

Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

Summary of 2012 General Election

Secretary of State Kris W. Kobach

I. OVERVIEW

A. Turnout

Turnout was lower than the Secretary of State's prediction of 1,200,000 (68%).

<u>Year</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u># Votes</u>	<u>%</u>
2012	1,771,252	1,182,771	66.8
2010	1,725,012	856,831	49.7
2008	1,749,756	1,234,765	70.6
2006	1,663,017	864,294	52.0
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	71.6
2002	1,615,699	840,243	52.0
2000	1,623,623	1,083,264	66.7
1998	1,513,685	751,505	49.6
1996	1,438,894	1,076,237	74.8
1994	1,273,648	836,251	65.7
1992	1,365,849	1,161,927	85.1

B. Advance Voting

<u>Year</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u># Votes</u>	<u># Advance</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
2012	1,771,252	1,182,771	371,674	31.4
2010	1,725,012	856,831	245,089	28.6
2008	1,749,756	1,234,765	428,772	34.7
2006	1,663,017	864,294	165,313	19.1
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	245,827	20.2
2002	1,615,699	840,243	139,055	16.5
2000	1,623,623	1,083,264	185,399	17.1
1998	1,513,685	751,505	84,160	11.1
1996	1,438,894	1,076,237	150,000	12.9

II. UNCONTESTED RACES

39 uncontested races in the House

(62 in 2002; 58 in 2004; 40 in 2006; 47 in 2008; 51 in 2010)

8 uncontested races in the Senate

III. CANDIDATES & PARTIES

Candidates

332 Total candidates for state & national office (excluding judges; there were 175 judicial candidates)

254 candidates in 2010 (no KS Senate)

337 candidates in 2008, including KS Senate

270 candidates in 2006 (no KS Senate)

309 candidates in 2004, including KS Senate

231 candidates in 2002 (no KS Senate)

Makeup of State Legislature

Senate party breakdown: 32 Republicans, 8 Democrats
In 2008 it was: 31 Republicans, 9 Democrats
In 2004 it was: 30 Republicans, 10 Democrats

House party breakdown: 92 Republicans, 33 Democrats
In 2010 it was: 92 Republicans, 33 Democrats
In 2008 it was: 76 Republicans, 49 Democrats
In 2006 it was: 78 Republicans, 47 Democrats
In 2004 it was: 83 Republicans, 42 Democrats

Write-Ins

Sixteen pairs of write-in candidates for President/Vice President filed affidavits of write-in candidacy. Seven received no votes; the others received vote totals ranging from 1 to 711.

Incumbency in Legislature

12 House incumbents lost in the general election (1 was House member running for Senate)

In 2010, 13 incumbents lost in general

In 2008, 3 incumbents lost in general

In 2006, 6 incumbents lost in general

In 2004, 3 incumbents lost in general

In 2002, 6 incumbents lost in general

17 House incumbents lost in the primary (6 were House members running for Senate)

In 2010, 4 lost in primary

In 2008, 1 lost in primary

In 2006, 2 lost in primary

In 2004, 6 lost in primary

In 2002, 5 lost in primary

3 Senate incumbents lost in the general election

In 2008, 2 incumbents lost in general

In 2004, 4 incumbents lost in general

8 Senate incumbents lost in the primary

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Taxation of watercraft

Yes 551,479 – 53.4%

No 479,792 – 46.5%

V. RECOUNTS

There were no recounts for national or state offices.

Recounts were conducted for various local offices, mostly county commission and sheriff.

VI. MINOR PARTIES

Maintaining official recognition as a party requires nomination of a candidate for statewide office and at least one such candidate receiving 1% of the vote.

The Americans Elect Party notified the Secretary of State of its intention to cease operations and the party did not nominate any candidates. The party will lose its official recognition.