



November 2022 Post-Election Audit Summary

Purpose

Election audits are conducted to ensure that election voting tabulators are operating accurately and complying with regulations or internal policies, and to promote voter confidence in the election administration process. ([United States Election Assistance Commission](#))

Process

Timeline

According to Ohio Secretary of State [Directive 2022-15](#), if a recount is conducted, the post-election audit shall begin immediately after the board certifies the results of the recount. When the Board of Elections certified the results of the Nov 8, 2022 General Election on November 29, 2022, it was determined that no recount was required. The post-election audit began on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, with the random selection of ballots to be audited. The counting then began on Monday, December 5, 2022, and the audit results were certified on Monday, December 12, 2022.

Preparations for the Post-Election Audit

The official canvass of the election included 130,048 ballots. To meet the five percent requirement at least 6,502 ballots had to be included in the audit.

The Ohio Secretary of State ordered the Ohio Boards of Elections to audit the results of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor race, U.S. Senator race and a contested countywide race. The Board selected the County Commissioner race because it appears on ballots across the whole county. During the board meeting on November 29, 2022, it was determined that the audit would be conducted by tabulator. This means the audit will be conducted by counting the votes on individual voting machines. There are five methods a voter in Butler County can cast their ballot,

- in-person at the polls on an electronic voting machine
- in-person at the polls on a paper ballot



were returned to the appropriate storage area and the tally sheet was given to a separate team for entry into an audit spreadsheet to compare the results of the official canvass to the hand count.

Results

The results of both the official canvass and the audit (hand count) are listed in the tables below.

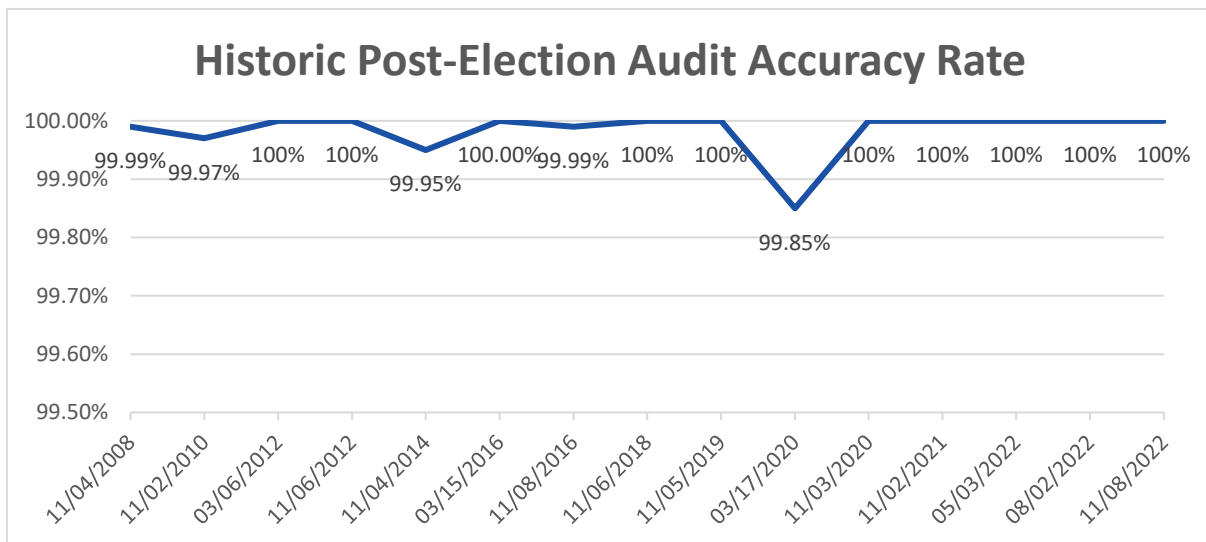
Governor and Lieutenant Governor				
Candidate Name	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Mike Dewine/Jon Husted	4,358	4,358	0	
Timothy Grady/Dayna Bickley	2	2	0	
Craig Patton/Collin Cook (write-in)	1	1	0	
Renea Turner/Adina Pelletier (write-in)	0	0	0	
Marshall Usher/Shannon Walker	14	14	0	
Nan Whaley/Cheryl L. Stephens	2,084	2,084	0	
Over-voted contest	2	2	0	
Under-voted Contest	84	84	0	
Total Votes	6,545	6,545	0	

U.S. Senator				
Candidate Name	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
John Cheng (write-in)	1	1	0	
Matthew R. Esh (write-in)	1	1	0	
Stephen Faris (write-in)	0	0	0	
Shane Hoffman (write-in)	0	0	0	
Tim Ryan	2,601	2,601	0	
LaShondra Tinsley (write-in)	2	2	0	
JD Vance	3,845	3,845	0	
Over-voted contest	2	2	0	
Under-voted Contest	93	93	0	
Total Votes	6,545	6,545	0	

County Commissioner				
Response	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Cindy Carpenter	4,169	4,169	0	
Latisha Hazell	2,209	2,209	0	
Over-voted contest	1	1	0	
Under-voted Contest	166	166	0	
Total Votes	6,545	6,545	0	

Historical Results

Below is a graph providing the accuracy rate of each post-election audit conducted in Butler County beginning with the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election.



Conclusion

Election Officials completed the post-election audit of the November 8, 2022 General Election and found no discrepancies in the data from the official canvass to the hand count. The results of the audit show the accuracy rate to be 100%.