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Clerk Orr gives Election Day tips

Early Voting's success, record registration point to a busy Nov. 4

Cook County Clerk David Orr released numbers Friday showing the Nov. 4 Presidential Election is well underway, with nearly a quarter million voters already casting ballots.

"This kind of excitement about a presidential election is unprecedented since I took office," Orr said. "Suburban Cook County voters crushed previous records in voter registration, grace period voting and Early Voting. Turnout on Tuesday is likely to follow suit."

An all-time high suburban Cook voter registration of 1,436,106 set the stage for 226,084 voters to cast ballots during Early Voting from Oct. 13-30. Another 4,100 suburban residents participated in grace period voting and about 31,600 requested absentee ballots.

"While some have bemoaned voter apathy in the past, it's not a problem this election," Orr said. "Crowds are a sign of a healthy democracy. And I must commend the voters for their patience and enthusiasm, and applaud the Equipment Managers for their excellent service."

On Tuesday, suburban Cook's 2,290 precincts will be staffed by more than 11,500 election judges and Equipment Managers, including more than 2,200 high school and college students – another new record.

Orr offered these Election Day tips and reminders:

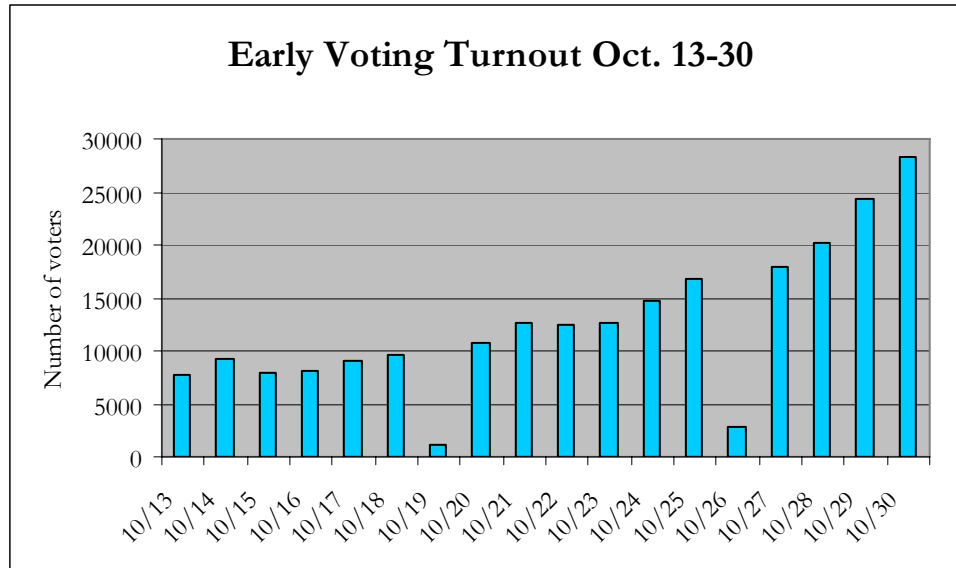
- Voters will have a choice of voting on a touch screen or with a paper ballot.
- Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Polling places are least crowded from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Anyone in line when polls close at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.
- The Clerk's office has voter hotlines in three languages (Spanish, Polish and Chinese), as well as a TDD line for the hearing impaired and a legal line to report fraud and irregularities.
- At voterinfonet.com, voters can verify their registration and view a sample ballot.

Orr expressed his gratitude for the hard work of Early Voting judges and his appreciation for the record number of voters who turned out to cast their ballots from Oct. 13-30.



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*Note: Only 9 of 44 sites were open between 9 a.m. and noon on Sundays, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26.

Top 10 Early Voting sites by turnout

1. Orland Park Village Hall
2. Wheeling Township Hall, Arlington Heights
3. Matteson Village Hall
4. South Holland Village Hall
5. Schaumburg Public Library
6. Evanston Civic Center
7. Northbrook Village Hall
8. Oak Park Village Hall
9. Skokie Village Hall
10. Markham Courthouse



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QUICK FACTS SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY NOVEMBER 4, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

- Registered Voters: 1,436,106¹
- Precincts: 2,290
- Polling Places: 1,310
- Races: 104²
- Candidates: 194
- Referenda: 40 (1 countywide; 39 local)
- Constitutional Convention question: 1
- Ballot Styles: 312
- Election Judges: 11,450 (includes Equipment Managers)
- Equipment Managers: 2,290
- Attorneys: 24 at Clerk's office; 41 in the field
- Sheriff Deputies: 41
- Touch screens deployed: 5,551
- Optical scanners deployed: 2,290
- Townships in Cook County suburbs: 30
- Municipalities in Cook County suburbs: 132

SUBURBAN COOK PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION TURNOUT HISTORY

Year	Registered Voters (active)	Ballots Cast	Turnout
2008	1,436,106		
2004	1,378,159	1,024,867	74%
2000	1,315,350	954,769	73%
1996	1,328,808	872,447	66%
1992	1,400,550	1,062,603	76%
1988	1,332,146	981,905	74%
1984	1,284,387	1,014,473	79%
1980	1,203,101	1,014,894	84%
1976	1,184,001	969,308	82%
1972	1,095,997	933,272	74%
1968	910,418	830,829	91%
1964	809,798	746,265	92%
1960	717,830	666,593	93%

NOTE: Suburban Cook County ONLY

¹ As of October 29, 2008

² Does not include 70 judicial retention races.



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Early Voting turnout breakdown by age and township

Township	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Barrington	96	103	212	389	571	558	1929
Bloom	483	880	1318	1869	1612	1671	7833
Bremen	562	1045	1455	2140	2222	2371	9795
Calumet	127	232	247	436	408	319	1769
Elk Grove	248	497	563	966	1131	1952	5357
Evanston	536	1125	1516	2058	2359	2470	10064
Hanover	231	651	943	1215	1382	1217	5639
Lemont	146	120	295	589	683	779	2612
Leyden	172	306	395	648	662	1101	3284
Lyons	443	510	843	1446	1646	2214	7102
Maine	524	659	941	1783	2011	3521	9439
New Trier	471	383	966	1877	2208	2978	8883
Niles	584	782	1112	1985	2562	4570	11595
Northfield	627	604	1248	2104	2953	5428	12964
Norwood Park	125	133	192	384	420	866	2120
Oak Park	386	931	1386	1575	1861	1172	7311
Orland	773	715	1183	2567	3076	4066	12380
Palatine	532	905	1297	2133	2451	2575	9893
Palos	249	276	335	757	1132	1671	4420
Proviso	722	1377	1970	2857	2898	3137	12961
Rich	833	1533	2672	3623	3368	3071	15100
River Forest	60	67	134	257	297	262	1077
Riverside	49	74	128	218	206	251	926
Schaumburg	693	1179	1425	2437	2815	2932	11481
Stickney	92	102	121	209	237	381	1142
Thornton	1164	1869	3386	4512	3861	4170	18962
Wheeling	680	965	1302	2483	3113	4709	13252
Worth	546	932	1169	1966	2013	3524	10150
Cicero	157	260	289	357	366	483	1912
Berwyn	135	336	429	500	482	524	2406
	12446	19551	29472	46340	51006	64943	223758
	6%	9%	13%	21%	23%	29%	

Note: Data provided here reflects turnout as of 6 p.m. on Oct. 30, while some voters were still in line.

Historical distribution of how ballots were cast

Election	Grace Period	Early Voting	Absentee	Election Day
November 2004	N/A	N/A	5.3%	94.7%
March 2006	<0.1%	4.5%	0.6%	94.9%
November 2006	0.1%	4.9%	1.6%	93.3%
February 2008	0.1%	8%	1%	90.0%
November 2008	4,129 voters	223,758 ¹ voters	31,596 AB ballots requested ²	

Voter registration by age, township³

TOWNSHIP	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Barrington	933	1066	1650	2391	2122	1845	10007
Berwyn	2848	5134	4978	4815	3566	4355	25696
Bloom	6255	9232	9918	11576	8514	10519	56014
Bremen	7325	11755	11982	14163	10704	12378	68307
Calumet	1546	2185	1895	2290	1756	1574	11246
Cicero	4128	6247	4840	4790	3318	3501	26824
Elk Grove	3883	6234	7092	9013	7080	12051	45353
Evanston	6070	8771	8262	8376	7185	8400	47064
Hanover	3740	8042	8842	8991	6721	5958	42294
Lemont	1386	1421	2246	3166	2288	2627	13134
Leyden	4459	6761	6843	8957	6685	10269	43974
Lyons	6126	8345	10509	13685	10620	13224	62509
Maine	7243	9522	10911	15051	12612	20306	75645
New Trier	4456	3180	6244	9472	7253	8885	39490
Niles	6246	7902	8378	11833	10888	18164	63411
Northfield	5302	5306	8239	11531	10228	16665	57271
Norwood Park	1506	1782	2053	2846	2391	4869	15447
Oak Park	3258	6261	7344	7354	6202	5130	35549
Orland	7216	8791	9903	15110	11635	13229	65884
Palatine	6247	9336	10405	14309	10560	10951	61808
Palos	3188	4239	4319	6438	6128	8860	33172
Proviso	8847	14943	16415	18101	14094	18505	90905
Rich	5539	7685	9248	10606	8769	9576	51423
River Forest	853	758	1193	1784	1429	1575	7592
Riverside	972	1211	1778	2268	1671	2574	10474
Schaumburg	7488	11769	11743	15179	11985	11920	70084
Stickney	2213	3038	2895	3836	2857	4374	19213
Thornton	13193	18242	20536	22457	15486	19831	109745
Wheeling	7883	10946	13363	18742	14847	21673	87454
Worth	8948	13838	13740	18231	13112	21357	89226
Total	149297	213942	237764	297361	232706	305145	1436215
	10%	15%	17%	21%	16%	21%	

¹ As of 6 p.m. on Oct. 30

² An average of 69% of AB ballots sent out are typically returned

³ As of November 3



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Young people lead new registered voters

The Clerk's office received 63,407 new registrations in the last five weeks of the regular registration period – nearly half of which were turned in the last six days (Oct. 1-7). Young voters ages 18 to 34 represented 55 percent of those new registrations, or more than all of the new registrations combined for voters older than 35.

New voter registrations by age, township (Sept. 1-Oct. 7)

TOWNSHIP	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
Barrington	124	48	76	47	37	20	352
Berwyn	485	356	285	150	86	60	1,422
Bloom	1,082	488	432	355	174	123	2,654
Bremen	1,051	589	463	383	191	184	2,861
Calumet	346	217	155	163	95	43	1,019
Cicero	606	309	203	135	88	51	1,392
Elk Grove	575	464	347	263	171	178	1,998
Evanston	980	871	446	272	157	117	2,843
Hanover	578	523	393	316	186	137	2,133
Lemont	187	69	65	59	40	52	472
Leyden	608	406	324	262	175	115	1,890
Lyons	835	513	472	323	172	142	2,457
Maine	772	523	450	412	290	250	2,697
New Trier	464	136	279	153	82	59	1,173
Niles	752	507	393	352	237	264	2,505
Northfield	516	246	291	240	143	174	1,610
Norwood Park	180	97	108	74	46	45	550
Oak Park	592	634	407	222	133	91	2,079
Orland	750	252	193	190	127	92	1,604
Palatine	786	616	402	323	179	141	2,447
Palos	503	213	140	131	90	89	1,166
Proviso	1,711	1,137	814	631	381	259	4,933
Rich	925	517	526	413	219	202	2,802
River Forest	145	36	39	24	26	15	285
Riverside	80	85	54	34	19	27	299
Schaumburg	988	795	539	453	273	203	3,251
Stickney	297	146	108	99	61	44	755
Thornton	2,380	1,382	1,404	1,019	526	382	7,093
Wheeling	1,077	691	502	432	264	283	3,249
Worth	1,186	763	503	467	282	215	3,416
Total	21,561	13,629	10,813	8,397	4,950	4,057	63,407
	34.0%	21.5%	17.1%	13.2%	7.8%	6.4%	