

Partial/Incomplete Election Results

RSA 659:63 requires that “the printed results from the voting machine shall be posted for public review at the polling place within 60 minutes of running the last ballot through the machine or machines.” The moderator has not completed the vote count. These posted results are partial and only reflect the ballots that the ballot counting device was able to fully count.

The final results will be posted when counting and reconciliation are complete. The final results will include votes on ballots that required hand counting for all offices, the determination of the names of people who received write-in votes, and the number of votes each person received. Several types of ballots must be fully hand counted, including ballots printed on plain paper by Uniform and Overseas (UOCAVA) absentee voters, federal office only ballots, election-day ballots that the ballot counting device reads as having an overvote for one or more offices (voter marked too many choices for an office), and ballots that were not counted by the ballot counting device due to folding, liquid spills onto the ballot, or other.

The ballot counting device results tape will report that a write-in vote was made if the voter filled in the oval next to the name written onto the ballot. The ballot counting device will count the ballot for that office as an undervote if the oval next to a name written in is not filled in. However, the write-in vote next to a blank oval is still counted. As a result, it is common for the partial results from the ballot counting device results tape/report to be adjusted to reflect a ballot the device treated as an undervote actually being a write-in vote. The number of undervotes reported by the device for that office is reduced by one for that vote. The write-in vote is added to the vote total for the person whose name is written in.

Therefore, expect the numbers shown on this partial/incomplete results report to be different from the final official results.