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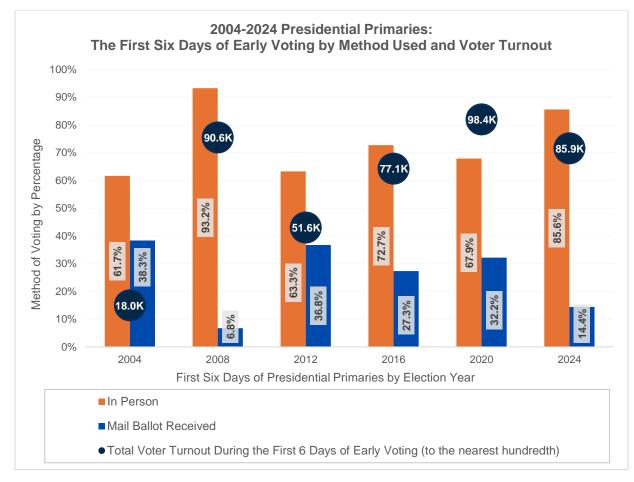
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Voters Encouraged to Vote Early Ahead of the March 5 Primary Elections Early Voting Ends Friday, March 1

(HOUSTON, TX) – Early voting for the first-ever Joint Primary Elections in Harris County is underway, and, as of Sunday, February 25, 2024, over 85,570 votes have been recorded.

"It's exciting to see Harris County voters participating in early voting, especially during an election with more than 100 races for federal, state, and local offices," **explained Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, the county's chief election official**. "The journey to the November general election is shaped by voters helping to determine their party's candidates during the March 5th Primaries."

This year, more voters are opting to vote in person at one of 79 early voting polling locations around the county. Of the votes so far, 85.57% of votes were cast in-person and 14.43% votes were ballots received by mail.



"There is still time to cast your ballot during early voting and avoid waiting until Election Day," **added Clerk Hudspeth**. "Voters can minimize the chance that unforeseen circumstances like unexpected illness, weather, or other barriers prevent them from voting on Election Day by visiting an early voting location this week."

Early voting ends Friday, March 1. Across Harris County, 79 Early Voting polling centers are open daily from 7 am-7 pm. Voters can visit <u>www.HarrisVotes.com</u> to find their nearest polling location, view estimated wait times, and to learn more election information. For news and updates, follow us on social media at **@HarrisVotes.**