

County Election Results at Your Fingertips: How to Navigate the State Elections Website

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In the past, collecting data on county elections held during a primary or general election in Georgia meant viewing individual county websites and contacting local board of elections across the state. Since 2012, statewide information on county elections has been made available online through the Secretary of State's [website](#) and as of the fall of 2015, qualifying information for county officials is now also available. With the May 24th primary election around the corner, it is important to understand how to access and analyze county election information. This article will show where to find election results and how to break it down by voting precinct and vote type as well as how to access qualifying information.

For every election cycle with statewide elections (presidential preference primary, general primary, and general election), information is listed on the Secretary of State's website by county which contains all federal, state and county races as decided by each individual county. The information that populates the website is collected from local board of elections, compiled and sorted by each county and precinct.

How to Find Election Results

- 1) Access the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ga.gov
- 2) From the home page click on ELECTIONS, and under the RESULTS & STATS tab select ELECTION RESULTS as shown in Figure 1 below



The screenshot shows the Georgia Secretary of State's website. At the top, there is a header with the Secretary of State's name, Brian P. Kemp, and a navigation bar with tabs for SECRETARY OF STATE, CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS, LICENSING, SECURITIES, and CHARITIES. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar has a menu with options: VOTER INFO, RESULTS & STATS, CANDIDATE INFO, and COUNTY & AGENCY. Under RESULTS & STATS, there is a sub-menu with options: COUNTY 1% SALES TAX ELECTION RESULTS, ORDER VOTER REGISTRATION LIST & FILES, TURN OUT BY DEMOGRAPHICS, REGISTRATION STATISTICS, and ELECTION RESULTS (circled in red). The main content area on the right has a section titled KEY ELECTION DATES AND INFORMATION with sub-sections: MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING, REGISTER TO VOTE, and WHERE DO I VOTE? (MVP). Below this is a QUICK LINKS section with links for Vote for Success: Behind the Scenes, Proposed Constitutional Amendments, and Elections Advisory Council.

Figure 1

- 3) From here, you will be directed to CURRENT AND PAST ELECTION RESULTS which contains election results from 1988 to the current year. Each election is labeled by type and the date it took place, as shown in Figure 2. It should be noted that election results prior to 2012 are listed in a separate format and information for county commissioner races and other local officials are not included.

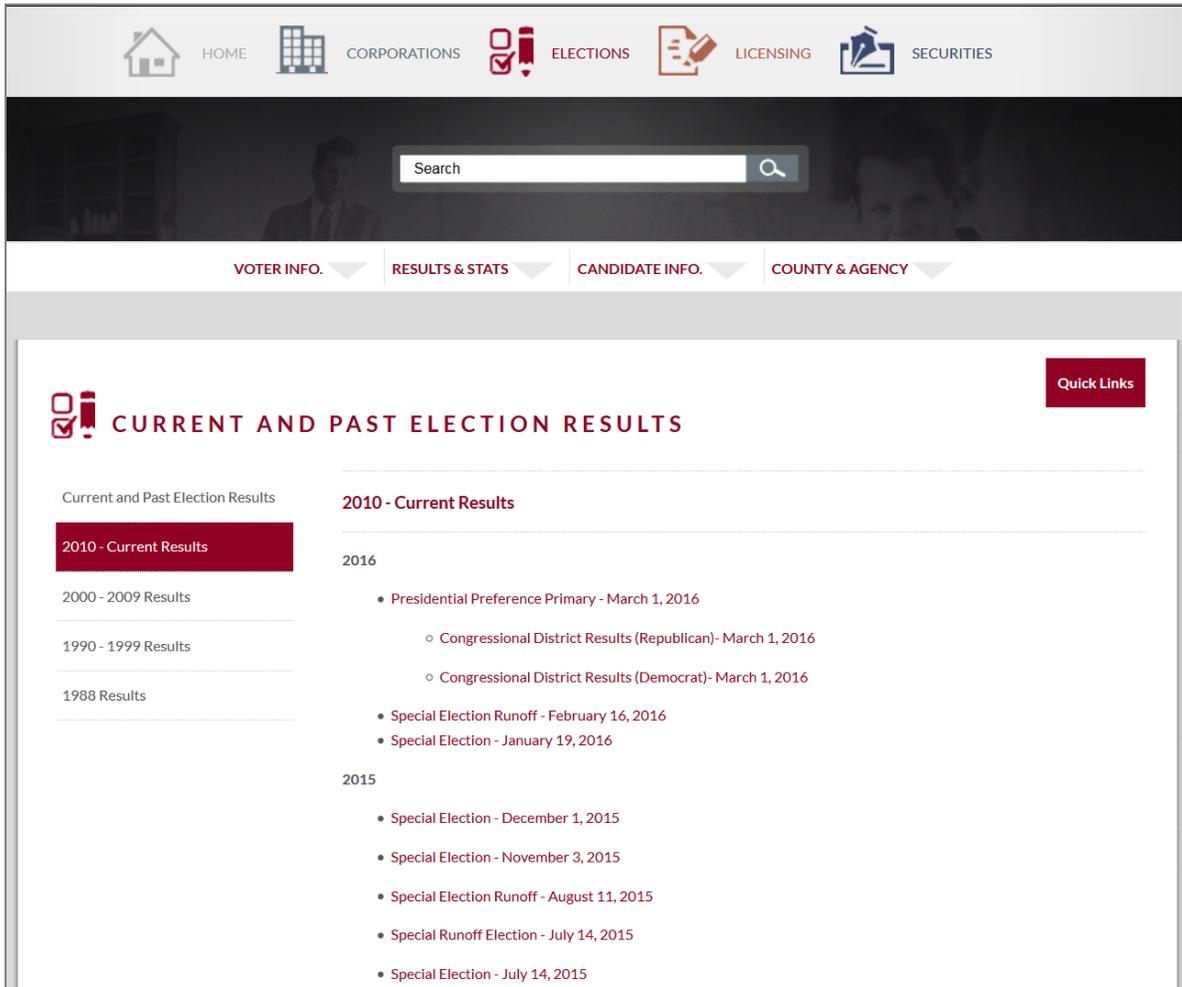


Figure 1

- 4) After choosing an election cycle, you will be directed to the Georgia Election Results page, as shown in Figure 3 below. Results are listed for all statewide races, congressional races, legislative, and district attorney races. Overview statistics are also provided that show voter turnout and the number of counties reported. The tabs titled Counties Reporting and Voter Turnout take the data and convert it into an interactive map showing a breakdown of which counties have reported and the voter turnout as a percent of eligible voters in each county. Reports can also be downloaded with county level election results details.



Figure 2 is from the 2014 General Election

- 5) From here, results for local countywide races, including local referenda such as SPLOST, ESPLOST, bonds, and alcohol can be found by clicking on the RESULTS BY COUNTY tab on the top right half of the page. Next, you will be prompted to select a county by either clicking directly on the map or from a list of counties, as shown below in Figure 4. Once a county has been selected, all election results (federal, state, and local) for that county will be provided.

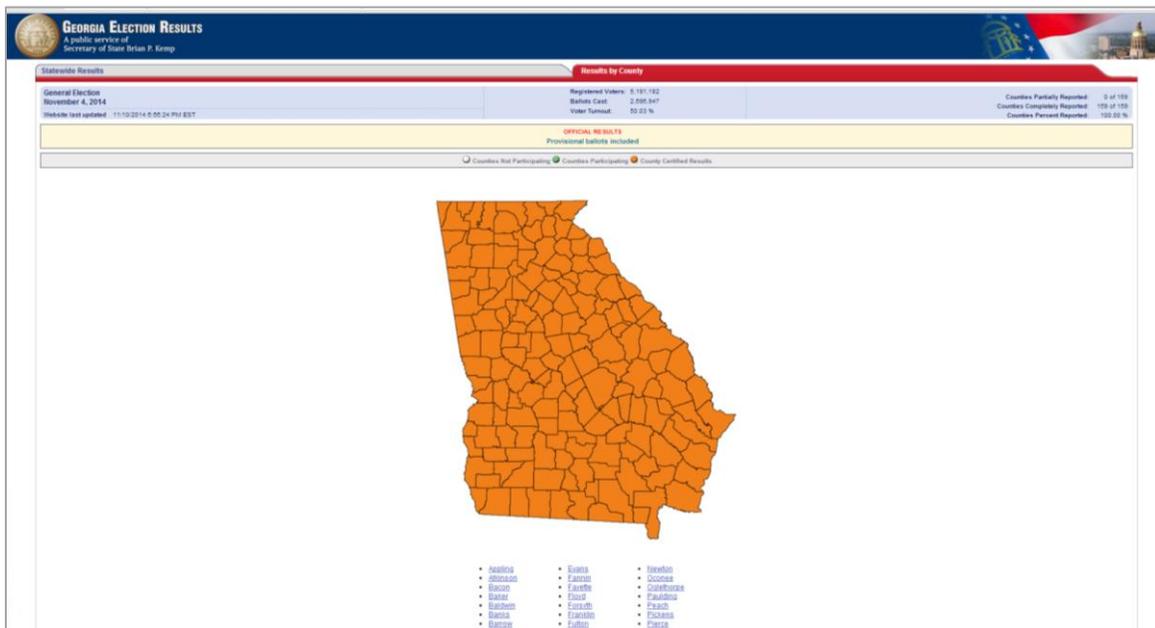


Figure 4 is from the 2014 General Election

- 6) To find specific election results either scroll down the county page until you find the race or referenda in question or click on CUSTOMIZE MY SEARCH located on the upper left side of the page, as shown below in Figure 5, and choose selected contests by checking the respective box. The results are shown as a percentage and by the total votes each candidate received for each individual race.

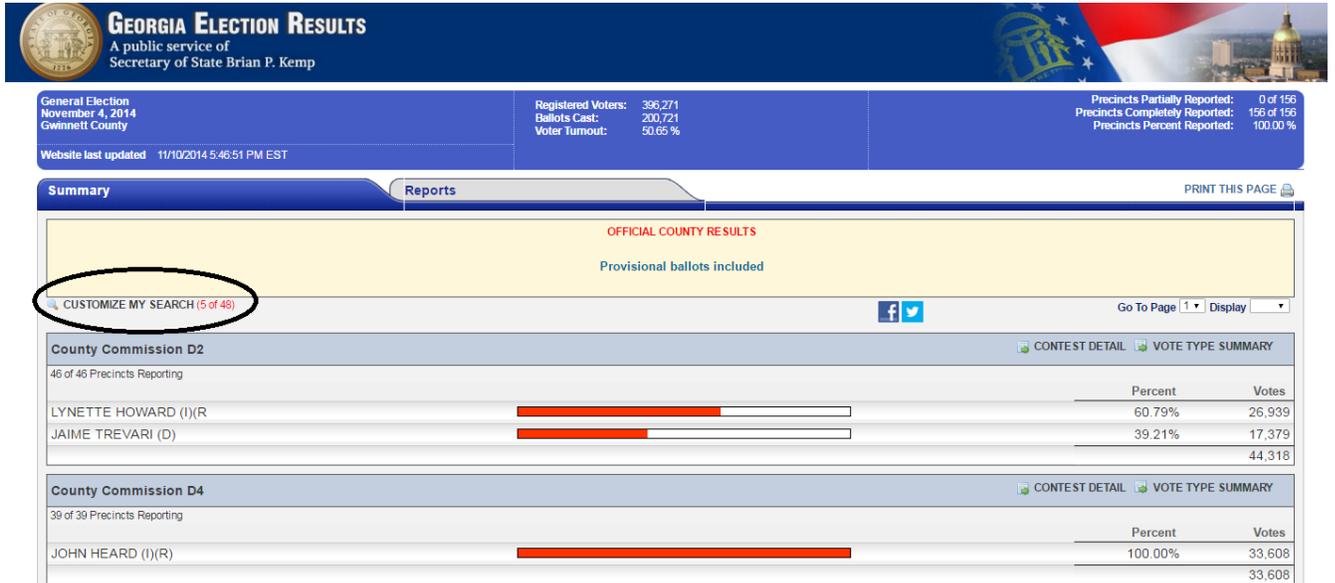


Figure 5 is from 2014 General Election for Gwinnett County

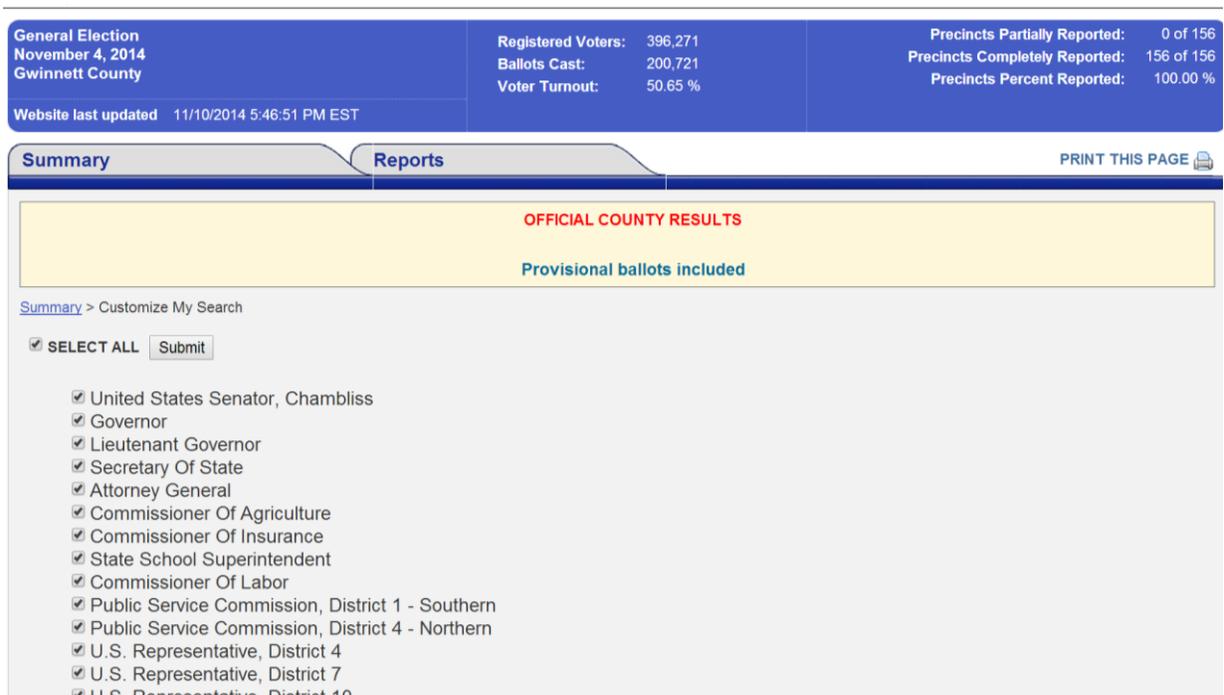


Figure 6 is from 2014 General Election for Gwinnett County

- 7) To see the results broken down by precinct click on CONTEST DETAIL for a specific contest and it will show the vote totals of each precinct. Results by the type of vote (election, provisional, absentee by mail, advance in person) can be found by clicking on VOTE TYPE SUMMARY. Both data sets can be found through each individual county page as illustrated below.



Figure 7 is from 2014 General Election for Gwinnett County

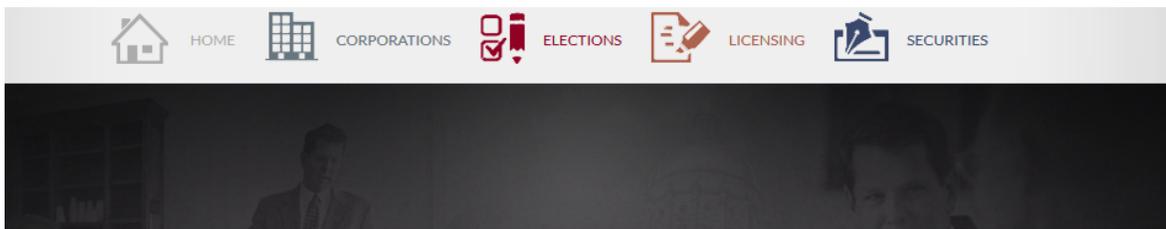
Where to Find Qualified Candidate Information

Beginning in the fall of 2015, the Secretary of State's Office began to post qualifying information for county races as well as state and federal races. The instructions below provide details on how to find qualifying information by county.

- 1) To find information on the list of qualified candidates for federal, state or local races, first access the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ga.gov.
- 2) Next, click on the Elections Tab and under CANDIDATE INFO select QUALIFIED CANDIDATE INFORMATION as shown below.



- 3) From here, search criteria can be entered for the year, election, office type, party and county to see which candidates have qualified for each race occurring during a particular election cycle.
- 4) To find who has qualified for races in a particular county, first select the election year, then the election cycle. Next, select the office type (federal, state, or county). Once you have selected the office type, select the county of interest. A list of all counties are provided. Information can be provided for all races in a particular county, or if looking for a specific race (county commissioner or tax commissioner, for example), the search can be limited further by selecting the specific office sought.



QUALIFYING CANDIDATE INFORMATION

The information and materials available on this website are provided by local elections officials as a service to the public and intended to be as accurate as possible. If the generated list appears to be missing any information regarding qualified candidates, please visit <http://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyelectionoffices.do> to locate the contact information for the appropriate elections office to report the issue. This list will not include anyone who has qualified to run in a municipal general or special election unless the city contracts with a county to conduct qualifying of candidates on the city's behalf.

*Political body and independent candidates are also required to timely submit nominating petitions in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§21-2-132 (d) in addition to filing a notice of candidacy and affidavit and paying any associated qualifying fees.

Election Year:

Election:

Party:

Office Type:

Offices:

Qualified Candidates