



# 2018 Primary Election Update

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# Military & Overseas Voters

We work to ensure that military and overseas voters are able to vote as efficiently as possible from far away locations. These voters are called "UOCAVA" voters, termed by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). This special class of voters includes men and women serving in the armed forces, their dependents, and others whose circumstances take them out of the country.

- UOCAVA Ballots sent on May 11, 2018
- UOCAVA Ballots mailed to 1445 voters, emailed to 2568 voters



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# Primary Election Timeline

- Ballot Layout Completion:
  - Design to printers
    - May 4, completed
  - UOCAVA Ballot Sent
    - May 11, completed
  - Unaffiliated voters ballot preference
    - May 14, 2018
  - Ballots printed and inserted into packets
    - May 28 -31, 2018
  - Public Logic and Accuracy Testing
    - May 29, 2018
  - Ballots mailed
    - June 4, 2018



# Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)



- June 4 - June 26
  - Citizens Service Center
- June 18 - June 26
  - Four Additional VSPC Open - Union Town Center, Southeast (Powers and Airport), Centennial Hall and Fort Carson.
- June 25 & June 26
  - Monument Town Hall, The Independence Center
    - Register to vote
    - Update your registration
    - Request a replacement ballot
    - Vote on an ADA accessible voting machine
    - Drop off your ballot

# Ballot Update

- **449,410** active registered voters ( as of 5/14/18)
  - 97,208 Democratic voters 21.13%
  - 178,487 Republican Voters 38.81%
  - 173,715 Unaffiliated Voters 37.77%

# UChooseCO Update

Unaffiliated Voters in El Paso County

• 173,715

Total who picked a preference 3,719

- Republican preference  
• 2133 voters
- Democratic preference  
• 1586 voters



OR



Our Elections team members took the “U” on the road! The UChooseCO Campaign, developed by the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office, provided the opportunity for education and outreach to voters. Numerous outlets were utilized to inform unaffiliated voters about the voting process for the Primary Election.

# Primary Cybersecurity & Ballot Sorting

- Conduct L&A (logic and accuracy test), of all ballot counting equipment that will be used for the Primary Election.
  - Central Count Optical Scanners
  - Voter Service and Polling Center electronic voting machines.
- Runbeck Agilis - The Elections Division purchased a new high-tech sorting machine to increase the efficiency and timeliness of mail-ballot sorting.
  - Adheres to USPS automation standards for mail handling
  - Scans and extracts signature images for verification processes that require original voter signatures.
  - Processes up to 10,000 pieces per hour and can sort to any supplied routing information (e.g. precinct number).
  - Each mail ballot runs through the system twice, once for signature verification and later for an audit function. This double run statistically increases the accuracy of signature verification.

# In The News -Washington Post

PowerPost • Analysis

## The Cybersecurity 202: How Colorado became the safest state to cast a vote

By [Derek Hawkins](#) May 10 [Email the author](#)

### THE KEY



- Switch to paper ballots or voting machines that produce a paper trail. This creates a physical record of the vote and, unlike electronic voting machines or machines connected to the Internet, hand-marked ballots can't be hacked.

- Check the results using a “risk limiting audit,” which counts a sample of ballots by hand and compares them to machine tallies and is especially effective in close races. While a majority of states require post-election audits, experts widely agree that only risk-limiting audits are comprehensive enough to detect a cyberattack.

- Conduct frequent and rigorous risk assessments — and make sure election workers are well trained to identify it when something goes wrong.



# In The News - The Gazette

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By: The Gazette editorial board • May 12, 2018 • Updated: Today at 6:44 am



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Serious warnings and conspiracy theories abound, telling of election fraud involving illegal immigrants, Russians, the homeless and the dead. Thankfully, Colorado voters can rest easy. Their elections are the most accurate and fair in the country, with a system of checks and balances that does not tolerate fraud or mistakes.

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# In The News

As local officials across the country scramble to hack-proof their voting systems ahead of the midterm elections, there's one state that is paving the way as a leader in election security.

Colorado has done virtually everything election experts recommend states do to stave off a repeat of 2016, when Russian hackers targeted 21 states as part of the Russian government's massive election interference campaign.

## Russians will hack again in 2018 midterm elections. Here's how local officials are preparing

Jordan Graham

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