

# Actual Election Costs in CA

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials & Q2

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# Overview

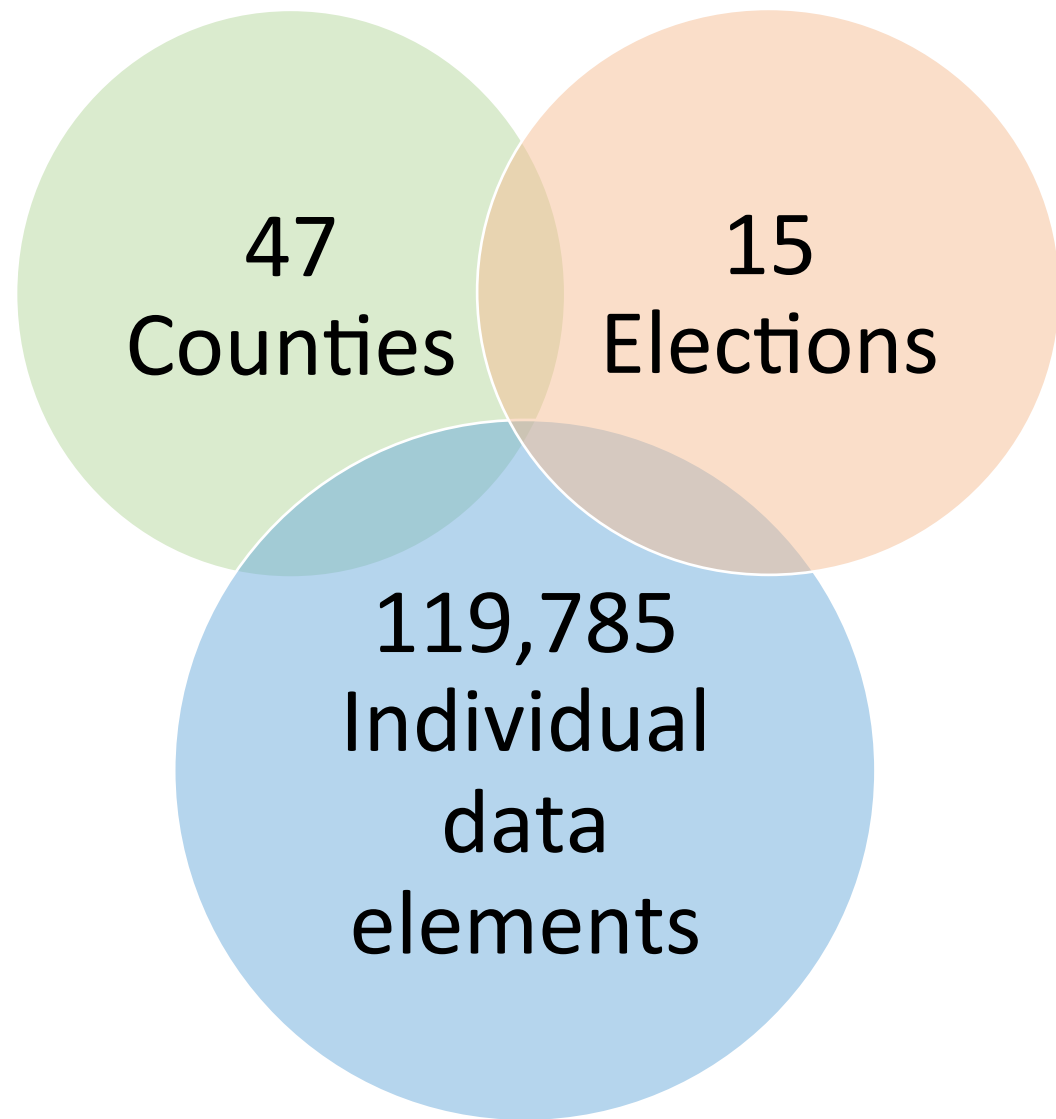
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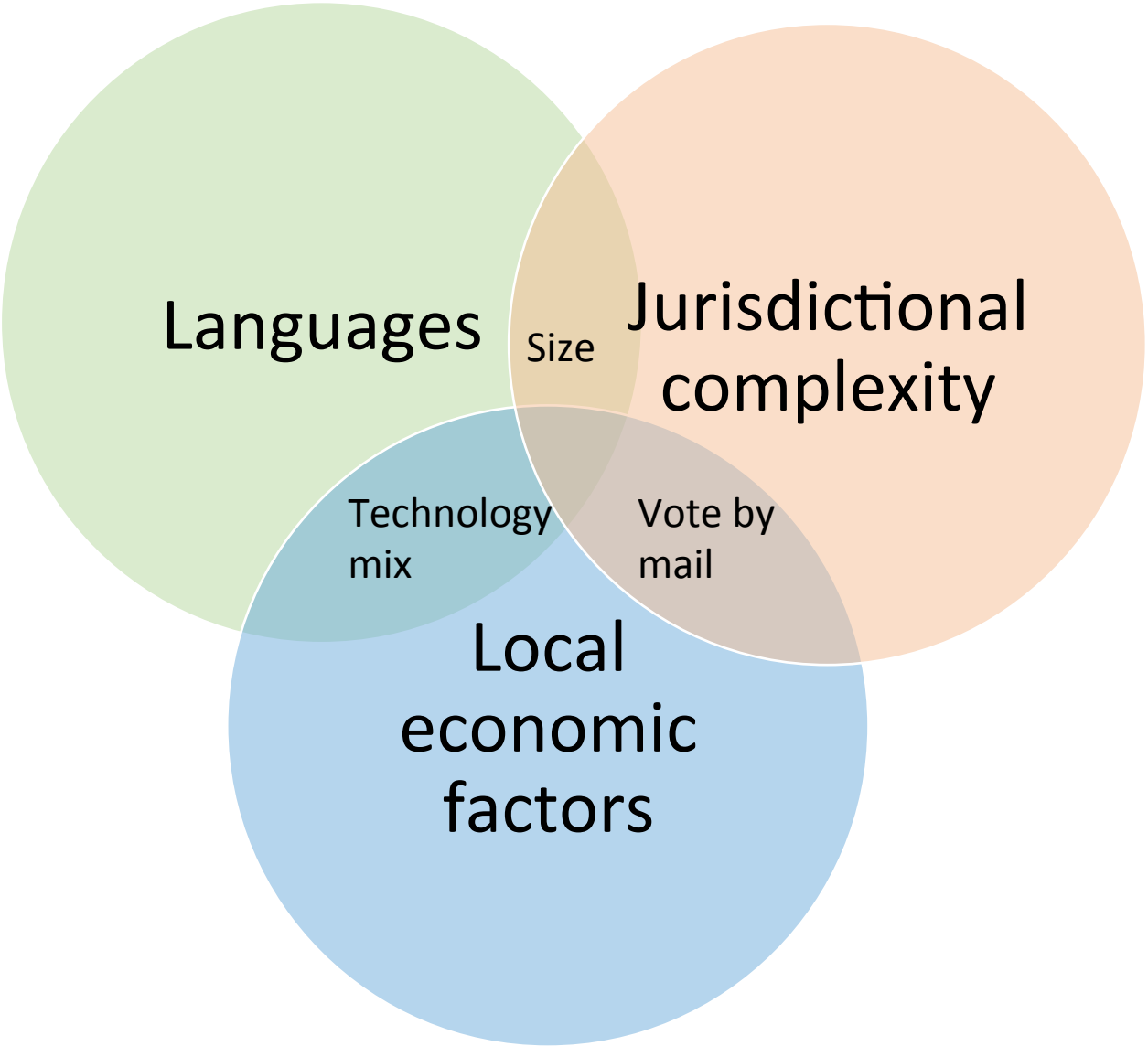
Contractor (Q2) selected, data survey tool developed, data collection began 2014

Data collection in earnest, data analysis and website development 2015

Data analysis and final launch of website and other grant products 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!*





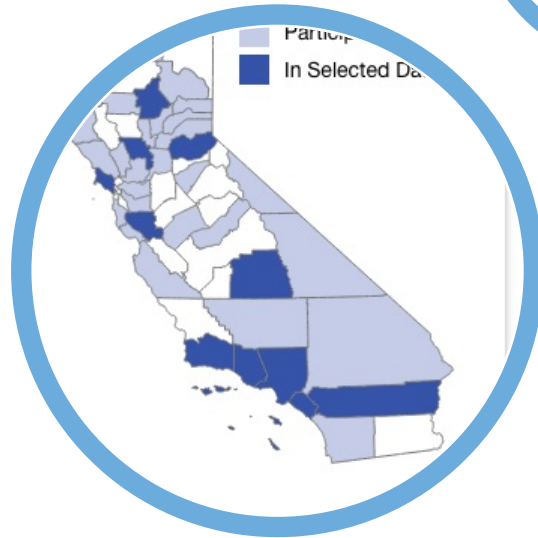
# Ways to look at costs

- Per capita
- Per register voter
- Per ballot cast
- Per “vote opportunity”

	Total Election Costs	Total Costs Per Capita	Total Costs Per Registered Voter	Total Costs Per Ballot Cast	Total Costs Per Vote Opportunity
Mean	2,511,913	3.21	6.66	13.13	13479.97
Median	748,456	2.88	6.34	12.38	6202.92
Minimum	7,896	1.14	3.18	3.04	188.00
Maximum	30,178,563	7.24	17.70	30.61	142021.81

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Ratio of largest to Smallest	3,822	6.36	5.57	10.06	755.44
Ratio of Mean/Median	3	1.11	1.05	1.06	2.17

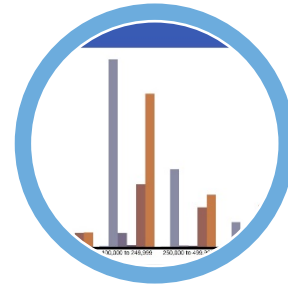
# Choose counties



A screenshot of a web interface for selecting elections. It features a list of election types with checkboxes. The '2014 Statewide Direct Primary' option is checked with a red checkmark. Other options include '2014 General', '2012 Presidential General', '2012 Presidential Primary', '2010 General', '2010 Statewide Direct Primary', and '2009 Statewide Special'. A small pie chart is visible at the top of the interface.

- 2014 General
- 2014 Statewide Direct Primary
- 2012 Presidential General
- 2012 Presidential Primary
- 2010 General
- 2010 Statewide Direct Primary
- 2009 Statewide Special

# Choose which elections



# See results

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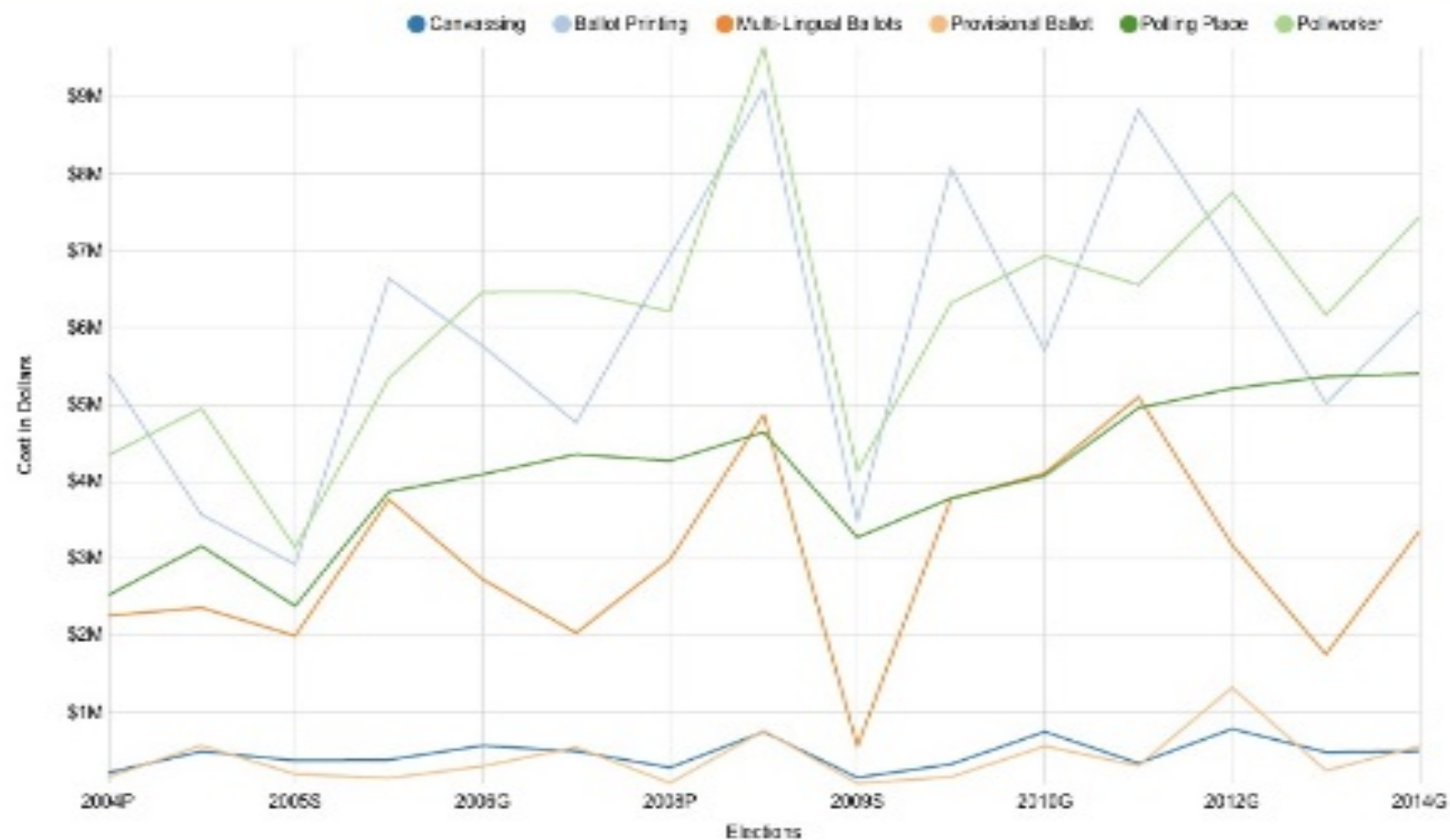


### Elections

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- 2014 Statewide Direct Primary
- 2012 Presidential General
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### Cost Composition Over Time





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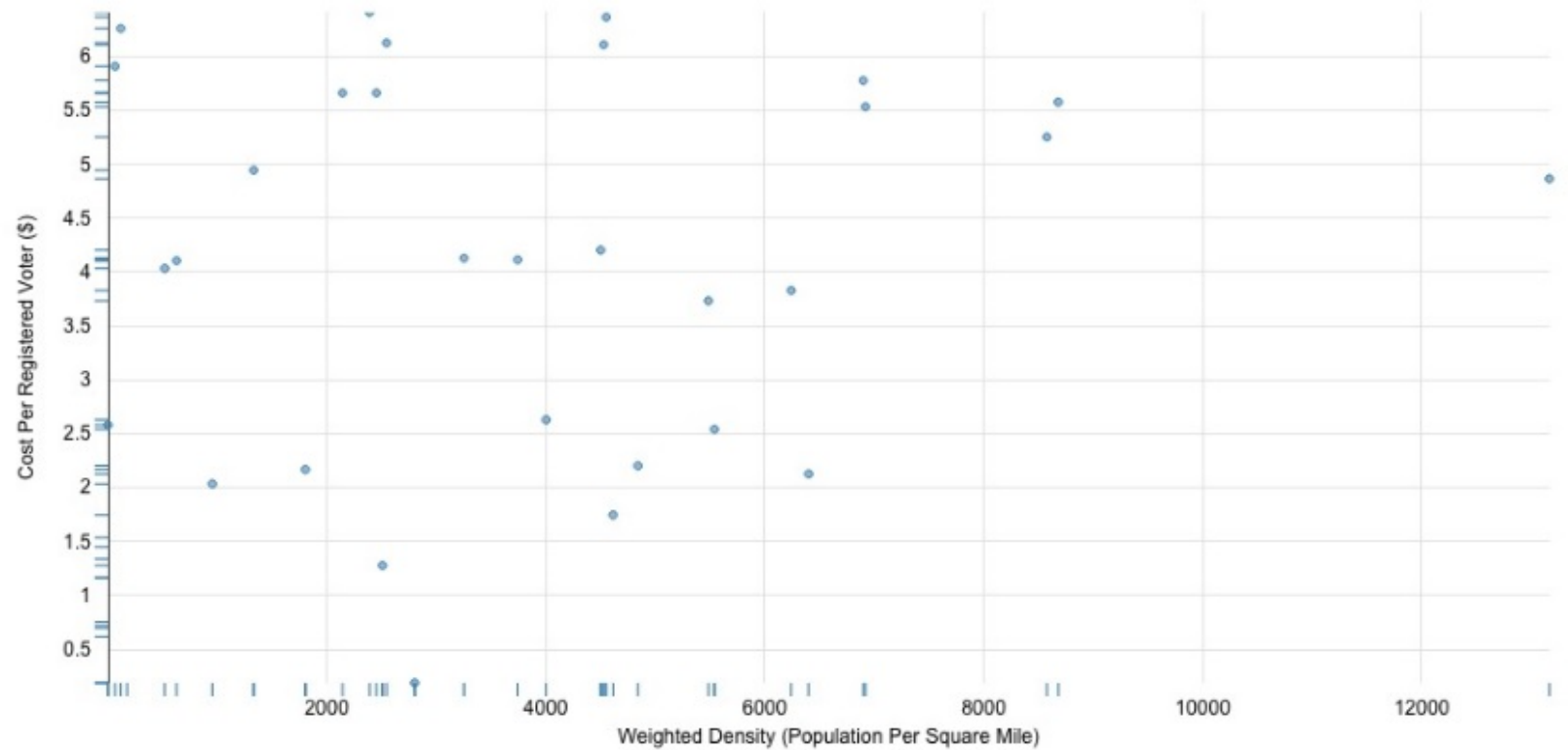
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## Election Costs and Population Density

This graph uses *weighted* population density to compare different counties. Weighted density measures the density at which the average citizen lives, taking into account how many people live in cities and towns even in very sparsely populated counties.



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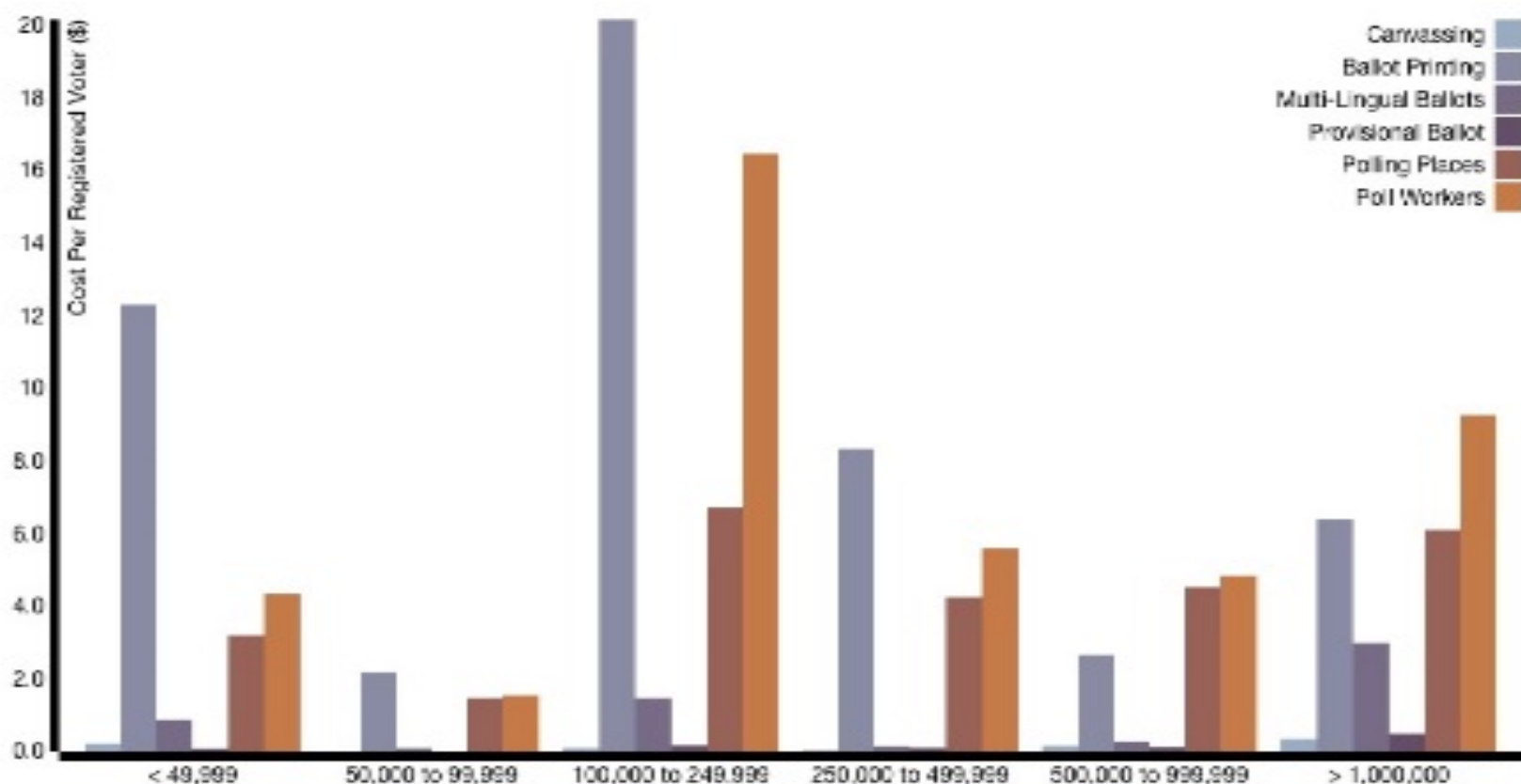


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### Cost Composition by Population Tier



# Other grant products

Data Analysis is on the way, looks *very* promising

Billing Practices Guide is complete and will be published soon

Four research areas

## Fiscal Services Subcommittee

Fearless leader Alice Jarboe has agreed to continue her 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)).

