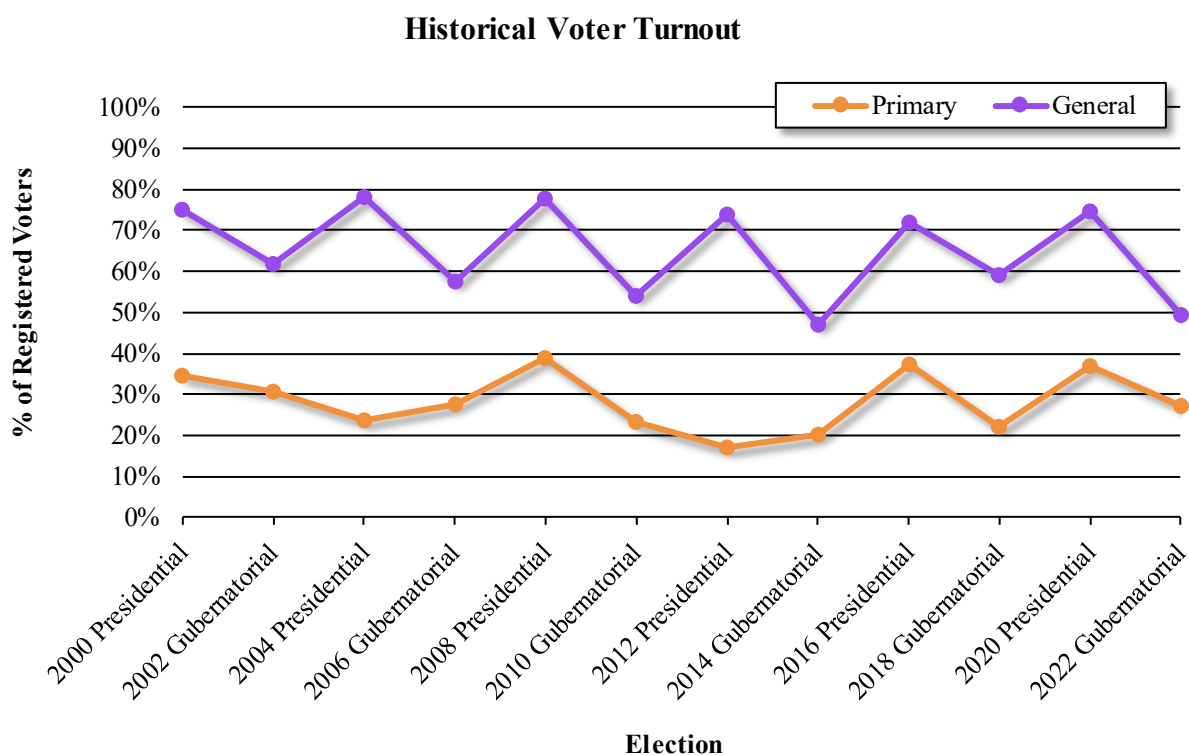# Voter Turnout – Statewide

- Since 2000, statewide voter turnout (as a percentage of registered voters) for presidential general elections has followed a relatively consistent pattern of being roughly between 70% and 80%. Turnout for presidential primary elections has been less consistent with a high of 39% in 2008 and a low of 17% in 2012.

- Turnout for gubernatorial general elections had been decreasing, from 62% in 2002 to 47% in 2014. It rebounded in 2018 to 59% but again decreased in 2022 to 49%. Turnout for gubernatorial primary elections declined from approximately 31% in 2002 to 20% in 2014, before increasing to 22% in 2018 and 27% in 2022.

Historical Voter Turnout

Note: The turnout percentages for the primary elections shown in the chart are percentages of all registered voters and not limited to registered voters eligible to vote in the election, due to the unavailability of eligible voter numbers for some past elections. Third party and unaffiliated registered voters are not eligible to vote in a primary election if there are no nonpartisan (*i.e.*, school board) races being voted on in the primary election in their jurisdiction, since they cannot vote on the Democratic or Republican primary races.

- Although in-person early voting had grown as a percentage of total votes cast since it was first implemented in 2010, representing close to one-third of votes cast in each of the 2016, 2018, and 2020 general elections, it decreased in the 2022 gubernatorial general election to just under 20% of total votes cast.

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, mail-in voting increased significantly in 2020 and was the predominant voting method. The percentage of voters using this method declined in the 2022 gubernatorial elections, although it was still used far more than in pre-pandemic elections.

Recent Voter Turnout at General Elections - By Voting Method