



For Immediate Release
April 1, 2019

April 2, 2019 Run-Off Elections Overview

The April 2, 2019 Run-Off Elections will decide one-on-one contests for Mayor, City Treasurer and the Alderman in 15 of the city's 50 Wards.

Similar to February, the April 2 Run-Offs are non-partisan elections. Only the first- and second-place candidates appear on the ballots from the contests where no candidate received the majority of the votes on February 26.

Polling places will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in each of the city's 2,069 precincts.

On Election Day, it is important that each voter goes only to the precinct polling place assigned to that voter's address.

The Chicago Election Board's web site at chicagoelections.com provides each voter:

- The status of the voter registration
- The April 2 polling place for that voter's precinct
- The sample ballot for that voter
- The status of the voter's Vote By Mail or Early Voting ballot.

Chicago voters with questions or concerns **on Election Day** may call "Election Central" at (312) 269-7870. These telephone lines will be operational only on Election Day. The "Election Central" hotlines will be staffed by Board personnel, attorneys and investigators who can: provide legal assistance and guidance on proper administration of the polling place and processing of voter applications; dispatch investigators or equipment technicians; help solve other polling-place problems; and, provide language assistance in Spanish, Polish, Chinese, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu and Korean.

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To ensure a trouble and fraud-free election, the Chicago Election Board will have more than 380 investigators assigned to Election Day duty. This will include roving investigators assigned to every ward who will make unannounced inspections of polling places – and investigators who are assigned to respond to calls for assistance. The Board also will have teams of standby judges who can be transported to polling places where there are staffing issues. The Board also will have technicians in each ward who will check on polling places even where there are no complaints, as well as warehouse quick-response units, equipment programmers and messengers to be able to replace voting equipment.

If voters applied for Vote By Mail ballots but do not receive them or cannot be certain of a postmark on or before Tues., April 2:

- Early Voting will be available Monday at Chicago's 51 Early Voting sites from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *The seven "permanent" sites for Early Voting in Wards 4, 12, 19, 28, 41, 47 and the Loop Super Site will remain open Monday, April 1 through 7 p.m.*
- Or, voters may go to their precinct polling place on Election Day. The voter may surrender the Vote By Mail ballot to the election judges. If the voter does not have the Vote By Mail ballot, the voter must complete an affidavit saying that the ballot was not received, was lost and was not cast.

Voters who have cast ballots in Early Voting cannot return to change their votes for any reason. Judges in each polling place will be supplied with electronic poll books, and paper poll books as a backup. Both the electronic and paper poll books will provide election judges with the ability to see which voters have already cast ballots. Even *attempting* to vote more than once is a felony.

The electronic poll books also will provide Judges of Election with the ability help direct voters in the wrong polling place to get to the correct polling place.

Eligible voters who need to register for the first time or update the name or address on their registrations need to present two forms of ID, at least one of which lists the voter's current address. Voter registration is available at every Early Voting site Monday and on Election Day, at the voter's precinct polling place.

More voters have used Vote By Mail but fewer voters used Early Voting than at the 2015 citywide Run-Off Elections. Nearly 60,000 applied to Vote By Mail, compared to the total of 42,000 in 2015. With one day of Early Voting remaining, more than 100,000 had already cast ballots in Early Voting through Sunday, compared to the total of 142,000 in 2015.

A total of 1,592,658 Chicagoans are registered to vote in this election. That above-average total is largely the result of a surge in registrations ahead of the Nov. 2018 midterm elections. The current registration total is 10.47% higher than the registrations at the April 2015 Run-Off Elections.

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(Pre-election statistical data begins on following pages.)

Candidate List for April 2, 2019 Chicago Run-Off Elections

For Mayor

34 LORI LIGHTFOOT

23 TONI PRECKWINKLE

For City Treasurer

50 MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN

51 AMEYA PAWAR

For Alderman 5th Ward

60 LESLIE A. HAIRSTON

61 WILLIAM CALLOWAY

For Alderman 31st Ward

61 MILAGROS "MILLY" SANTIAGO

62 FELIX CARDONA JR.

For Alderman 6th Ward

60 RODERICK T. SAWYER

62 DEBORAH A. FOSTER-BONNER

For Alderman 33rd Ward

61 ROSSANA RODRIGUEZ SANCHEZ

62 DEBORAH L. MELL

For Alderman 15th Ward

63 RAYMOND A. LOPEZ

62 RAFAEL "RAFA" YANEZ

For Alderman 39th Ward

61 SAMANTHA "SAM" NUGENT

60 ROBERT MURPHY

For Alderman 16th Ward

60 STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN

63 TONI L. FOULKES

For Alderman 40th Ward

63 PATRICK J. O'CONNOR

62 ANDRÉ VASQUEZ

For Alderman 20th Ward

60 JEANETTE B TAYLOR

61 NICOLE J. JOHNSON

For Alderman 43rd Ward

61 MICHELE SMITH

60 DEREK LINDBLOM

For Alderman 21st Ward

60 HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.

62 MARVIN MCNEIL

For Alderman 46th Ward

63 JAMES CAPPLEMAN

60 MARIANNE LALONDE

For Alderman 25th Ward

63 BYRON SIGCHO-LOPEZ

61 ALEXANDER "ALEX" ACEVEDO

For Alderman 47th Ward

64 MATT MARTIN

63 MICHAEL A. NEGRON

For Alderman 30th Ward

61 ARIEL E. REBOYRAS

60 JESSICA W. GUTIERREZ

Modern-Era Chicago Citywide Municipal Elections in April: Registration and Turnout Highs & Lows

Prior to 1999, Elections were conducted with party primaries in February and a General Election with all parties' candidates for citywide offices (Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer) in April, plus non-partisan Run-Offs, where needed, for Alderman, also in April.

Election	Registrations	Voted	Turnout
Municipal General April 12, 1983	1,625,786	1,334,303	82.07%
Municipal General April 7, 1987	1,561,864	1,157,083	74.08%
Special Mayoral April 4, 1989	1,560,485	1,066,508	68.34%
Municipal General April 2, 1991	1,472,004	663,229	45.06%
Municipal General April 4, 1995	1,468,821	620,615	42.25%

In 1999, elections for citywide offices changed formats. Non-partisan February elections allowed for a winner if any candidate received a majority of the votes. Under this format, no citywide April Run-Off Elections occurred until 2015.

Run-Off Election* April 7, 2015	1,441,637	592,524	41.10%
Run-Off Election** April 2, 2019	1,592,652	To be determined	

* Mayor's office citywide, with 18 Aldermanic Run-Offs

** Mayor's and City Treasurer's offices citywide, with 15 Aldermanic Run-Offs

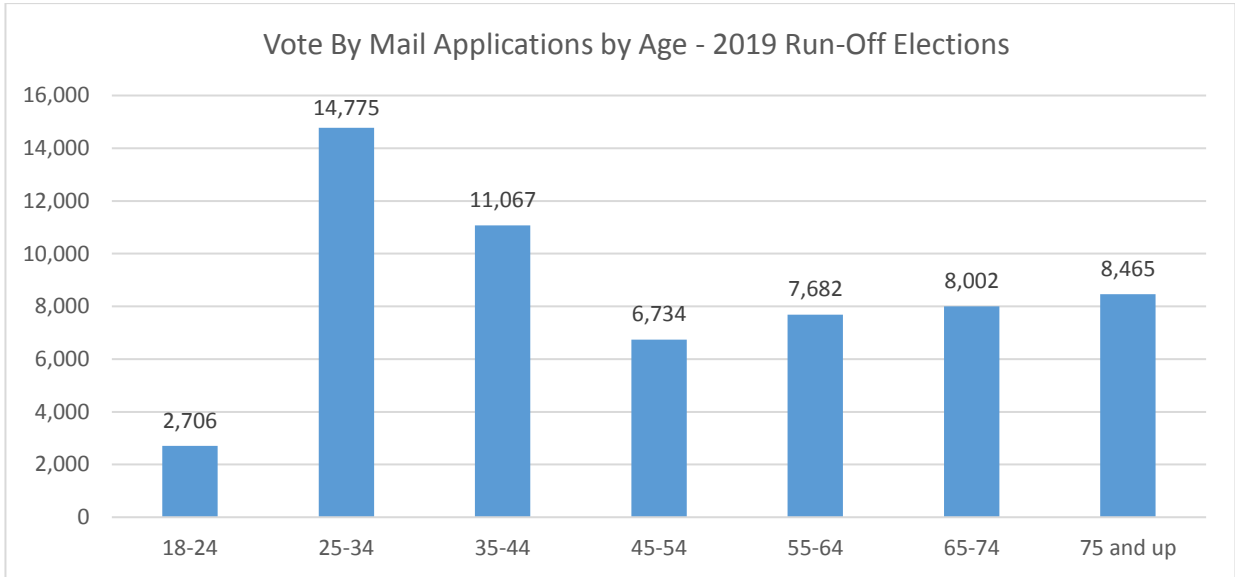
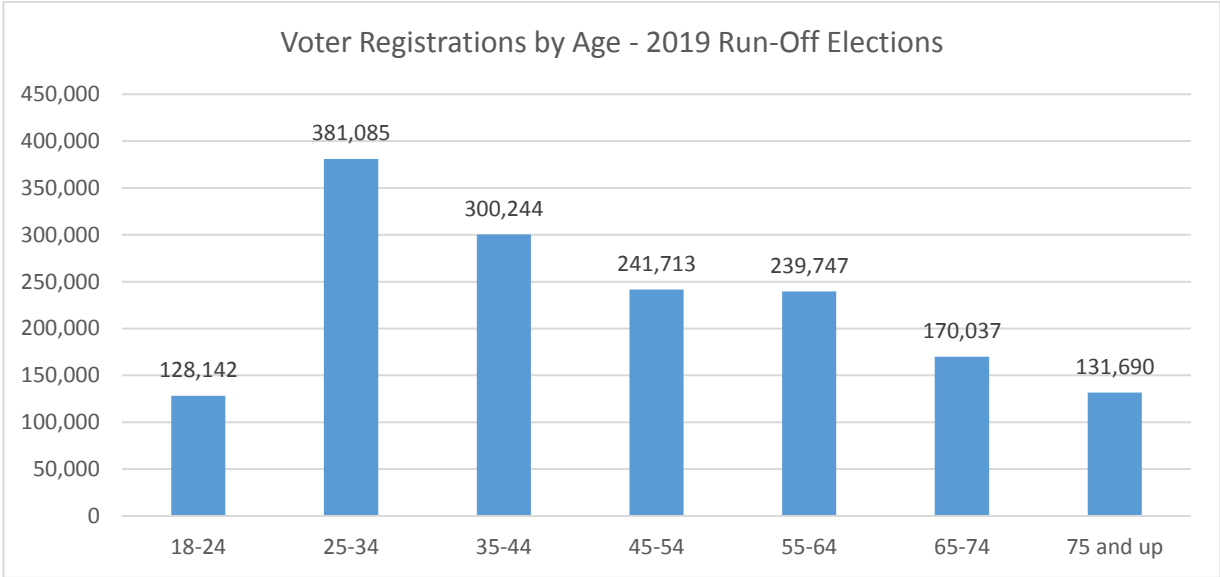
Modern-Era Chicago Citywide Municipal Elections in April: Applications to Vote By Mail

Prior to 2010, voters were required to list a reason or excuse to Vote By Mail (such as working, going to school or traveling out of town.) In 2010, the law changed to allow Vote By Mail without an excuse.

Citywide Election	Vote By Mail Applications
April 1983	25,427
April 1987	24,144
April 1989	39,288
April 1991	33,158
April 1995	29,757

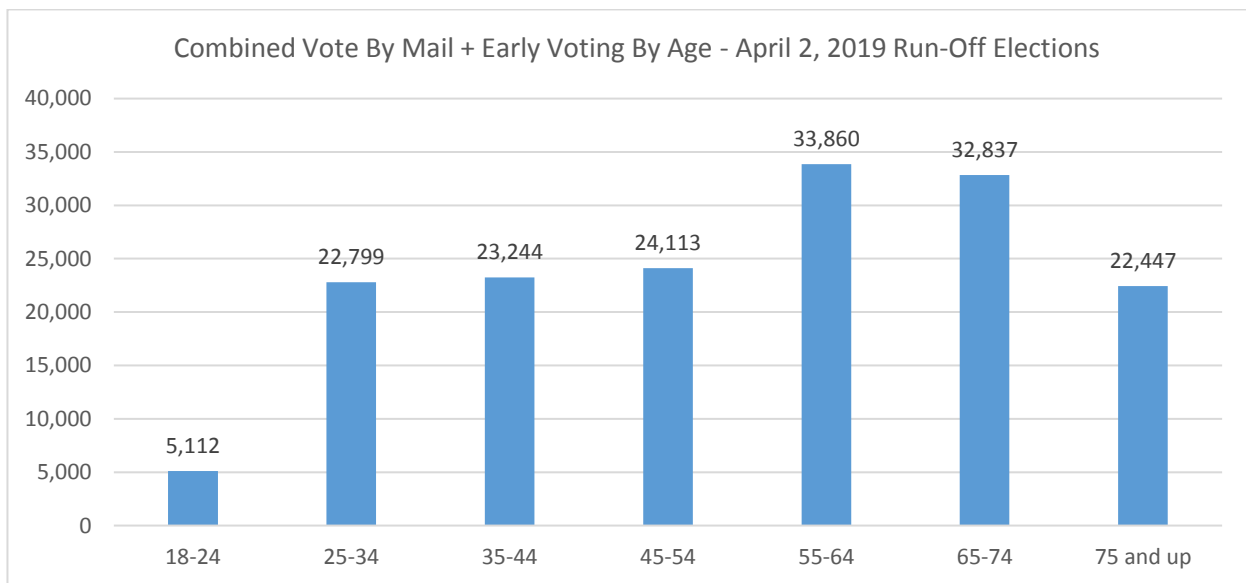
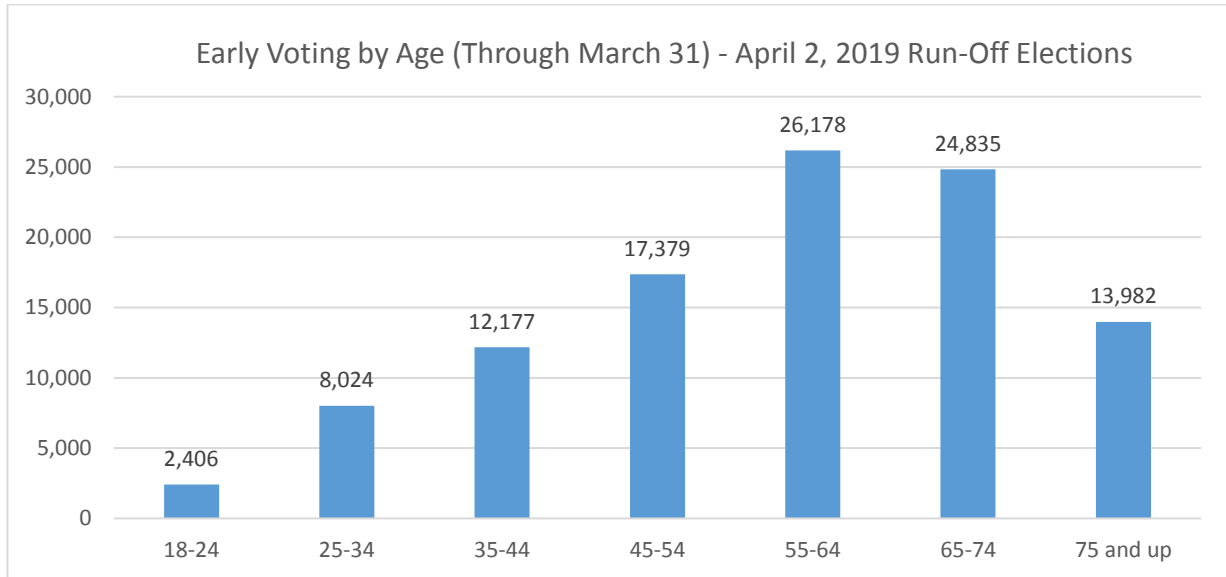
(With format change to non-partisan in 1999, there were no citywide municipal run-off elections until 2015.)

April 2015	42,096
April 2019	59,559



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(Thru March 31, 2019)