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Absentee Voting Enters Second Week In-Person Totals Up and Mail Down

(Columbus) The latest numbers from the Franklin County Board of Elections show in-person voting is running ahead and voting by mail running behind comparable figures from Ohio's most recent gubernatorial election 2010.

The board of elections has received 94,648 applications for ballots by mail and processed 1,040 voters casting ballots in-person since early voting began last Tuesday at the board's new location-1700 Morse Road. This compares to 137,926 requesting ballots by mail and 556 voting in- person at this point four years ago.

"Turnout to this point is a mixed bag," board of elections Director Bill Anthony said. "We expect heavier numbers as we get closer to Election Day and would like to remind voters that 46 local issues ranging from school levies to liquor options will be on ballots throughout the county in addition to candidates for federal, state and local offices."

"You won't have to wait in a long line if you vote a few weeks out from Election Day," added Deputy Director Dana Walch. "Please remember that all registered voters have been mailed applications from the secretary of state to vote by mail. That's an option if you don't want to vote in- person."

More than 804,000 Franklin County voters are eligible for the general election

The board of elections will be open for early voting weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for Monday Nov. 3 when voting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Weekend voting is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Local polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4.

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