13,000 suburban Cook County voters have requested mail ballots.

### **ELECTION DATA**

Quick facts for the March 20, 2012 Presidential Primary are online and below. Find more election data online, including: Voter Registration by Township; [Turnout History](#); [Early Voting by Year & Party](#); and [Post-Election Reports](#) from 2008 and 2010.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Cook County’s results, which include suburban Cook County but not Chicago, will be available at:

[cookcountyclerk.com/elections/results](http://cookcountyclerk.com/elections/results)



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After polls close on Election Night, the Cook County Clerk’s office tabulates and displays vote totals that include: all early votes; all mail ballots received by Election Day; and all ballots cast in the precincts on Election Day. Precinct- and township-level results are not available on Election Night.

After Election Day, the clerk’s office tabulates all mail ballots received within two weeks of Election Day if they are post-marked by March 20 and all provisional ballots that are verified. By statute, Illinois election authorities have up to three weeks to certify election results.

**OVERLAPPING DISTRICTS**

Many suburban Cook County districts overlap with other election jurisdictions. For example, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District has precincts in suburban Cook County, Chicago, Will and Kankakee counties. As a result, election results must be tallied in all jurisdictions in order to determine a winner. Please consult our [overlapping district chart](#) to see which jurisdictions stretch in the Chicago and the collar counties.

**MEDIA GUIDELINES**

Members of the media will not need a credential provided by the Clerk’s office. However, election judges will require news reporters, photographers and TV crews to show company identification. More information is available in our [media guidelines](#).

**PHONE NUMBERS**

Media inquiries – Courtney Greve	312.603.0931, 312.502.3267
Media inquiries – Gail Siegel	312.603.0993, 312.502.3268
Voter help line – English	312.603.0906
Voter help line – Spanish	312.603.6767
Voter help line – Chinese	312.603.6769
Voter help line – Hindi	312.603.6749
Voter help line – Polish	312.603.6770
Help line for voters with disabilities	312.603.0929
TDD (for voters with hearing disabilities)	312.603.0902
Legal hotline	312.603.0236

**PARTY DELEGATE SELECTION RULES**

Both parties award delegates by congressional district. Illinois has 18 congressional districts (CD).

**Democrats:** The vote for Presidential candidates in each CD determines how many delegates a candidate is entitled to from any district, with a floor of 15% of the vote in any given CD. Districts range in size from 5 to 11 delegates. Since President Obama is the only democratic candidate, and all of the delegates are pledged to him, the outcome is certain.

**Republicans:** The vote for Presidential candidates in each CD has NO effect on how many delegates a candidate wins from any CD; this is commonly referred to as a "beauty contest." Instead, the delegates who get the most votes - individually - are elected. Districts have mostly three delegates, with a pair of 2-delegate sized districts and a pair with four delegates.

Since the beauty contest results and the individual delegate race results can differ, there can be anomalies in the Republican results, i.e., Romney could get 60% of the beauty contest vote, but only 33% of the delegates. It is even possible for the "winning" candidate to end up with fewer delegates than the "loser."



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## Suburban Cook County March 20, 2012 Primary Election Quick Facts

- Registered Voters: 1,394,649
- Precincts: 1,673
- Polling places: 1,138
- Contested races:
  - Democratic: 56
  - Republican: 41
  - Non-Partisan: 0
  - Total: 97
- Candidates on Ballot: 836
- Referenda: 95
- Write-in candidates: 11
- Ballot Styles:
  - Democratic: 546
  - Republican: 546
  - Non-Partisan: 98
  - Total: 1,190
- Townships voting in suburban Cook County: 30

### SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY TURNOUT SINCE THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Election	February 2008	November 2008	February 2010	November 2010	March 2012
<b>Registered Voters</b>	1,350,580	1,436,210	1,439,415	1,370,186	1,394,649
<b>Turnout</b>	585,449 (43.3%)	1,056,242 (73.5%)	367,688 (25.5%)	719,090 (52.5%)	



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## **Media guidelines for March 20, 2012 Election**

**Attention: Reporters, photographers and TV news crews**

If you plan to visit a suburban Cook County polling place on Election Day, or today for the last day of Early Voting, please follow these guidelines:

- Upon entering the polling place, introduce yourself to the election judges before conducting any interviews or taking any photographs.
- Provide proof of your media status -- preferably a press pass with photo. Business cards will also be accepted. (The Clerk's office no longer issues media credentials.)
- All interviews must be conducted outside the polling place so as not to disturb voting.
- Photos and videos can be taken inside the precinct. However, you may not take shots of a voter making his or her choices on a paper or touch screen ballot.
- Please ask first, and respect voters and poll workers who say they do not want to be interviewed or photographed.

The Clerk's office explains these rules to election judges during training. If you encounter resistance, call Courtney Greve, 312.603.0931, or Gail Siegel, 312.603.0993.

# Voter Registration and Partisan Turnout by Township

March 2012

February 2008

Registered Voters	TOWNSHIP	Registered Voters	% Democratic	% Republican	TURNOUT
10,120	Barrington	9,489	46%	54%	41%
24,559	Berwyn	24,406	84%	15%	37%
53,294	Bloom	52,510	86%	14%	41%
65,703	Bremen	64,068	82%	18%	42%
10,855	Calumet	9,729	96%	4%	48%
26,931	Cicero	25,207	76%	24%	37%
44,167	Elk Grove	42,387	64%	36%	41%
44,387	Evanston	43,306	90%	10%	55%
43,283	Hanover	38,821	67%	33%	34%
13,529	Lemont	12,623	58%	41%	39%
43,155	Leyden	41,438	67%	33%	38%
60,758	Lyons	59,243	72%	28%	45%
74,398	Maine	72,194	71%	29%	41%
39,146	New Trier	38,309	71%	29%	54%
62,218	Niles	59,845	82%	18%	42%
56,448	Northfield	55,192	70%	30%	45%
14,979	Norwood Park	14,799	76%	24%	41%
34,085	Oak Park	32,612	89%	11%	59%
64,998	Orland	63,707	67%	33%	38%
60,119	Palatine	58,147	58%	42%	41%
32,534	Palos	31,659	68%	32%	41%
84,924	Proviso	84,118	86%	14%	46%
49,069	Rich	47,200	91%	9%	54%
7,288	River Forest	7,146	75%	25%	54%
10,270	Riverside	9,998	70%	30%	47%
68,430	Schaumburg	65,375	69%	31%	38%
18,927	Stickney	18,658	85%	15%	37%
104,166	Thornton	99,940	92%	8%	45%
85,060	Wheeling	83,341	65%	35%	42%
86,849	Worth	85,113	77%	23%	42%
1,394,649	TOTAL:	1,350,580	77%	23%	43%



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## Suburban Cook County Registration and Voter Turnout 1990 - 2010

### Primary Elections

Year	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percent Turnout
1990	1,248,996	377,715	30.2%
1992*	1,185,460	476,517	40.2%
1994	1,270,171	355,620	28.0%
1996*	1,216,588	309,772	25.5%
1998	1,348,524	322,970	23.9%
2000*	1,219,409	282,041	23.1%
2002	1,313,943	438,844	33.4%
2004*	1,295,632	406,115	31.3%
2006	1,383,846	345,970	25.0%
2008*	1,350,580	585,449	43.3%
2010	1,439,415	367,688	25.5%

\*Presidential years

### General Elections

Year	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percent Turnout
1990	1,245,107	657,674	52.8%
1992*	1,399,886	1,062,229	75.9%
1994	1,272,630	632,598	49.7%
1996*	1,328,808	872,447	65.7%
1998	1,262,137	680,917	53.9%
2000*	1,308,940	954,769	72.9%
2002	1,365,947	697,872	51.1%
2004*	1,378,159	1,024,867	74.3%
2006	1,370,230	680,696	49.7%
2008*	1,436,210	1,056,242	73.5%
2010	1,370,186	719,090	52.5%



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## Turnout - Primary v. General

Year	Primary	General	Difference
1990	30.2%	52.8%	22.6%
1992*	40.2%	75.9%	35.7%
1994	28.0%	49.7%	21.7%
1996*	25.5%	65.7%	40.2%
1998	23.9%	53.9%	30.0%
2000*	23.1%	72.9%	49.8%
2002	33.4%	51.1%	17.7%
2004*	31.3%	74.3%	43.0%
2006	25.0%	49.7%	24.7%
2008*	43.3%	73.5%	30.2%
2010	25.5%	52.5%	27.0%

\*Presidential years

**SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY DISTRICTS THAT OVERLAP WITH CHICAGO, OTHER COUNTIES**

<b>District</b>	<b>Suburban Cook # of precincts</b>	<b>Chicago # of precincts</b>	<b>Other Counties</b>
1st Congressional District	166	461	Will
2nd Congressional District	263	193	Will, Kankakee
3rd Congressional District	255	206	DuPage, Will
4th Congressional District	102	344	
5th Congressional District	85	469	DuPage
6th Congressional District	66		DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry
7th Congressional District	122	535	
8th Congressional District	193		DuPage, Kane
9th Congressional District	336	225	
10th Congressional District	110		Lake
11th Congressional District	4		DuPage, Kane, Will, Kendall
1st Representative District	1	76	
3rd Representative District	2	84	
<b>7th Representative District</b>	87		
8th Representative District	37	72	
14th Representative District	2	91	
15th Representative District	46	55	
16th Representative District	34	44	
<b>17th Representative District</b>	86		
<b>18th Representative District</b>	84		
19th Representative District	8	85	
20th Representative District	44	45	
21st Representative District	26	46	
22nd Representative District	2	79	
23rd Representative District	61	2	
24th Representative District	46	20	
27th Representative District	38	87	
28th Representative District	57	49	
29th Representative District	61	14	Will
<b>30th Representative District</b>	83		
31st Representative District	39	78	
32nd Representative District	22	86	
33rd Representative District	36	78	
34th Representative District	23	70	Will, Kankakee
35th Representative District	52	61	
36th Representative District	72	22	
37th Representative District	20		Will
38th Representative District	74		Will
43rd Representative District	12		Kane
<b>44th Representative District</b>	55		
45th Representative District	5		DuPage
47th Representative District	6		DuPage
49th Representative District	3		DuPage, Kane
51st Representative District	1		Lake
52nd Representative District	13		Kane, Lake, McHenry
<b>53rd Representative District</b>	82		
<b>54th Representative District</b>	77		
55th Representative District	69	4	
56th Representative District	57		DuPage
57th Representative District	65		Lake
58th Representative District	7		Lake
59th Representative District	7		Lake
77th Representative District	33	1	DuPage
78th Representative District	55	37	
80th Representative District	44		Will
82nd Representative District	35		DuPage, Will
Cook County Judicial Circuit 1st Subcircuit	46	265	

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Cook County Judicial Circuit 2nd Subcircuit	136	153	
Cook County Judicial Circuit 3rd Subcircuit	76	231	
<b>Cook County Judicial Circuit 4th Subcircuit</b>	249		
Cook County Judicial Circuit 7th Subcircuit	57	234	
Cook County Judicial Circuit 9th Subcircuit	163	105	
Cook County Judicial Circuit 10th Subcircuit	65	233	
Cook County Judicial Circuit 11th Subcircuit	123	146	
<b>Cook County Judicial Circuit 12th Subcircuit</b>	252		
<b>Cook County Judicial Circuit 13th Subcircuit</b>	231		
Cook County Judicial Circuit 14th Subcircuit	37	178	
<b>Cook County Judicial Circuit 15th Subcircuit</b>	291		
Board of Review 1st District	1128	66	
Board of Review 2nd District	165	1165	
Board of Review 3rd District	410	1163	
1st Senate District	1	146	
2nd Senate District	2	180	
4th Senate District	121	72	
7th Senate District	2	179	
8th Senate District	77	98	
<b>9th Senate District</b>	168		
10th Senate District	52	128	
11th Senate District	28	124	
12th Senate District	104	22	
14th Senate District	92	132	
15th Senate District	143	14	Will
16th Senate District	58	155	
17th Senate District	54	145	Will, Kankakee
18th Senate District	119	74	
19th Senate District	94		Will
22nd Senate District	65		Kane
23rd Senate District	5		DuPage
24th Senate District	6		DuPage
25th Senate District	3		DuPage, Kane, Kendall
26th Senate District	13		Kane, Lake, McHenry
27th Senate District	157		
28th Senate District	126	4	DuPage
29th Senate District	72		Lake
30th Senate District	7		Lake
39th Senate District	88	38	DuPage
40th Senate District	44		Will, Grundy, Kankakee
41st Senate District	35		DuPage, Will
MWRD	1604	2369	DuPage
Village of Bartlett	10		DuPage, Kane
Village of Hanover Park	10		DuPage
Village of Hinsdale	2		DuPage
Village of Lemont	14		DuPage, Will
Village of Barrington Hills	3		Kane, Lake, McHenry
City of Elgin	14		Kane
Village of Hoffman Estates	30		Kane
Village of Barrington	6		Lake
Village of Buffalo Grove	11		Lake
Village of Deer Park	1		Lake
Village of Deerfield	1		Lake
Village of Wheeling	19		Lake
Village of Orland Park	50		Will
Village of Park Forest	12		Will
Village of Tinley Park	37		Will



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These phone numbers apply to suburban Cook County precincts ONLY!

# Election Day Phone Numbers

(for publication)

<b>Media Inquires</b>	312.603.0931 312.603.0993 312.603.0997
<b>Legal</b> To report voter fraud or irregularities	312.603.0236
<b><u>Automated Directory</u></b> <b>Election Information</b> * Polling place location * Other voter services	312.603.0906 cookcountyclerk.com
<b>Voter Verification</b> Status Check	312.603.0239 cookcountyclerk.com
<b>Election Information</b>	<b>Spanish</b> 312.603.6767 <b>Polish</b> 312.603.6770 <b>Chinese</b> 312.603.6769 <b>Hindi</b> 312.603.6743
<b>Disabled Voters</b> Hospitalized Voters, Curbside Voting	312.603.0929
<b>TDD</b> Hearing Impaired	312.603.0902
<b>Election Results</b>	cookcountyclerk.com