Actual Election Costs in CA

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials and Q2 Data & Research

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Overview

Grant funded to CACEO through FOCE by Irvine in 2013
Contractor (Q2) selected, data survey tool developed, data collection began 2014
Data collection in earnest, data analysis and website development 2015
Data analysis and final launch of website and other grant products 4.22.2016

all in an 18 month grant – thank you to the James Irvine Foundation for allowing us the time to perfect this set of products!
47 Counties

15 Elections

119,785 Individual data elements
Languages

Jurisdictional complexity

Local economic factors (labor)

Technology mix

Vote by mail

Size
Map displays counties in data set

Choose which elections

See results
This site presents some results from an ongoing study of California's election costs conducted by the CACEO (California Association of Clerks and Election Officials) in partnership with Q2 Data & Research. The findings of this study can be explored in multiple ways. Reports and datasets are available in the About section, along with some background on the study itself. Below and on the Costs by Election pages you will find visualizations aimed at outlining the major contours of the dataset.

Because participation in the study varies between the different elections, you must first select which elections you would like to include in your dataset. This way we can ensure that you are seeing comparable data across elections by only including data from counties that reported for all selected elections.
Cost Distribution by County Population

Shasta County
$1.18 per reg. voter
177,223 people/sq mile
results.caceoelectioncosts.org
Other grant results
Data Analysis is on the site under the ABOUT tab
Billing Practices Guide is complete, will be published internally to CACEO

Fiscal Services Subcommittee
CACEO has given us permission to continue our work with fiscal staff in Elections Departments all over the state.
The Fiscal Services Committee will meet a minimum of twice a year (at New Law in Sacramento (Dec) and at the CACEO Annual in each July (location varies).

Costs data will be collected in 2016, watch for updates to the site in early 2017