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TOLLAND COUNTY'S VOTER TURNOUT IN 2022 VERSUS 2026 MIDTERMS



Hand reaching for a "vote" pin in a pile of U.S.A. flags and pins. Voter turnout rates in Connecticut for the 2026 midterms outpaced national statistics.

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The midterm elections saw Democrats across the nation win public offices, demonstrating the shifts in American public opinion since the previous midterms. Many Democratic candidates in Connecticut campaigned on issues in direct opposition to the Trump administration's policies and won with substantial margins of victory.

In Connecticut, the state's voter turnout percentage for the 2026 general midterm elections, 57.3%, outpaces that of the national voter turnout percentage, 49%, according to the preliminary findings of the University of Florida's Election Lab. Connecticut's voter turnout has seen small changes when compared to the 2022 midterm elections, where the Office of the Secretary of State reported that 57.6% of eligible voters cast ballots.

The steadiness in voter turnout observed statewide is reflected in Tolland County, where voter turnout went nearly unchanged. On Nov. 3, 65.36% of eligible voters in the town of Tolland cast ballots, a difference of 8.06 percentage points greater than Connecticut's voter turnout percentage. This percentage has remained the same for Tolland, with the 2022 midterms observing a voter turnout percentage of 65.78%.

This trend holds true for towns in Tolland County like Coventry and Vernon. The Office of the Secretary of the State reports a voter turnout of 66.15% in 2022 and 67.26% in 2026 for Coventry, and 56.99% in 2022 and 60.10% in 2026 for Vernon. These marginal changes to voter turnout percentages is also observed in Tolland County towns like Andover (72.67% to 68.40%), Columbia (69.40% to 69.18%) and Willington (67.86% to 65.16%), suggesting a steadiness in voter turnout.

The statistics of the town of Mansfield suggests an outlier to these trends. The voter turnout in Mansfield for the 2022 elections was 71.90%, well above the state's average of 57.26%. For the 2026 midterm elections, the Secretary of State reported that 58.39% of eligible voters in Mansfield voted in last Tuesday's election, even with an increase in the numbers of eligible voters in Mansfield. It is also reported that Mansfield had 1,152 same-day registrations issued for last Tuesday's election. This was the second-highest value recorded in the state of Connecticut, surpassed only by New Haven, which recorded 1,225 same-day registrations issued and counted. Same-day registration is a 2012 policy allowing prospective voters to register at the polls on the day and is also available for Connecticut residents looking to vote in the general election.

The statistics published by the Office of the Secretary of State also provide insights into the number of absentee ballots and early ballots received and counted for the 2026 midterm elections. In Tolland, all 218 absentee ballots and 3,137 early ballots were counted and received by election officials.



Close-up of hands holding pins symbolizing U.S. voting. Voter turnout rates in Connecticut for the 2026 midterms outpaced national statistics.

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