



## Knox County Election Commission

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## Results for City of Knoxville Primary Elections in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and important information and FAQs for voters

Knoxville - As of Thursday, July 17, 2025, there are 97,382 active registered voters in the City of Knoxville.

A breakdown of the number of active registered voters in each Knoxville City Council district is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> District -	12,024
2 <sup>nd</sup> District -	20,061
3 <sup>rd</sup> District -	17,605
4 <sup>th</sup> District -	19,630
5 <sup>th</sup> District -	14,446 ( <i>NOTE: voters in the 5<sup>th</sup> City Council District will not vote in this election</i> )
6 <sup>th</sup> District -	13,616
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>97,382</b> (82,936 are eligible to vote in the 2025 City of Knoxville Primary Election)

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The below information represents the number of votes cast – both in total and by district – in the six (6) City of Knoxville Primary elections held in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (2021, 2017, 2013, 2009, 2005, 2001) with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> District seats on the ballot.

### 2021

August 31, 2021 – City of Knoxville Primary

<b>TOTAL VOTES -</b>	<b>10,043</b>	(includes 45 overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)
District 1 -	1,870	(three (3) candidates)
District 2 -	1,858	(two (2) candidates)
District 3 -	913	(two (2) candidates)
District 4 -	3,687	(three (3) candidates)
District 6 -	1,670	(three (3) candidates)

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## 2017

August 29, 2017 – City of Knoxville Primary

**TOTAL VOTES - 7,141** (includes 74 overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)

District 1 -	758	(four (4) candidates)
District 2 -	2,062	(four (4) candidates)
District 3 -	792	(four (4) candidates)
District 4 -	2,043	(five (5) candidates)
District 6 -	1,412	(thirteen (13) candidates)

## 2013

September 24, 2013 - City of Knoxville Primary

**TOTAL VOTES - 1,798** (includes 106 overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)

District 1 -	194	(one (1) candidate)
District 2 -	382	(one (1) candidate)
District 3 -	144	(one (1) candidate)
District 4 -	644	(two (2) candidates)
District 6 -	328	(two (2) candidates)

## 2009

September 22, 2009 - City of Knoxville Primary

**TOTAL VOTES - 4,095** (includes 46 overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)

District 1 -	521	(two (2) candidate)
District 2 -	1,633	(three (3) candidate)
District 3 -	530	(four (4) candidate)
District 4 -	805	(two (2) candidates)
District 6 -	560	(three (3) candidates)

## 2005

September 27, 2005 – City of Knoxville Primary

**TOTAL VOTES - 3,758** (does not include any overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)

District 1 -	317	(one (1) candidate + one (1) certified write-in)
District 2 -	1,228	(two (2) candidates)
District 3 -	635	(two (2) candidates)
District 4 -	970	(two (2) candidates)
District 6 -	608	(three (3) candidates)

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## 2001

September 28, 2001 – City of Knoxville Primary

**TOTAL VOTES - 10,980** (does not include any overvotes, undervotes, or non-certified write-ins)

District 1 -	1,762	(eight (8) candidates)
District 2 -	3,785	(six (6) candidates)
District 3 -	1,462	(four (4) candidates)
District 4 -	2,045	(five (5) candidates)
District 6 -	1,926	(seven (7) candidates)

## **REGISTERING TO VOTE**

The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming August 26, 2025 election is Monday, July 28, 2025. Voters can register:

- online at: <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/>, or
- in person at either Election Commission office (weekdays between 8 am and 4:30 pm), or
- download a voter registration form <https://knoxcounty.org/election/pdfs/VRF.pdf> and mail it to the Knox County Election Commission. Voters utilizing this method must have it postmarked by July 28, 2025.

## **PUBLIC MACHINE TEST**

In preparation for the August 26, 2025 election, the Election Commission will conduct a required voting machine test on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 8:30 am at its Downtown West training and early voting location. The test is approximately an hour in duration. Candidates, press, and the public are invited to attend.

## **CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

Candidates on the 2025 City of Knoxville Primary Ballot will have a Pre-Primary campaign financial disclosure (CFD) due on Tuesday, August 19, 2026. The disclosure will cover the dates from July 1, 2025 to August 16, 2025.

These reports will be posted upon receipt by the Election Commission at:

<https://knoxcountyttn.easyvotecampaignfinance.com/home/publicfilings>

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & CONCERNS REGARDING ELECTIONS**

Q: My driver's license says I live in Knoxville and/or my mailing address includes Knoxville, but I was told I can't vote in this election. Why?

A: **Eligibility to vote in a City of Knoxville election is based on the specific address of the voter, and the address of residence must be inside the city limits of Knoxville.**

**A voter is not automatically eligible to vote in a City of Knoxville election based solely on the wording on a driver's license or the postal service using the word Knoxville.**

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- Q: I need to request a voter registration card – I was told I can't vote, or I thought I can't vote without it.
- A: **Actually, while we are happy to issue you a new voter registration card, you DO NOT NEED IT TO VOTE. A registered voter only needs a photo identification issued by the State of Tennessee (such as a driver's license) or the federal government (such as a passport). The acceptable photo ID can be expired.**
- Q: I think I am already registered in Knox County – how can I find out for sure?
- A: **Visit [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org) and click on the Am I registered to vote? box on the home page.**
- Q: If I am registered to vote, do I need to register before every election?
- A: **No, registration is permanent in Tennessee, unless your voter registration is purged pursuant to Tennessee law. Examples of why an individual might be purged include:**
- **Death of the voter**
  - **A felony conviction of the voter**
  - **A voter moves out of Knox County and registers in another county/state.**
- Q: If I am registered in another county in Tennessee, do I need to register in Knox County?
- A: **Yes. Registration in Tennessee is based on the county of residency.**
- Q: I don't want people to know how I vote; that is none of their business.
- A: **The Election Commission does not know how anyone cast a ballot or who someone voted for; however, a voter's voting history, including the elections in which a person has voted, are all public record.**

For more information on elections, visit the Election Commission at [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org) or call 865-215-2480.

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