

# Government Accountability Board

## State of Wisconsin

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### **Absentee Voting Update**

MADISON, WI – More than 206,000 Wisconsin residents have already requested absentee ballots or voted absentee in the clerk’s office for the June 5 recall election, according to the Government Accountability Board.

As of noon today, at least 206,128 absentee ballots had been issued by Wisconsin’s local election officials who track them using the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). Just over one-third of municipalities track absentee ballots in SVRS, including all the state’s large cities.

The G.A.B. also released detailed, county-by-county numbers today, which are attached to this news release. Individual municipal numbers are not available from the G.A.B.

To give these numbers some context, a total of 68,000 absentee ballots were tracked in SVRS for the May 8 recall primary, which had an unofficial, overall turnout of 29.5 percent. On May 23, there were approximately 90,000 ballots tracked; on May 25 there were 113,558 ballots tracked; on May 29 there were 130,391 ballots tracked; on May 31, there were 164,848 ballots tracked; on June 1, there were 182,228 ballots tracked.

These numbers are likely to continue changing throughout the week as clerks enter data into the system. The G.A.B. will continue to provide updated absentee ballot numbers daily next week as clerks enter them into the system.

As many as 75 percent of all absentee ballots are typically cast in the clerk’s office, with the remainder being delivered by mail.

In-person absentee voting in the clerk’s office ended Friday, June 1. The deadline for most absentee voters to request ballots to be sent to them has also passed. Sequestered jurors and people who are hospitalized can still request ballots until 5 p.m. on Election Day. Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, and must be received by the clerk by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election.

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