

Overseas absentee ballots

Florida law allows members of the military and civilians living or traveling overseas 10 days after the election for their absentee ballots to arrive in their home counties. (They must be postmarked by Election Day.) By contacting election officials in all 67 Florida counties, the *St. Petersburg Times* found that 1,865 of those ballots were locked away Tuesday, waiting to be counted Friday at 5 p.m. Another 7,599 overseas ballots had not yet arrived. Some will arrive in time to be counted, while others may never arrive.

COUNTY	BALLOTS REQUESTED	BALLOTS ALREADY COUNTED	IN HAND:	
			TO BE COUNTED FRIDAY	NOT YET RECEIVED
Alachua	422	312	40	70
Baker	10	5	1	4
Bay	650	344	75	231
Bradford	17	8	3	6
Brevard	1,479	1,054	46	379
Broward	1,623	522	37	1,064
Calhoun	3	0	0	3
Charlotte	204	167	1	36
Citrus	70	33	34	3
Clay	475	190	18	267
Collier	584	444	unknown	140
Columbia	32	23	6	3
DeSoto	6	0	3	3
Dixie	3	3	0	0
Duval	1,621	675	161	785
Escambia	1,802	626	195	981
Flagler	75	58	4	13
Franklin	12	7	2	3
Gadsden	43	21	5	17
Gilchrist	9	6	0	3
Glades	1	1	0	0
Gulf	8	6	1	1
Hamilton	12	5	2	5
Hardee	18	9	5	4
Hendry	13	11	0	2
Hernando	97	49	18	30
Highlands	87	73	2	12
Hillsborough	1,584	1,282	55	247
Holmes	21	15	1	5
Indian River	170	140	5	25
Jackson	24	19	3	2
Jefferson	8	3	0	5
Lafayette	7	3	0	4
Lake	174	99	0	75
Lee	376	283	22	71
Leon	412	117	36	259
Levy	31	14	3	14
Liberty	2	1	0	1
Madison	18	11	1	6
Manatee	434	195	120	119
Marion	313	235	20	58
Martin	150	124	5	21
Miami-Dade	1,699	1,138	141	420
Monroe	212	0	181	31
Nassau	83	59	8	16
Okaloosa	unknown	unknown	56	unknown
Okeechobee	26	14	2	10
Orange	1,164	568	73	523
Osceola	169	85	0	84
Palm Beach	1,025	514	23	488
Pasco	268	131	13	124
Pinellas	1,405	1,161	96	148
Polk	154	unknown	36	unknown
Putnam	87	52	19	16
St. Johns	220	171	15	34
St. Lucie	149	121	9	19
Santa Rosa	687	504	19	164
Sarasota	628	409	34	184
Seminole	386	0	164	222
Sumter	36	29	0	7
Suwannee	20	14	3	3
Taylor	22	16	2	4
Union	3	3	0	0
Volusia	434	299	32	103
Wakulla	19	16	0	3
Walton	101	79	8	14
Washington	19	13	1	5
TOTALS	22,186	12,590	1,865	7,599