

Department Name	Albany County Board of Elections
Account(s)	A1450

Department Function
The Board of Elections is responsible for the proper administration and management of primary and general elections, as well as some school boards, fire districts, villages and special elections throughout Albany County. Its operations are supervised by two Commissioners, each representing one of the two major political parties in New York State. The Commissioners are nominated by majority vote of the County Committees of their respective political parties and confirmed by the County Legislature. Among the duties and functions of the board is the processing and maintenance of voter registrations, database management of 203,437 current active registrants, being sole custodian of enrollment lists and maps of election districts and processing petitions filed for candidates to public office and referendums. In preparation for the election, the Board also oversees the maintenance, preparation, storage and transportation of voting machines, electronic poll books and on-demand printers. It also prints and processes all ballot materials on-site, achieving significant taxpayer savings. The Board conducts annual seminars and examinations relating to election procedures and technology for approximately 950 election inspectors in Albany County, as required by law. The primary mission of the Board is to promote citizen confidence in the democratic process and enhance voter participation in elections by ensuring all eligible Albany County residents have an opportunity to register and vote.

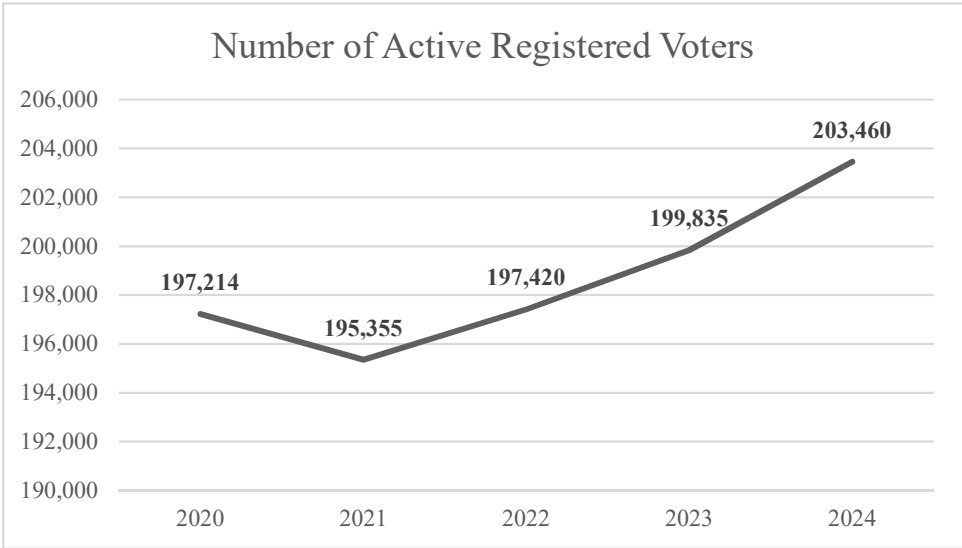
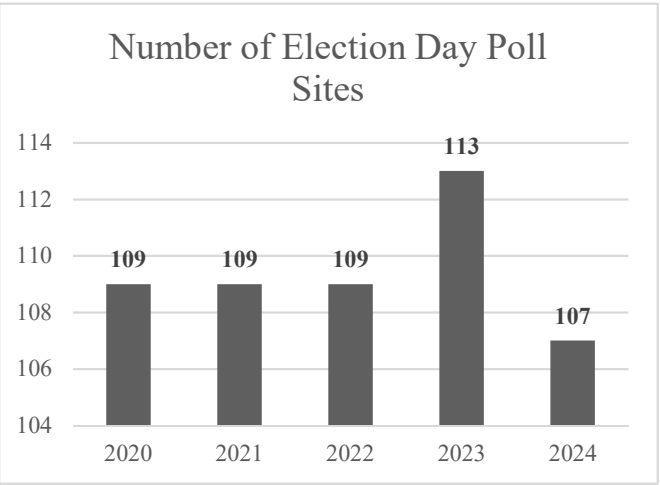
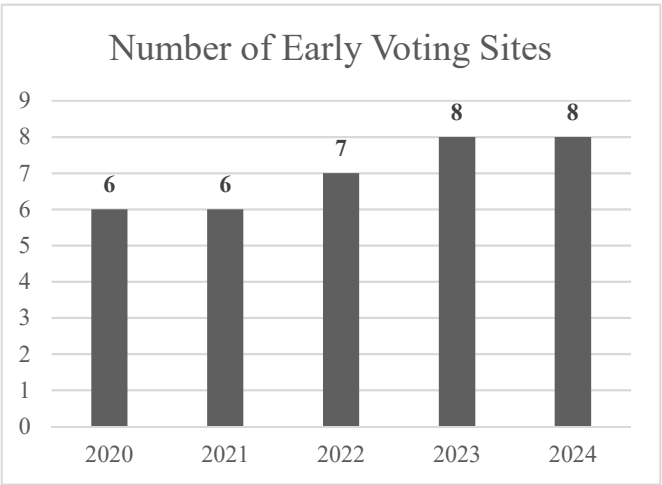
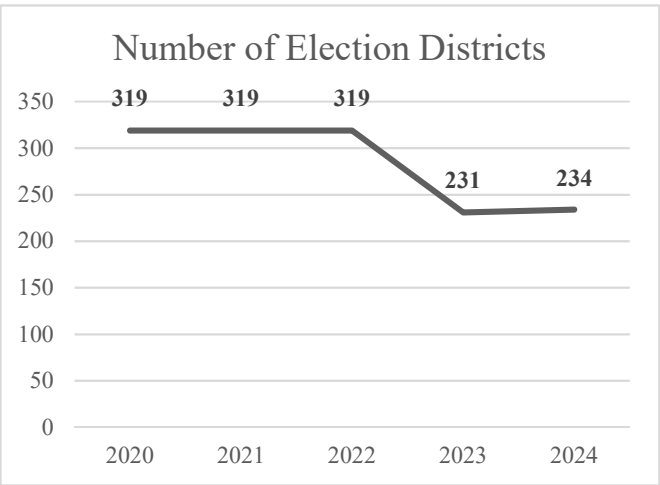
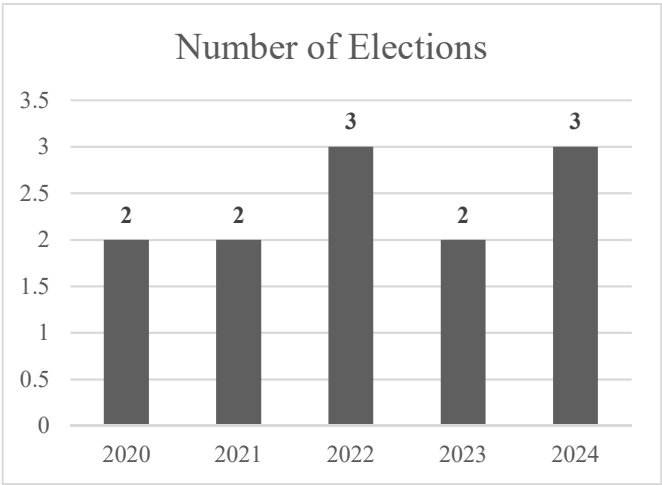
Current Year Highlights
In 2024, the Board of Elections invested in upgrading and modernizing our election infrastructure with the purchase of new voting machines, replacing outdated equipment. Through the availability of Federal and State grants, the Board also purchased 60 additional ballot-on-demand units that successfully deployed throughout the county to ensure fair and accurate elections. These investments are part of a larger effort to create a better and more efficient voting experience that is less costly, a benefit to taxpayers. In addition to upgrading and replacing our equipment, The Board of Elections implemented significant voter reforms including early mail voting, allowing a voter to apply for mail-in ballot without providing an excuse. To help offset increased costs associated with this new program, a state grant was issued to reimburse the Board for added expenses. Another step taken by the Board to enhance the voting experience was to implement more intensive inspector training classes by limiting class sizes and provide more hands-on training. This ensures inspectors are better equipped with the knowledge and tools to assist voters and familiarize them with constantly evolving election law reforms. The Board will continue to implement measures, invest in upgrades and engage in community voter outreach programs that best serve the voters of Albany County.

Next Year Projects
Due to structural changes in the way elections will be conducted in NYS, the Board will be focusing on preparing its operations for the eventual migration of local elections from odd to even years. In anticipation of longer and multiple ballots per voter, along with increased turnout, adjustments are being made to accommodate the change in Law. Grants are being provided to assist with the added costs with the purchase of additional equipment needed to accommodate the changes. Moreover, the Board will continue its community outreach program with the public and community groups to increase voter participation through education and empowerment.

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Programmatic Highlights



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