



# March 2024 Post-Election Audit Summary

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## 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](#))

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## Process

### Timeline

According to Ohio Secretary of State [Directive 2023-31](#), 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 March 19, 2024, Primary Election on April 9, 2024, it was determined that no recount was required. The post-election audit began on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, with the random selection of ballots to be audited. The counting then began on Monday, April 15, 2024, and the audit results were certified on Monday, April 22, 2024.

### Preparations for the Post-Election Audit

The official canvass of the election included 50,182 ballots. To meet the five percent requirement at least 2,509 ballots had to be included in the audit.

The Board selected the following races to audit, the results of United States President - R, Supreme Court Justice UTE 12/31/2026 - D, and the Court of Appeals 12<sup>th</sup> District 2/9/2025 - R. During the board meeting on April 9, 2024, 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





## Conducting the Hand Count

Teams of election officials composed of a member of each of the major political parties counted the votes of the selected tabulators. Teams slowly review either the paper ballots or the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and marked each vote on a tally sheet. When the count was complete for each tabulator, the ballots 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.

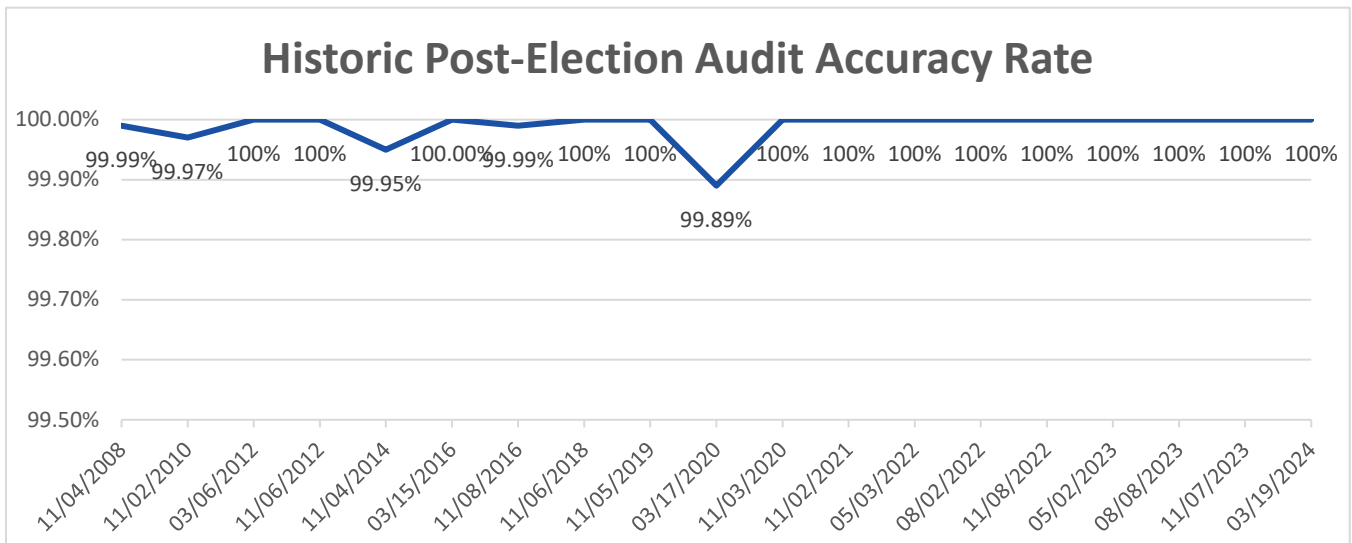
<b>Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the Republican National Convention</b>				
Candidates	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Chris Christie	32	32	0	
Ron DeSantis	44	44	0	
Nikki R. Haley	233	233	0	
Vivek Ramaswamy	33	33	0	
Donald J. Trump	1,523	1,523	0	
Over Votes	0	0	0	
Under Votes	28	28	0	
Total Votes	1,893	1,893	0	

<b>Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired term ending 12/31/2026)</b>				
Candidates	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Lisa Forbes	234	234	0	
Terri Jamison	205	205	0	
Over Votes	0	0	0	
Under Votes	90	90	0	
Total Votes	529	529	0	

Court of Appeals 12 <sup>th</sup> District 2/9/2025				
Candidates	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Barbara S. Carter	1,053	1,053	0	
Melena Siebert	512	512	0	
Over Votes	0	0	0	
Under Votes	329	329	0	
Total Votes	1,894	1,894	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 March 19, 2024, Primary 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%.