

# Missoula County Election Recap

November 4<sup>th</sup>, Federal General Election

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## Brief Introductions

Election Advisory Committee

- Purpose:

*The purpose of the Missoula County Elections Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and represent the citizens of Missoula County in supporting and enhancing the election process in Missoula County.*

**EAC Member Role**

- Ambassadors of Elections
- Provide insight for our office to better serve the electors of Missoula County
- Offer ideas to improve processes and procedures for election judges, polling place managers, and election staff

**So what does that mean?**

- How our office has improved

- **Outreach Efforts**

- \$1,200 in radio advertisements.
- Radio matches your investment and provides on air interviews
- VLOG – 5 YouTube PSA's. >\$150 for Intern pay
- FaceBook- \$370 in ads, reached over 12,000
- National Voter Registration Day- Presence on campus
- 4 Media Releases 5 weeks before Election

**OUTREACH**

- **Improvements to 2014 Election**
- Dedicated Absentee Ballot Drop Off at Hellgate Elementary Polling Place
- ADA Liaison at Fairgrounds
- Improved Processes and Flow of Voters at Fairgrounds
- Election Center Wait Time avg 30 mins
- Resolved high number of undeliverable ballots
- Dedicated Team Handling Rejected Ballots

**Overall Improvements**

## • Same Day Registration Improvements

- 15 Computers & Aides for Same Day Registration
- 2006– 4, 2008-7, 2010-6, 2012-12, 2014-15
- 4 Election Aides for voter lookup (needed 5)
- 2 Undeliverable/Rejected Ballot Aides
- 1 Fairgrounds Ballot Receipting Aide
- 4 Ballot Receipting Aides at Co Admin Bldg
- At least 20 Election Judges at Fairgrounds for support
- 6 Parking Attendants
- 1 ADA Liason
- *Currently have 24 Election Aides on payroll.  
Would like to see this number at 35+ for 2016*

# Same Day Registration



- Need to resolve deficiency of Election Judges and Polling Place Managers

**Challenges**

**Total Number Of Election Judges Trained:** 684 People

**Total Number Of Trained Election Judges Used:** 518 People

**Total Number Of Trained Election Judges That Declined:** 163 People

**Number Of Non-Trained Judges Used (Non-County Employees):**

Delivery Crews: 9 People

Election Judges: 12 People (Given Training Materials)

**Number of Non-Trained Judges Used (County Employees):**

20 People

**Fairgrounds Staff:** 70

Includes Greeters, Election Aides, Ballot Reconciliation, Parking

**Total Number Employed by Elections on ED:** 629

### Election Judge Demographics

18-25 Years of Age: 11 2%

26-40 Years of Age: 29 5%

41-60 Years of Age: 140 26%

61-70 Years of Age: 239 44%

71 and older: 125 23%

- **Areas to Improve Upon:**
- Polling Place vs. Same Day Registration
  - Fairgrounds is *not* a central voting center
- Voters with Absentee Ballots – That’s their dedicated ballot. Perception is that it’s a “sample ballot” or they can vote at polling place.
- 2016 Primary – improve absentee instructions to include how MT Primaries work.

**Improvement Needed**

REGISTERED VOTERS	85,905
BALLOTS CAST	42,607
VOTER TURN OUT	49%
TOTAL # OF LATE REGISTRANTS	1,401

### Late Registration Demographics

Age Range	Count
18-34	790
35-54	307
55-74	171
75+	31
Oldest Voter - 97	

**Election Information**

	Election Day Late Registrations on General Election Day November 4, 2014	Election Day Late Registrations on Primary Election Day June 3, 2014	Election Day Late Registrations on General Election Day November 6, 2012	Election Day Late Registrations on Primary Election Day June 5, 2012	Election Day Late Registrations on General Election Day Tuesday, November 2, 2010	Election Day Late Registrations on Primary Election Day Tuesday, June 8, 2010	Election Day Late Registrations on General Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2008	Election Day Late Registrations on Primary Election Day Tuesday, June 3, 2008	Election Day Late Registrations on General Election Day Tuesday, November 7, 2006	All Election Day Late Registrations
Cascade	318	31	737	86	298	78	722	223	281	2425
Flathead	461	115	654	84	333	70	817	235	328	2521
Gallatin	385	61	687	86	451	48	580	154	419	2425
Lake	139	41	283	62	83	25	267	94	79	893
Lewis and Clark	386	96	430	117	278	67	518	335	266	2011
Missoula	857	109	1,125	126	592	31	1,014	491	632	4011
Ravalli	136	31	327	54	117	18	271	92	159	1038
Silver Bow	261	38	453	103	156	16	306	142	185	1361
Yellowstone	432	48	646	89	370	32	757	276	456	2626
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>3,735</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>7,547</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>33,959</b>

# 2006- Present

## Same Day Registration Statistics

### *Absentee V. Polling Place Turnout*

	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
Rural	55%	45%
Suburban	64%	36%
City	64%	36%

**Absentee & Polling Place Turnout**

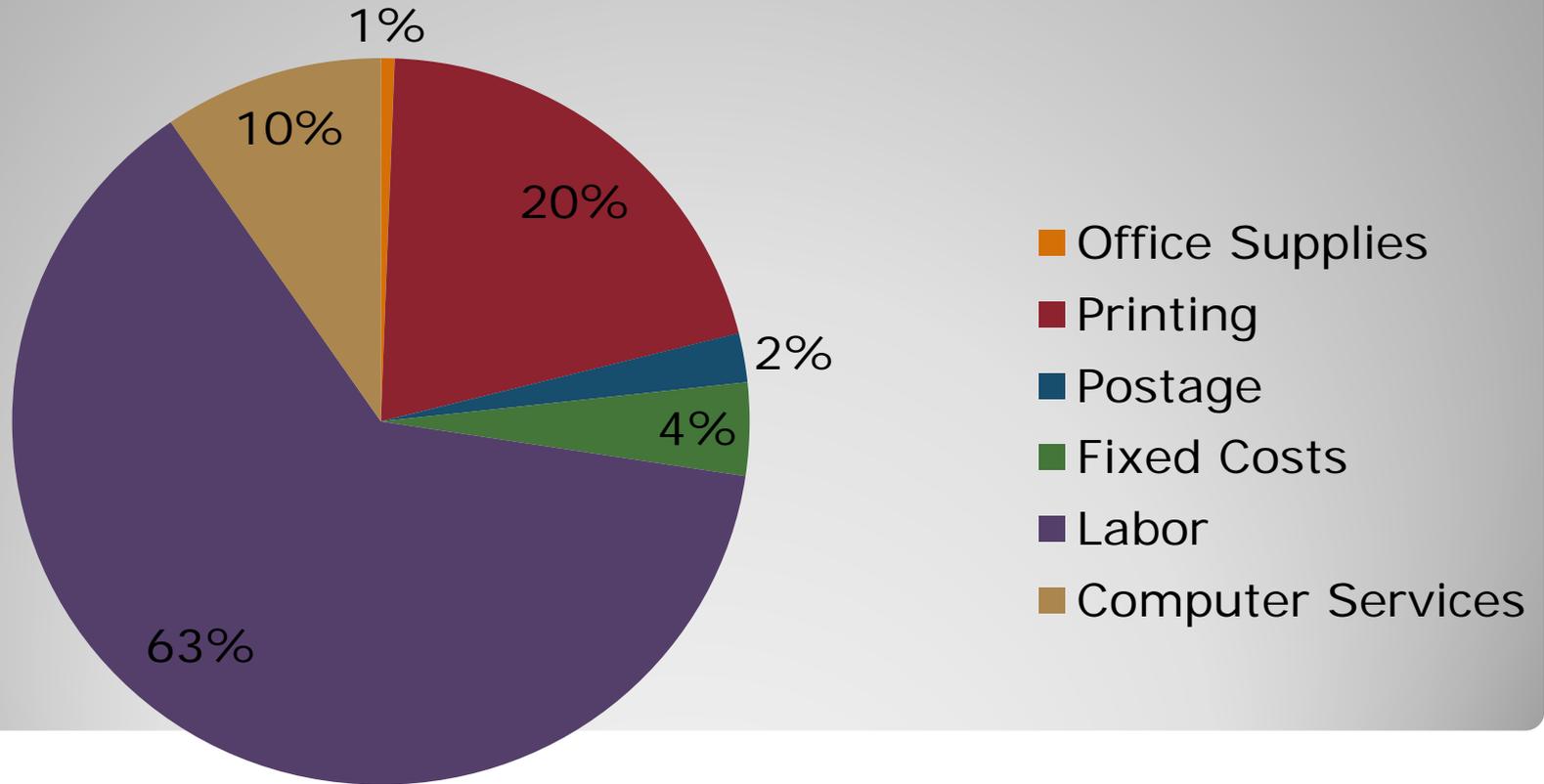
- **529** provisional ballots due to voters having received absentee ballot, but wishing to vote at their polling place.
- **339** provisional ballots due same day registrants moving within Missoula
- **257** provisional ballots to county-county same day registrants
- **68** due to “other reasons” i.e. unable to attend polling place due to illness, voted at Election Center rather than polling place, etc
- **31** absentee ballots with resolved signatures

## Provisional Ballots

# Election Costs

Mail Ballot vs Polling Place

## 2014 Primary Election Costs

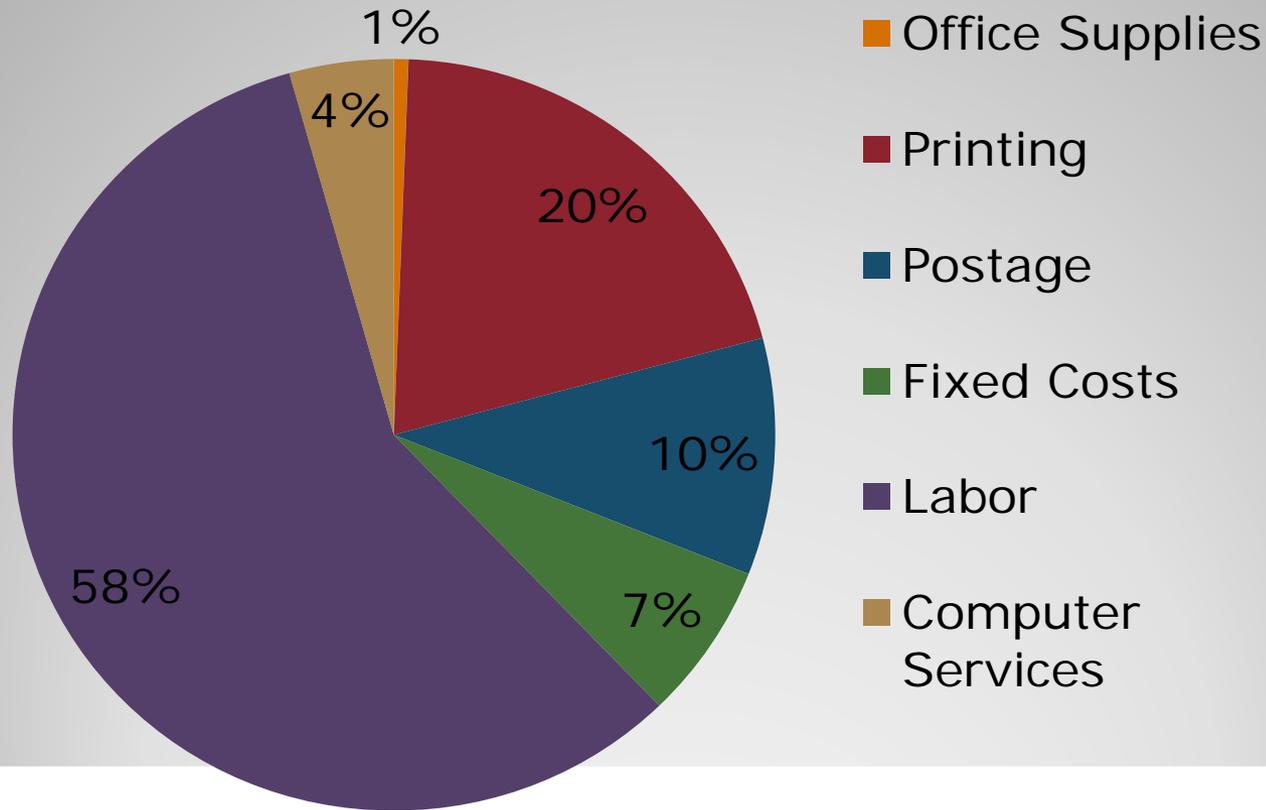


Polling Place Election

Missoula Voter  
Turnout 26%

*Overall Costs*  
*\$160,903.77*

## 2014 Federal General Election Costs

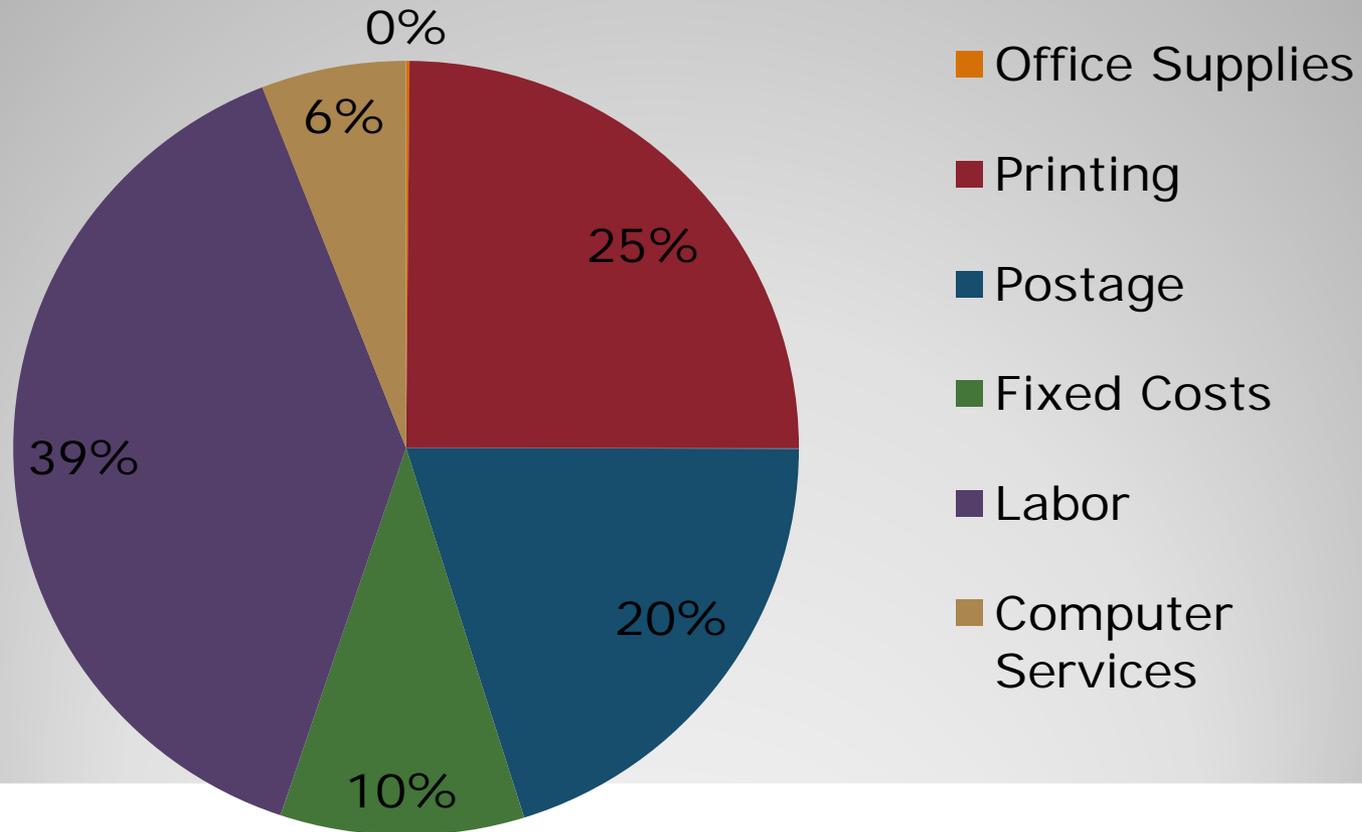


Polling Place Election

Missoula Voter  
Turnout 49%

*Overall Costs*  
*\$215,619.18*

# 2013 Municipal MUTD Election Costs

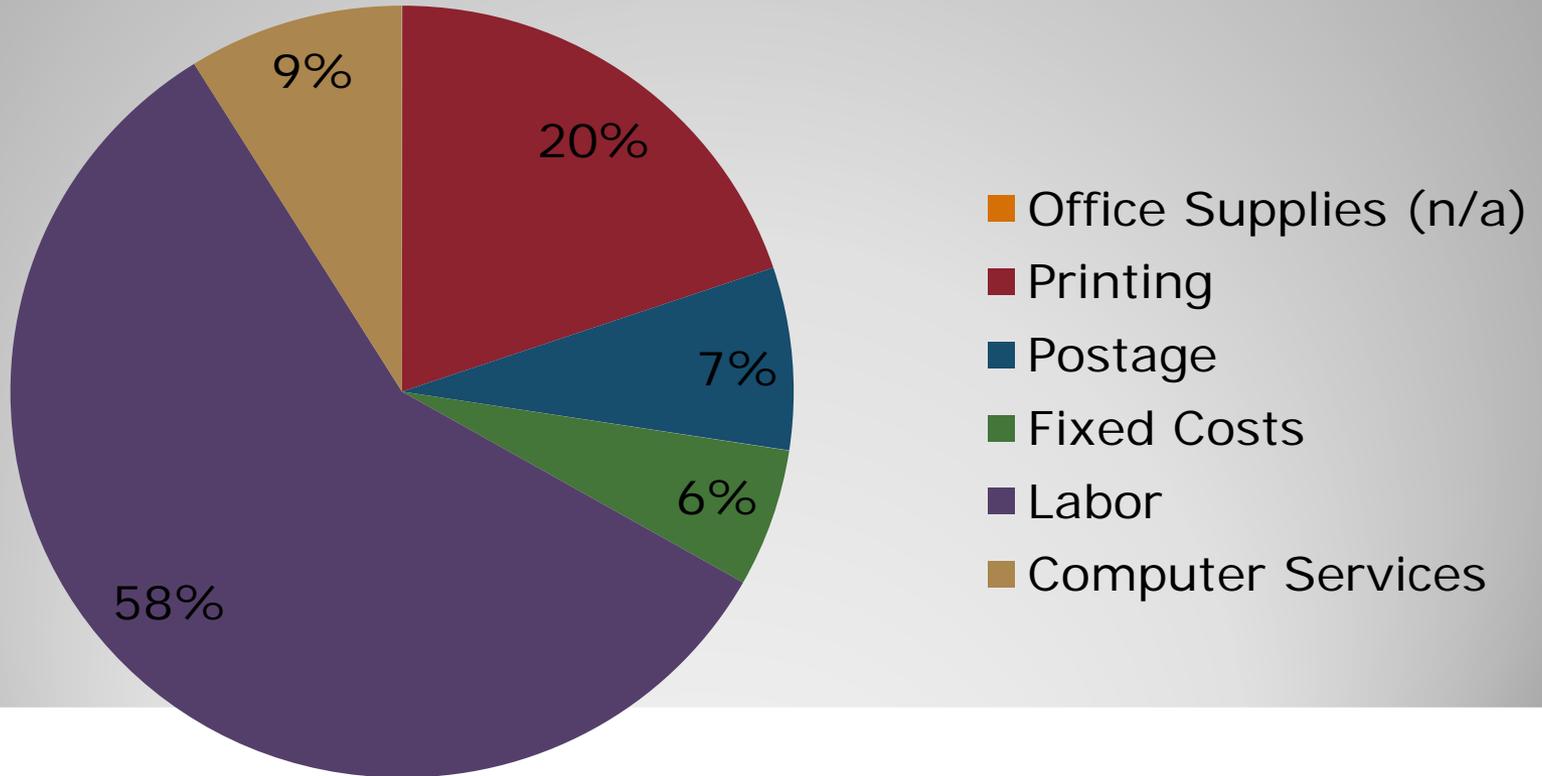


Mail Ballot Election

Missoula Voter  
Turnout 44%

Overall Costs  
\$71,423.49

# 2012 Presidential Election Costs



Polling Place Election

Missoula Voter  
Turnout 70%

*Overall Costs*  
*\$203,355.07*

County	2014 General Election Cost	Registered Voters	Turnout	Cost Per Registered Voter	Cost Per Number Voting
Yellowstone	\$156,974.58	95,971	55%	\$1.64	\$2.98
Cascade	\$86,266.36	51,887	51%	\$1.66	\$3.26
Ravalli	\$59,552.56	29,287	58%	\$2.03	\$3.50
Flathead	\$128,758.48	61863	52%	\$2.08	\$3.99
Missoula	\$215,619.18	86,316	49%	\$2.50	\$5.06
Gallatin	\$179,281.03	71,030	50%	\$2.52	\$5.00
Lake	\$52,928.01	18,686	54%	\$2.83	\$5.26
L&C	\$142,764.78	42,929	62%	\$3.33	\$5.39
Statewide	\$2,077,315.33	674,264	55%	\$3.08	\$5.56

**Our Comparative Counties**

County	Late Reg	Polling Places	Urban	Rural	# of Reg Voters
Cascade	MT Expo Park	7	All urban pcts attend Expo	7	51,908
Flathead	Elections Office	28	--	--	62,270
Gallatin	Fairgrounds	11	4 pct bldgs @ Fairgd	11	71,552
Lake	Elections Office	12	--	--	
L&C	Fairgrounds	19	8	11	43,174
Missoula	Fairgrounds	28	17	11	84,521
Ravalli	Fairgrounds ED Only	8	--	--	27,802
Yellowstone	Metra Park	14	All urban pcts attend Metra	14	90,863

## Comparison of Polling Places and Election Offices

2014 FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION

REGISTERED VOTERS 86316  
 BALLOTS CAST 42,607  
 VOTER TURN OUT 49%

COST OF ELECTION \$ 215,619.18  
 COST PER VOTED BALLOT \$ 5.06  
 COST PER REGISTERED VOTER \$ 2.50

CONTRACTED SERVICES - EJ PAY \$ 54,693.70  
 28 POLLING PLACES +1 ELECTION CENTER  
 (COST PER LOCATION) \$ 1,885.99

EJ Training		
Feb-14	\$ 15,532.20	
Sep-14	\$ 2,310.00	
	\$ 17,842.20	not part of overall \$

2015	# Registered Voters	% of Voters
<i>Yellowstone</i>	90,864	14%
<i>Missoula</i>	83,593	13%
<i>Gallatin</i>	71,581	11%
<i>Flathead</i>	62,280	9%
<i>Cascade</i>	51,907	8%
<i>Lewis &amp; Clark</i>	43,167	6%
<i>Ravalli</i>	29,341	4%
<i>Lake</i>	18,780	3%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>667,231</b>	<b>68%</b>

# Handouts Only

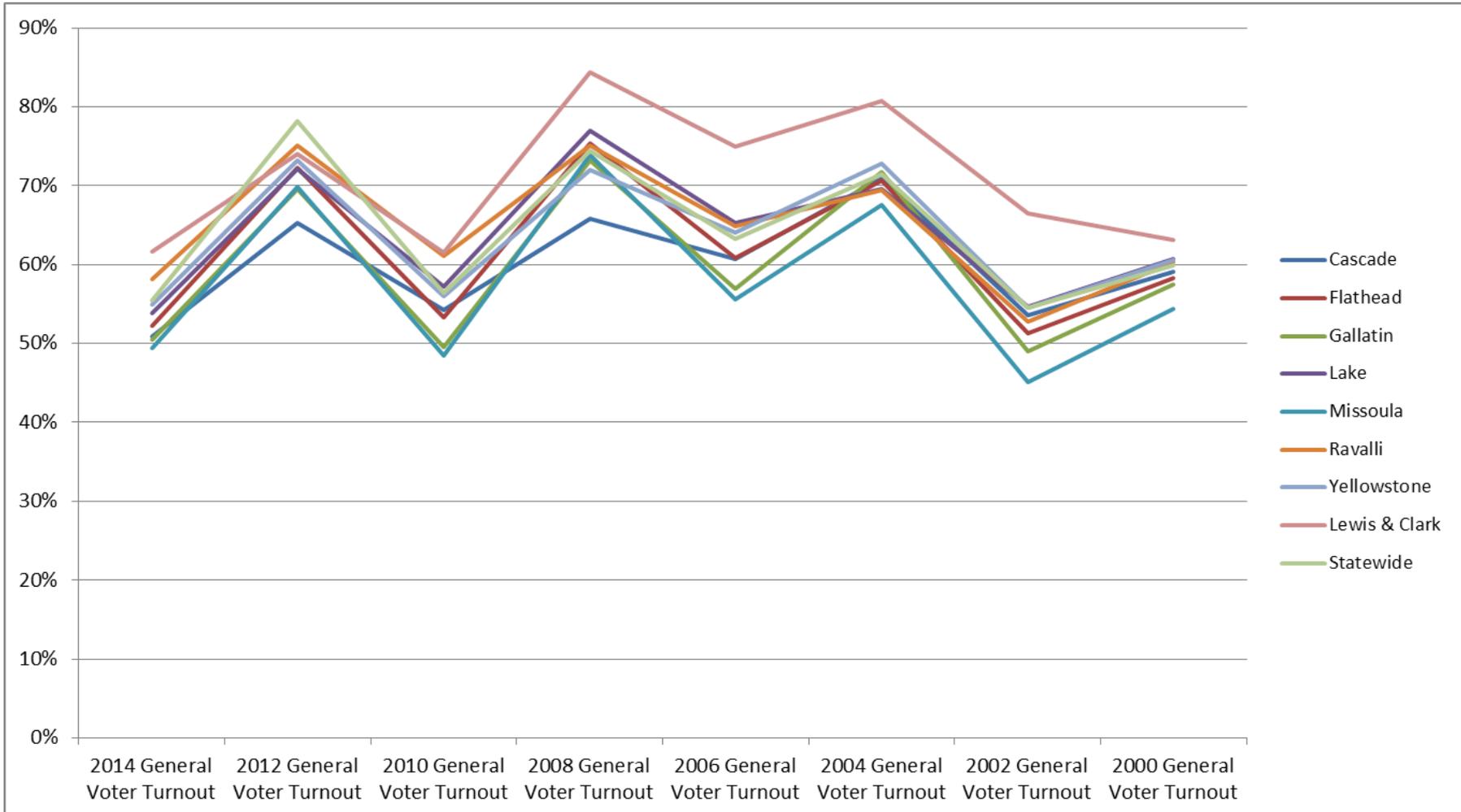
## FEDERAL

2014	2014 General Voter Turnout	2012	2012 General Voter Turnout	2010	2010 General Voter Turnout	2008	2008 General Voter Turnout	2006	2006 General Voter Turnout	2004	2004 General Voter Turnout	2002	2002 General Voter Turnout	2000	2000 General Voter Turnout
Lewis & Clark	62%	Ravalli	75%	Lewis & Clark	61%	Lewis & Clark	84%	Lewis & Clark	75%	Lewis & Clark	81%	Lewis & Clark	66%	Lewis & Clark	63%
Ravalli	58%	Lewis & Clark	74%	Ravalli	61%	Lake	77%	Lake	65%	Yellowstone	73%	Lake	55%	Lake	61%
Yellowstone	55%	Yellowstone	73%	Lake	57%	Flathead	75%	Ravalli	65%	Gallatin	72%	Yellowstone	54%	Yellowstone	61%
Lake	54%	Flathead	72%	Yellowstone	56%	Ravalli	75%	Yellowstone	64%	Cascade	71%	Cascade	54%	Ravalli	60%
Flathead	52%	Lake	72%	Cascade	54%	Missoula	74%	Flathead	61%	Flathead	71%	Ravalli	53%	Cascade	59%
Cascade	51%	Missoula	70%	Flathead	53%	Gallatin	73%	Cascade	61%	Lake	70%	Flathead	51%	Flathead	58%
Gallatin	50%	Gallatin	70%	Gallatin	50%	Yellowstone	72%	Gallatin	57%	Ravalli	69%	Gallatin	49%	Gallatin	58%
Missoula	49%	Cascade	65%	Missoula	48%	Cascade	66%	Missoula	56%	Missoula	68%	Missoula	45%	Missoula	54%
Statewide	55%	Statewide	78%	Statewide	56%	Statewide	74%	Statewide	63%	Statewide	71%	Statewide	54%	Statewide	60%

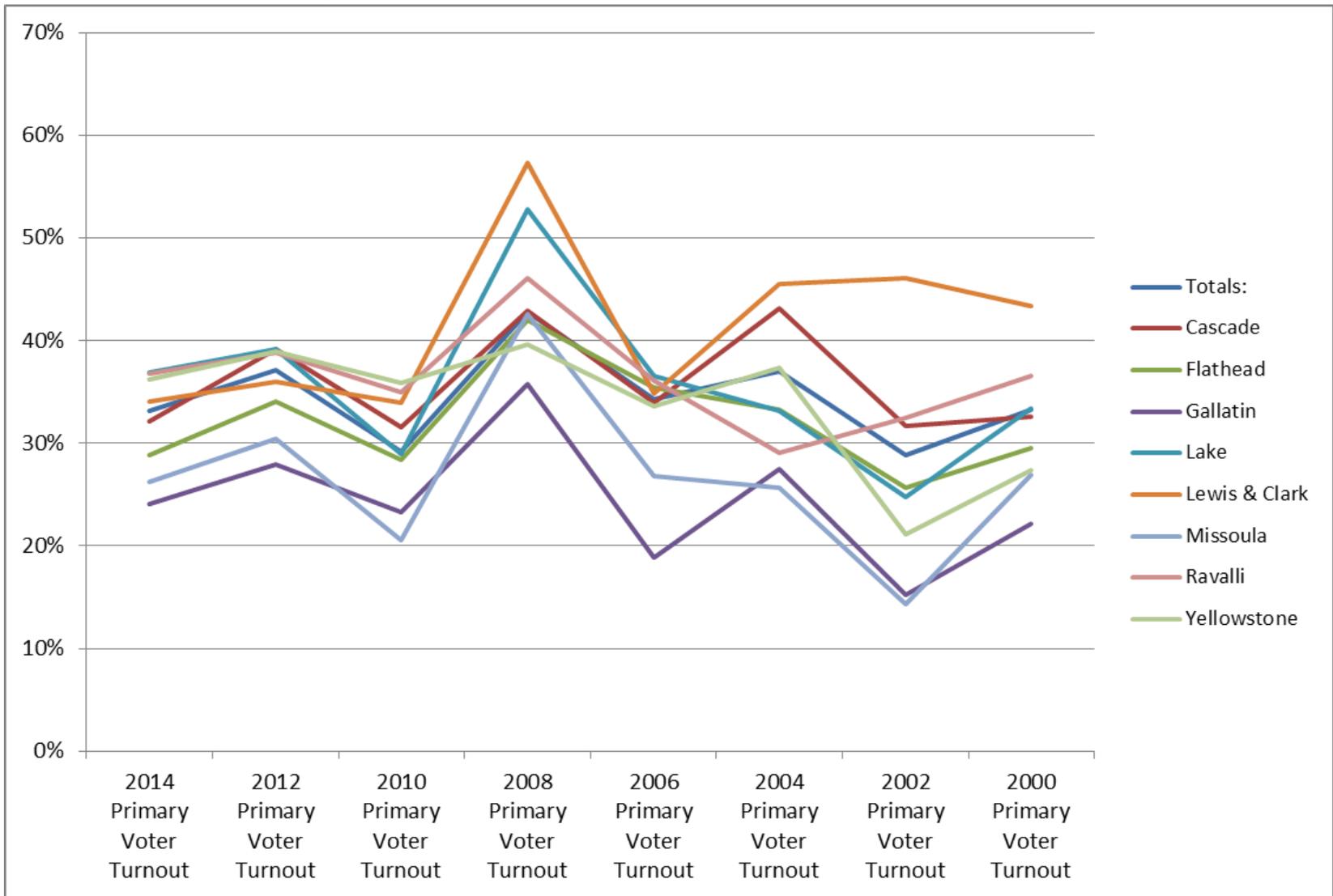
## PRIMARY

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Lake	37%	Lake	39%	Yellowstone	36%	Lewis & Clark	57%	Lake	37%	Lewis & Clark	45%	Lewis & Clark	46%	Lewis & Clark	43%
Ravalli	37%	Cascade	39%	Ravalli	35%	Lake	53%	Ravalli	36%	Cascade	43%	Ravalli	33%	Ravalli	37%
Yellowstone	36%	Yellowstone	39%	Lewis & Clark	34%	Ravalli	46%	Flathead	35%	Yellowstone	37%	Cascade	32%	Lake	33%
Lewis & Clark	34%	Ravalli	39%	Cascade	32%	Cascade	43%	Lewis & Clark	35%	Flathead	33%	Flathead	26%	Cascade	33%
Cascade	32%	Lewis & Clark	36%	Lake	29%	Missoula	43%	Cascade	34%	Lake	33%	Lake	25%	Flathead	30%
Flathead	29%	Flathead	34%	Flathead	28%	Flathead	42%	Yellowstone	34%	Ravalli	29%	Yellowstone	21%	Yellowstone	27%
Missoula	26%	Missoula	30%	Gallatin	23%	Yellowstone	40%	Missoula	27%	Gallatin	27%	Gallatin	15%	Missoula	27%
Gallatin	24%	Gallatin	28%	Missoula	21%	Gallatin	36%	Gallatin	19%	Missoula	26%	Missoula	14%	Gallatin	22%
Statewide	33%	Statewide	37%	Statewide	29%	Statewide	43%	Statewide	34%	Statewide	37%	Statewide	29%	Statewide	33%

# Historical Voting Turnout – Federal Elections



# Historical Voting Turnout – Primary Elections



- **2015 CITY FILING INFORMATION**
- **ELECTION DATES:**
  - Primary Election September 15, 2015
  - General Election November 3, 2015
- **FILING DATES:**
  - Open May 4th, 2015
  - Close July 2nd, 2015
- **FILING FEES: 13-10-202 (3) MCA** For offices having an annual salary of more than \$2,500, 1% of the total annual salary.
- **City Council - \$140.23**
- **City Mayor - 2017 Election**
- **City Judge - 2017 Election**

## **2015 Municipal Election**

- **2015 SCHOOL FILING INFORMATION**
- **ELECTION DATES:**
  - School/Special District May 5, 2015
- **FILING DATES:**
  - Opened December 22, 2014
  - Closes March 26, 2015

**2015 School/Special Dist Election**

- QUESTIONS?
- THOUGHTS?
- OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT?

**Final Thoughts**