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MORE THAN 1 MILLION ILLINOIS VOTERS APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL

SPRINGFIELD (Aug. 28, 2020) – More than 1 million Illinois voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots for the November election, as voters respond to a statewide push for mail voting amid concerns over COVID-19.

The number of requests puts Illinois on pace to substantially exceed the record it set for voting by mail in the 2018 general election, when 430,000 votes were cast by mail, accounting for 9.3 percent of all ballots. In the 2016 general election, 370,000 votes – 6.5 percent of all ballots -- were cast by mail.

This summer, the state's 108 local election authorities sent mail ballot applications to 6.4 million Illinoisans who had voted in the 2018 general, 2019 consolidated or 2020 primary elections. The mailings were required under a series of special election laws passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The 1,111,387 mail ballot applications received to date likely is lower than the true total, as 28 Illinois election authorities have not yet reported their totals.

“We are encouraged by the strong response to the ongoing vote-by-mail effort,” said State Board of Elections Executive Director Steve Sandvoss. “Voting by mail provides a safe, secure and convenient voting option for those concerned about COVID-19. It also will help ease congestion at in-person polling places during early voting and on Election Day.”

The State Board of Elections encourages voters considering voting by mail to submit their ballot application as early as possible. Ballots will be mailed to applicants beginning Sept. 24, which is also

the first day of early voting. Voters can apply for a mail ballot on the [State Board of Elections website](#). Though applications will be accepted through Oct. 29, the State Board of Elections recommends voters apply much earlier, preferably by Oct. 15. This will allow sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the voter. Local election authorities will provide voters with information on returning and tracking their ballots.

Mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day, Nov. 3, and received by Nov. 17 to be counted.

The statewide total for mail applications is updated regularly [at this page](#) on the Illinois State Board of Elections website. Totals as of today are below.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the State's 108 election authorities.

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	STATEWIDE COUNTS	11/3/2020 0:00	1111387
1	Adams County	11/3/2020 0:00	3746
2	Alexander County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
3	Bond County	11/3/2020 0:00	941
4	Boone County	11/3/2020 0:00	4142
5	Brown County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
6	Bureau County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
7	Calhoun County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
8	Carroll County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
9	Cass County	11/3/2020 0:00	878
10	Champaign County	11/3/2020 0:00	15296
11	Christian County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
12	Clark County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
13	Clay County	11/3/2020 0:00	762
14	Clinton County	11/3/2020 0:00	1537
15	Coles County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
16	Cook County	11/3/2020 0:00	188941
17	Crawford County	11/3/2020 0:00	1393
18	Cumberland County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
19	DeKalb County	11/3/2020 0:00	4
20	DeWitt County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
21	Douglas County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
22	DuPage County	11/3/2020 0:00	116031
23	Edgar County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
24	Edwards County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
25	Effingham County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
26	Fayette County	11/3/2020 0:00	957
27	Ford County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
28	Franklin County	11/3/2020 0:00	1335
29	Fulton County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
30	Gallatin County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
31	Greene County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
32	Grundy County	11/3/2020 0:00	6103
33	Hamilton County	11/3/2020 0:00	509
34	Hancock County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
35	Hardin County	11/3/2020 0:00	218
36	Henderson County	11/3/2020 0:00	496
37	Henry County	11/3/2020 0:00	4898
38	Iroquois County	11/3/2020 0:00	1809
39	Jackson County	11/3/2020 0:00	3829
40	Jasper County	11/3/2020 0:00	557
41	Jefferson County	11/3/2020 0:00	96
42	Jersey County	11/3/2020 0:00	1561

43	JoDavie County	11/3/2020 0:00	2735
44	Johnson County	11/3/2020 0:00	773
45	Kane County	11/3/2020 0:00	72489
46	Kankakee County	11/3/2020 0:00	7040
47	Kendall County	11/3/2020 0:00	12481
48	Knox County	11/3/2020 0:00	1365
49	Lake County	11/3/2020 0:00	26656
50	LaSalle County	11/3/2020 0:00	3337
51	Lawrence County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
52	Lee County	11/3/2020 0:00	2240
53	Livingston County	11/3/2020 0:00	2357
54	Logan County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
55	Macon County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
56	Macoupin County	11/3/2020 0:00	4058
57	Madison County	11/3/2020 0:00	22882
58	Marion County	11/3/2020 0:00	1009
59	Marshall County	11/3/2020 0:00	1016
60	Mason County	11/3/2020 0:00	770
61	Massac County	11/3/2020 0:00	560
62	McDonough County	11/3/2020 0:00	2129
63	McHenry County	11/3/2020 0:00	37526
64	McLean County	11/3/2020 0:00	8858
65	Menard County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
66	Mercer County	11/3/2020 0:00	696
67	Monroe County	11/3/2020 0:00	2715
68	Montgomery County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
69	Morgan County	11/3/2020 0:00	1657
70	Moultrie County	11/3/2020 0:00	900
71	Ogle County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
72	Peoria County	11/3/2020 0:00	48017
73	Perry County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
74	Piatt County	11/3/2020 0:00	1811
75	Pike County	11/3/2020 0:00	664
76	Pope County	11/3/2020 0:00	235
77	Pulaski County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
78	Putnam County	11/3/2020 0:00	491
79	Randolph County	11/3/2020 0:00	1772
80	Richland County	11/3/2020 0:00	942
81	Rock Island County	11/3/2020 0:00	129
82	Saline County	11/3/2020 0:00	1128
83	Sangamon County	11/3/2020 0:00	24645
84	Schuyler County	11/3/2020 0:00	618
85	Scott County	11/3/2020 0:00	244
86	Shelby County	11/3/2020 0:00	1304

87	Stark County	11/3/2020 0:00	285
88	St. Clair County	11/3/2020 0:00	24501
89	Stephenson County	11/3/2020 0:00	4219
90	Tazewell County	11/3/2020 0:00	7199
91	Union County	11/3/2020 0:00	760
92	Vermilion County	11/3/2020 0:00	2091
93	Wabash County	11/3/2020 0:00	520
94	Warren County	11/3/2020 0:00	1270
95	Washington County	11/3/2020 0:00	1079
96	Wayne County	11/3/2020 0:00	410
97	White County	11/3/2020 0:00	863
98	Whiteside County	11/3/2020 0:00	5652
99	Will County	11/3/2020 0:00	82238
100	Williamson County	11/3/2020 0:00	0
101	Winnebago County	11/3/2020 0:00	11310
102	Woodford County	11/3/2020 0:00	3020
104	City of Bloomington	11/3/2020 0:00	10432
105	City of Chicago	11/3/2020 0:00	282559
106	City of Danville	11/3/2020 0:00	894
107	City of East St Louis	11/3/2020 0:00	1157
108	City of Galesburg	11/3/2020 0:00	3259
110	City of Rockford	11/3/2020 0:00	13381