

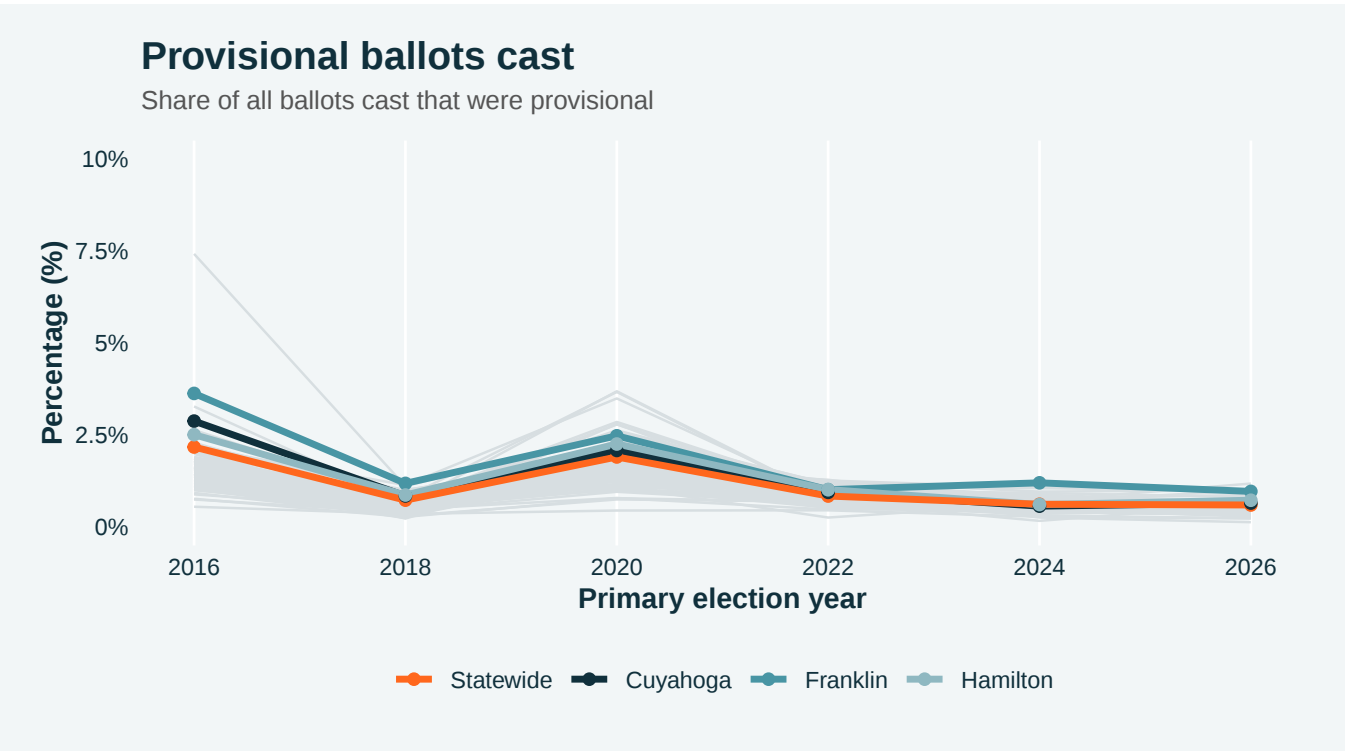
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS IN OHIO PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Select County and Statewide Trends, 2016-2026

September 2026

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST

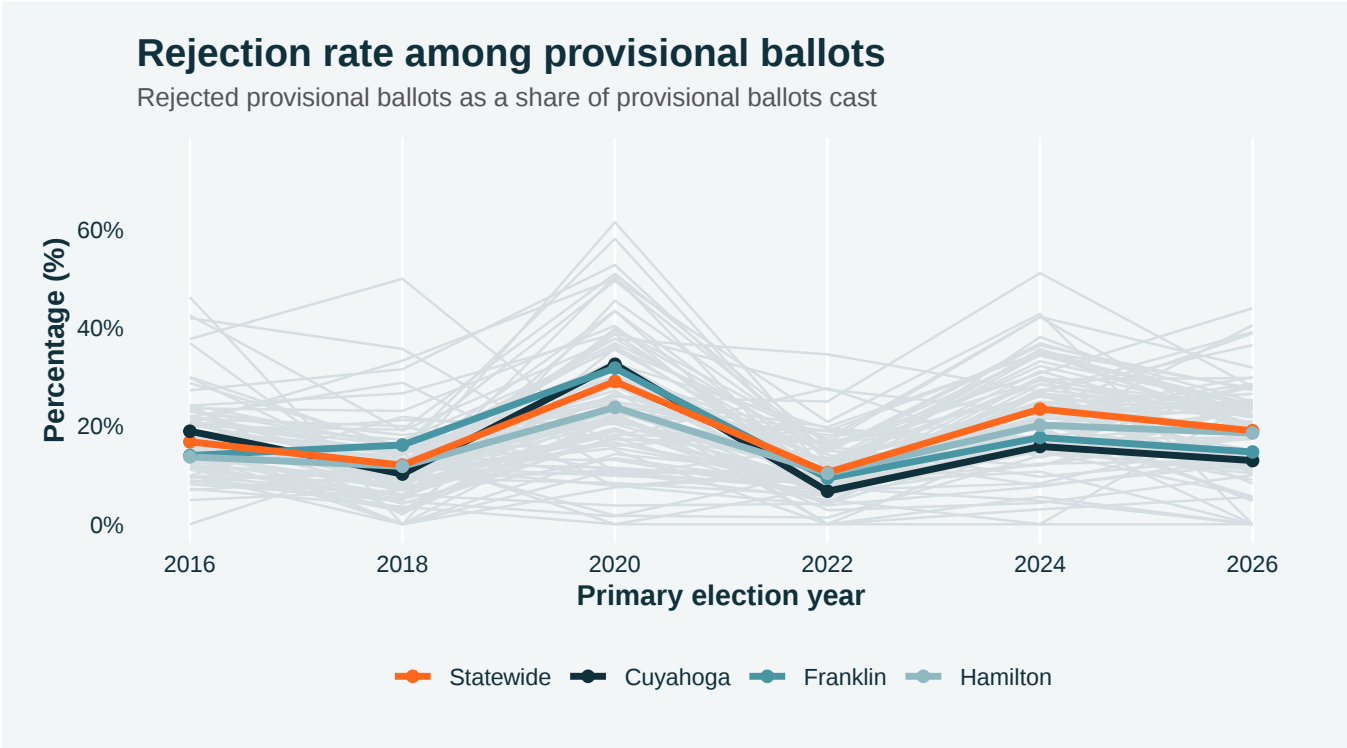
Provisional ballots cast. Overall in Ohio, the provisional ballot cast rate was higher in 2020, then decreased in 2022, and remained constant in 2024 and 2026. In Ohio, 34,948 provisional ballots were cast (1.9% of all ballots cast) in the 2020 primary. This number decreased to 14,004 (0.8%) and 11,077 ballots (0.621%) in the 2022 and 2024 primaries and remained at a similar level of 10,758 ballots (0.6%) in the 2026 primary. In Franklin County, the rates were higher than the statewide rate at 1.2% in 2024 and 1% in 2026.



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PROVISIONAL BALLOT REJECTIONS

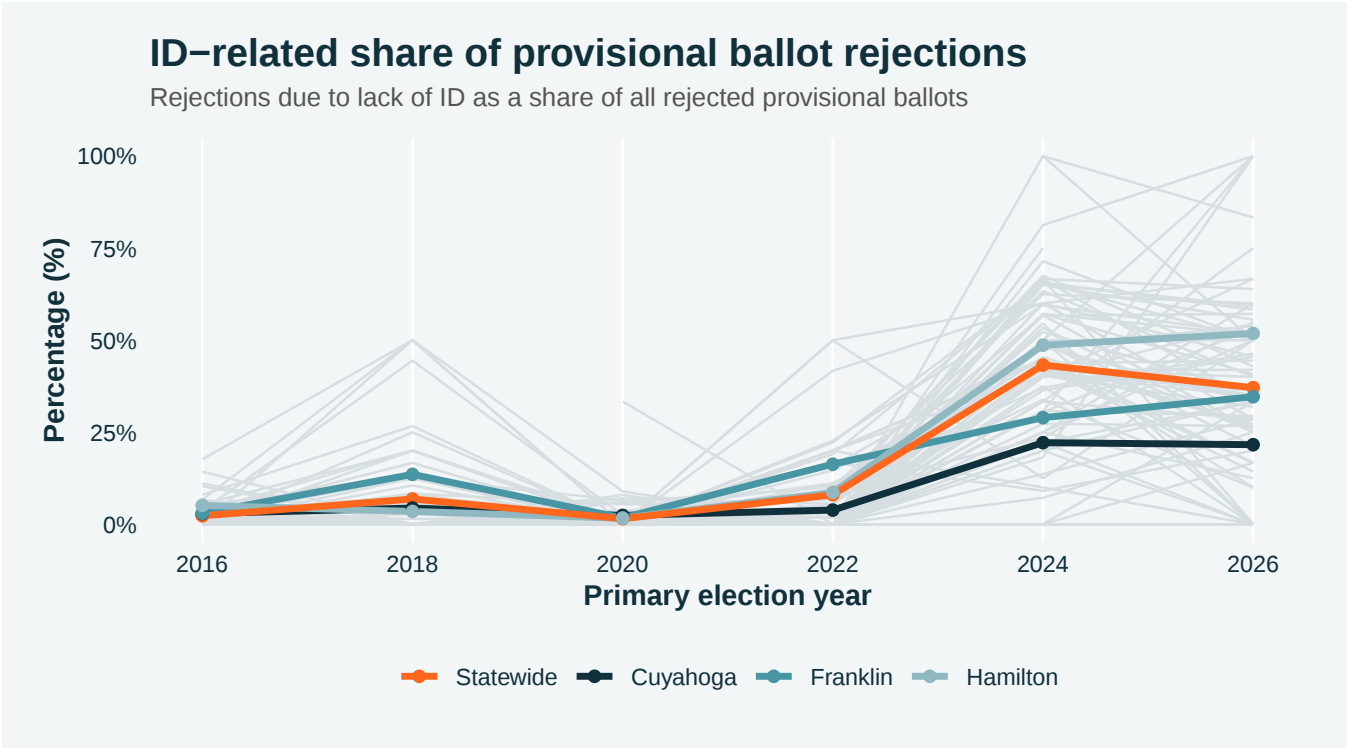
Provisional ballot rejection rate. Statewide, the proportion of provisional ballots rejected was high in 2020 (29.1%, or 10,160 ballots) and decreased in 2022 (10.5%, or 1,475 ballots). It increased in 2024 to 23.5% (2,600 ballots). In 2026, the proportion decreased slightly to 19% (2,049 ballots), but remained above the 2022 rate.



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REJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LACK OF ID

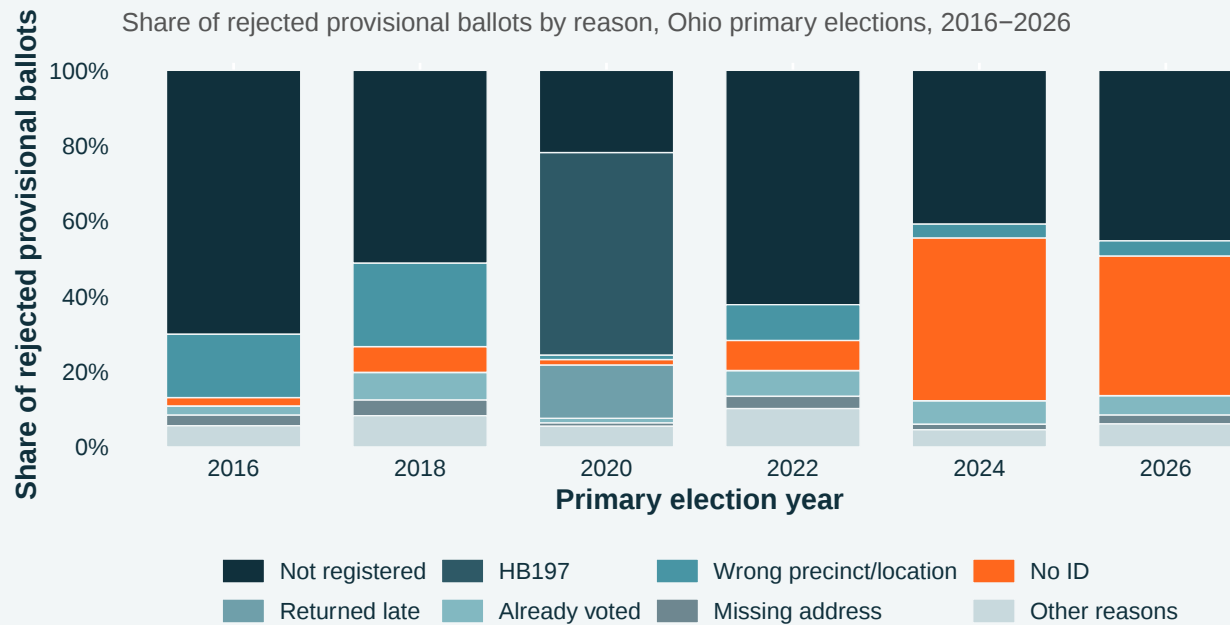
Provisional ballots rejected due to lack of ID. Provisional ballots rejected due to lack of ID increased substantially and remained high. In 2020, 1.5% (152 ballots) of rejected provisional ballots were rejected due to lack of ID. This increased to 8% (118 ballots) in 2022 and 43.2% (1,124 ballots) in 2024. The proportion remained high in 2026 at 37.1% (760 ballots).



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Why provisional ballots were rejected

Share of rejected provisional ballots by reason, Ohio primary elections, 2016–2026



Data Source. Data were obtained from the Provisional Supplemental Reports from <https://data.ohiosos.gov/portal/past-election-results>, and data were accessed on July 7, 2026