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## **Nearly 70 percent of Arapahoe County have cast ballots so far** *Arapahoe County estimates 50,000-70,000 voter turnout Tuesday*

LITTLETON, CO --- An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 voters are expected to turnout to cast their vote during Arapahoe County's general election Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Arapahoe County will use more voting machines than ever before. Arapahoe County will deploy 1,300 voting machines to more than 200 polling sites compared to 1,100 machines in 2004.

As of Monday, nearly 200,000 have voted early and voted by mail, which is a nearly 70 percent turnout of the County's total registered active voters. Arapahoe County has 344,088 registered voters and 287,000 active voters. Active voters are determined by those that voted in the last general election.

This year, 207,381 mail-in ballots were requested and 175,000 returned as of Monday.

When combined with the 26,000 people who voted early, nearly 200,000 total votes have been cast in Arapahoe County so far. Arapahoe County is urging the 37,000 voters who still have not turned in their mail-in ballot to return their ballots at any of the County's 13 mail-in ballot locations. To find a location nearest you, visit our web site at [www.arapahoevotes.com](http://www.arapahoevotes.com). Mail in ballots will **NOT** be accepted at precinct polling places in Arapahoe County.

Based on Early Voting, Vote by Mail and the County's prior voting history, Doty said she expects fewer voters to cast ballots on Election Day than in 2004. That year, 113,757 votes were cast on Election Day. Doty said she anticipates 50,000 – 70,000 voters at the polls on Tuesday.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Anybody standing in line by 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote Tuesday.

There are three things that voters can do to help speed up the voting process.

- First, determine your correct polling location by visiting [www.arapahoevotes.com](http://www.arapahoevotes.com)
- When arriving at the polls, Voters should bring identification, such as a valid Colorado Drivers' license, passport, Medicare or Medicaid card, a bank statement or utility bill with an address. Voter registration cards and a social security card are **not** valid forms of ID.
- Please study the ballot and decide on your choices before you enter the voting booth.

Doty said she expects that it will be noon Wednesday before Arapahoe County is finished counting all Election Day, Early Vote and mail-in ballots.

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