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#ReadytoVote: Wake County Breaks Early Voting Turnout Record

(MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Wake County Board of Elections Director Gary Sims will be available for interviews with members of the media at the Wake County Board of Elections office at 337 S. Salisbury St. in Raleigh today, Nov. 5, from 6 to 6:30 p.m.)

Wake County has surpassed all of its prior early voting turnouts, with more than 302,000 Wake County residents casting their ballots for the 2016 General Election before the end of the early voting period on Nov. 5. The previous early voting turnout record was 260,743 early voters for 2012 General Election.

As of 5 p.m. on Saturday, approximately 43 percent of Wake County's registered voters had voted early, with voting numbers still coming in from early voting locations. More people have voted early in Wake County than the total voter populations of 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

"We are amazed by how many Wake County voters chose to get out and vote early," said Wake County Board of Elections Director Gary Sims. "We are most proud of our Wake County voting site workers for their commitment and dedication to making Wake County great. We could not have done this without them."

Final unofficial early voting turnout numbers are to be posted on the Wake County Board of Elections [website](#) by 6:30 p.m.

Now that early voting has ended, Board of Elections staff is making final preparations for Election Day, Nov. 8. Wake County voters are encouraged to check their registration information and find their Election Day polling place online at www.ReadyToVote.com. The polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Follow and share information about the election in Wake County on social media using #ReadytoVote.

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