

Platte County History Facts

Platte County was founded on January 26, 1856 and Nebraska became a state on March 1, 1867.

Platte County Election Records are from October 8, 1872 to the present time in the Platte County Election Commissioner's Office.

How Elections were held in Platte County:

The Platte County and City of Columbus Elections were held separately. The City of Columbus held their own Elections in April.

1974 was the first time that Platte County and City of Columbus Elections were combined. The Primary of 1974 was when the City of Columbus was elected. 1976 the City of Columbus Primary and General Elections were with the Platte County Elections.

How Registrations were done in Platte County:

1950's - City of Columbus had City Registrations

Before 1966 - Rural Residents didn't have to register just show up for an Election.

1966 – Voter Registrations in Platte County became County Wide.

Platte County Courthouse:

The first Platte County Courthouse was erected in the Center of Columbus city blocks bounded by 9th and 10th Streets and 20th and 21st Avenues. The project was started in 1868 and completed in 1870 at a cost of \$18,000.00 and served as the County's courthouse for 52 years until 1922.

The second courthouse was built in 1920-1922 where it is currently located at 2610 14th Street. A new addition was added to this building in 1975. In 2020 renovations were started on the outside of the building to restore the exterior and interior of the building.

Printing of Ballots for Platte County:

Ultra-Graphics printed ballots for Platte County from 1994 through 2008.

ES&S prints ballots from 2010 to present time.

Voter Turn Out Percentages from 1996 to 2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>General</u>
1996 Presidential Year	29.7%	68%
1994 Governor's Year	48%	62.4%
1992 Presidential Year	42%	79%
1990 Governor's Year	45%	67%
1998 Governor's Year	36%	52.5%
2000 Presidential Year	29.4%	67.4%
2002 Governor's Year	29.8%	53%
2004 Presidential Year	30.0%	70%
2006 Governor's Year	38.0%	56%
2008 Presidential Year	25%	68.8%
2010 Governor's Year	26%	46.4%
2012 Presidential Year	32%	70%
2014 Governor's Year	45%	49%
2016 Presidential Year	32%	72%
2018 Governors Year	27%	55%
2020 Presidential Year	39%	78.50%

Absentee Voting History 1992 to 2020

<u>Primary Election</u>	<u>Absentee Number</u>	<u>General Election</u>	<u>Absentee Number</u>
5/12/1992 - Presidential	203	11/3/1992	896
5/10/1994 - Governor	238	11/8/1994	516
5/14/1996 - Presidential	188	11/5/1996	822
5/12/1998 - Governor	203	11/3/1998	556
5/9/2000 - Presidential	207	11/7/2000	1802
5/14/2002 - Governor	316	11/5/2002	968
5/11/2004 - Presidential	348	11/2/2004	2201
5/9/2006 – Governor	642	11/7/2006	2168
5/13/2008 - Presidential	516	11/04/2008	3000
5/11/2010 - Governor	612	11/2/2010	1229
5/15/2012 - Presidential	891	11/6/2012	3312
5/13/2014 - Governor	1374	11/4/2014	1543
5/10/2016 - Presidential	857	11/8/2016	2970
5/15/2018 - Governor	710	11/6/2018	1818
5/12/2020 - Presidential	5981	11/3/2020	6485