

Rhode Island Risk-Limiting Audit of November 5, 2024 Presidential Contest

The Rhode Island Board of Elections conducted a risk-limiting audit of the November 5th General Election on November 19th. (The die roll to select the random sample was conducted on the 18th; the inspection of ballots was performed on the 19th and 20th.) The target contest was the presidential race; the risk limit was 9%. Twenty-one batches containing a total of 23,360 ballots were audited. The audit found 24 discrepancies across all sampled ballots, resulting in a discrepancy rate of 0.1%. Overall, the audit reported three fewer votes for Kamala D. Harris, and five fewer votes for Donald J. Trump. The measured risk was 7.27%, substantially less than the risk limit, and strong evidence that Kamala D. Harris indeed won the presidential contest.

In consideration of rule 410 -RICR - 20 - 00 – 28, we provide the following details of the audit in compliance with paragraph 28.3(Y) of the proposed rule:

Name of target contest: Presidential

Number of winners: 1.

Total number of ballot cards: 23,924

Unofficial final results (in order of appearance on ballot): Kamala D. Harris: 285,132; Donald J. Trump: 214,398; Robert F. Kennedy Jr.: 5,045; Jill Stein: 2,900; Write-in: 2,727; Chase Oliver: 1,617; Claudia De la Cruz: 1,176; Robert “Robby” Wells: 359. The unofficial margin is $285,132 - 214,398 = 70,734$ votes.

Number of times batches were randomly selected for the audit: once.

Number of batches in each sample: twenty-one (21).

Batch identifiers of batches in the sample: Cranston 0714; East Greenwich 0905; EV East Providence 2; EV Narragansett; EV West Warwick; MB East Providence 7; MB Hopkinton 3; MB Middletown 2; MB Pawtucket 1; MB Pawtucket 2; MB Richmond 1; North Kingstown 2308; North Kingstown 2310; Pawtucket 2610; Pawtucket 2626; Providence 2811; Providence 2830; Providence 2833; Richmond 2901; South Kingstown 3208; Warwick 3528. (MB Pawtucket 1 and MB Pawtucket 2 were combined after it was determined that pollworkers had mistakenly commingled ballots from the two batches.)

Measured risk: 7.27%.

Audit tally totals: see attached report for full tallies.