



August 2023 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 August 8, 2023 Special Election on August 29, 2023, it was determined that no recount was required. The post-election audit began on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, with the random selection of ballots to be audited. The counting then began on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, and the audit results were certified on Monday, September 11, 2023.

Preparations for the Post-Election Audit

The official canvass of the election included 90,116 ballots. To meet the five percent requirement at least 4,506 ballots had to be included in the audit.

The Boards of Elections selected the following race to audit, the results of State Issue 1. During the board meeting on August 29, 2023, 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
- in-person early at the Board of Elections
- by mail

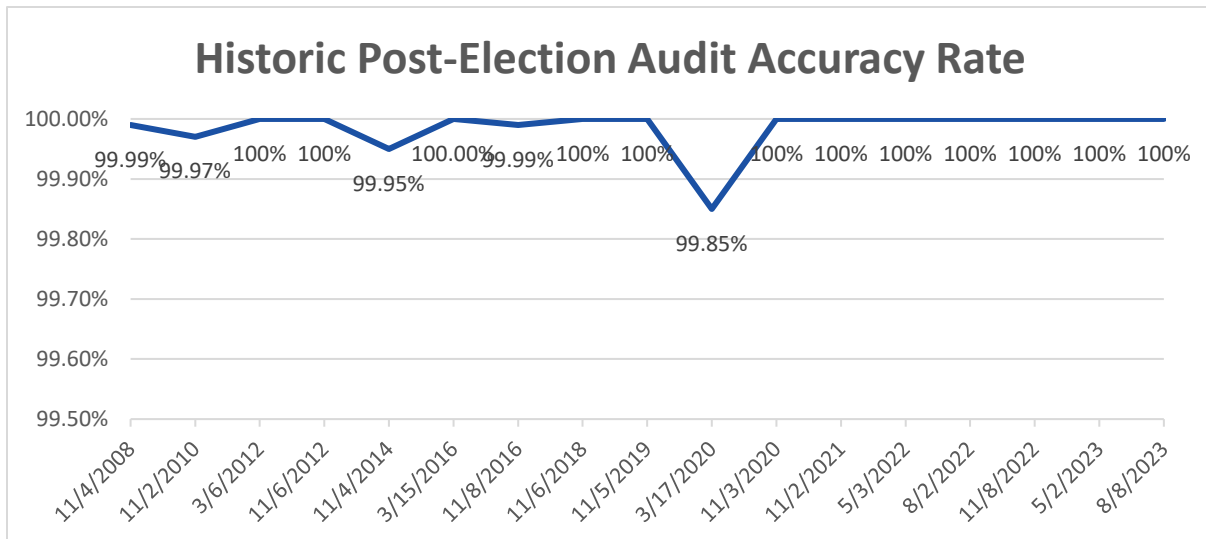
Results

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

State Issue 1				
Response	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Yes	2,222	2,222	0	
No	2,239	2,239	0	
Total	4,461	4,461	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 August 8, 2023 Special 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%.