

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

ORGANIZATION

The Onondaga County Board of Elections is a County Office responsible for all Federal, State, County, City and Town elections, along with the Villages of Camillus, East Syracuse, Elbridge, Fayetteville, Manlius, North Syracuse, Solvay and Tully. Under present law, all villages (except Camillus, East Syracuse, Elbridge, Fayetteville, Manlius, North Syracuse, Solvay and Tully) and school district elections, as well as fire, water and other special district elections, do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Elections at this time.

The structure, responsibilities and duties of the Board are set forth in the New York State Election Law. Formal Board meetings and documentation of actions, discussion and decisions are being maintained.

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET

In keeping with state mandate, two Commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat administer the Board of Elections. The Commissioners are recommended by their respective County committees and appointed by the County Legislature every 2 years. Both Commissioners' terms end on December 31, 2024. The Board has 18 full time positions.

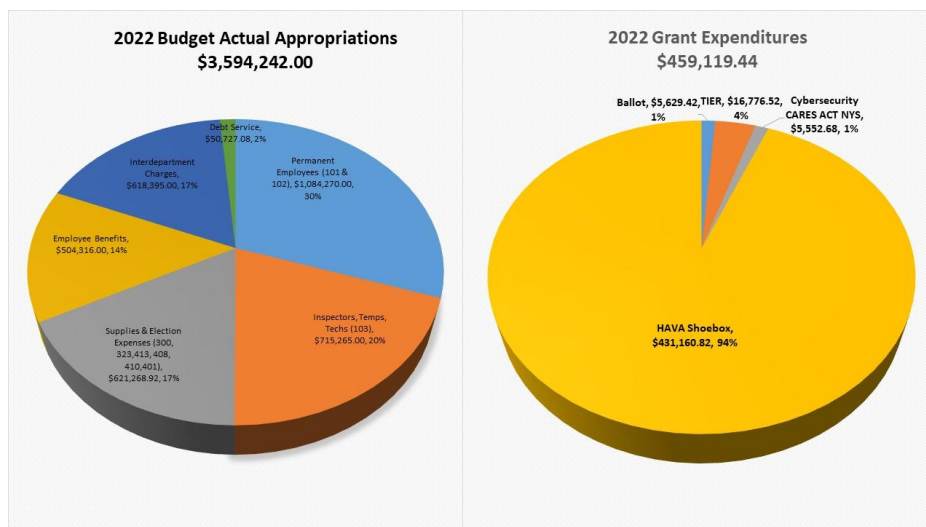
The 2022 Primary Election was split between State/Local and Federal due to redistricting court cases. This was an unforeseen circumstance in which an additional Primary was not budgeted for.

The June 28, 2022, State/Local Primary Election consisted of a Democratic Governor and Lieutenant Governor Primary as well as a Republican Governor Primary.

The August 23, 2022, Federal Primary Election consisted of a Democratic and Republican Representative in Congress-22nd District Primary, as well as a Conservative State Senator-48th District Primary.

The General Election held on November 3, 2022, consisted of the following races: US Senator, Representative in Congress-22nd District, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, Justice of Supreme Court, (2) State Senator, (4) Member of Assembly, Sheriff, County Court Judge, Family Court Judge, as well as other city, town and village offices. There was also a New York State proposition for clean water, clean air and green jobs environmental bond act of 2022.

The Board of Elections is funded solely by the County of Onondaga. The 2022 budget as modified (BAM) include the following:



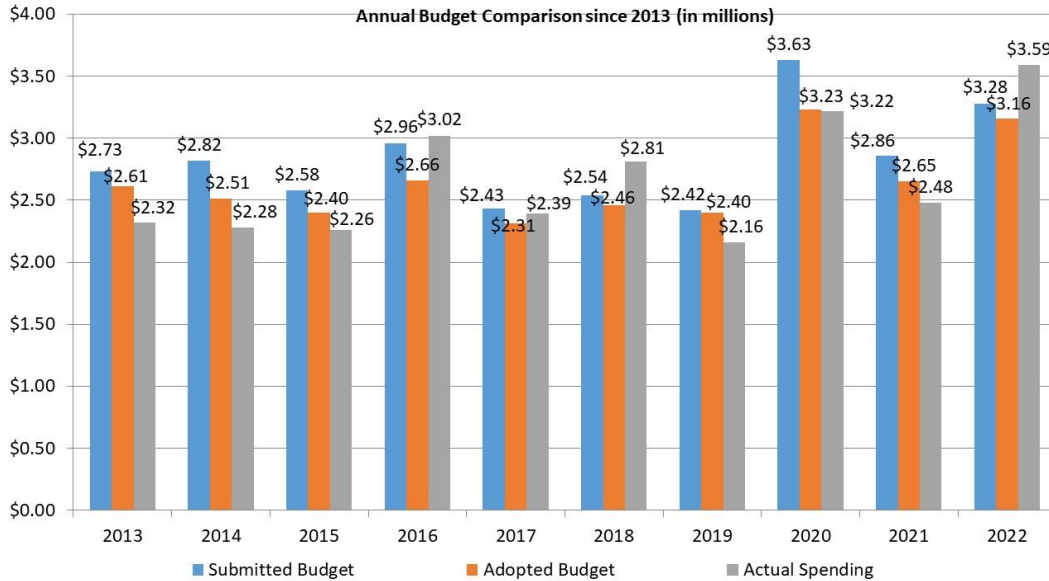
Total 2022 Budget

Total County Adjusted Budget \$3,595,862.44

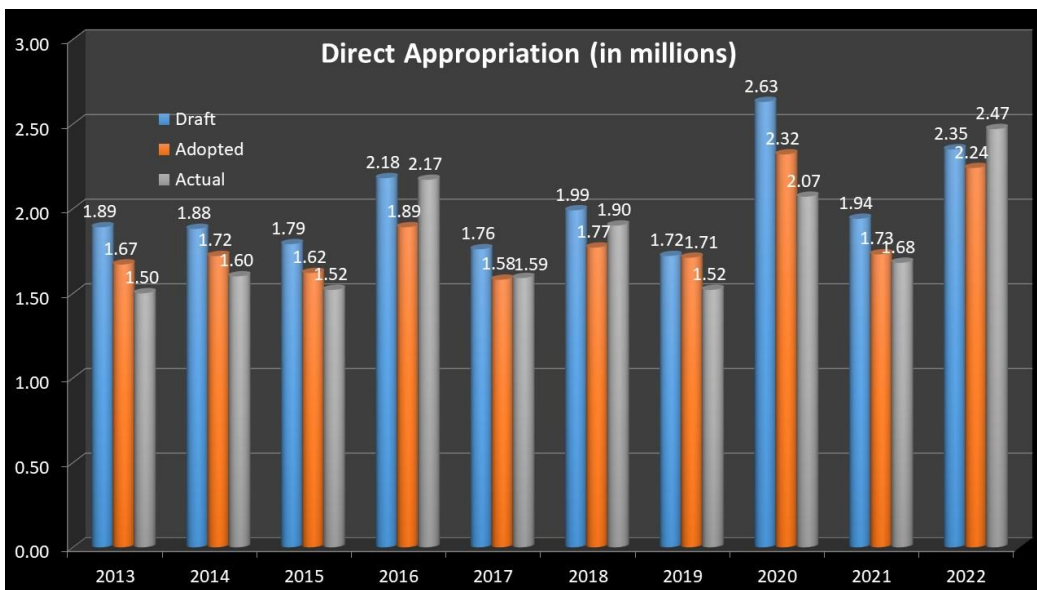
Salaries (full time) \$940,397

Salaries*(temporary) \$48,439

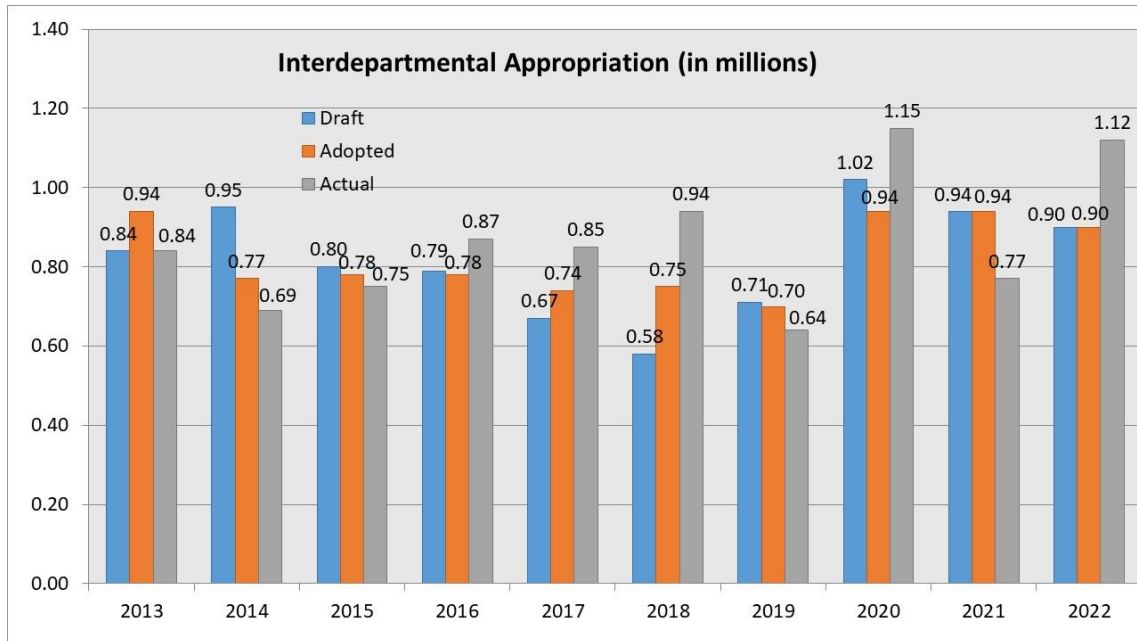
(*includes temporary staff, election inspectors, voting machine technicians, training consultants and memory card runners)



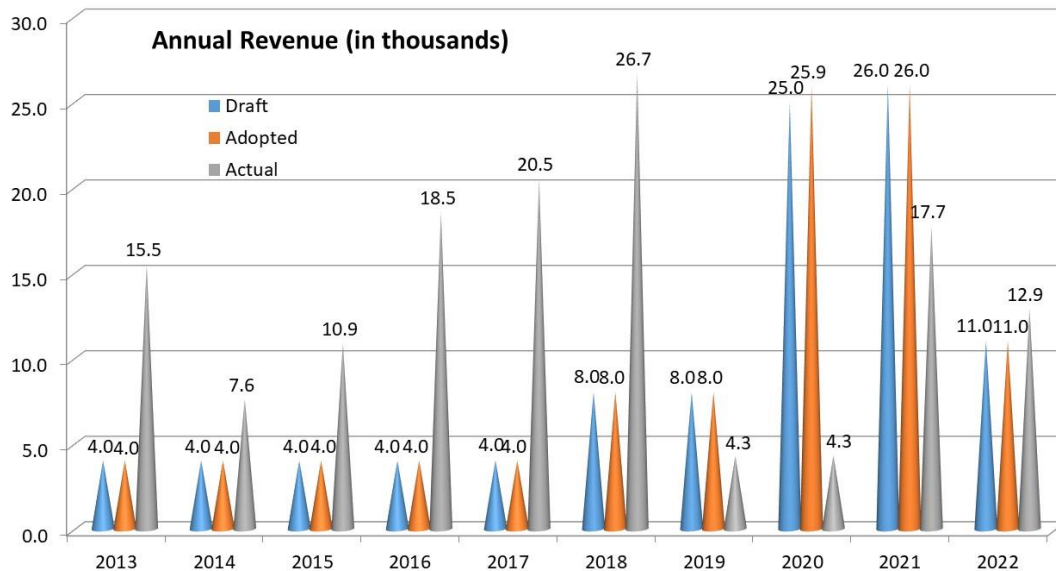
The OCBOE was budgeted \$3,134,217 for fiscal year 2022. We spent \$3,593,912, which is \$459,695.00 over budget. The last 10 budget cycles we have only gone over our draft budget three times (2016, 2018, 2022) and our adopted budget twice (2017 & 2022). During these years we had unanticipated record setting turnout along with an August primary that was not budgeted for. In addition, we spent \$555,788.22 in Grant money. \$433,025.22 was spent in HAVA Shoebox which represented technological upgrades and training of personnel on election equipment. \$19,540.63 was spent on our Cybersecurity CARES grant representing a video security system at the Board of Elections office. \$86,445.85 Postage Grant that was used for prepaid postage for the return of absentee ballots. \$16,776.52 was spent on our TIER capital funding for various election equipment,



Our direct appropriations for 2022 came in over budget. This was due to the added Federal August Primary along with the recount of 92,000 ballots in the 50th District Senate race. Our 2022 Adopted budget was \$2,242,872 for direct appropriations and the Board of Elections spent \$2,471,201. This was \$228,329 over our budgeted amount. This was caused directly by increase in overtime, inspector costs, and other election related costs stemming from the August primary and hand count of NY Senate District 50.



Interdepartmental appropriations were under budget for 2022. It is important to note that this portion of our budget is not set nor controlled by the Board of Elections. The Office of Management and Budget submits the estimate on our behalf for the Executive budget and estimates are obtained from the various departments and submitted for the budget. This line has two main categories of charges, Employee benefits and Interdepartmental charges. The Board of Elections spent nearly \$504,316 in employee benefits, \$25,253 under budgeted amount. The BOE was charged \$618,356 in Interdepartmental charges, nearly \$245,619 over budget. The increase in interdepartmental charges was a direct result of the added primary and 50th District Senate hand count which required more IT and legal support.



Finally, a very small portion of our budget is revenue. We charge various amounts for maps, lists, and labels printed from the Board of Elections for candidates and parties. This amount has reduced in recent years as outside parties are choosing to receive their information electronically and print themselves at no cost. Well over 75% of our

revenue comes from other governments using our equipment for elections such as villages and school districts. We received 1.9k more revenue than anticipated this last year. We are undergoing a cost analysis of providing services to villages for their spring and summer elections and will be updating the costs for the 2023 election cycle.

ELECTION COST

Onondaga County is responsible for paying all election costs. These costs include transporting and maintaining the Imagecast machines, transporting other poll site equipment and signage, paying machine technicians, election inspectors and memory card runners, printing machine and absentee/affidavit ballots, and mailing absentee ballots and other voter notices.

The County Board of Elections reviews all polling places for use and accessibility and tests and certifies all voting machines in Onondaga County. There are **275** Imagecast voting machines and **25** Imagecast scanner only voting machines in Onondaga County.

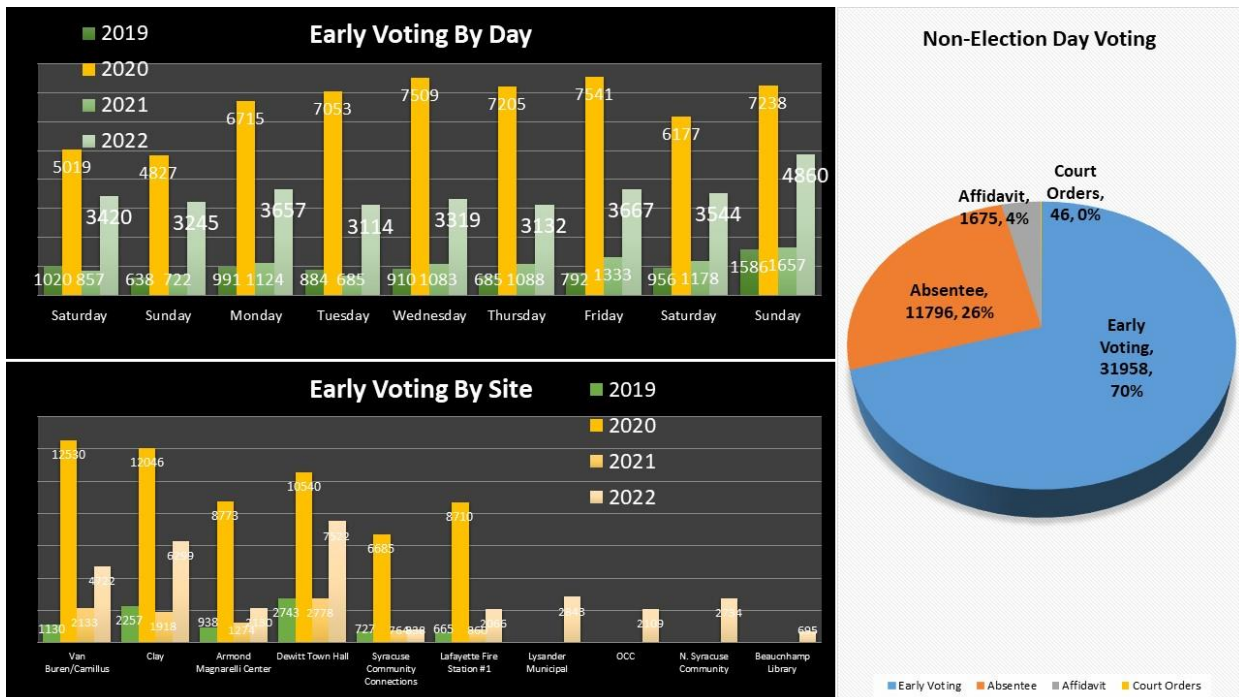
There were no county election charge backs to municipalities for 2022. HAVA will have some one-time reimbursements that will require future annual operating expenditures. HAVA requires the county to maintain a pre-HAVA level of expenditures. We are required to follow Federal and NYS contract processes for the purchases most related to the new voting systems.

ELECTION DISTRICTS

In 2022, there were 442 Election Districts in Onondaga County. Four (**4**) of these were non-working districts. There is an average registration of voters in each district. In 2022, the smallest districts contained **2 to 5** voters (City 5-8, 5-9 and 10-9) and the largest had an enrollment of voters (Camillus 2). We have been unable to move district lines since 2017 due to NYS Election Law. In 2022, we redraw districts to come into compliance with election law and accommodate redistricting.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

There were **149** polling sites for the June and August Primary Elections, and **149** polling sites for the General Election. We reevaluate polling places each year based on voter enrollment and lease renewals. 2022 had brought changes to our poll sites as redistricting had occurred.



EARLY VOTING

Onondaga County had **eight (8)** early voting locations for both Primary Elections, and ten **(10)** early voting locations for the General Elections. Registered voters could vote at any one of these locations. During the June Primary Election **2,740** voters voted early. During the August Primary Election **4,160** voters voted early and during the General Election voters **31,985** voted early.

June 28, 2022, Primary & August 23, 2022, Early Voting Locations:

- **ARMOND MAGNARELLI COMMUNITY CENTER AT MCCHESENEY PARK**
2300 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse NY 13208
- **BEAUCHAMP BRANCH LIBRARY**
2111 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205
- **CLAY TOWN HALL COURTROOM (Rear Entrance)**
4401 Route 31, Clay NY 13041
- **DEWITT TOWN HALL COURTROOM**
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse NY 13057
- **LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (Rear Entrance)**
2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084
- **LYSANDER TOWN HALL**
8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027
- **ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Mulroy Hall**
4926 Onondaga Road, Syracuse, NY 13215
- **SYRACUSE COMMUNITY CONNECTION (SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER)**
401-425 South Avenue, Syracuse NY 13204

June 28, 2022, Primary Early Voting Dates & Times:

Saturday, June 18, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday, June 19, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Monday, June 20, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Tuesday, June 21, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, June 22, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Thursday, June 23, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, June 24, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 25, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 26, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

August 23, 2022, Primary Early Voting Dates & Times:

Saturday, August 13, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday, August 14, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Monday, August 15, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Tuesday, August 16, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, August 17, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Thursday, August 18, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, August 19, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 20, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 21, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

November 3, 2022, General Early Voting Locations:

- **ARMOND MAGNARELLI COMMUNITY CENTER AT MCCHESEY PARK**
2300 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse NY 13208
- **BEAUCHAMP BRANCH LIBRARY**
2111 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205
- **CAMILLUS MUNICIPAL BUILDING (Gym)**
4600 West Genesee Street, Syracuse NY 13219
- **CLAY TOWN HALL COURTROOM (Rear Entrance)**
4401 Route 31, Clay NY 13041
- **DEWITT TOWN HALL COURTROOM**
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse NY 13057
- **LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (Rear Entrance)**
2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084
- **LYSANDER MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027
- **ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Mulroy Hall**
4926 Onondaga Road, Syracuse, NY 13215
- **NORTH SYRACUSE COMMUNITY CENTER**
700 South Bay Road, Syracuse, NY 13212
- **SYRACUSE COMMUNITY CONNECTION (SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER)**
401-425 South Avenue, Syracuse NY 13204

2022 General Early Voting Dates & Times:

Saturday, October 29, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday, October 30, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Monday, October 31, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Tuesday, November 1, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, November 2, 2022: 12:00PM – 8:00PM

Thursday, November 3, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, November 4, 2022: 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 5, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 6, 2022: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

We currently have KnowInk electronic poll books and ballot on-demand printers. Electronic poll books were deployed at all in-person sites. On-Demand printers were utilized at all Early Voting sites, 49 Election Day sites, and in the office for absentee ballot printing.

VOTING MACHINES TECHNICIANS/CUSTODIANS

Two (2) full time Onondaga County Voting Machine Custodians are responsible for maintaining, testing, and preparing the Imagecast voting systems for each election site within Onondaga County with the assistance of centralized voting machine technicians.

We are required to perform a process called Pre Logic and Accuracy Testing (Pre-LAT). This process requires the creation of a test deck. Test ballots are created by Dominion to ensure the voting machines can read and tabulate each and every possibility. During Pre-LAT we test the functionality of all other voting interfaces used for the Ballot Marking portion of the machine. Five seals are attached to each machine and their numbers are recorded on the Statement of Canvass sheet. The seals are to alert our inspectors of any tampering if the seal is broken. The machines

are packaged for delivery to the polling places. Pre-LAT is completed by a bipartisan team and takes nearly 1½ hours per machine.

In 2022, there were 26 voting machine technicians in Onondaga County. Voting Machine technicians are appointed by the Board of Elections each year. The voting machine technician rate of pay was \$25.00 an hour.

The voting machine technicians are required to attend the three training courses for inspectors (Certification, VSS, and Early Voting/Poll Site Manager) as well as attend a meeting before the Primary & General Election to discuss any concerns and/or changes regarding the election and the districts they will be covering. Our two full time machine technicians continue to provide field support for all voting system technicians.

Temporary fixes were again used to bring Onondaga County polling places into compliance with the Federal Help Americans Vote Act. The technicians were successful at setting up and taking down the temporary fixes in a 48-hour time frame around each Election Day.

The number of machines used for each election in 2022 was as follows:

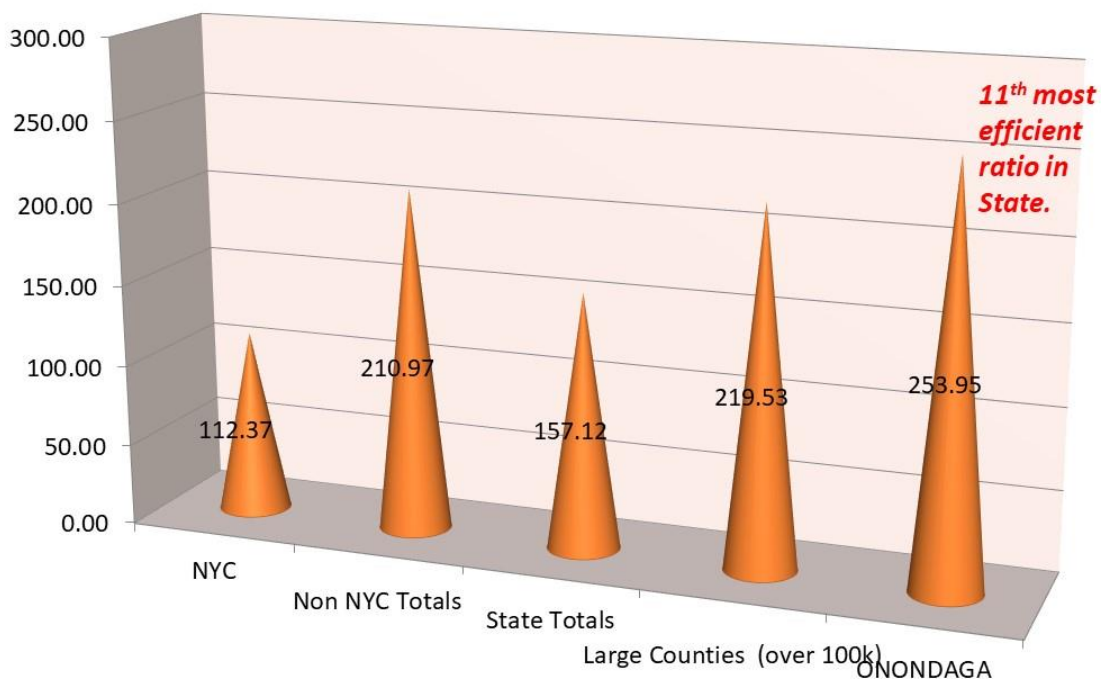
<u>ELECTION</u>	<u>IMAGECAST VOTING SYSTEMS</u>	<u>SCANNER ONLY</u>
Primary June	171	16
Primary August	172	16
General November	199	20

Additional spare Imagecast voting systems were prepared in case of breakdowns before each election.

NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO CAST A BALLOT USING THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE (BMD)

Primary June	0
Primary August	1
General November	6

2022 Registered voters per Election Day Inspector



ELECTION INSPECTORS

The election inspector program is structured as follows:

- A.) Poll Site Manager – PSM
- B.) Voting System Specialist – VSS
- C.) Regular Inspector – RI

A. Poll Site Managers are responsible for assigning work to all the inspectors at the site, making sure the voting system specialists have the machines up and running, making sure the electronic poll books are set up correctly and ready to process voters, and returning the ballots, memory cards and supplies to the designated site after the close of the polls. They can also fill in for a regular inspector or voting system specialist when needed.

B. Voting System Specialists are responsible for opening and running the voting machine during the hours of voting. They can also fill in for a regular inspector when needed.

C. Regular Inspectors are responsible for processing the voters and ballot distribution.

New York State Law requires county boards to conduct annual mandatory “hands on” training sessions for all poll workers with an exam. Poll workers are paid for their election duties by the county at a rate approved by the county legislature.

For 2022 we altered the way inspectors are paid. Inspectors were paid on an hourly basis for 2022. Regular inspectors received \$13.20 an hour, Voting System Specialists received \$13.20 an hour plus a stipend of \$50.00, and Poll Site Managers receive \$13.20 an hour plus a stipend of \$75.00. For Early Voting we used our Custodians as Poll Site Managers, and they are paid \$25/hour.

All Poll Site Managers and Voting System Specialists received an additional training session with hands on experiences with the machines. This training provides them with the ability to be able to fix most problems that may occur during the day. A test with a BOE staff member follows the class. They must also be willing to work anywhere in Onondaga County.

Our staff scheduled 161 Hands-On training classes for inspectors. This included 69 certification classes, 49 Voting System Specialist classes, 29 Poll Site Manager Classes, and 14 Poll Print Boot Camps. All inspectors had to attend the 3.5-hour hands on cert classes while Voting System Specialists attended the additional VSS class and designated Poll Site Manager attended the PSM class. Inspectors received \$13.20 per hour for training.

A total of 1,199 election inspectors attended the hands-on training. The training included the actual handling of all the paperwork used at a polling place during an election. The training also included in-depth training on the KnowInk poll pads. Each VSS and PSM were also shown how to open and close the Imagecast voting machine. Election Inspectors are paid \$13.20 per hour training session each year. 696 inspectors worked the June primary, 637 worked the August Primary and 880 worked the general election. Onondaga County through the adoption of electronic poll books and redesigning out polling places has one of the most efficient use of Inspectors in New York State deploying only 3.35 inspectors per 1,000 voters. We were able to do so with little to no increase in wait time on Election Day or Early Voting.

BALLOT ACCESS

Certain towns & villages hold caucuses to select their candidates, but most candidates are required to file petitions to seek public office. We received **4** Caucus Certificates in 2022. All petitions for candidates for public office or party position, entirely within Onondaga County, are filed with this Board. Anyone seeking an office that crosses county lines is required to file in Albany at the New York State Board of Elections.

In 2022, candidates for public office filed **42** party designating petitions. Each petition is logged in by Board staff and each candidate for public office is notified in writing that a petition has been filed on his/her behalf and the candidate is given an opportunity to accept or decline the designation or nomination. Any objections to the designation of a candidate are filed with the Board and ruled upon by the Commissioners. There were **1** challenge to designating petitions filed. The Board received specifications on **0** of the challenges. There were **0** Opportunity to Ballot petitions filed. Candidates desiring to run on an independent line are required to file independent nominating petitions. There were **6** independent nominating petitions filed. Additionally, **6** Certificates of Nomination were filed for specified town offices. There were no challenges received. Party authorizations are filed for candidates who are not members of a Party for which they are seeking the party endorsement/line.

IMAGECAST BALLOT PRINTING

In 2022, our office, the County Print Shop and the IT Department worked hand in hand to save local dollars and allow the Board to print stubbed ballots and absentee/affidavit ballots in house. Election Day ballots are bound and have a numbered stub. During Election Hours, the print shop staff is on call to print supplemental ballots. This is crucial when poll sites run low on ballots.

For Early Voting and large Election Day poll sites, we used our On Demand Ballot Printing system. This system was crucial for all Early Voting locations as any voter could go to any location. This saved thousands of hours in labor, as well as thousands of dollars on unused ballots.

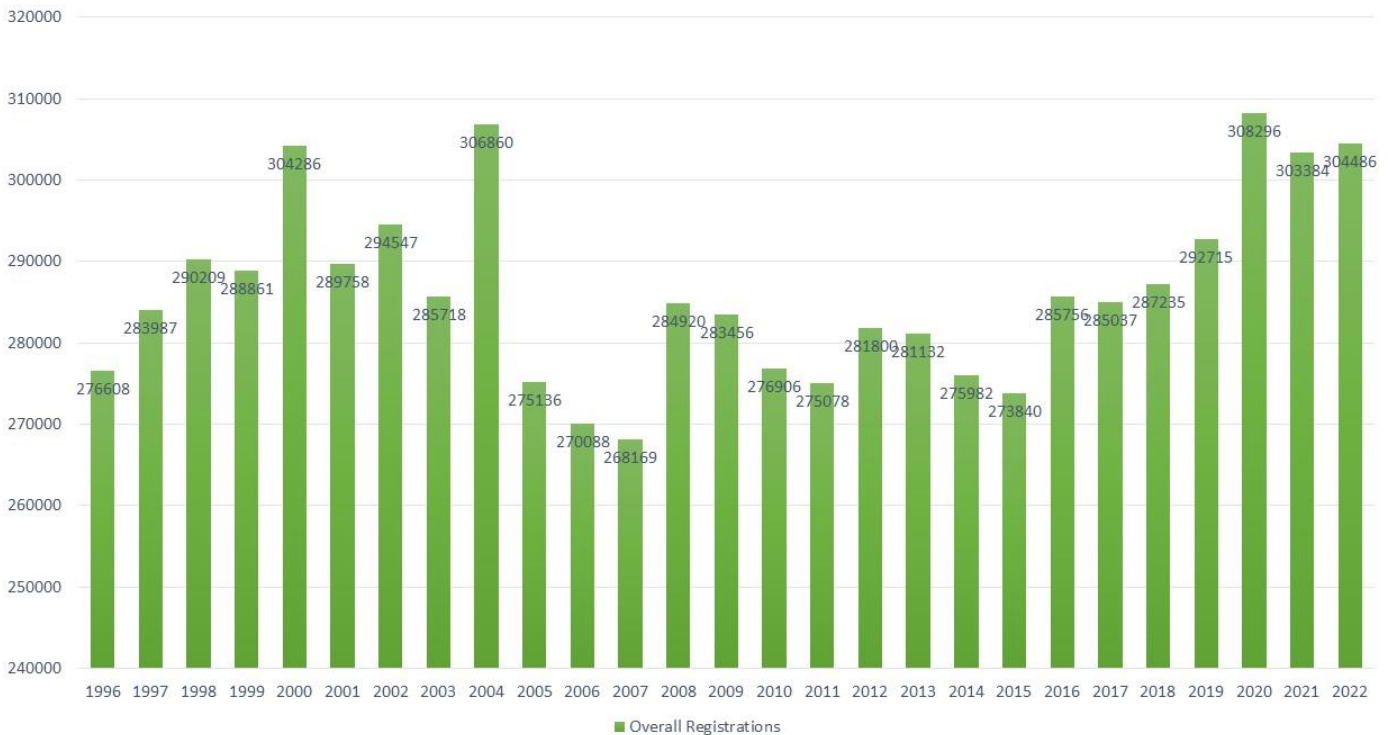
Ballots Printed in 2022:

	<u># of styles</u>	<u>Total # of Ballots</u>	<u>Total # of Supplemental Ballots</u>
June Primary	866	77,500	0
August Primary	1,095	70,960	1,470
General Election	433	132,450	4,450

The Print Shop also was able to print non-stubbed ballots for many Elections we do not currently run. In March, the Villages of Baldwinsville, Fayetteville, Manlius and Minoa requested 2,679 printed ballots. In April, Baldwinsville Library requested **400** printed ballots. In May, 2022 school districts requested 29,800 printed ballots. In June, the village of Liverpool requested a total of 150 printed ballots. In December, one school district requested 8,000 printed ballots.

Ballots are printed very accurately and quickly. The Print Shop employees are a great asset to our department and our county.

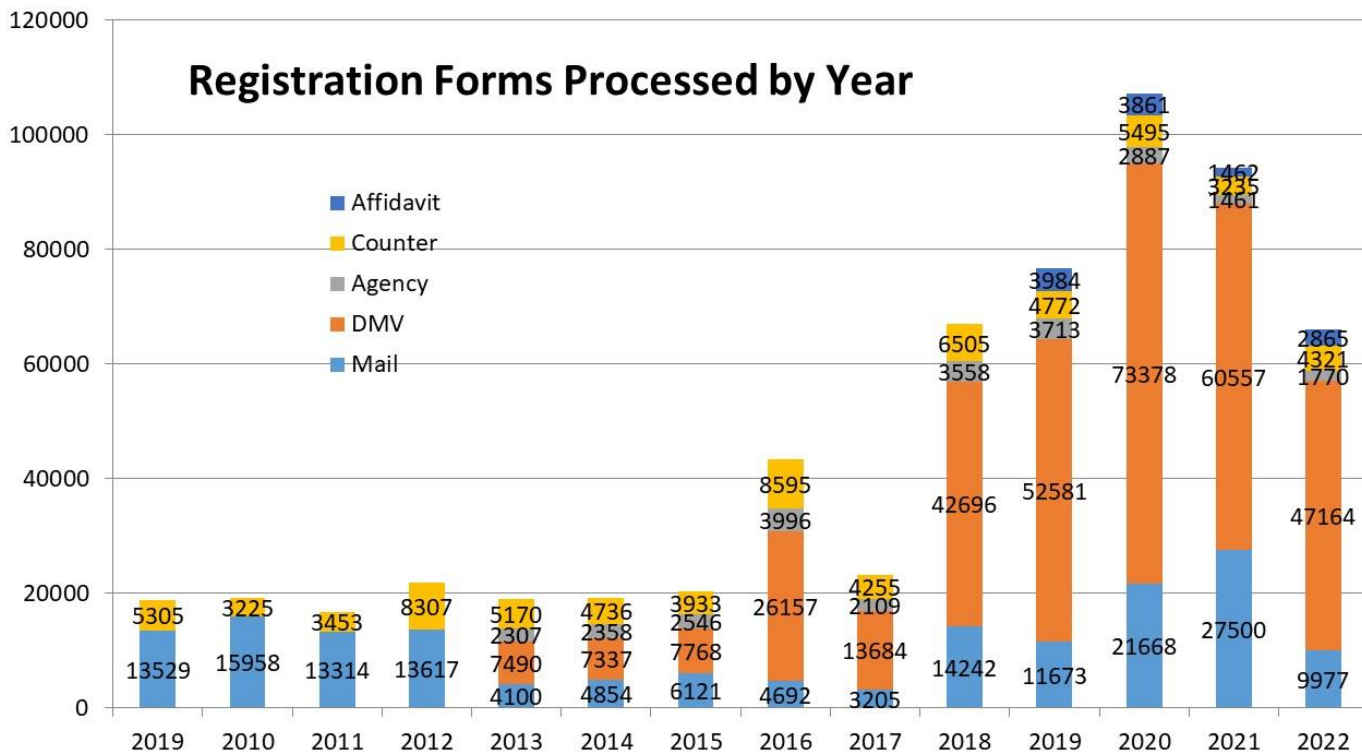
Onondaga County Overall Active Voter Registrations



VOTER REGISTRATION

The qualifications for voting in New York State are as follows: 18 years of age by Election Day, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the State and County for 30 days prior to election. Residents of the County are allowed to register up to 25 days prior to an election during the year. voter registration forms were delivered to the Office of the Board of Elections in person.

328,172 residents of Onondaga County were registered to vote for the 2022 General Election. This number includes inactive voters. Under the National Voter Registration Act [NVRA], a voter must be made inactive if mail sent to them is returned as undeliverable. If they remain inactive for 2 successive Federal elections, their registration will be canceled. This process will be completed again in January 2025. Voters can be reactivated by voting or notifying the Board that they still reside at the address indicated in the Board's files.



The Board processed **64,852** registration application forms during the year. This number includes **22,059** mail registration applications, **47,164** DMV, **1,770** Agency, **2,865** voters registered in person and **3,076** applications received over the counter through registration drives or other types of resources. Not all of these registrations were new voters. Many of them moved from one part of Onondaga County to another. **630** registration forms for other counties were received at our board and were forwarded to the correct county.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Commissioners reviewed the election process with some groups during the year. They included Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Democracy in Action at Syracuse University, International Journalist at Syracuse University, Center State CEO, and News Channel 9's Bridge Street. The COVID-19 crisis has made visiting high schools impossible. We hope to resume high school outreach in the coming years.

In 2022, **13,300** registration forms were distributed to the high schools, town and village offices, various libraries and post office branches. An additional **8,170** voter registration forms were distributed to various other groups along with **589** forms mailed out to individuals upon request.

The following is a partial listing of the many diverse groups that organized registration drives:

Colleges and most area High Schools

Syracuse University, Onondaga Community College, NYPIRG, and several high schools.

Professional Associations & Labor Unions

SEIU 1199 and UA Local 267

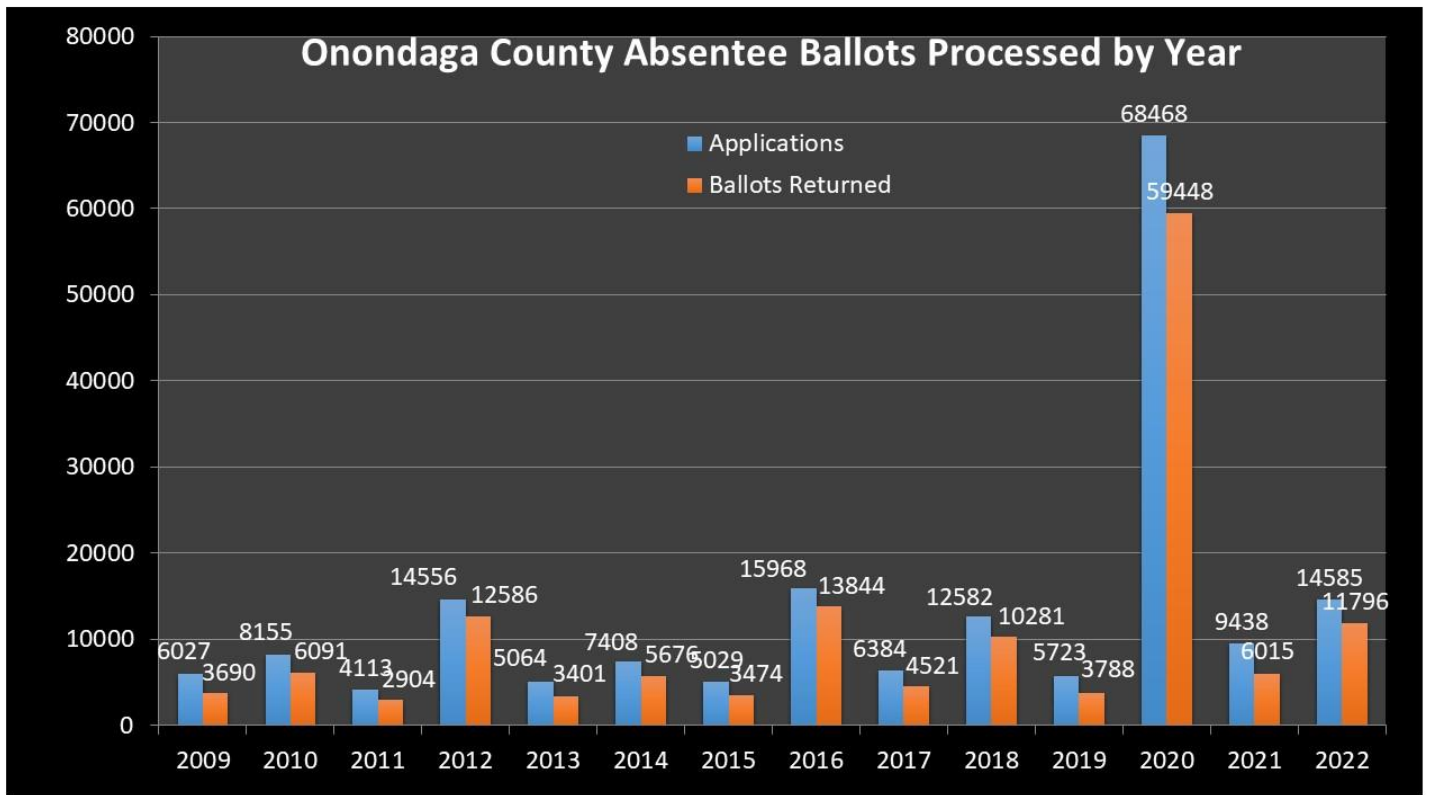
Human Services, Community, & Neighborhood Organizations

The League of Women Voters, ARISE, Health and Community Fair, Spanish Action League, Syracuse United Neighbors, Uplift Syracuse, RISE, CNY Solidarity Coalition, NAACP, Syracuse PTO Connection, and the National Action Network.

As registration deadlines approached, press releases were faxed and emailed to all area media in August, September and October. General information faxes were also sent to local media as Election Days grew nearer informing the general public of polling hours, polling places, and phone numbers to call for questions. Public access television stations and a number of radio stations agreed to regularly broadcast registration deadlines and phone numbers at the Board of Elections to call for more information. Registration deadlines and mail registration forms were posted on our website for voters to access.

MAIL CHECK CARDS

Each year the Board is required to send a notice to each voter to determine if they still reside at the same address as in our files. The card also contains information that can be useful to the voter, including polling place location, dates and times for primary and general elections, early voting information and information about registration and absentee voting. In 2022, **303,158** mail check cards were mailed out on **May 13, 2022**. Of those cards, **15,186** were returned to the Board and processed as moves within the county, moves outside of the county/state, undeliverable, post office boxes, left no forwarding address, etc. A number of these voters use post offices boxes and have not moved.



ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who will be outside of Onondaga County on Election Day and those who are physically unable to appear at the polls are eligible to receive absentee ballots. There are several types of absentee voters:

MILITARY -Members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

REGULAR -Voters who are out of the county or ill on Election Day or Primary Day.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED -These voters are on a permanent list and receive a ballot for each election.

SPECIAL BALLOT - For those who are unable to vote in person due to Religious Scruples, Duties for the Board of Elections or a Victim of Domestic Violence

UOC - Uniformed and Overseas Citizens who live outside the county but intend to return to the United States

In 2022 the numbers of absentees processed are as follows:

	Primary June 28, 2022			Primary August 23, 2022				General November 3,2022
	Democratic	Republican	Primary Totals	Democratic	Republican	Conservative	Primary Totals	General Totals
Military Mailed	78	77	155	81	78	2	161	228
Military Returned	13	7	20	11	7	0	18	61
Regular Mailed	382	109	491	712	260	9	981	7,754
Regular Returned	333	93	426	552	199	4	755	6,987
Permanent Mailed	2,426	1,259	3,699	2,515	1,309	36	3,860	5,443
Permanent Returned	1,226	567	1,800	1,312	591	15	1,918	4,027
Federal Mailed	N/A	N/A	N/A	359	59	0	418	636
Federal Returned	N/A	N/A	N/A	94	26	0	120	351
UOC Mailed	84	19	103	89	19	1	109	177
UOC Returned	15	3	18	14	2	1	17	66
Inspector Mailed	254	149	403	169	109	0	278	347
Inspector Returned	212	116	328	148	90	0	238	324
Total Mailed	3,224	1,613	4,851	3,925	1,834	48	5,807	14,585
Total Returned	1,799	786	2,592	2,131	915	20	3,066	11,816

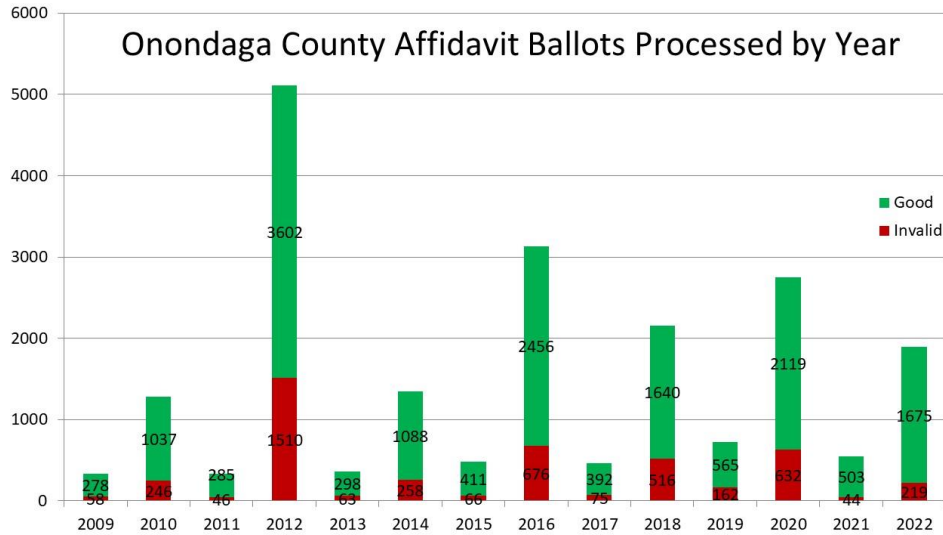
Five (5) absentee ballot styles were used in the June Primary Election. Three (3) absentee ballot styles were used in the August Primary Election. Nineteen (19) different absentee ballot styles were in the General Election.

MOVE ACT OF 2009

The Military Overseas Voters Empowerment Act requires that counties make official ballot materials available electronically to military and overseas voters who request it. Military, Special Federal voters and UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) voters who provide their email are able to download and print their ballot. All ballots must be returned by postal mail (cannot be accepted through email or fax). Military, Special Federal and UOCAVA voter's applications are valid for two Federal elections.

PAPER BALLOT COUNTING

In 2022, for the June and August primaries and the General Election we used Clear Ballot scanners as our Central Count System. Audits of Absentee ballots were done by hand. This greatly enhanced our output and expedites our recanvass procedures. These machines count absentee and affidavit paper ballots. Candidates receive their official vote tally earlier and it greatly increases this Board's ability to certify election results with the State Board of Elections prior to the deadline.



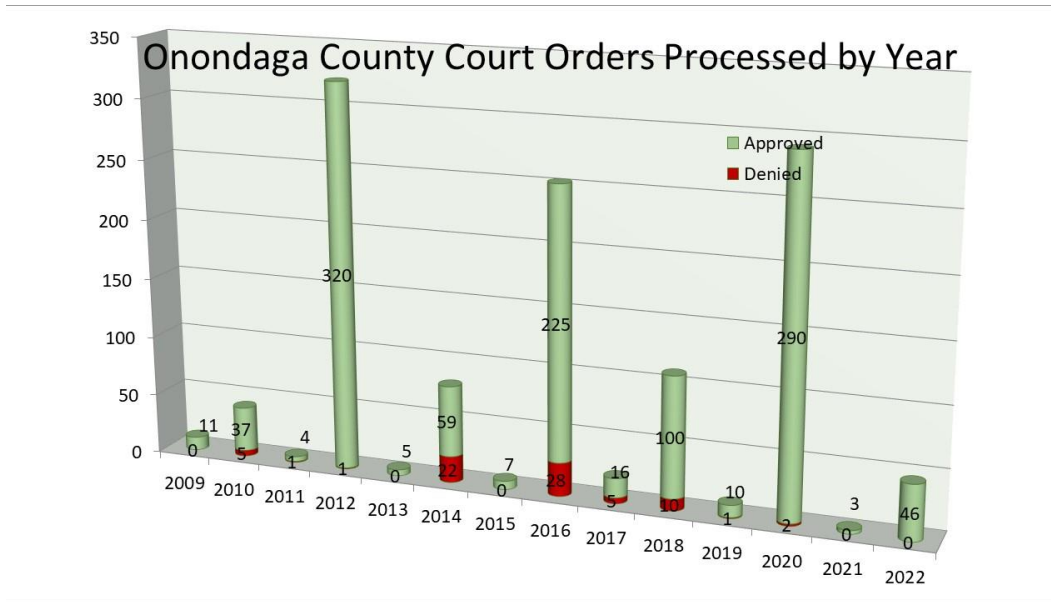
AFFIDAVIT VOTING

Registered voters who moved within New York State, who did not update their information with the Board of Elections before the registration deadline are able to vote at their new polling place on Election Day or at any early voting site by affidavit ballot. Statewide voter registration transfers became effective March 25, 2019, allowing voters to be able to vote via affidavit instead of court orders.

In 2022, we processed:

	<u>Processed</u>	<u>Valid</u>
June Primary (6/28/22)	200	148
August Primary (8/23/23)	248	184
General Election (11/3/22)	1,894	1,675

Affidavits are researched and ruled on to both Commissioners. Affidavits are determined to be invalid due to voter not being registered in New York state, voter submitted an affidavit ballot at the wrong polling place, voter is not enrolled in political party having a primary and failing to complete affidavit oath.



COURT ORDERS

Voters who failed to register by the deadline for the Primary or General elections can obtain a court order. In 2022, we processed:

	<u>Processed</u>	<u>Denied</u>
June Primary	3	0
August Primary	2	0
General Election	46	0

After obtaining a court order, a voter is allowed to vote on the machine at their correct poll site or any early voting poll site.

ELECTION RESULTS

Each voting machine has a poll worker/administrative memory card with the election results saved on it. NYS Regulation 6210 states that all poll worker/administrative memory cards must be secured at the close of polls.

44 Memory Card Runners are used on election night to go and retrieve the poll worker memory cards at all of the town polling sites. Election runners are paid a flat rate of \$65 each. All runners were to be at their first polling site at 9PM. The City of Syracuse polling sites were directed to return their poll worker memory cards with their supplies on election night. All memory cards were returned on election night by 10:30 PM.

The memory cards were read on the Election Management System (EMS). Once read the system provides the public, candidates, and the media with quick and accurate unofficial results on our website. Results are available within minutes of the memory cards being delivered to our office.

The Board requires Inspectors to return their supplies on election night. City inspectors are required to deliver their supplies directly to the Board of Elections office located at 1000 Erie Blvd W, Syracuse. The town inspectors, however, return the black suitcases containing all the ballots and election materials to their designated areas for pickup by a trucker or machine technician for return to the Board of Elections office. This method provides increased security for election materials and also prevents a last minute scramble if the Board receives a Court Order to secure election materials.

All Early Voting memory cards are retuned at the end of each shift and placed behind bi-partisan lock and key. These results are not tallied until election night.

CANVASS OF RESULTS

All Imagecast voting machines are recanvassed at the Board of Elections Office once all the machines have been picked up and returned. This process is completed within one day. The administrative memory cards are removed from the machines and read by the EMS. Results are then compared to the poll worker memory cards from election night.

The Commissioners oversee the counting of absentee, affidavit and military ballots. They are responsible for ruling on any questionable ballot. According to New York State Election Law, Section 10-114 increased the time for military ballots to be received at a Board of Elections from 7 days to 13 days after a General Election. In 2022 Election Law 9-209 (2)(a)(d), was Amended and has changed the way boards of elections count absentee ballots. This resulted in absentee ballots received by the Board of Elections prior to Election Day they are reviewed by a Bi-Partisan team within 4 days of receipt of the ballot. Once ballots are presumed valid, they are prepared for counting, EL 9-209(6)(b). Beginning on the day before the first day of early voting all ballots are placed into the Central Count System scanner. Ballots received on or after Election Day are reviewed within one day of receipt. Results are then downloaded and merged with the voting machine totals.

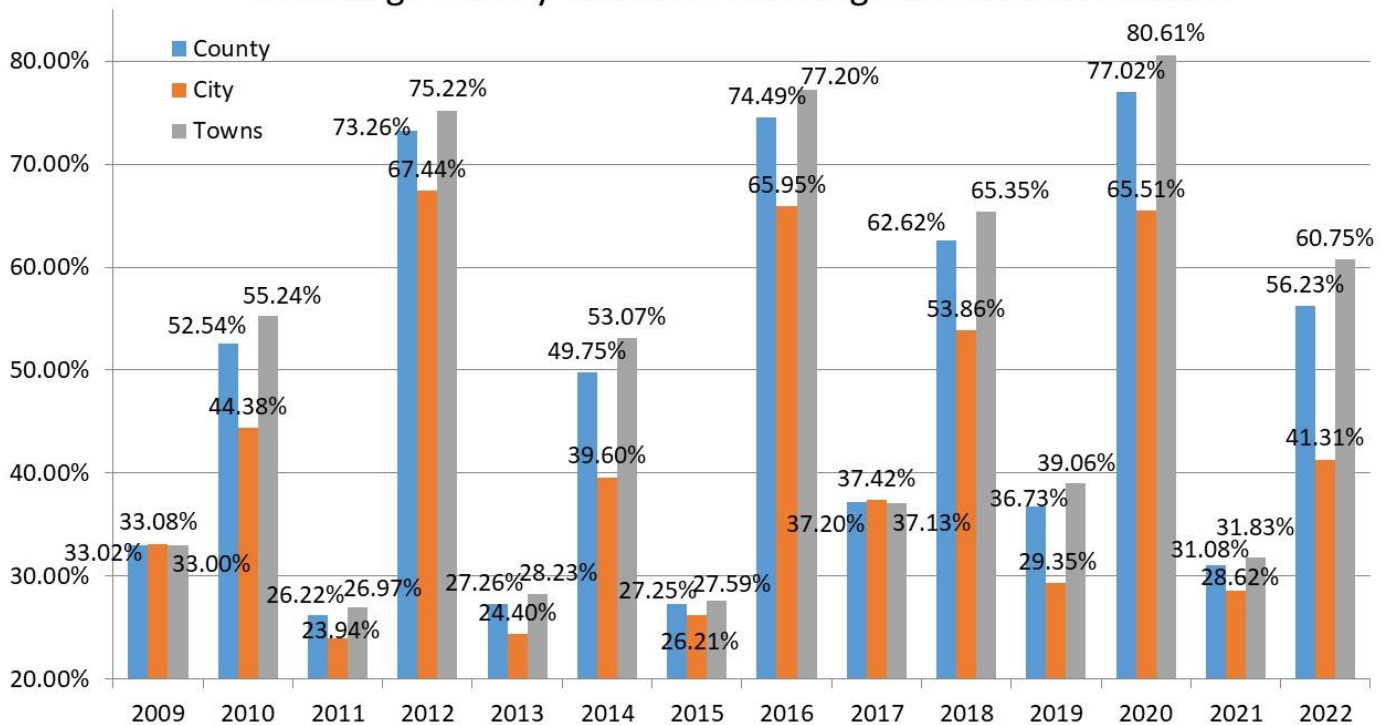
The paper ballot and machine results are merged and entered directly on the computer terminal. Board personnel then verify all entries. The official canvass is certified by the Commissioners and forwarded to the State Board of Elections. Bound copies of this document are printed in February and distributed to candidates and other interested parties upon request.

3% AUDIT

The 3% audit was done for both Primaries and the General Election for the total number of voting machines used during the elections. Using software from RANDOM.org, a draw is made at 8AM the morning after on election night of the voting system to determine which machines will be audited. This system has decreased audit time drastically.

The 3% audit was also done on the Clear Ballot Clear Count. The drawing took place on November 11, 2022, at Noon. We also hand counted ballots for our absentee audit. We are pleased with the process and results of this system.

Onondaga County Turnout Percentage for General Election



VOTER PARTICIPATION-

		<u>ELIGIBLE VOTERS</u>	<u>NUMBER VOTED</u>	<u>TURNOUT %</u>
<u>June Primary (6/28/22)</u>				
Democratic	Governor	115,380	16,653	14%
Democratic	Lt Governor	115,380	16,632	14%
Republican	Governor	81,562	12,077	14%
Republican	Lt Governor	81,562	12,077	14%
Republican	Cty Comm Pompey 1	351	104	29%
Republican	Cty Comm Pompey 5	420	129	30%
Republican	Cty Comm Pompey 6	273	70	25%
<u>August Primary (8/</u>				
Democratic	Rep in Congress 22 nd Dist	115,803	20,426	17%
Republican	Rep in Congress 22 nd Dist	82,233	13,092	15%
Conservative	State Senate 48 th Dist	2,150	351	16%
<u>General Election (11/3/22)</u>				
Democratic		116,776	66,100	56%
Republican		82,942	55,932	67%
Conservative		5,069	3,379	66%
Working Families		1,257	433	34%
Green		772	303	39%
Libertarian		829	395	47%
Independence		12,360	6,226	50%
SAM		17	6	35%
Women's Equality		101	20	19%
Reform		28	6	21%
Non Affiliated (Blank)		84,970	38,380	56%
Total		305,021	171,174	56%

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

New York State Election Law requires all state and local candidates and committees to file electronically with the State Board of Elections. Candidates for Federal offices file with the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C. Local filers who do not intend to raise or spend over \$1,000 are still required to file with our office.

The state held various virtual trainings throughout the year.

WEB SITE/FACEBOOK

The Board of Election's web site, which was launched in 2000, continues to thrive.

The Board and the County's Web Site Administrators continue to jointly revise the website to improve navigational ease for the end user.

Our website has seen increased usage following the addition of pages and content for:

- Public Notices
- Press Releases
- Election Inspector Training Materials
- Filing reports for Designating and Independent Nominating Petitions
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Clickable button directing voters to the Election Results

- Clickable button directing voters to education on voting machines sponsored by the State Board of Elections (VoteNY.Com)
- Clickable button for Military and Overseas Voters (MOVE ACT) providing them with on-line ballot access
- Posting of various caucus notices from the Towns and villages
- Links to follow our Board on Facebook and Twitter
- Statistics for Enrollment and Electoral data

The polling place locator feature is continually updated through the updated web table builder from the vendor. Updated maps for Wards and Towns were placed on the Map Page along with updated maps for the various Legislative Districts.

We continue to place an emphasis on educating the public as to those services available through the internet, and the ease in obtaining necessary forms and instructions. Callers continue to be informed of their options when requesting forms.

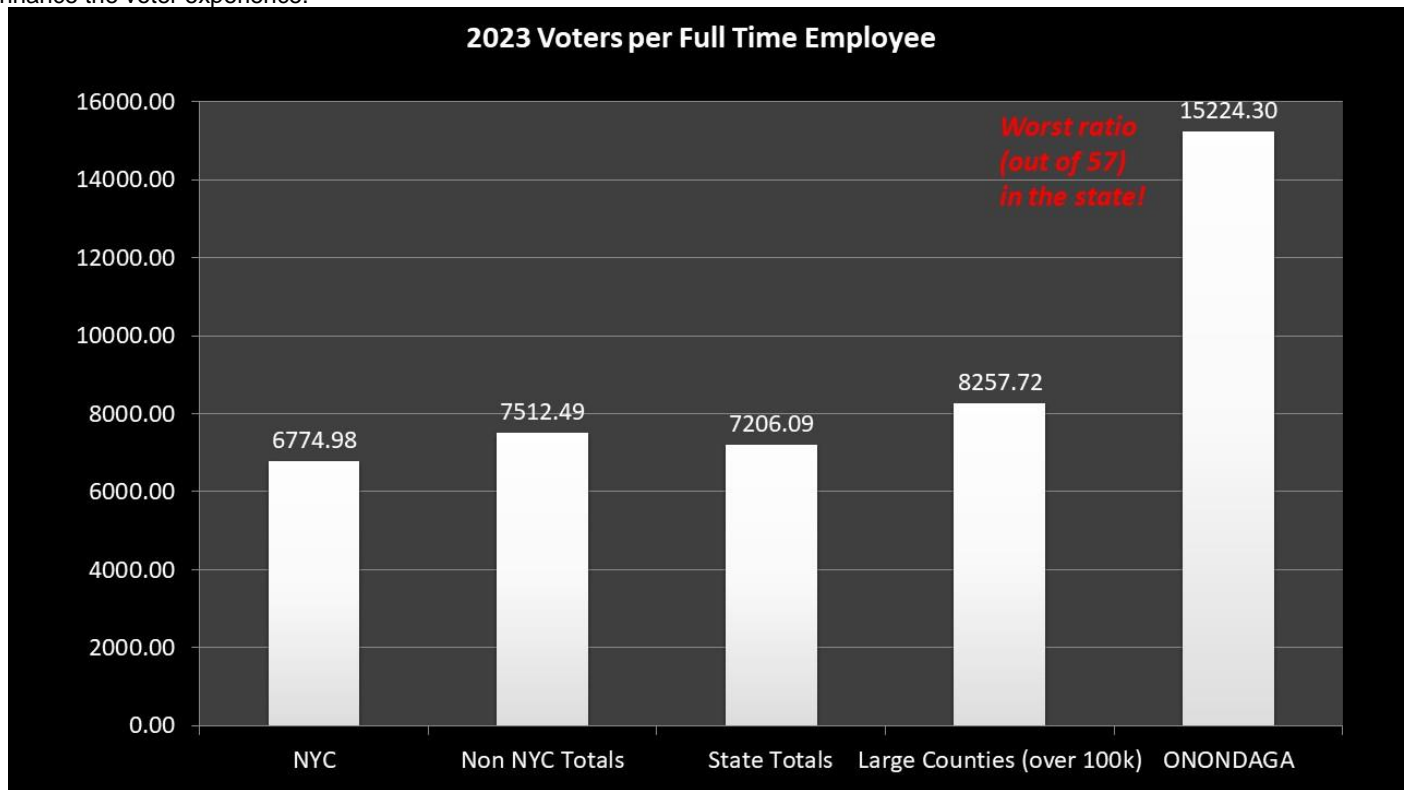
The Commissioners appeared on various media events throughout the year to promote participation at the polls before each of the elections in Onondaga County. They also worked with student media groups at Syracuse University on how to properly cover Election Day and best practices for reporting from pollsite locations.

In 2022, we continued to use our Facebook and Twitter accounts to notify voters of registration and filing deadlines.

LONG RANGE GOALS

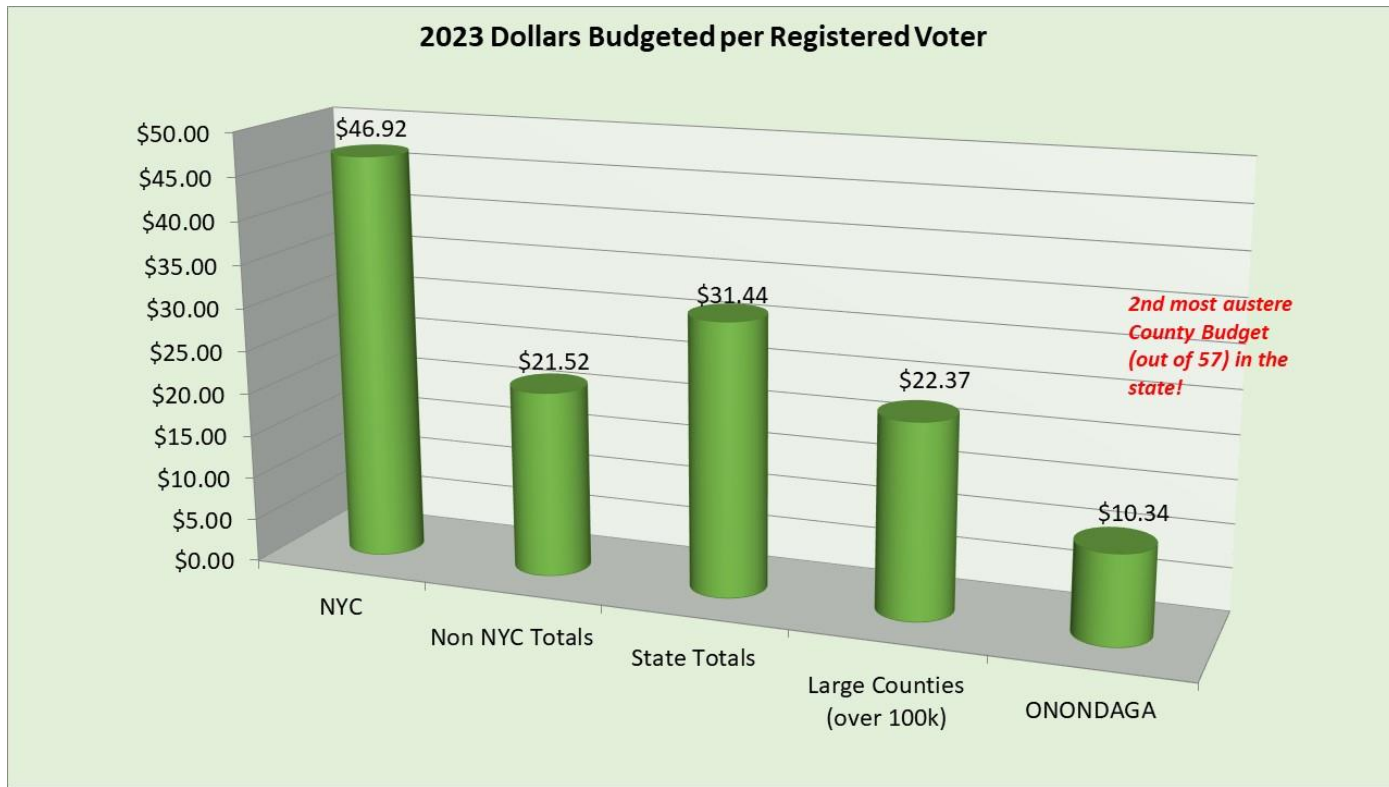
The main long term goal for our board is to address our antiquated voting machine fleet. First purchased in 2007, our Dominion Imagecast machines are showing their age. We have completed a capital funding project for 2023 to replace the entire fleet of machines in addition with the purchasing of pollprints for a countywide ballot on demand. Additionally, our contract with our registration vendor, NTS, expires in 2022. In January of 2023 we started the conversion with our new registration vendor, NextVote.

The Board will be working with the State Board of Elections and our new voting machine vendor, Clear Ballot to convert our fleet of voting machines in 2023. For the 2023 General we plan to roll out our new voting machines along with on-demand ballot printing for the 2023 General election. Long term we hope to implement Vote Center polling places in 2025 that will save costs and enhance the voter experience.



Resources for our Board continue to be a pressing issue. The ratio of full time workers to registered voters (1 for every 15.2k voters) is the worse ratio in the entire state of New York for 2022. We dwarf the average for upstate counties (1 for every 7.2k voters) and Counties outside of NYC over 100k (1 for every 7.7k voters). We will continue to look for funding streams to add temporary help

near election periods, but it is unlikely that funding will come again. Two new permanent staff positions have been added for 2023, but we still lack the resources of other county boards. We will need to continue to add permanent trained staff to deal with the ever-growing registration and absentee ballot needs. This is the most efficient way to avoid major mistakes down the road. The current model of 12-hour days for weeks leading into an election is not sustainable. In addition, 10-day voter registration, online voter registration, automatic voter registration and Early Vote by Mail will continue to stretch the staff of the Onondaga County Board of Elections thin.



The funding inequity in Onondaga County when compared to the rest of the state is noticeable. We are budgeted to spend just \$10.34 per registered voter in 2022. This is the second most austere budgets in all of NY State. Despite funding limitations, the staff at the OCBOE has operated in a way to give more services to voters and is often pointed to as the gold standard throughout upstate New York. However, the fiscal imbalance will catch up to the voters of Onondaga County at some point and needs to be addressed. Staffing can resolve some of this imbalance, however if added registration and absentee activity continues it is unlikely the OCBOE can operate under the constraints of the current funding level.