

A Message From the Redding Registrar of Voters Office:

First and foremost, we would like to thank all the Elections Officials who worked the August 9th Primary elections. Elections are the cornerstone of democracy, and they would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of poll workers!

There are 2,508 registered Democrats and 1,551 registered Republicans in Redding. In the August 9 Primary, 20% of Democrats turned out to vote: 461 voted in person and 47 voted via Absentee Ballot. The Republican turn out rate was 19%: 288 voted in person and 8 voted via Absentee Ballot.

We would like to address questions raised by voters during the Primary Elections:

What kind of Voting Machine do you use?

Redding uses the Accuvote OS tabulator. It is not connected to the internet. We are happy to answer any further questions on the tabulators. Tabulator/ballot testing is conducted before every election and is open to the public (the exact date and time are posted in news and announcements). We welcome you to come observe and ask questions!

Why can't I vote in the Primary Election?

A Primary Election is when members of a party vote for who will be that party's nominee in the General Election in November. Connecticut is a closed Primary state. This means that you must be a registered member of that party in order to vote within your party.

It is important to note that there is a difference between Independent and Unaffiliated. The Independent Party is a political party. Unaffiliated means that the voter does not belong to any political party.

If you are transferring from one party to another, there is a three-month waiting period before your party privileges attach (i.e. there is a 3 month waiting period before you can vote in the Primary). Therefore, if you transfer from Independent to another registered party, this is a party-to-party change and the three month waiting period applies.

If you change your voter registration from Unaffiliated to be a member of a registered political party, the three-month waiting period does NOT apply. Voters can make the change from Unaffiliated to a party up to the day before a Primary Election, but they must come to Town Hall in person by 12:00pm. If this change is made online or through the mail, it will not be processed in time for the Primary.

Note: Party affiliation does not apply to General Elections. All registered voters, regardless of party or Unaffiliated status, may vote in the General Election on November 8, 2022.

Why does my voter registration say Unaffiliated if I did not make that change?

We have noticed a pattern that voters who have recently visited the DMV are facing this challenge. When you go to the DMV, they may ask you if you want to update your voter registration while you are there, including if you want to re-register in your political party. The DMV's registration data is sent to the Registrar's Office to be processed. If you indicate that you don't want to re-register or leave the party affiliation blank, the data from the DMV will indicate that voter registration should be updated to Unaffiliated.

We have no way of knowing if this is a mistake or if this was your intent. However we send confirmation letters to voters every time we process a change. Please review communications from our office carefully! Check that all your information is correct.

You can check your party affiliation and all your voter registration data at any time by visiting this site: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>

Upcoming Election:

The next election in Redding is November 8th, 2022. In person voting will take place at the Redding Community Center at 37 Lonetown Road from 6am-8pm. If you are not registered to vote, visit the Registrar of Voters website, or contact us for information about registration deadlines.

If you do not register to vote by the deadline, you can register and cast a ballot via Election Day Registration. Visit the Registrar of Voters website or contact us for more information.

If you will be out of town or cannot make it to the polls within voting hours, we strongly suggest you reach out to the Town Clerk to request an Absentee Ballot. Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's Office starting Monday, October 10, 2022. A voter can complete an application at any time and file with the Town Clerk. A ballot can either be mailed to the voter upon application or issued in person at Town Hall.

Are you interested in working at the election?

Sign up anytime at <https://forms.gle/CiTooAiWpBdGzKgTA>.

Don't hesitate to reach out to the Registrar's Office with any questions or concerns. (203) 938-5012.