

Rules

Washington Administrative Code 434-324-031 Electronic Voter Registration.

(1) The secretary of state's electronic voter registration web page must have the capability to:

(a) Reject applicants without a Washington state driver's license or state identification card;

(b) Require the applicant to affirmatively assent to the use of his or her driver's license or state identification card signature for voter registration purposes;

(c) Require the applicant to attest to the truth of the information provided on the application;

(d) Retrieve a digital copy of each applicant's driver's license or state identification card signature from the department of licensing and include it with the other information required for each applicant's voter registration; and

(e) Electronically transfer all information required for each applicant's voter registration to his or her county auditor for entry into the statewide voter registration data base through the county election management system.

(2) Once election registration information is entered into county election management systems, the same timelines and processes used for registration by mail apply to electronic registration



MyVote & Online Registration by the numbers

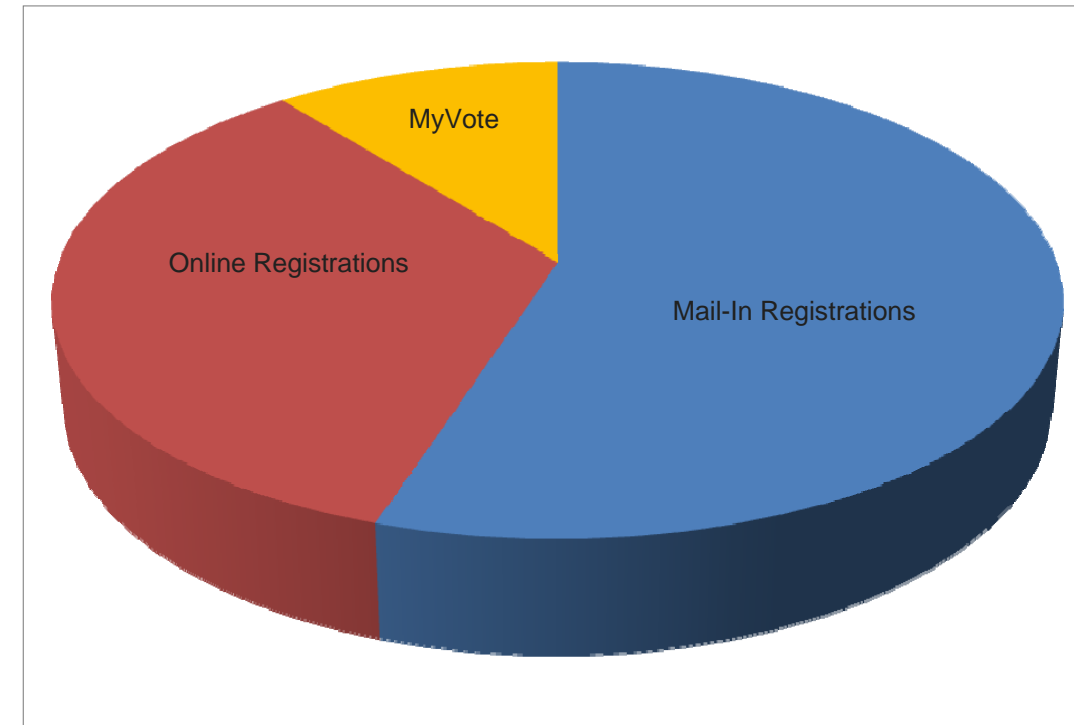
	Mail-In	MyVote*	OLVR
January	21,339	5,933	17,999
February	28,123	3,338	20,261
March	14,269	397	3,566
April	11,880	405	4,066
May	16,742	178	3,268
June	15,606	0	3,657
July	17,729	1,459	6,515
August	18,281	5,238	12,459
September	49,304	6,344	22,125
October	54,314	19,999	62,909
November	3,742	5,837	802
December	2,235	220	659

Above are the number of voter registration transactions, separated by type, for the 2008 election year. Washington State held a Presidential Primary in February, a State Primary in August, and the General Election in November.

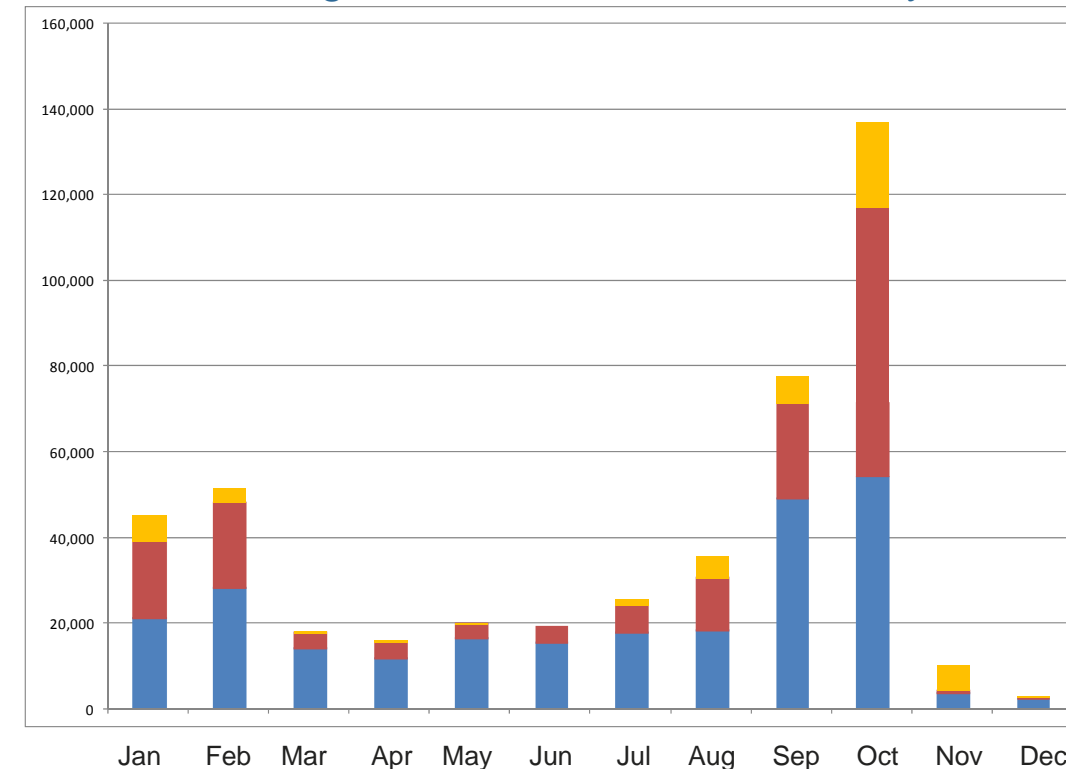
The online address change via MyVote was offline for the last week of May, all of June, and the first three weeks of July.

Online Voter Registration and MyVote allow voters the convenience of interacting with government on their time from the comfort of their own homes. Many people who would not normally take the time to update their address, or register to vote with the voter registration cutoff just days away, can now do so in minutes.

Voter Registration 2008



Voter Registration Transactions by Month



The Future? Reed urges fresh election reforms

Online Voting:

Reed asks the Legislature to authorize the state Elections Division to create a system for overseas military and Washingtonians living abroad to use the Internet to vote in a secure fashion that preserves ballot secrecy and security. The legislation doesn't specify when the project would begin, and it could be tested on a pilot basis with selected counties. The bill does not ask for funding, and federal or foundation grants might be used.

"The Legislature has previously approved a similar pilot project sponsored by the Department of Defense, although the government did not proceed," said state Elections Director Nick Handy. "We believe this is a prudent and secure way to help our valued service members, missionaries, Peace Corps members, business people and others."