



IDAHO
SECRETARY OF STATE
LAWRENCE DENNEY

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Official 2020 Primary Canvass Conducted

Boise, Idaho – Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney, along with the other members of Idaho’s State Board of Canvassers, Idaho State Controller Brandon Woolf, and Idaho State Treasurer Julie Ellsworth conducted the official state canvass for the 2020 Primary Election. The canvass of votes is the official accounting of every ballot cast to ensure every vote is counted.

“The coronavirus pandemic forced Idaho to conduct the May primary as an all-absentee ballot election,” said Secretary Denney. “I want to thank Idahoans for their patience with the unprecedented changes we had to make in our elections process. State and county election officials and staff put in long hours of hard work and pivoted quickly to make this election a great success.”

The statement of vote, certified today by Secretary Denney, shows 335,037 Idahoans voted in the 2020 Primary Election — a turnout of 36.94% of Idaho’s 906,877 registered voters. This compares to the 23.0% voter turnout for the previous comparable primary in May 2016. Counties with the highest voter turnout, as a percentage of registered voters, were Idaho (61.60%), Custer (56.88%), and Butte (55.88%). Official election results, including county-by-county and historical data, will soon be available on the Elections Division page of sos.idaho.gov.

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ABOUT LAWRENCE DENNEY

Lawrence Denney has served the people of Idaho since 1990. His public service began as a representative in District 13 and, following redistricting, he became a representative in District 9 until 2014. During that time, Denney served two terms as Majority Leader and three terms as Speaker of the House before successfully running for state office. He is currently in the second year of his second term as Idaho’s Secretary of State.

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