Every past ballot matched a real voter.

A plain-language review of Mississippi's 2,112,460 voter registrations and 25,911,769 verified past ballot records (including +835,571 added in 2025–2026) — and the routine list maintenance that remains in each of the state's 82 counties.

0	64 of 82	82.1%
unmatched ballot records of 25,911,769 checked (+835,571 in 2025–26)	**counties in the normal range** the rest each have one main task	**of out-of-state movers** already marked Inactive

Source: Mississippi statewide voter roll and voting history, October 26, 2026 extracts

Prepared November 3, 2026

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Four things to know

01 No phantom ballots (+835,571 added in 2025–2026).

Cumulative ballot records grew from 25,076,198 through 2024 by +835,571 in 2025–2026 (505,039 in 2025, 330,532 in 2026 in the history file, plus 129 recent voter-roll stamps) to 25,911,769 verified ballot credits; 0 are unmatched. The March 10, 2026 U.S. Congressional Primary shows 64 records credited twice on the same day out of 309,862 voters (88 in November 2024) — a clerical scan issue, easily corrected.

02 Most "red flags" are ordinary buildings and families.

Before any list was made, we set aside campus housing and care homes (6,835 voters), apartment complexes (3,035), 6,146 Jr./Sr. households, and 4,346 homes on streets with names like "Marshall Place."

03 Clerks are already handling people who moved.

Of 13,622 voters with an out-of-state mailing address, 11,178 (82.1%) are already Inactive under federal rules. 2,444 active voters still need a confirmation notice.

04 Each county has its own to-do list.

64 counties sit in the normal range for their size. The other 18 each lean toward one task: unit numbers for dorms and apartments, out-of-state mail and duplicates, or precincts with more than 3,000 voters (123 statewide).

The findings point to housekeeping — addresses, mail and precinct size — not to ballots that cannot be accounted for.

WHAT YOU CAN DO THIS MONTH

01 Look up your county.

Find it in the county table at the back. The "main task" column tells you where to start.

02 Send confirmation notices.

Prioritize the 2,444 active voters statewide who receive mail out of state.

03 Review busy precincts.

Consider splits or extra poll-book stations where a precinct has more than 3,000 voters.

HOW THE LISTS WERE MADE

Ordinary explanations, set aside first

Simple computer searches flag college dorms, nursing homes, fathers and sons who share a name, and streets that happen to contain the word “hall.” Each check below starts with that raw count, removes the ordinary explanations, and leaves only what a clerk would actually review. Gray is what was set aside; marigold amber is what remains.

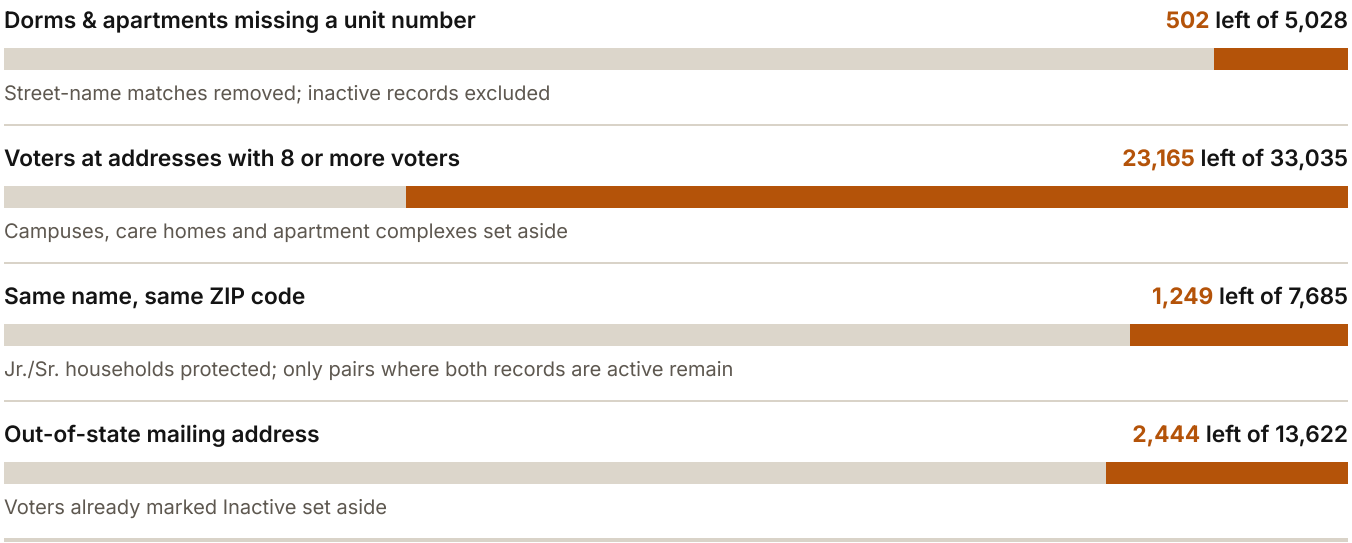


Figure 1. Raw count of records each simple check would flag (full bar) and what remains after ordinary explanations are set aside (marigold amber).

BALLOT HISTORY (OCTOBER 26, 2026 EXTRACT)

Ballot records by major election (2016–2026)

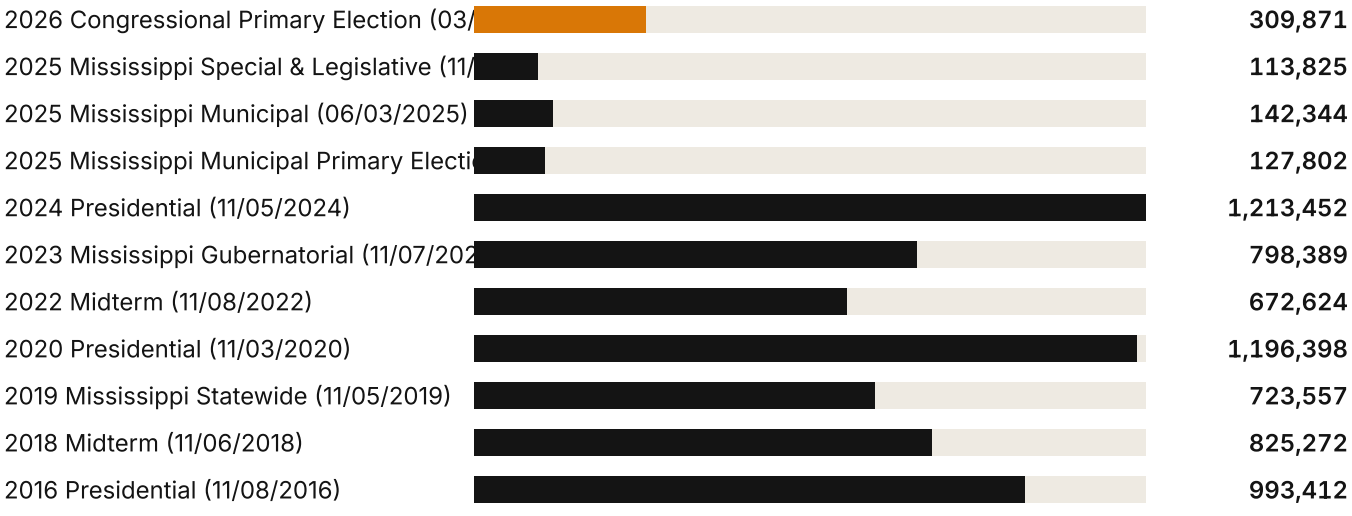


Figure 2. Ballot records per election in the October 26, 2026 statewide history file (25,911,769 total verified ballots, including +835,571 added in 2025–2026), each matched to a registration by voter ID. Unmatched records: 0.

82 COUNTIES AT A GLANCE

Where each county's work lies

Each circle is a county, sized by registered voters. Further right means more address work (dorms, apartments, crowded homes); higher means more out-of-state mail and duplicate records. Open circles are in the normal range for their size. The ten highest-scoring counties are labeled in marigold amber.

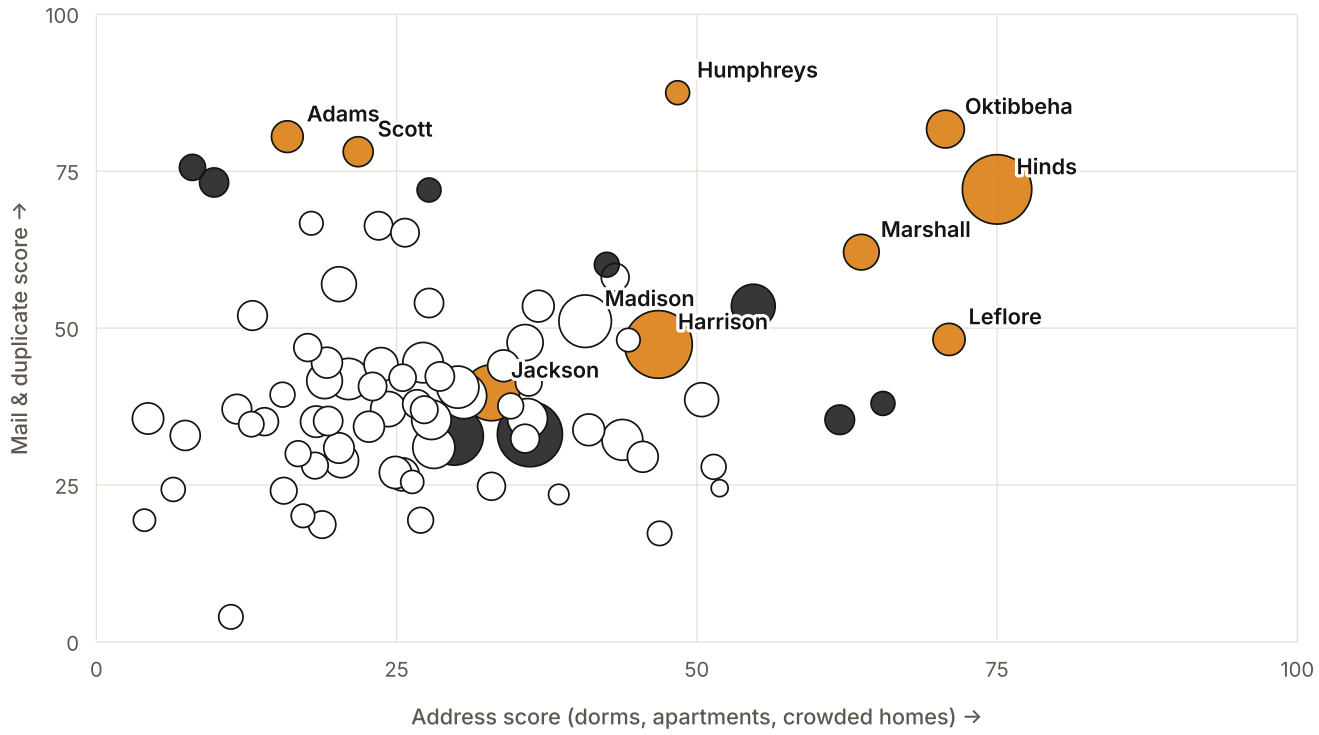


Figure 3. Scores are 0–100 relative to other Mississippi counties. The interactive 3D version, which adds precinct size as a third direction, is at marigoldinsights.org/manifold. Table: the eight highest-scoring of the 18 counties outside the normal range; all 82 are listed at the back.

COUNTY	VOTERS	ADDRESS	MAIL/DUP.	PRECINCT	SCORE	MAIN TASK
Hinds	173,149	75	72	51	67.6	All three areas
Oktibbeha	32,785	71	82	35	66.6	All three areas
Harrison	163,345	47	47	90	63.0	All three areas
Humphreys	6,577	48	88	13	59.1	All three areas
Leflore	20,008	71	48	36	54.7	All three areas
Marshall	27,673	64	62	18	53.5	All three areas
Jackson	100,451	33	40	72	49.6	Large precincts
Adams	19,034	16	81	11	48.3	Mail & duplicates

WHAT WE LOOKED FOR

The ten checks, and what each found

CHECK 1

Addresses with eight or more voters

2,449 addresses qualify. Most are campuses, care homes and apartment complexes. 2,269 are single-family homes holding 23,165 registrations — usually past residents who moved without cancelling. Locations are withheld; counties can find them in their own system.

CHECK 2

Dorms and apartments missing a room number

A search for "hall" also catches "Mars*hall* Place." Matching whole words removed 4,346 false hits and left 682 campus and apartment records (502 active).

CHECK 3

Out-of-state mailing addresses

13,622 records; 82.1% already Inactive. 2,444 active voters need a confirmation notice.

CHECK 4

P.O. boxes in the home-address field

380 records (212 active). A physical address is needed to assign a precinct. Box numbers are not shown.

CHECK 5

Placeholder dates such as 1801

5,607 records carry default dates or text from the move off paper records. Clerical, not suspicious.

CHECK 6

Same-name duplicates

6,146 Jr./Sr. households protected. Within a ZIP code, 1,539 exact name matches at different addresses; 1,249 have both records active and merit review.

CHECK 7

Registration spikes (including October 2026)

82,461 voters registered in 2026 through October 26, peaking on 10/05/2026 (5,541 registrations on the 2026 30-day statutory deadline; all-time peak 13,731 on 10/05/2020) — the expected deadline pattern.

CHECK 8

Precincts with more than 3,000 voters

123 of 1,742 precincts exceed 3,000 registered voters, concentrated in fast-growing counties.

CHECK 9

The first-digit test

Auditors check whether leading digits follow a natural curve (Benford's law). Precinct registration totals fit (score 9.16; under 15.51 passes). Turnout totals do not (score 30.12), because counties deliberately size precincts — a known limit of the test, not a warning sign.

CHECK 10

County comparison

All 82 counties scored on the three areas above and compared with counties of similar size. See the final pages.

LARGEST PRECINCTS	COUNTY	VOTERS	ACTIVE
North Bay (1051)	Harrison	**9,868**	7,939
Lyman (2031)	Harrison	**8,857**	7,616
Oxford 2 (201)	Lafayette	**8,403**	7,206
North Bel-Aire (4091)	Harrison	**7,617**	5,960
Fontainebleau (0503)	Jackson	**7,544**	6,158

LARGEST PRECINCTS	COUNTY	VOTERS	ACTIVE
East Central (0105)	Jackson	7,439	6,639

PATTERNS ACROSS COUNTIES

Which issues travel together

A connection score near 1 means two measures rise and fall together across counties; near 0 means no pattern. Where raw counts would simply reflect county size, we compare rates per 1,000 voters instead. A connection is not proof that one issue causes the other.

01 Do counties with more movers also have more duplicate records?

0.05 · Little or no link · Out-of-state mail vs. same-ZIP duplicates (both per 1,000 voters)

Straight-line fit: +1 out-of-state mailing per 1,000 voters goes with +0.01 duplicate pairs per 1,000 voters. No clear pattern once county size is taken into account. Treat these as separate tasks rather than expecting one fix to solve both.

02 Do bigger counties have more crowded addresses?

0.85 · Very strong positive link · County size vs. addresses with 8+ voters

Straight-line fit: about 14.2 more 8+ voter addresses for every 10,000 additional registered voters. Raw counts mostly track county size. That is why this report separates campuses, care homes and apartment complexes before showing single-family homes.

03 Do counties with more Inactive voters have more crowded addresses?

0.05 · Little or no link · Inactive share vs. voters at 8+ voter addresses (per 1,000 voters)

Statewide, 14.9% of voters at 8+ voter addresses are already marked Inactive. No clear pattern once county size is taken into account. Treat these as separate tasks rather than expecting one fix to solve both.

04 Do counties with crowded precincts also have more out-of-state mail?

-0.10 · Little or no link · Precincts over 3,000 voters vs. out-of-state mail (both size-adjusted)

Counties with 5 or more precincts over 3,000 voters (9 counties) hold 31.6% of active out-of-state mailings. No clear pattern once county size is taken into account. Treat these as separate tasks rather than expecting one fix to solve both.

05 Why the map uses three directions instead of one score

0.21 · Weak positive link · Address score (X) vs. mail & duplicate score (Y)

The two scores overlap only partly, so a single combined number would hide which task a county needs. Looking at addresses, mail moves and precinct size separately shows each county's own to-do list.

REFERENCE

County table

COUNTY	VOTERS	ACTIVE	8+ ADDR.	OUT-OF-STATE	DUP. PAIRS	3,000+ PREC.	SCORE	MAIN TASK
Adams	19,034	17,029	8	59	35	0	48.3	Mail & duplicates
Alcorn	25,422	24,109	14	35	35	0	36.1	Normal range
Amite	10,011	8,811	19	16	2	0	32.8	Normal range
Attala	11,605	10,358	7	19	5	0	30.1	Normal range
Benton	6,055	5,784	5	21	2	0	40.5	Normal range
Bolivar	18,551	17,997	28	31	14	0	38.5	Normal range
Calhoun	9,433	8,992	2	98	3	0	44.5	Mail & duplicates
Carroll	7,394	6,957	5	9	5	0	25.3	Normal range
Chickasaw	11,836	10,993	25	30	5	0	42.9	Normal range
Choctaw	5,287	5,026	5	4	1	0	22.6	Normal range
Claiborne	6,503	6,054	19	7	6	0	45.3	Unit numbers
Clarke	11,697	10,996	5	10	8	0	23.3	Normal range
Clay	14,303	13,304	17	33	6	0	36.1	Normal range
Coahoma	14,871	12,608	34	3	18	0	43.7	Unit numbers
Copiah	18,958	17,347	26	22	15	0	33.7	Normal range
Covington	12,649	12,494	11	35	11	0	41.8	Normal range
DeSoto	147,679	119,742	130	28	82	25	45.7	Large precincts
Forrest	52,018	44,976	101	48	76	2	46.6	All three areas
Franklin	5,938	5,294	5	3	1	0	16.8	Normal range
George	17,238	15,594	13	3	21	0	25.1	Normal range
Greene	8,192	7,375	4	5	8	0	23.4	Normal range
Grenada	14,896	12,605	5	24	12	0	32.6	Normal range
Hancock	39,389	37,475	52	32	20	2	33.1	Normal range
Harrison	163,345	134,424	219	112	125	22	63.0	All three areas
Hinds	173,149	165,189	431	355	203	8	67.6	All three areas
Holmes	12,488	12,359	13	35	12	0	41.8	Normal range
Humphreys	6,577	6,404	22	67	11	0	59.1	All three areas
Issaquena	813	768	3	0	3	0	34.3	Normal range
Itawamba	16,524	14,175	7	14	4	0	22.9	Normal range
Jackson	100,451	86,388	73	66	56	14	49.6	Large precincts
Jasper	11,379	10,616	16	9	10	0	27.9	Normal range
Jefferson	5,820	5,293	16	11	4	0	39.2	Normal range
Jefferson Davis	8,725	7,750	12	4	2	0	20.3	Normal range
Jones	46,054	43,224	43	21	43	0	31.0	Normal range
Kemper	7,246	6,126	14	6	1	0	35.2	Normal range
Lafayette	38,542	32,747	26	29	17	5	38.5	Normal range
Lamar	43,256	40,735	18	54	16	3	30.8	Normal range
Lauderdale	46,520	39,539	35	14	30	0	27.3	Normal range
Lawrence	8,671	7,677	6	7	4	0	21.6	Normal range
Leake	13,628	12,079	15	17	4	0	27.7	Normal range
Lee	57,730	50,292	38	54	20	5	37.8	Normal range

COUNTY	VOTERS	ACTIVE	8+ ADDR.	OUT-OF-STATE	DUP. PAIRS	3,000+ PREC.	SCORE	MAIN TASK
Leflore	20,008	19,026	60	28	19	1	54.7	All three areas
Lincoln	23,315	20,958	16	19	27	0	30.3	Normal range
Lowndes	41,932	37,004	59	22	19	5	37.6	Normal range
Madison	83,977	76,059	98	79	87	8	48.4	Normal range
Marion	17,288	15,888	11	23	9	0	29.0	Normal range
Marshall	27,673	24,167	28	70	12	1	53.5	All three areas
Monroe	24,615	23,384	14	6	19	0	22.2	Normal range
Montgomery	6,245	6,003	1	3	3	0	16.0	Normal range
Neshoba	17,842	15,923	10	15	10	0	24.2	Normal range
Newton	13,803	12,456	9	16	4	0	24.4	Normal range
Noxubee	7,421	7,065	19	21	4	0	43.8	All three areas
Oktibbeha	32,785	27,087	87	198	23	3	66.6	All three areas
Panola	24,013	22,129	51	23	13	0	38.8	Normal range
Pearl River	40,434	36,031	29	54	18	1	33.5	Normal range
Perry	8,842	7,983	15	11	5	0	30.7	Normal range
Pike	27,112	24,792	21	12	25	0	27.0	Normal range
Pontotoc	22,151	20,226	19	10	9	0	22.6	Normal range
Prentiss	15,277	13,642	2	10	9	0	21.4	Normal range
Quitman	4,606	4,384	0	2	1	0	12.1	Normal range
Rankin	111,613	98,654	62	28	58	14	44.9	Large precincts
Scott	15,461	13,360	13	101	8	0	47.8	Mail & duplicates
Sharkey	3,117	2,955	7	2	0	0	27.1	Normal range
Simpson	17,514	16,121	31	5	12	0	32.8	Normal range
Smith	11,143	10,976	4	6	1	0	16.1	Normal range
Stone	12,124	10,945	12	8	2	0	25.5	Normal range
Sunflower	13,298	10,998	22	6	11	0	29.5	Normal range
Tallahatchie	9,811	9,581	7	1	8	0	20.9	Normal range
Tate	20,018	18,283	16	7	11	1	24.0	Normal range
Tippah	14,704	13,392	4	10	12	0	25.7	Normal range
Tishomingo	14,043	12,414	3	71	6	0	43.9	Mail & duplicates
Tunica	6,864	5,544	14	1	1	0	30.8	Normal range
Union	18,041	16,983	1	23	2	0	21.9	Normal range
Walthall	10,683	9,507	13	8	12	0	29.2	Normal range
Warren	27,722	23,716	13	23	25	0	28.9	Normal range
Washington	28,915	24,368	46	18	47	2	37.3	Normal range
Wayne	13,905	12,729	18	12	14	0	30.7	Normal range
Webster	6,893	6,335	2	0	0	0	10.6	Normal range
Wilkinson	6,401	4,981	10	17	8	0	45.4	Mail & duplicates
Winston	12,644	11,893	11	16	8	0	28.3	Normal range
Yalobusha	9,550	8,043	4	6	2	0	18.2	Normal range
Yazoo	18,769	18,652	40	3	19	1	34.7	Normal range

“8+ addr.” counts addresses with eight or more registered voters. “Out-of-state” counts active voters with an out-of-state mailing address. “Dup. pairs” counts same-name, same-ZIP clusters. Score is 0–100, relative to other Mississippi counties.

HOW THIS WAS DONE

Method, limits and privacy

Data

Mississippi Statewide Voter Roll (October 26, 2026 extract) (2,112,460 registrations; 1,882,353 active, 230,107 inactive) and Mississippi Statewide Voting History (October 26, 2026 extract) (25,911,640 ballot records). Ballot records were matched to registrations by voter ID.

Verification

Headline counts in this report – registrations, active and inactive voters, every county total, out-of-state mail, P.O. boxes, precincts over 3,000, the first-digit test and ballot-record matching – were recomputed independently from the raw files and match.

Limits

County scores are relative, not pass/fail. The line between "normal range" and "main task" is a modeling choice. Connection scores describe patterns across 82 counties and do not show cause. Records with a blank county are counted statewide but not in any county.

Privacy

No names, birth dates, voter IDs, P.O. Box numbers or house numbers. Homes and apartments are shown by city only; campus addresses are shown to the nearest 100 block. Mississippi voter files are public records, but this report is built so that no person or home can be identified from it.

Active / Inactive
Under federal law (NVRA), a voter who may have moved is sent a notice and marked Inactive; they can be removed only if they do not respond and do not vote through the next two federal general elections.

Normal range
Where a county's three scores sit close to what is typical for a county of its size.

Connection score
Pearson correlation across counties, from –1 to 1.

SHARING THE FINDINGS

01 Start with what checked out

Every past ballot record matched a registered voter. Lead with that, then explain that ordinary buildings and Jr./Sr. families were filtered out before any list was made.

02 Find your county's main task

Use the 3D map or the county table to see whether addresses, mail moves or precinct size drives your county's score.

03 Compare with similar counties

Bring the 82-county table to your next district meeting. 64 counties sit in the normal range for their size; the rest each have one main task.