

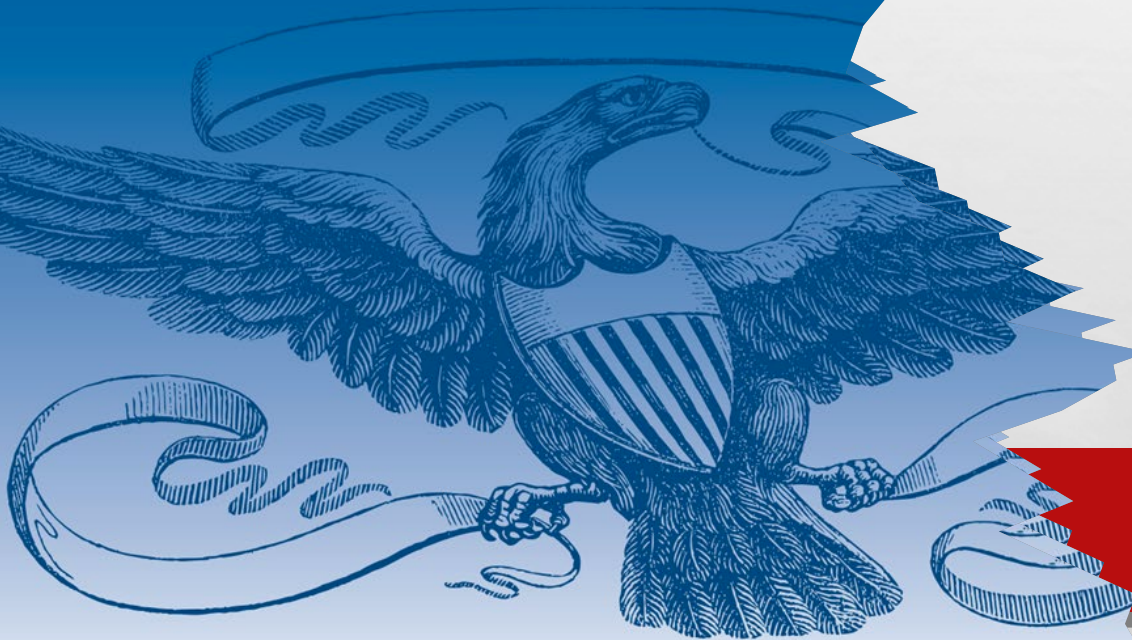
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS AND WAIT TIMES



The American Voter
Report and Recommendations
of the
Presidential Commission
on Election Administration

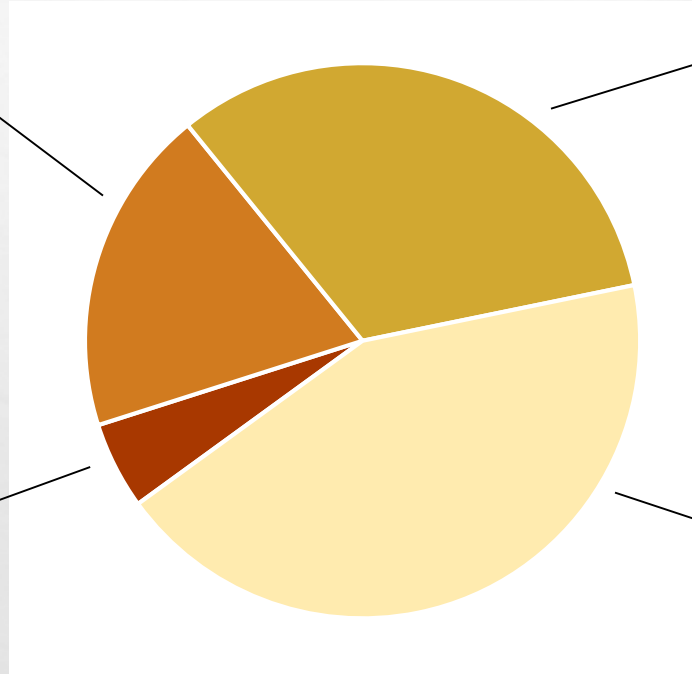
No citizen should have to wait more than 30 minutes to vote; jurisdictions can solve the problem of long lines through a combination of planning... and the efficient allocation of resources."



WAIT TIMES FOUR GROUPS

Moderate Wait Group

45 polling places
Peak wait: 35-55 minutes
Avg. wait: 13 minutes



Short Wait Group

77 polling places
Peak wait: 20-30 minutes
Avg. wait: 5 minutes

Long Wait Group

12 polling places
Peak wait: 60-120 minutes
Avg. wait: 30 minutes

No Wait Group

102 polling places
Peak wait: 15 minutes or less
Avg. wait: 2 minutes

Equipment Allocation Formula
Montgomery County utilizes the
MIT Tool - Line Optimization to
determine amount of equipment
based upon expected voter turnout
and SBE recommendations.

INTERNAL DATA

- **INFORMATION GATHERED FROM FOLLOWING**
- **WAIT TIME PRECINCT DATA**
- **BALLOT USE DATA**
- **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF VOTERS**
- **CHIEF JUDGE LOGS**
- **EQUIPMENT USAGE DATA**
- **POLLING PLACE SURVEY**
- **PARK AND PLANNING DATA**
- **PAST VOTER TURNOUT**

WAIT TIMES REDUCTION RESULTS

- **2012 – WAIT TIMES STATEWIDE WERE 36 MINUTES, COUNTY - 33 MINUTES**
- **2014 – WAIT TIMES STATEWIDE WERE 4 MINUTES, COUNTY - 2 MINUTES**
- **2016 - WAIT TIMES STATEWIDE WERE 16 MINUTES , COUNTY – 9 MINUTES**
- **2018 – WAIT TIMES STATEWIDE WERE 8 MINUTES , COUNTY – 7 MINUTES**
 - **AVERAGE PEAK WAIT TIME WAS TWENTY (20) MINUTES**

2020 ESTIMATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

717,900 REGISTERED VOTERS

**POSSIBLE USE OF 904,000 BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY
INCREASED USE OF BALLOT MARKING DEVICE
EARLY VOTING AND MAIL/ON LINE BALLOT IMPACT**

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS - 2018

- **Three Card Ballot – Voter Fatigue and slower to scan**
- **Ballot Stubs – takes longer to tear away from stub**
- **Ballot stubs create dust that jams the scanner plus torn bits of paper**
- **Rain and High Humidity affected the ballot paper**
- **Need more Judges**
- **Needed more scanners**
- **Pressure on the Election Judges to move voters through the process**

CHANGES SINCE 2018

- **MORE EQUIPMENT – SCANNERS AND POLLBOOKS**
- **INCREASED NUMBER OF VOTERS**
- **INCREASED NUMBER OF ELECTION JUDGES**
- **SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION ON ELECTION DAY**
- **AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION**

SOLUTIONS

- **MORE VOTING BOOTHS**
- **MORE SCANNERS FOR PRECINCTS**
- **MORE ELECTION JUDGES REQUIRED**
- **LINE MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR LARGER PRECINCTS**
- **IMPROVE SIGNAGE TO MOVE LINES**
- **MORE SEATED VOTING STATIONS**
- **MORE ROAMERS FOR TECH SUPPORT**
- **MORE ELECTION JUDGES ARE REQUESTED**
- **GREETERS IN LARGE PRECINCTS**
- **MAILER TO PROVISIONAL VOTERS OF 2018**

REQUESTED MORE EQUIPMENT

- **144 - DS 200 SCANNERS AND BLUE BINS**
- **38 BALLOT MARKING DEVICES**
- **146 ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS**
- **154 PRINTERS**
- **255 BOOTHS**
- **50 ADA BOOTHS**
- **WILL INCREASE NUMBER OF SEATED VOTING STATIONS**

INCREASED ELECTION JUDGES

- **INCREASED THE NUMBER OF VOTING OPERATIONS JUDGES**
- **ALIGN GREETERS WITH PRECINCTS WITH HIGH POPULATION**
- **ADDRESS SPACE (SQUARE FOOTAGE) FOR MORE PROVISIONAL VOTERS**
- **INCREASE NUMBER OF ROAMERS AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS**

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- **SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION**
- **SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT OF NEEDED ELECTION JUDGES**
- **FUNDING FOR INCREASED NUMBER OF ELECTION JUDGES**

QUESTIONS

Thank
You