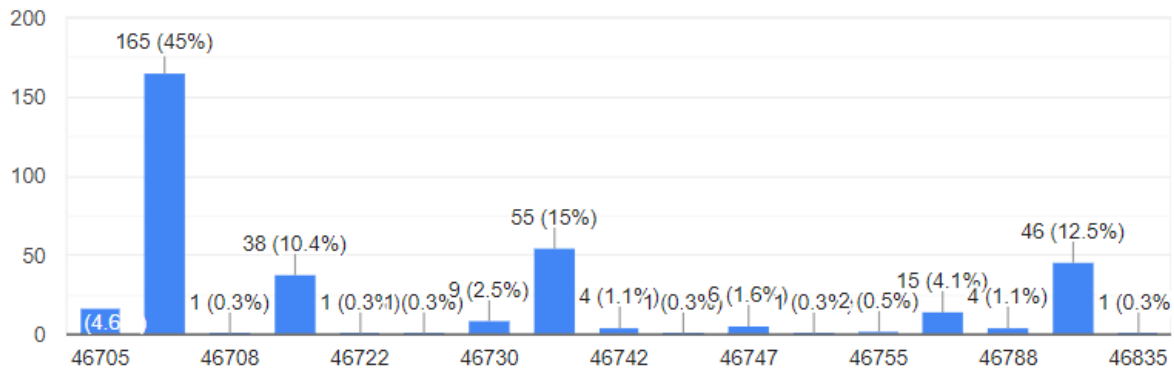The DeKalb County Election board and vote center committee would like to thank everyone who completed our survey and provided feedback about voting in DeKalb County. Here are the results from the survey.
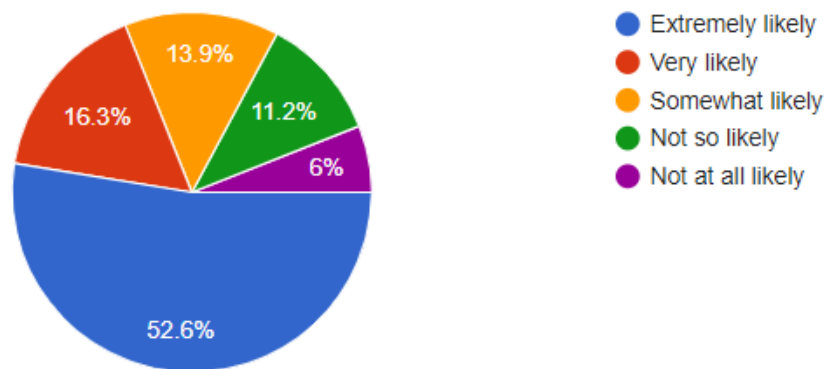
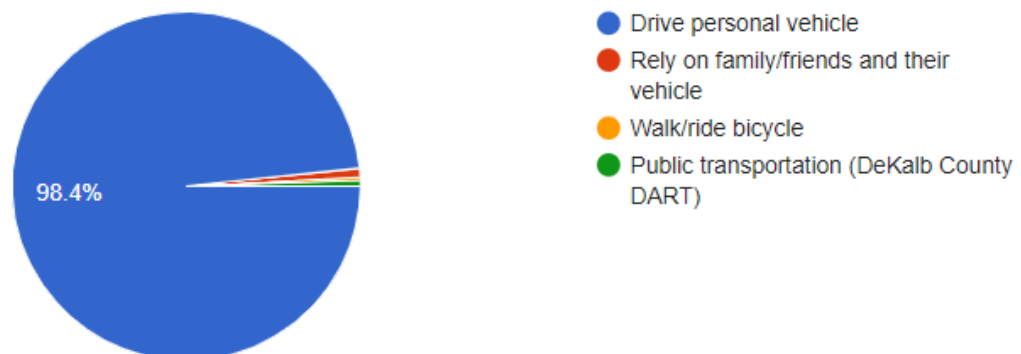## In what ZIP code is your home located?

367 responses

How likely are you to travel outside your home ZIP code in a typical week?

367 responses

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not so likely
- Not at all likely

13.9%
16.3%
11.2%
6%
52.6%

What is your primary form of transportation?

367 responses

- Drive personal vehicle
- Rely on family/friends and their vehicle
- Walk/ride bicycle
- Public transportation (DeKalb County DART)

98.4%

What is your age?

366 responses

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

Chart values: 21.6%, 16.1%, 20.8%, 10.9%, 23.5%
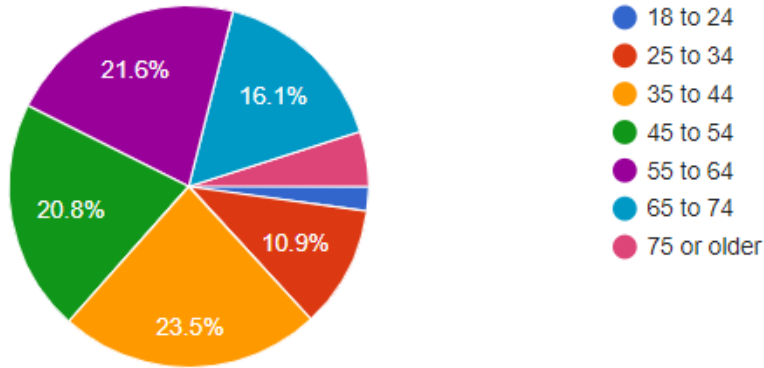
How often do you vote?

367 responses

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

Chart values: 73.6%, 21.3%
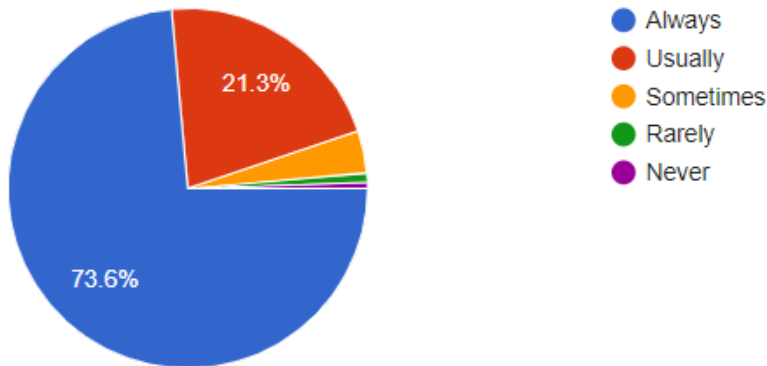
How convenient is it for you to vote on Election Day at your assigned polling place?

366 responses

- Extremely convenient
- Very convenient
- Somewhat convenient
- Not so convenient
- Not at all convenient

Chart values: 25.4%, 11.7%, 24.6%, 33.1%
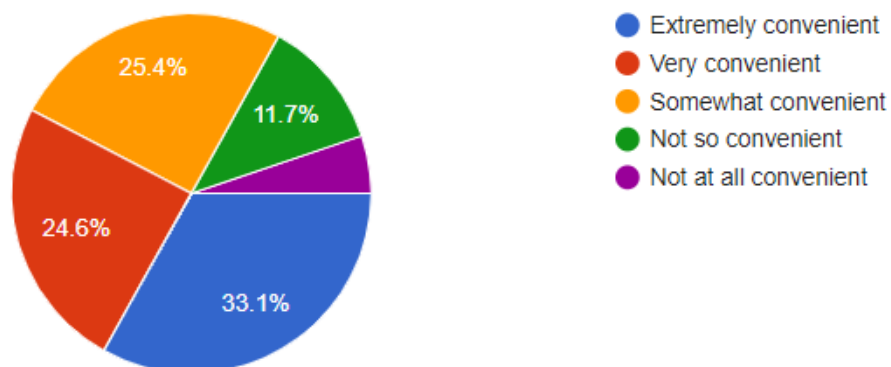
Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Legend: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree or Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

- Voters should only be able to cast their ballot a…
- Voters should have the choice of where to cast their ballot.
- I would be willing to travel a few more miles to vote if it…
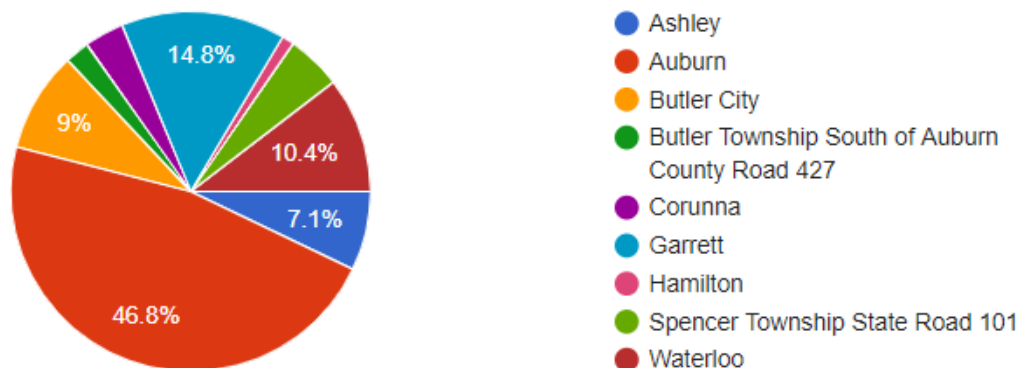- I think there should be more…
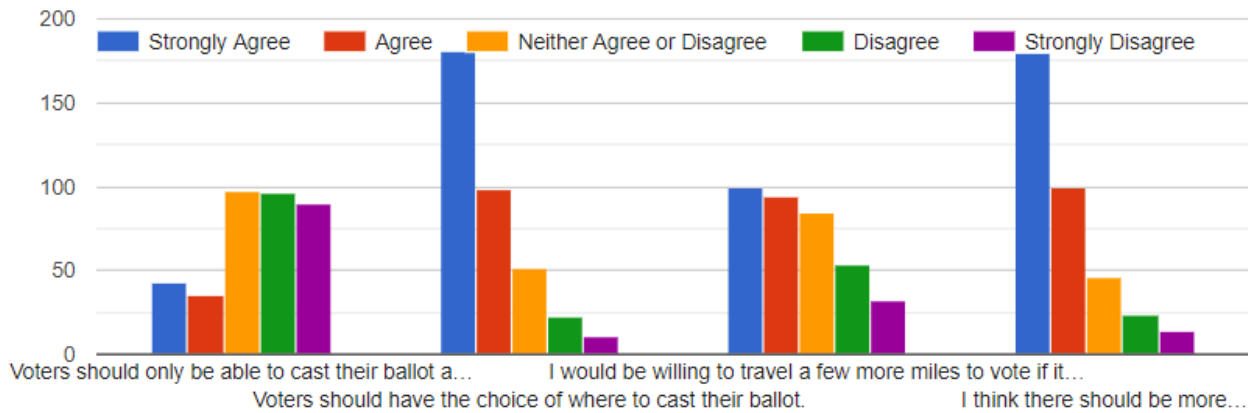
The STARS on the map represent the ten (10) proposed vote centers. How convenient would it be for you to vote on Election Day at a vote center?

366 responses

- Extremely convenient — 41%
- Very convenient — 30.6%
- Somewhat convenient — 19.9%
- Not so convenient
- Not at all convenient
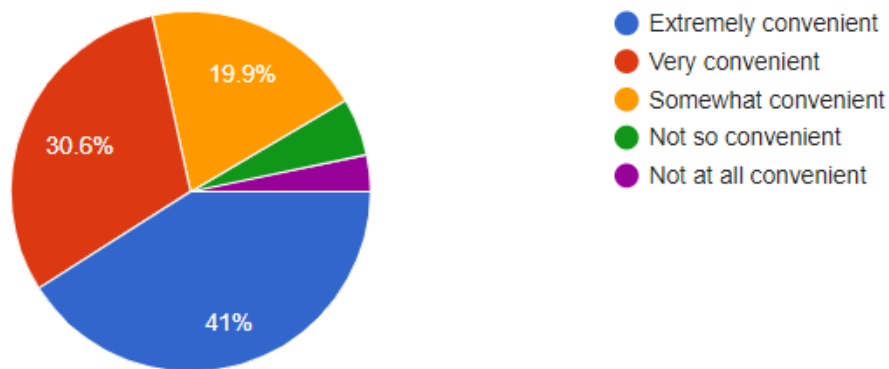
Looking at the map of proposed vote centers, which voter center would you most likely use?

365 responses

- Ashley — 7.1%
- Auburn — 46.8%
- Butler City — 9%
- Butler Township South of Auburn County Road 427
- Corunna
- Garrett — 14.8%
- Hamilton
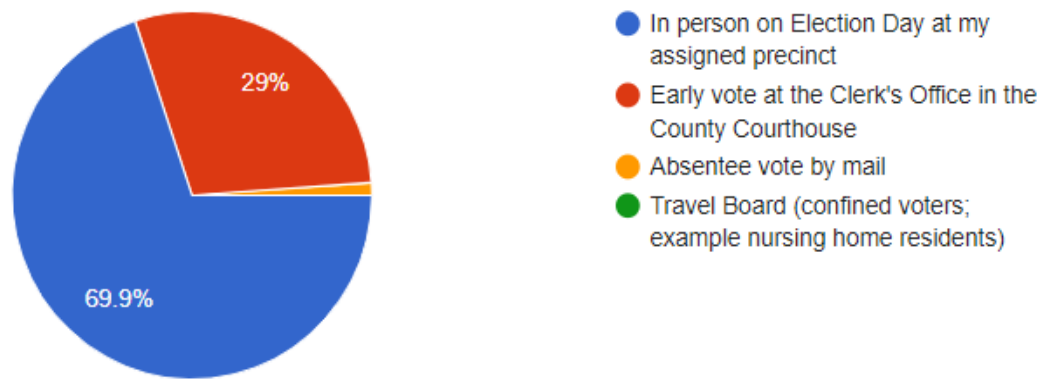- Spencer Township State Road 101
- Waterloo — 10.4%

Did you know that you can vote by mail if you fill out an Application for Absentee Ballot by Mail and return to the Clerk's office at least 12 days prior to Election Day?

365 responses

- Yes
- No

23.6%

76.4%
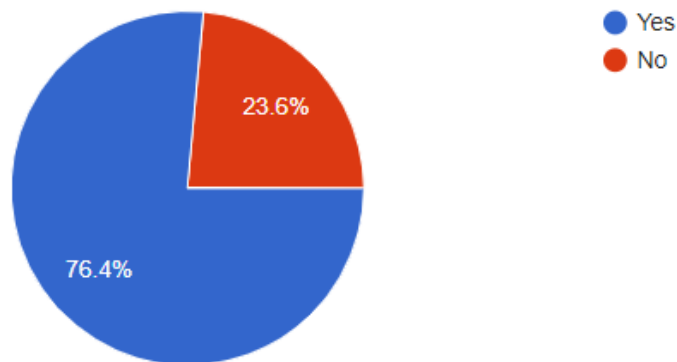
How do you typically vote?

365 responses

- In person on Election Day at my assigned precinct
- Early vote at the Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse
- Absentee vote by mail
- Travel Board (confined voters; example nursing home residents)

29%

69.9%

Are you in favor of vote centers?

365 responses

- Yes
- No
- Undecided
- Need more information

19.7%

9%

63%
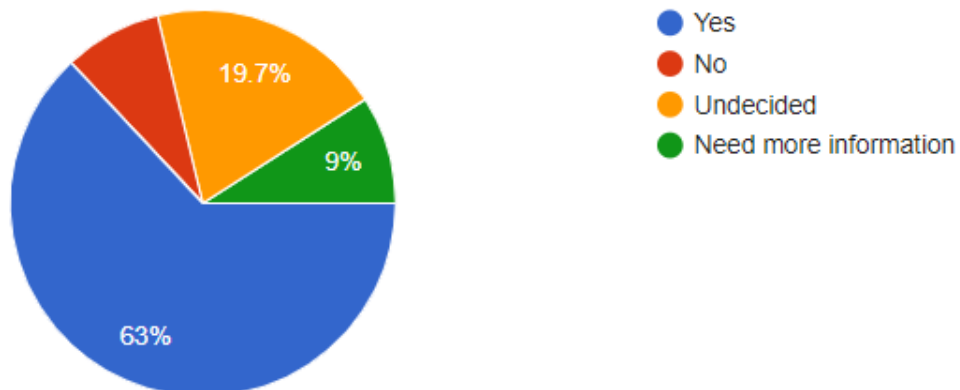
Please provide any additional feedback you may have about voting on Election Day in DeKalb County. 75 responses

Vote Center voting has the same options to vote as precinct voting.

It's about time!

People attempt to vote at the wrong place all the time--this "stupid-proofs" the process so people who move or haven't previously voted can more easily vote.

Weekends are best to vote for myself - more vote centers for Early Voting would be good as well. Thank you!

I work in Noble County. Because I work for the State, I get election days off, but if i didn't I wouldn't be able to vote in my assigned station.

Voting centers need to ensure vote integrity- 1 vote per registered voter

This is a needed change to meet today's needs.

It may be convenient to have fewer centers but more voting machines so that there isn't a huge wait despite the larger number of people.

The eastern side of the county looks "light" on voting centers. I would like to know how the proposed voting center locations were decided.

I think hours should extend on voting day to later in the evening to allow people who work the ability to go vote. I work in Allen Co during normal voting hours, but live and vote in DeKalb Co, which normally results in me not voting at all.

I'm sure it would benefit a lot of people, and I would not vote against it.

There needs to be polling center in Jackson Township. It is one of the most populated areas and no center.

I don't think voting should be allowed at schools for the safety of children.

I believe vote centers would be extremely beneficial and convenient

Vote centers would need to have plenty of machines, to decrease time waiting in line. Whatever makes it easier for more people to vote.

There was an intimidating man staring me down next to a "vote no" sign at the last election. Please enforce people not electioneering near the entrance. It was I think Tom the roofer.

please say we don't have to fight the metal detectors at the court house to vote!

I like the idea of vote centers. The way it is set up now, works for me because of my work hours and working in the same city but I know co worker's who don't vote because they can't get to the polls in time. I think it would increase voter turn out.

Don't have any

The last couple of elections, I love voting at the JAM Center in Garrett. Lines move quite fast since the pollers can pull up my precincts ballot up on any machine there.

It would be really convenient for me to vote outside of my voting area. With having kids to get around and having to be at work and home on time it makes it hard to be there between voting times. So if I was able to vote in my area where I work I could do so on my lunch break. This is why I dont vote much now but if this changes I would most certainly vote all the time!

Voter fraud people in our area know everyone that lives there and there would be less chance to have someone vote that shouldn't

Needs to be shorter to walk handicap persons like myself had to stop and catch my breath.

I believe being able to vote at any center in DeKalb County is a good idea. That being said, I think convenience is a big factor for people, so if this means fewer polling places, I would not support it. I will drive as far as I HAVE to to vote, but not everyone feels this way, and any inconvenience will drop the number of voters on any given election day. In addition, fewer places to vote will disproportionatly affect voters at the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum, and this should be taken into account.

I like the system as it is and has been. I believe it provides excellent accountability. For that reason alone I am against changing things

Thank you for this suggested option.

Stop absent voting. If you can't make it on election day, you can't vote. To many not sure that's right. Then they, the early voters, go and tell who they voted for and if you don't follow the election you just vote they way your buddy voted.

At the least, we should have more booths to help reduce wait times.

There still has to be verification of identity. With voting sites around the county, there needs to be a way to confirm and allow only 1 vote per person. Anymore I am in favor of having to prove citizenship!!!!

I have no problems with the current system. The early voting at clerks office was a huge improvement. School schedules & working out of county make voting on Election Day impossible, regardless of where the polling place is. We all utilize the early voting & weekend hours at the courthouse. We can't make it back to Dekalb Co before 6pm Mon-Fri.

If your intent is to make large voting centers, please reconsider. I get the impression that this is your intent. Am I incorrect? Not understanding the purpose for the survey.

Too time consuming. I don't have time to wait in line before or after work. I would vote early if there where more locations and hours of operation available.

I think you would have longer lines if you have only one center to vote. That would then make people not want to go because they have to stand in line to do so.

My support for this plan is contingent on each township having a polling place, as well as each incorporated town/city, which I don't see with the 10 Vote Centers indicated on the map. I see no need for Voting Centers in incorporated towns and cities, but perhaps fewer precinct polling places due to staffing and cost considerations.

I think there needs to be more places to vote even for early voting.

If voters are motivated to cast their votes, they will do so even if it means going through the process of obtaining an absentee ballot. This simply requires a bit of planning on the voters part. Voting outside ones precinct could result in voter fraud, given the opportunity for a person to vote at several vote centers. The voter data would have to be shared in real time to prevent fraud, it's unlikely the infrastructure exists and would be quite expensive to develop.

Need to be open later.

If there were to be enough of them. I'm pretty sure there are more than 10 precincts. Concerened with only 10 vote centers, there would be long lines.

We were not to happy about the vehicle on the west side of the courthouse parking pushing to vote for the school levy last May. That should NOT be allowed.

I think every community with local elections should have a voting center.

I feel that anyone voting should be able to at any of the centers

I vote early for every election to avoid parking in downtown Auburn during the weekday and to relieve the pressure of trying to get to the polls on election day.

I'd like "I Voted" stickers

This concept only increases possibility of voter fraud.

Driving one mile, or five miles is not the issue to. I do not want to wait more than 15 minutes to vote.

You should vote where you are assigned to vote. Other wise each place would have to have all the things to vote for in all the areas. Whichever will take more time to set up to vote for each different person.

Make sure there would be plenty of parking and short lines

Proposed vote center is further from my home than my current precinct. In this situation, I would favor keeping the current system.

It would be wise and smart to incorporate Voting Centers especially for those who work on election day and is difficult to get to their assigned polling stations.

I don't like that this form neglected to mention that this plan will close nine centers. Wouldn't it be better to keep all 19 centers open, let people vote where they wanted for a few years, and THEN determine which centers should be closed?

I'm not sure if this particular plan is the best way to go, but voting should be made more convenient and accessible.

I think that we should keep all polling locations open initially, and use the next few elections to decide which vote centers to close after seeing where the most people choose to go.

We live in Jackson Township and the precinct on CR 60 wasn't convenient, but the new map doesn't show any places to vote in Jackson Township, the only one that was missed.

I would be in favor of vote centers if it would be convenient and encourage all voters.

Our household currently votes less than 10 blocks away from our home. I realize that may not be convenient for others but I would not travel or go out of my way to vote.

The JAM Center in Garrett is well organized, easily accessible, and convenient.

I vote early at the courthouse because it's close to my place of employment and I'm familiar with Auburn and the courthouse. If I miss early voting, I simply don't vote because I'm unfamiliar with the voting center that I "have" to go to because of my zip code. Also, by the time I did get off work and tried to locate the assigned polling center, it would likely be closed. I know I'm not alone. I think that more votes cast would be more important than loosing votes because of assigning a certain location.

Will this mean more people going through fewer places?

This is long overdue and necessary for the process. Thank you Holly for continuing to push this issue to allow voters a more friendly way to cast our ballots.

How would the voting be for the races only for that precinct?

Polling places would be too distant for many people, thus discouraging some voters.

Need a voting center in Jackson Twp.

This idea is great....saving county money, convenience for voters and ease of counting votes quicker.

Keep voting proponents further Away

I feel the vote centers is the way for DeKalb County to go.

The easier it is for our community to vote the better! All of these voting Centers would be wonderful.

That they should send out flyers went voting is?

NO long lines. Well Staffed.

Things are going well the way they are now - I see no need to change

I feel allowing us to vote @ Butler Elementary is an amazing way to teach patriotism and American democracy and responsibility to our future generation! I remember this as a child where I grew up in Ohio, and it made a lasting impression on me. Whatever we choose to do, we can not underestimate the importance of teaching our future generation! Voting is important, and as an educator, our youth do not understand. We have an obligation to them and our country.

Glad to see you are long standing practices to see if they still make sense. If this proposal makes good sense.

Like to know how to vote by mail.

More promotion on candidates and about early voting please!