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FOCUS of STUDY -

This statistical political study is an analysis of straight ticket voting in the Texas elections of 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. Information gathered has enabled the ACC Center for Public Policy and Political Studies to observe voting patterns and possible political trends in Texas among straight ticket voters.

METHODOLOGY -

Data for these seven elections was compiled from Texas county voting statistics. County officials were contacted until sufficient response usually represented over 80% of total votes cast statewide in elections. The inquiries started with a list of counties from largest to smallest. For the elections from 1998 to 2004, data came from the archives of the director of this center.

For the 2006 election, four, at the time, Austin Community College students (Brad Burnett, Elise Swaving, Anastassia Travina, and Josh Whitcomb) contacted county officials and compiled statistics that represented 73% of the total votes cast throughout Texas. The students asked for the number of total ballots cast in the county, the total straight ticket Republican votes, the total straight ticket Democratic votes, and the total straight ticket Libertarian (or other) votes. The data was obtained verbally over the phone or was taken from a website provided by county officials.

For the 2008 and 2010 elections, ACC staffer Maxine Kaplan obtained all the data. Most of the information was obtained from web sites, with some acquired through verbal surveys over the phone.

In total, data for this report was compiled from phone surveys, web site reports, and the archives of the director of this center.

Associate Professor of History Larry Willoughby prepared this report, with the assistance of the ACC Center for Public Policy and Political Studies Director Peck Young and External Affairs staffer Maxine Kaplan. The maps were prepared by Sean Moran Chair of the GIS Department at Austin Community College.

Findings and Analysis:

In the 46 counties out of 254 that account for 83% of all the votes cast in the race for governor, straight ticket voting reached the Presidential year level of 59.17% of all ballots cast. This is greater than the level of straight ticket votes reached in 2008 when it represented 57.7% of the votes cast in the top 46 counties. This is not the traditional pattern for gubernatorial elections.

Gubernatorial Elections

1998 straight ticket ballots equaled 47.6%

2002 straight ticket ballots equaled 49.6%

2006 straight ticket ballots equaled 45%

In 2010, straight ticket voting tracked presidential levels indicating that the 2010 election was nationalized.

- II. Among straight ticket voters, Republicans received 58% of the vote, Democrats received 41%, and Libertarians received .7%. This is the poorest Democratic showing since 2004 when the Republican Party received 57% to the Democrats 43%. Further, it is a major collapse for Democrats who just two years ago got 49% to the Republicans 50%.
- III. Among swing voters for governor, the Democrats did better than they did among straight ticket voters. White received 44% of the swing votes in his race, where only 49% of the swing vote went for the Republican Governor Perry. This was not true of down ballot candidates statewide. The Republicans "weakest" statewide candidates got 63% and 64% of the swing vote in their races respectively.
- IV. In the <u>last three Texas general elections</u>, <u>nine counties</u> have made up <u>between 51-54% of the total vote</u>: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, Denton, Fort Bend and El Paso. In 2004, these counties represented 52.93% of the total vote. In 2008, these nine counties represented 54.32% of the total vote.
 - a. Although <u>nine counties made up 53.1% of the total vote in 2010, like previous years</u>, the list of counties is slightly different. The list is comprised of the counties mentioned above, however, in 2010, <u>Montgomery</u> replaced El Paso.
 - b. In 2010, the <u>straight ticket votes</u> in these nine counties represented 62.8% of all votes cast. Like 2008, this was higher than the statewide level. However, unlike 2006 and 2008, <u>Democrats lost the straight ticket vote in these counties 42.8% to 56.6% Two years ago, Democrats won the top nine counties 53.8% to 46.5%. Further, in 2006 and 2008, Democrats won straight ticket voting in six of the nine counties (including El Paso which they won in 2010). In 2010, Democrats won only two counties in the top nine (Dallas and Travis).</u>

- V. In the 2010 election, we had 16 counties that accounted for 65.9% of all the votes cast in the governor's race. In these counties, 60.74%, or a little more than the statewide average, voted straight ticket. Of these, 56.09% voted Republican, 43.26% voted Democrat, while .6% voted Libertarian. Again, of these 16 counties, the Democrats only won five.
- VI. In the "best" statewide down ballot races for Democrats (Railroad Commissioner lost 36% to 59% and Agricultural Commissioner lost 36% to 61%), straight ticket voting represented 68% and 69% respectively of all the votes the Democratic candidates got. Straight ticket votes were a majority of the Republican candidates' votes (58% and 57% respectively). However, the Republicans in these races overwhelmingly won the swing votes in both races. In the Railroad Commissioner race, the GOP candidate won 63% of swing voters. In the Agricultural Commissioners' race, the Republicans won 64.3% of the swing vote. In other down ballot state wide races, this trend was even more pronounced.

VEAD	CTW OF TDC	CODM OF CT	DEMO/ OF CT
YEAR	S.T.% OF TBC	GOP% OF S.T.	DEM% OF S.T.
1998	47.60%	52.68%	46.61%
2000	49%	51%	49%
2002	49.60%	52%	48%
2004	55.55%	57%	43%
2006	45.04%	51.33%	47.44%
2008	57.59%	50.28%	48.99%
2010	59.17%	58.12%	41.16%
ıbernatorial l	Elections Only		
Year	S.T.%OF TBC	GOP% OF S.T.	DEM%OF S.T.
1998	47.6%	52.7%	47%
2002	49.60%	52.0%	48%
2006	45.04%	51.33%	47.44%
2010	59.17%	58.12	41.16%

S.T.% of TBC Percentage of Straight Ticket Votes of Total Ballots Cast

GOP% of S.T. Republican Percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

DEM% of S.T. Democratic Percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

04 County	Total Votes	CI		GOP	GOP%	DEMO	DEMO%			TOT ST VTS
Harris	1,067,968	14.41%		368,838	53.24%	323,996	46.76%			692,83
Dallas	687,709	9.28%		215,161	48.55%	228,034	51.45%			443,19
Tarrant Tarrant	560,141	7.56%		222,445	62.28%	134,745	37.72%			357,19
Bexar	475,314	6.41%		137,314	51.73%	128,109	48.27%			265,42
Travis	352,113	4.75%		76,553	41.98%	105,784	58.02%			182,33
El Paso	169,573	2.29%		29,043	32.71%	59,735	67.29%			88,77
Collin	245,154	3.31%		112,279	75.39%	36,649	24.61%			148,92
Denton	201,410	2.72%		88,185	73.55%	31,714	26.45%			119,89
t Bend	163,169	2.20%		51,745	55.75%	41,065	44.25%			92,8
Γotal	3,922,551	52.93%		1,301,563	54.43%	1,089,831	45.57%			2,391,39
	, i			33.18%	54.43%	27.78%	45.57%			60.97%
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06 County	Total Votes	CI	TBC	GOP	GOP%	DEMO	DEMO%	LIB	LIB%	TOT ST VTS
Harris	589,348	13.40%	601,186	137,663	48.04%	145,865	50.90%	3,052	1.06%	286,58
Dallas	406,211	9.23%	409,886	108,000	45.18%	129,136	54.02%	1,913	0.80%	239,04
Tarrant	326,337	7.42%	329,340	92,948	57.36%	67,404	41.59%	1,697	1.05%	162,04
Bexar	274,081	6.23%	277,072	51,869	46.10%	58,737	52.20%	1,917	1.70%	112,52
Travis	226,176	5.14%	228,299	31,326	36.63%	52,462	61.34%	1,736	2.03%	85,52
El Paso	90,723	2.06%	93,654	10,154	26.98%	27,008	71.77%	467	1.24%	37,62
Collin	138,088	3.14%	139,247	46,621	70.78%	18,708	28.40%	541	0.82%	65,87
Denton	108,513	2.47%	109,327	36,385	70.11%	14,992	28.89%	518	1.00%	51,89
Ft. Bend	98,427	2.24%	100,526	23,556	47.82%	25,260	51.27%	448	0.91%	49,26
Total	2,257,904	51.33%	2,288,537	538,522	49.39%	539,572	49.48%	12,289	1.13%	1,090,38
			47.65%	23.53%		23.58%		0.54%		48.29%
				49.39%		49.48%		1.13%		
08 County	Total Votes	CI		GOP	GOP%	DEMO	DEMO%	LIB	LIB%	TOT ST VTS
Harris	1,167,285.00	14.49%		343,282.00	46.53%	390,444.00	52.92%	4,009.00	0.0054	737,735.0
Dallas	738,296.00	9.17%		187,746.00	39.17%	289,092.00	60.31%	2,504.00	0.0052	479,342.0
Tarrant	626,649.00	7.78%		210,053.00	53.67%	174,981.00	44.71%	2,376.00	0.0061	391,410.0
Bexar	524,634.00	6.51%		118,774.00	42.91%	155,389.00	56.14%	2,515.00	0.0091	276,774.0
Γravis	394,952.00	4.90%		66,303.00	34.23%	124,796.00	64.43%	2,596.00	0.0134	193,695.0
Collin	294,956.00	3.66%		112,595.00	66.20%	56,593.00	33.28%	888.00	0.0052	170,076.
Denton	242,145.00	3.01%		87,080.00	65.85%	44,093.00	33.34%	1,075.00	0.0081	132,248.
Fort Bend	202,225.00	2.51%		66,615.00	49.07%	68,426.00	50.40%	715.00	0.0053	135,756.
El Paso	184,336.00	2.29%		23,526.00	23.35%	76,479.00	75.91%	748.00	0.0074	100,753.
Total	4,375,478.00	54.32%		1,215,974.00	46.45%	1,380,293.00	52.73%	17,426.00	0.0067	2,617,789.
			_	27.79%	46.45%	31.55%	52.73%	0.398%	0.0067	59.83%

10 County	Total Votes	CI	GOP	GOP%	DEMO	DEMO%	LIB	LIB%	TOT ST VTS
Harris	786,846.00	0.158	289,903.00	54.45%	240017	45.08%	2501	0.47%	532,421.00
Dallas	423,720.00	0.085	132,218.00	46.21%	152,500.00	53.30%	1,376.00	0.48%	286,094.00
Tarrant	347,336.00	0.070	146,218.00	63.01%	84,307.00	36.33%	1,512.00	0.65%	232,037.00
Bexar	305,587.00	0.061	80,986.00	53.39%	69,586.00	45.87%	1,116.00	0.74%	151,688.00
Travis	237,825.00	0.048	46,828.00	39.67%	69,587.00	58.95%	1,620.00	1.37%	118,035.00
Collin	156,309.00	0.031	70,844.00	72.94%	25,464.00	26.22%	698.00	0.72%	97,129.00
Ft.Bend	139,017.00	0.028	51,925.00	56.90%	38,965.00	42.70%	371.00	0.41%	91,261.00
Denton	130,444.00	0.026	59,352.00	74.64%	19,626.00	24.68%	540.00	0.68%	79,518.00
Total	2,396,640.00	0.508	818,922.00	54.28%	680,426.00	45.10%	9,194.00	0.61%	1,508,665.00
			34.17%	54.60%	28.39%	45.10%	0.38%	0.61%	62.95%

No information given for Lib votes in '04.

Legend:

Total Votes: Total Votes cast in the county in the Gubernatorial/Presidential races

CI: Contribution Index, the percentage that the county contributes to the total vote

Total %: Cumulative Percentage Total of the county in that row and the counties listed above it

TBC: Total ballots cast in the county as reported by the County Clerk

GOP: Republican Straight Ticket Votes

GOP%: Republican Percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

DEMO: Democratic Straight Ticket Votes

DEMO%: Democratic Percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

LIB: Libertarian Straight Ticket Votes

LIB%: Libertarian Percentage of Straight Ticket Vote

TOT ST VTS: Total Straight Ticket Votes

_	Calculations for top nine counties in the 2010 Governor Race											
Contribution Index	County	Total Votes GOV	TOT ST VTS	% of Tot VT	GOP ST	GOP%	DEMO ST	DEMO%	LIB ST	LIB %		
0.158	Harris	786,846.00	532,421.00	67.67%	289,903.00	54.45%	240,017.00	45.08%	2,501	0.47%		
0.085	Dallas	423,720.00	286,094.00	67.52%	132,218.00	46.21%	152,500.00	53.30%	1,376	0.48%		
0.070	Tarrant	347,336.00	232,037.00	66.80%	146,218.00	63.01%	84,307.00	36.33%	1,512	0.65%		
0.061	Bexar	305,587.00	151,688.00	49.64%	80,986.00	53.39%	69,586.00	45.87%	1,116	0.74%		
0.048	Travis	237,825.00	118,035.00	49.63%	46,828.00	39.67%	69,587.00	58.95%	1,620	1.37%		
0.031	Collin	156,309.00	97,129.00	62.14%	70,844.00	72.94%	25,464.00	26.22%	698	0.72%		
0.028	Ft.Bend	139,017.00	91,261.00	65.65%	51,925.00	56.90%	38,965.00	42.70%	371	0.41%		
0.026	Denton	130,444.00	79,518.00	60.96%	59,352.00	74.64%	19,626.00	24.68%	540	0.68%		
0.023	Montgomery	114,503.00	71,128.00	62.12%	60,435.00	84.97%	10,276.00	14.45%	417	0.59%		
0.508	TBC	2,641,587.00	1,659,311.00	62.81%	938,709.00	56.57%	710,328.00	42.81%	10,151	0.61%		
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Total Votes GOV: Total votes cast in the County in the gubernatorial race

CI: Contribution Index, the percentage that the county contributes to the total vote

TBC: Total ballots cast in the county as reported by the County Clerk

TOT ST VTS: Total Straight Ticket Votes

GOP: Republican Straight Ticket Votes

GOP%: Republican percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

DEMO: Democratic Straight Ticket Votes

DEMO%: Democratic percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

LIB: Libertarian Straight Ticket Votes

	Calculations for counties which equals 66% of Total Votes in the 2010 Governor's Race											
Contribution Index	County	Total Votes GOV	Tot ST VTS	% of Tot VTS	GOP ST	GOP %	DEMO ST	DEMO %	LIB ST	LIB %		
0.158	Harris	786,846.00	532,421.00	67.67%	289,903.00	54.45%	240,017.00	45.08%	2,501.00	0.47%		
0.085	Dallas	423,720.00	286,094.00	67.52%	132,218.00	46.21%	152,500.00	53.30%	1,376.00	0.48%		
0.070	Tarrant	347,336.00	232,037.00	66.80%	146,218.00	63.01%	84,307.00	36.33%	1,512.00	0.65%		
0.061	Bexar	305,587.00	151,688.00	49.64%	80,986.00	53.39%	69,586.00	45.87%	1,116.00	0.74%		
0.048	Travis	237,825.00	118,035.00	49.63%	46,828.00	39.67%	69,587.00	58.95%	1,620.00	1.37%		
0.031	Collin	156,309.00	97,129.00	62.14%	70,844.00	72.94%	25,464.00	26.22%	698.00	0.72%		
0.028	Ft.Bend	139,017.00	91,261.00	65.65%	51,925.00	56.90%	38,965.00	42.70%	371.00	0.41%		
0.026	Denton	130,444.00	79,518.00	60.96%	59,352.00	74.64%	19,626.00	24.68%	540.00	0.68%		
0.023	Montgomery	114,503.00	71,128.00	62.12%	60,435.00	84.97%	10,276.00	14.45%	417.00	0.59%		
0.020	Williamson	101,071.00	50,088.00	49.56%	34,948.00	69.77%	14,532.00	29.01%	608.00	1.21%		
0.018	El Paso	88,401.00	46,933.00	53.09%	15,433.00	32.88%	30,998.00	66.05%	502.00	1.07%		
0.015	Galveston	75,638.00	44,154.00	58.38%	27,989.00	63.39%	15,969.00	36.17%	196.00	0.44%		
0.015	Hidalgo	73,037.00	45,112.00	61.77%	12,282.00	27.23%	32,474.00	71.99%	356.00	0.79%		
0.015	Brazoria	70,568.00	38,562.00	54.65%	26,861.00	69.66%	11,490.00	29.80%	211.00	0.55%		
0.012	Nueces	61,835.00	26,490.00	42.84%	14,094.00	53.20%	12,190.00	46.02%	206.00	0.78%		
0.011	Jefferson	54,896.00	33,995.00	61.93%	15,761.00	46.36%	18,140.00	53.36%	94.00	0.28%		
0.011	Mclennan	54,752.00	22,248.00	40.63%	12,748.00	57.30%	9,373.00	42.13%	127.00			
0.011	Lubbock	53,529.00	22,657.00	42.33%	17,193.00	75.88%	5,262.00	23.22%	202.00			
0.659	TBC	3,275,314.00	1,989,550.00	60.74%	1,116,018.00	56.09%	860,756.00	43.26%	12,653.00	0.64%		

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GOP%: Republican percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

DEMO: Democratic Straight Ticket Votes

DEMO%: Democratic percentage of the Straight Ticket Vote

LIB: Libertarian Straight Ticket Votes

			10 Straight Tic	ket Calculatio	ns for all Cou	nties				
Contribution Index	County	Total Votes GOV	TOT ST VTS	% of Tot VT	GOP ST	GOP%	DEMO ST	DEMO%	LIB ST	LIB %
0.158	Harris	786,846.00	532,421.00	67.67%	289,903.00	54.45%	240,017.00	45.08%	2,501.00	0.47%
0.085	Dallas	423,720.00	286,094.00	67.52%	132,218.00	46.21%	152,500.00	53.30%	1,376.00	0.48%
0.070	Tarrant	347,336.00	232,037.00	66.80%	146,218.00	63.01%	84,307.00	36.33%	1,512.00	0.65%
0.061	Bexar	305,587.00	151,688.00	49.64%	80,986.00	53.39%	69,586.00	45.87%	1,116.00	0.74%
0.048	Travis	237,825.00	118,035.00	49.63%	46,828.00	39.67%	69,587.00	58.95%	1,620.00	1.37%
0.031	Collin	156,309.00	97,129.00	62.14%	70,844.00	72.94%	25,464.00	26.22%	698.00	0.72%
0.028	Ft.Bend	139,017.00	91,261.00	65.65%	51,925.00	56.90%	38,965.00	42.70%	371.00	0.41%
	Denton	130,444.00	79,518.00	60.96%	59,352.00	74.64%	19,626.00	24.68%	540.00	0.68%
	Montgomery	114,503.00	71,128.00	62.12%	60,435.00	84.97%	10,276.00	14.45%	417.00	0.59%
	Williamson	101,071.00	50,088.00	49.56%	34,948.00	69.77%	14,532.00	29.01%	608.00	1.21%
	El Paso	88,401.00	46,933.00	53.09%	15,433.00	32.88%	30,998.00	66.05%	502.00	1.07%
	Galveston	75,638.00	44,154.00	58.38%	27,989.00	63.39%	15,969.00	36.17%	196.00	0.44%
	Hidalgo	73,037.00	45,112.00	61.77%	12,282.00	27.23%	32,474.00	71.99%	356.00	0.79%
	Brazoria	70,568.00	38,562.00	54.65%	26,861.00	69.66%	11,490.00	29.80%	211.00	0.55%
0.012	Nueces	61,835.00	26,490.00	42.84%	14,094.00	53.20%	12,190.00	46.02%	206.00	0.78%
0.011	Jefferson	54,896.00	33,995.00	61.93%	15,761.00	46.36%	18,140.00	53.36%	94.00	0.28%
0.011	Mclennan	54,752.00	22,248.00	40.63%	12,748.00	57.30%	9,373.00	42.13%	127.00	0.57%
	Lubbock	53,529.00	22,657.00	42.33%	17,193.00	75.88%	5,262.00	23.22%	202.00	0.89%
	Smith	51,657.00		59.47%	22,772.00	74.13%	7,786.00	25.35%	160.00	0.52%
0.009		46,425.00	26,203.00	56.44%	17,268.00	65.90%	8,738.00	33.35%	197.00	0.75%
	Cameron	40,977.00		50.77%	7,619.00	36.62%	12,879.00	61.91%	306.00	1.47%
0.008		39,599.00	11,311.00	28.56%	6,878.00	60.81%	4,312.00	38.12%	121.00	1.07%
	Brazos	37,665.00	14,849.00	39.42%	10,305.00	69.40%	4,397.00	29.61%	147.00	0.99%
0.006		30,998.00	17,548.00	56.61%	13,717.00	78.17%	3,698.00	21.07%	133.00	0.76%
	Randall	30,757.00	16,296.00	52.98%	14,382.00	88.25%	1,781.00	10.93%	133.00	0.82%
	Johnson	30,638.00	16,878.00	55.09%	13,725.00	81.32%	3,027.00	17.93%	126.00	0.75%
	Guadalupe	30,382.00	16,387.00	53.94%	12,118.00	73.95%	4,129.00	25.20%	140.00	0.85%
	Parker	30,319.00	17,820.00	58.78%	15,244.00	85.54%	2,431.00	13.64%	145.00	0.81%
	Webb	29,506.00	16,080.00	54.50%	2,197.00	13.66%	13,589.00	84.51%	294.00	1.83%
	Midland	27,889.00	15,109.00	54.18%	12,964.00	85.80%	2,047.00	13.55%	98.00	0.65%
	Grayson	26,895.00	14,436.00	53.68%	10,936.00	75.76%	3,411.00	23.63%	89.00	0.62%
0.005	Taylor	26,777.00	14,964.00	55.88%	12,115.00	80.96%	2,693.00	18.00%	156.00	1.04%
	Wichita	25,483.00	13,521.00	53.06%	10,309.00	76.24%	3,146.00	23.27%	66.00	0.49%
	Gregg	25,381.00	16,039.00	63.19%	11,735.00	73.17%	4,232.00	26.39%	72.00	0.45%
	Tom Green	22,663.00	11,923.00	52.61%	9,446.00	79.23%	2,324.00	19.49%	153.00	1.28%
	Bowie	22,636.00	10,015.00	44.24%	5,902.00	58.93%	4,050.00	40.44%	63.00	0.63%
	Kaufman	19,936.00	11,892.00	59.65%	8,712.00	73.26%	3,108.00	26.14%	72.00	0.61%
0.004		19,570.00	12,268.00	62.69%	8,712.00	71.01%	2,423.00	19.75%	72.00	0.59%
	Victoria	19,468.00	6,758.00	34.71%	4,394.00	65.02%	2,297.00	33.99%	67.00	0.99%
	Angelina	19,301.00	9,643.00	49.96%	6,248.00	64.79%	3,341.00	34.65%	54.00	0.56%
	Orange	19,101.00	9,909.00	51.88%	7,100.00	71.65%	2,743.00	27.68%	66.00	0.67%
	Bastrop	18,971.00	7,301.00	38.49%	3,892.00	53.31%	3,317.00	45.43%	92.00	1.26%
	Rockwall	18,844.00	11,056.00	58.67%	9,252.00	83.68%	1,741.00	15.75%	63.00	0.57%
	Henderson	18,792.00	16,681.00	88.77%	5,307.00	31.81%	11,263.00	67.52%	111.00	0.67%
0.004		17,806.00	8,176.00	45.92%	6,174.00	75.51%	1,945.00	23.79%	57.00	0.70%
	Harrison	17,317.00	7,069.00	40.82%	4,420.00	62.53%	2,593.00	36.68%	56.00	0.79%
0.802	IRC	4,041,067.00	2,391,204.00	59.17%	1,389,861.00	58.12%	984,197.00	41.16%	15,962.00	0.67%

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			2010	Swing Calculation	ns			
ST GOP Vote for Gov.	Total for GOP	% of Total VT that is ST	ST GOP Vote for AG. Comr.	Total for GOP	% of Total VT that is ST	ST GOP Vote for RR. Comr.	Total for GOP	% of Total VT that is ST
GOP Tot VT for GOV	2,733,748		GOP TOT VT FOR AG Comr.	2,948,992		GOP TOT VT FOR RR Comr.	2,875,744	
GOP ST VT TOT	1,710,159	62.6%	GOP ST VT TOT	1,710,159	58.0%	GOP ST VT TOT	1,710,159	59.5%
GOP Swing VT TOT	1,023,589	37.4%	GOP SW VT FOR AG Comr.	1,238,833	42.0%	GOP SW VT FOR RR Comr.	1,165,585	40.5%
ST DEM Vote for Gov.	Total for DEM	% of Total VT that is ST	ST DEM Vote for AG. Comr.	Total for DEM	% of Total VT that is ST	ST DEM Vote for RR. Comr.	Total for DEM	% of Total VT that is ST
DEMO TOT VT GOV	2,102,606		DEMO VT FOR AG Comr.	1,734,615		DEMO VT FOR RR Comr.	1,753,625	
DEMO ST VT TOT	1,189,216	56.6%	DEMO ST VT TOT	1,189,216	68.6%	DEMO ST VT TOT	1,189,216	67.8%
DEMO Swing VT TOT	913,390	43.4%	DEMO SW VT FOR AG Comr.	545,399	31.4%	DEMO SW VT FOR RR Comr.	564,409	32.2%
ST LIB Vote for Gov.	Total for LIB	% of Total VT that is ST	ST LIB Vote for AG. Comr.	Total for LIB	% of Total VT that is ST	ST LIB Vote for RR. Comr.	Total for LIB	% of Total VT that is ST
LIB TOT VT GOV	109,057		LIB VT FOR AG Comr.	163,706		LIB VT FOR RR Comr.	138,707	
LIB ST VT TOT	20,225	18.5%	LIB ST VT TOT	20,225	12.4%	LIB ST VT TOT	20,225	14.69
LIB Swing VT TOT	88,832	81.5%	LIB SW VT TOT	143,481	87.6%	LIB SW VT TOT	118,482	85.49
TOT SWING VOTE	2,027,544		TOT SW IN AG Comr. RACE	1,927,713.0		TOT SW IN RR Comr.	1,849,476.00	
GOP SWING VOTE	1,023,589	48.8%	GOP SW VT IN AG Comr. RACE	1,238,833.0	64.3%	GOP SW VT IN RR Comr.	1,165,585.00	63.0%
DEMO SWING VOTE	915,123	44.4%	DEMO SW VT IN AG Comr. RACE	545,399.0	28.3%	DEMO SW VT IN RR Comr.	565,409.00	30.6%
LIB SWING VOTE	88,832	4.3%	LIB SW VT IN AG Comr. RACE	143,481.0	7.4%	LIB SW VT IN RR Comr.	118,482.00	6.4%

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0.018	El Paso	88,401.00	46,933.00	53.09%	15,433.00	32.88%	30,998.00	66.05%	502.00	1.07%		
0.015	Hidalgo	73,037.00	45,112.00	61.77%	12,282.00	27.23%	32,474.00	71.99%	356.00	0.79%		
0.012	Nueces	61,835.00	26,490.00	42.84%	14,094.00	53.20%	12,190.00	46.02%	206.00	0.78%		
0.008	Cameron	40,977.00	20,804.00	50.77%	7,619.00	36.62%	12,879.00	61.91%	306.00	1.47%		
0.006	Webb	29,506.00	16,080.00	54.50%	2,197.00	13.66%	13,589.00	84.51%	294.00	1.83%		
		293,756.00	155,419.00	52.91%	51,625.00	33.22%	102,130.00	65.71%	1,664.00	1.07%		

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