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Vote-by-Mail (VBM) Rejected by County

Table 14: California Rejected Vote-by-Mail Ballots by County*
2018 General Election

	2010 # of Rejected VBM Ballots	2010 % of VBM Rejected	2012 # of Rejected VBM Ballots	2012 % of VBM Rejected	2014 # of Rejected VBM Ballots	2014 % of VBM Rejected	2016 # of Rejected VBM Ballots	2016 % of VBM Rejected	2018 # of Rejected VBM Ballots	2018 % of VBM Rejected
Alameda	no report	n/a	459	0.1%	1,871	0.8%	1,983	0.4%	428,001	0.8%
Alpine	10	1.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	5	0.8%	626	0.8%
Amador	52	0.5%	123	1.1%	53	0.6%	25	0.2%	12,793	0.0%
Butte	384	0.8%	1,765	3.0%	577	1.2%	661	0.9%	66,652	1.1%
Calaveras	32	0.2%	157	1.0%	90	0.8%	58	0.3%	16,436	1.0%
Colusa	no report	n/a	31	0.9%	22	0.8%	23	0.5%	3,235	0.9%
Contra Costa	2,986	1.5%	2,656	1.1%	1,754	1.0%	1,261	0.4%	290,417	0.6%
Del Norte	238	5.0%	281	5.1%	271	5.9%	121	1.9%	5,541	0.3%
El Dorado	823	1.5%	761	1.2%	486	1.0%	unavailable	n/a	71,712	1.0%
Fresno	2,256	1.9%	804	0.6%	1,246	1.2%	1,838	1.1%	163,391	0.5%
Glenn	32	0.5%	19	0.3%	22	0.4%	27	0.4%	6,985	10.9%
Humboldt	234	0.9%	225	0.7%	433	1.9%	150	0.4%	35,542	0.4%
Imperial	12,565	55.6%	515	2.5%	unavailable	n/a	561	2.0%	20,990	1.3%
Inyo	31	0.7%	104	2.0%	41	1.0%	23	0.4%	5,300	0.7%
Kern	1,327	1.3%	1,297	1.1%	1,059	1.2%	1,153	0.8%	134,405	1.7%
Kings	645	3.3%	624	2.5%	245	1.3%	55	0.2%	24,418	1.7%
Lake	816	6.0%	198	1.4%	220	1.8%	149	0.9%	15,416	1.6%
Lassen	53	1.5%	22	0.6%	27	0.5%	13	0.2%	4,091	0.8%
Los Angeles	72,363	9.6%	8,425	0.9%	41,519	6.7%	13,919	1.1%	1,350,313	1.2%
Madera	1,422	6.1%	284	1.1%	1,145	5.9%	143	0.5%	34,534	1.6%
Marin	822	1.2%	605	0.7%	1,269	2.0%	1,048	1.0%	97,450	0.5%
Mariposa	763	13.1%	74	1.4%	345	6.8%	47	0.7%	6,164	0.8%
Mendocino	99	0.4%	126	0.4%	285	1.4%	unavailable	n/a	29,504	1.8%
Merced	328	1.4%	257	0.8%	482	2.1%	296	0.8%	33,173	3.0%
Modoc	36	1.4%	45	1.6%	75	3.4%	34	1.2%	2,722	0.6%
Mono	71	2.6%	126	3.9%	151	6.9%	22	0.7%	3,265	1.2%
Monterey	932	1.3%	621	0.7%	460	0.8%	708	0.7%	89,347	1.2%
Napa	364	0.9%	504	1.0%	434	1.2%	421	0.7%	57,090	0.7%
Nevada	375	1.0%	84	0.2%	334	1.1%	25	0.1%	51,937	0.6%
Orange	3,804	0.8%	3,159	0.5%	2,664	0.7%	2,831	0.4%	713,306	0.7%
Placer	521	0.6%	713	0.6%	645	0.8%	633	0.5%	130,829	0.6%
Plumas	41	0.7%	78	1.1%	68	1.2%	1	0.0%	9,390	0.0%
Riverside	3,681	1.4%	3,089	0.8%	2,577	1.1%	6,527	1.3%	455,939	2.3%
Sacramento	3,050	1.3%	3,116	1.0%	1,991	0.9%	1,957	0.5%	492,373	0.8%
San Benito	82	0.8%	208	1.6%	104	1.1%	104	0.6%	17,537	1.4%
San Bernardino	1,041	0.5%	4,020	1.4%	3,048	1.7%	1,906	0.5%	336,873	1.3%
San Diego	5,004	1.0%	3,044	0.4%	2,744	0.6%	3,755	0.4%	804,269	0.3%
San Francisco	2,058	1.4%	3,257	1.7%	2,520	1.8%	2,175	0.8%	244,962	1.6%
San Joaquin	6,209	5.6%	6,246	4.5%	1,507	1.7%	1,063	0.7%	139,857	0.9%
San Luis Obispo	589	0.9%	1,087	1.3%	880	1.4%	1,177	1.2%	97,096	1.1%
San Mateo	1,384	1.2%	4,214	2.5%	1,447	1.3%	925	0.4%	256,053	1.1%
Santa Barbara	1,017	1.2%	3,521	3.5%	724	0.9%	876	0.7%	112,662	0.9%
Santa Clara	4,725	1.2%	5,111	1.1%	3,962	1.3%	3,765	0.7%	486,957	0.8%
Santa Cruz	753	1.5%	155	0.2%	302	0.7%	319	0.4%	82,868	0.8%
Shasta	264	0.7%	437	0.9%	227	0.6%	232	0.4%	48,562	0.8%
Sierra	8	0.4%	80	4.2%	49	2.9%	7	0.4%	1,698	1.7%
Siskiyou	376	3.0%	216	1.6%	145	1.4%	64	0.4%	13,672	1.7%
Solano	184	0.3%	303	0.3%	205	0.3%	323	0.3%	102,523	0.8%
Sonoma	1,246	0.9%	843	0.5%	866	0.8%	886	0.5%	171,246	0.9%
Stanislaus	631	0.8%	752	0.8%	1,176	1.7%	1,124	0.9%	122,059	1.2%
Sutter	253	1.4%	157	0.7%	208	1.3%	265	1.0%	23,820	1.4%
Tehama	124	0.9%	131	0.9%	102	0.9%	90	0.5%	15,564	1.2%
Trinity	1,263	25.7%	61	1.5%	75	2.5%	27	0.6%	4,151	0.6%
Tulare	631	1.7%	859	1.4%	644	1.5%	698	0.9%	71,557	1.2%
Tuolumne	108	0.7%	147	0.8%	pending	n/a	222	1.1%	20,217	5.7%
Ventura	2,248	1.7%	2,303	1.4%	1,620	1.3%	1,064	0.5%	198,612	0.9%
Yolo	157	0.5%	36	0.1%	133	0.5%	88	0.2%	52,643	0.9%
Yuba	730	7.1%	224	1.9%	646	7.2%	436	2.8%	13,743	2.4%
California* *	142,241	2.8%	68,759	1.0%	86,196	1.9%	58,309	0.7%	8,302,488	1.0%

Data Source: California Secretary of State

*Percent of cast VBM ballots that were rejected and uncounted.

**The California Secretary of State's office notes that these numbers were provided by the individual county elections offices. Because not all counties provided information, no complete statewide data is available.