

# Actual Election Costs in CA

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



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# Overview

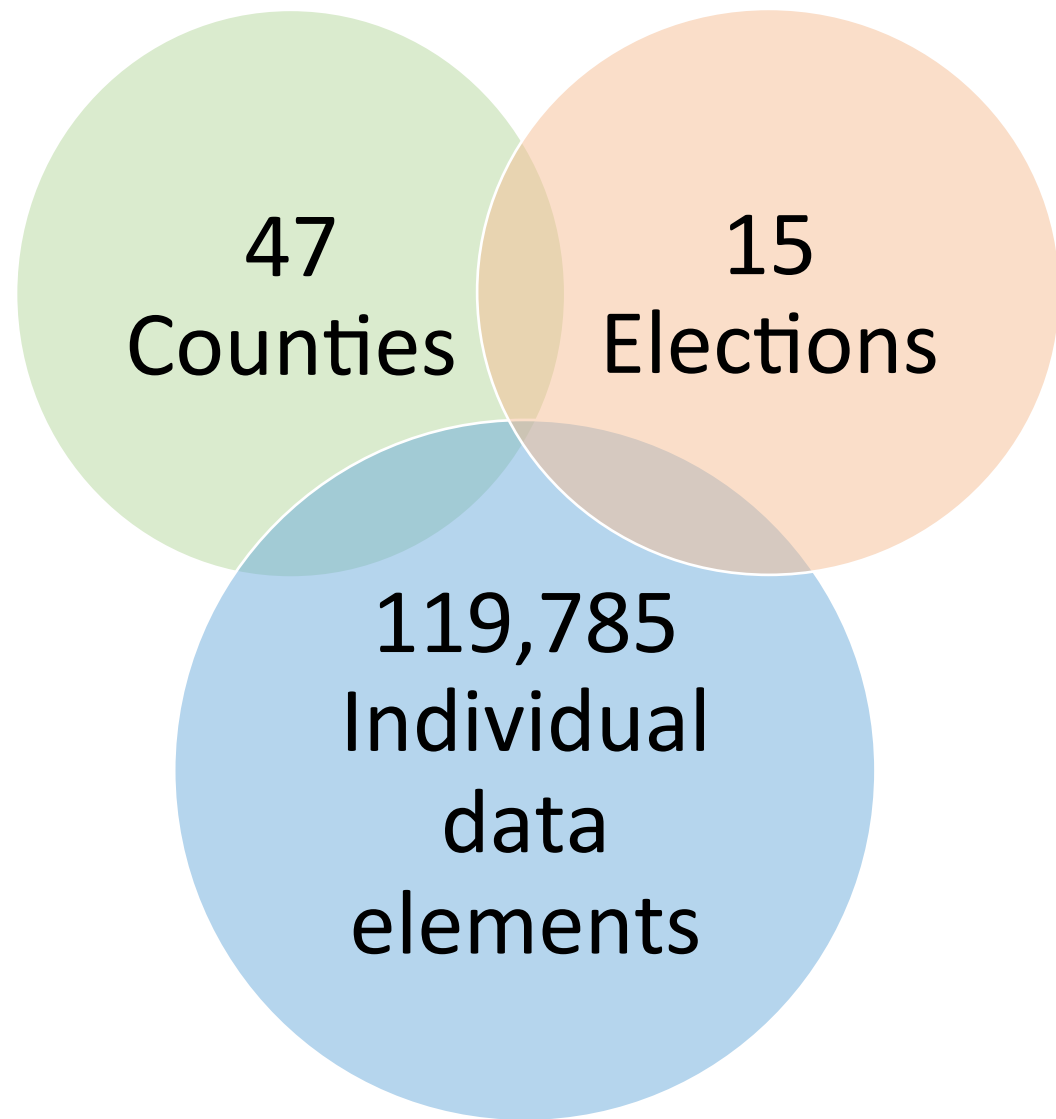
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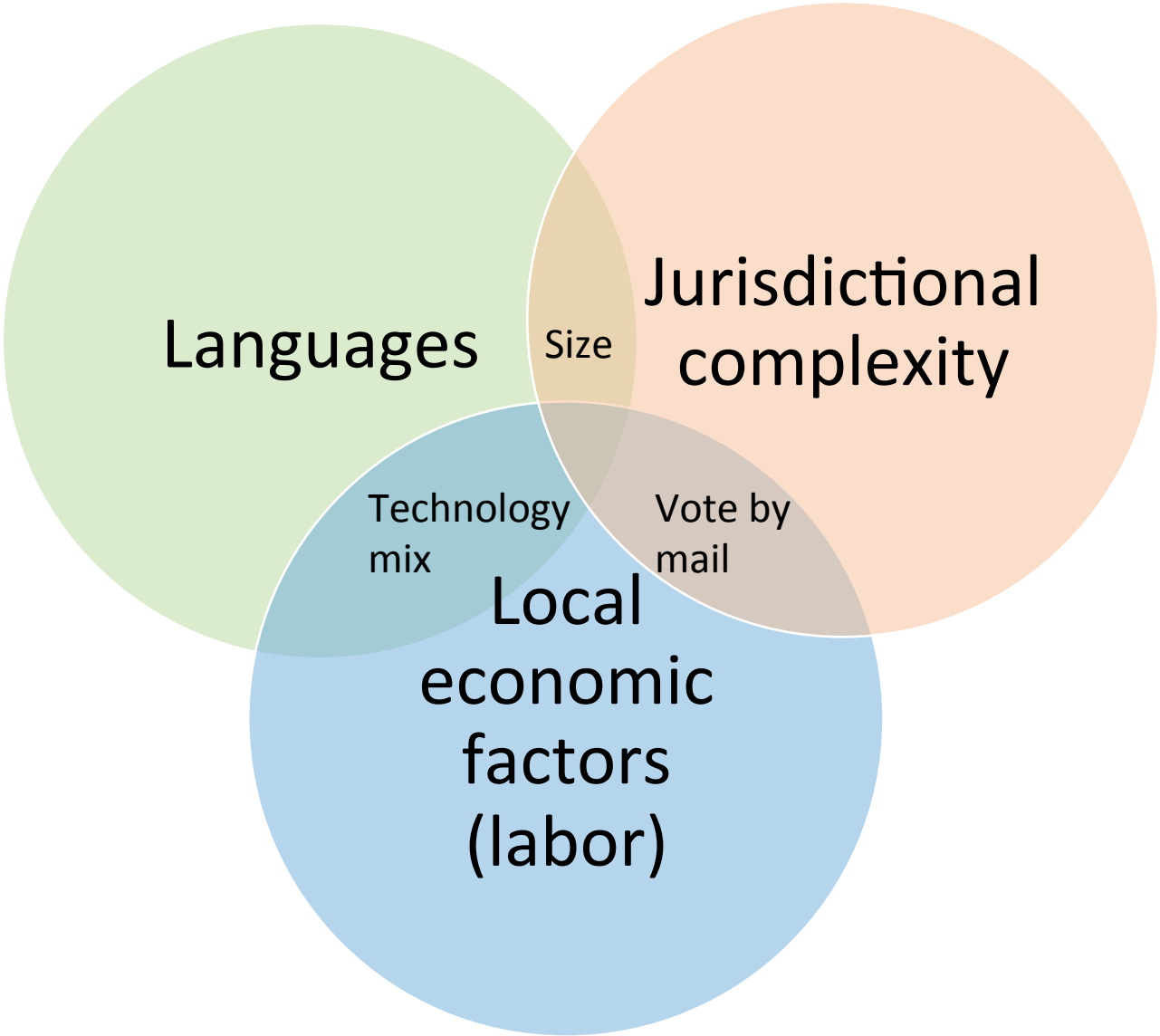
Contractor (Q2) selected, data survey tool developed, data collection began 2014

Data collection in earnest, data analysis and website development 2015

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





Languages

Jurisdictional complexity

Local economic factors (labor)

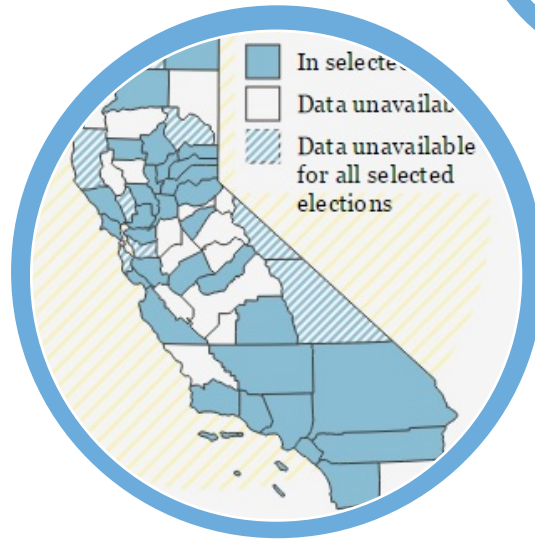
Size

Technology mix

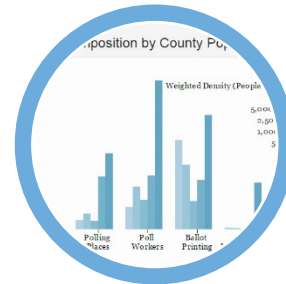
Vote by mail

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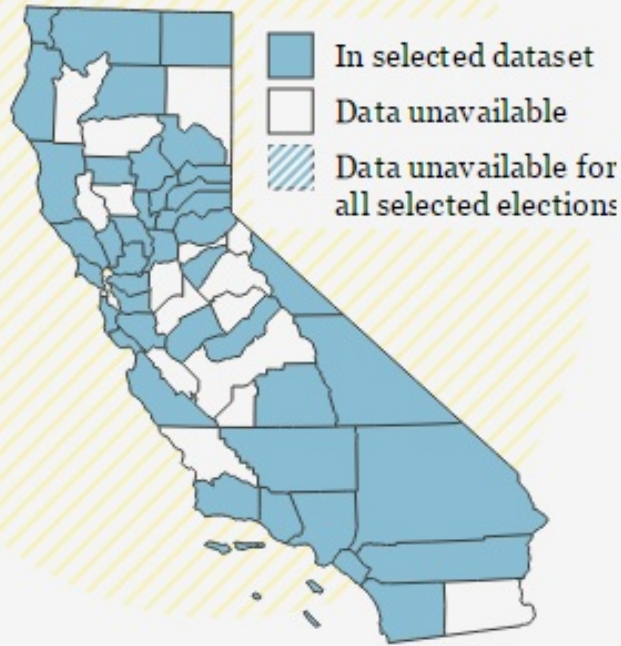
Map displays counties in data set



Choose which elections



See results



## ELECTIONS

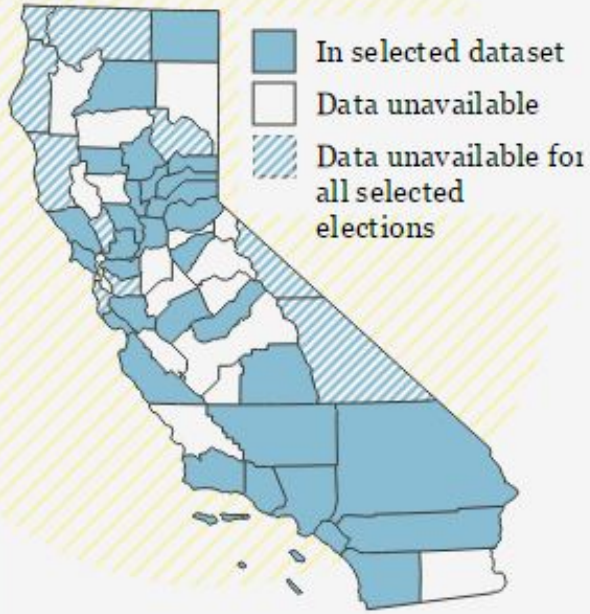
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- 2014 General
- 2014 Statewide Direct Primary
- 2012 Presidential General
- 2012 Presidential Primary
- 2010 General
- 2010 Statewide Direct

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



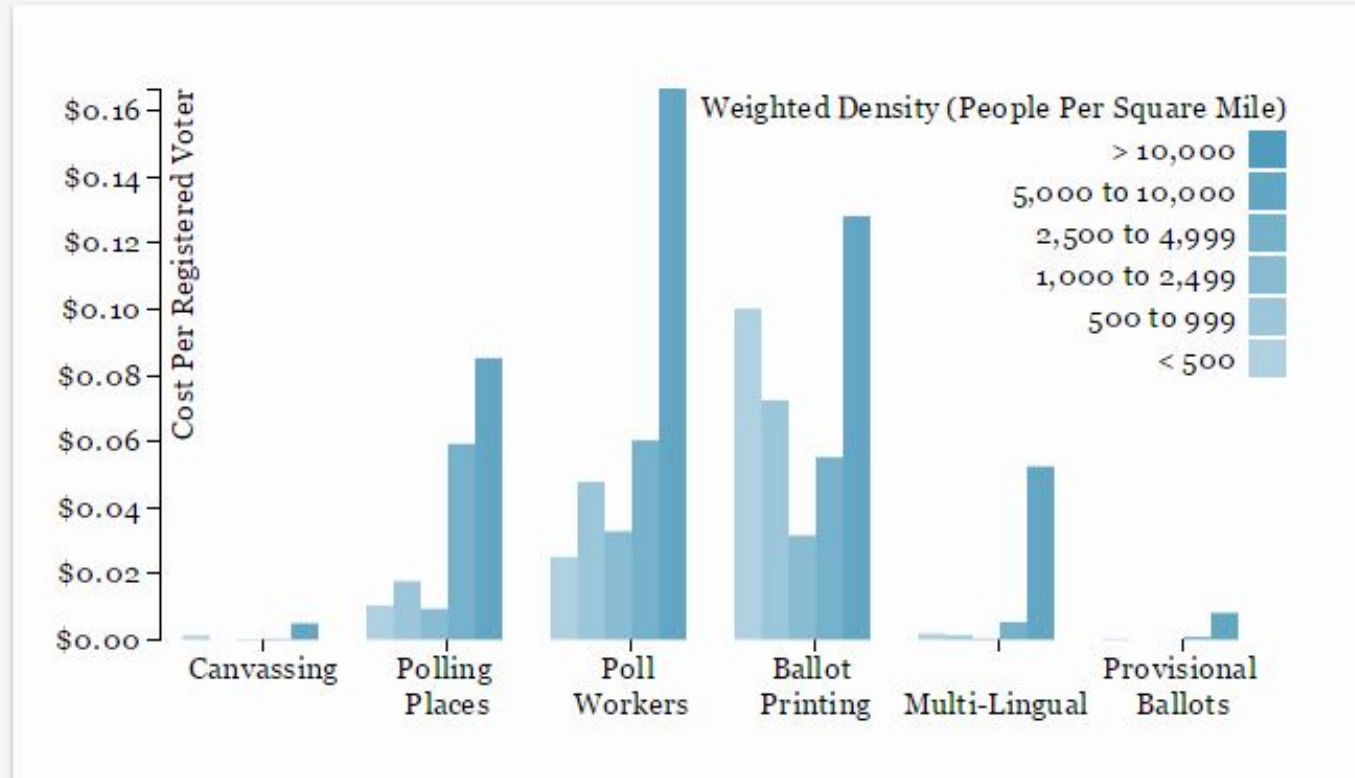


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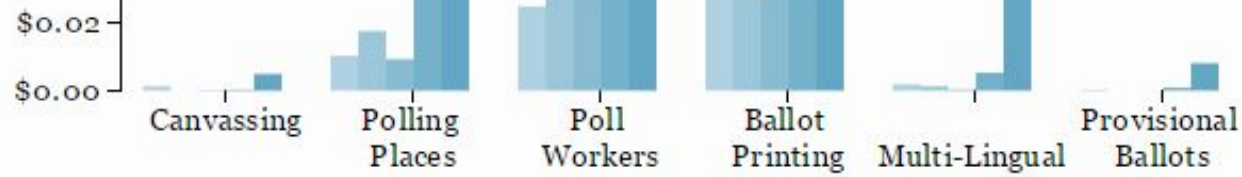
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POPULATION MEASURE

- Weighted Density
- Density
- Total Population



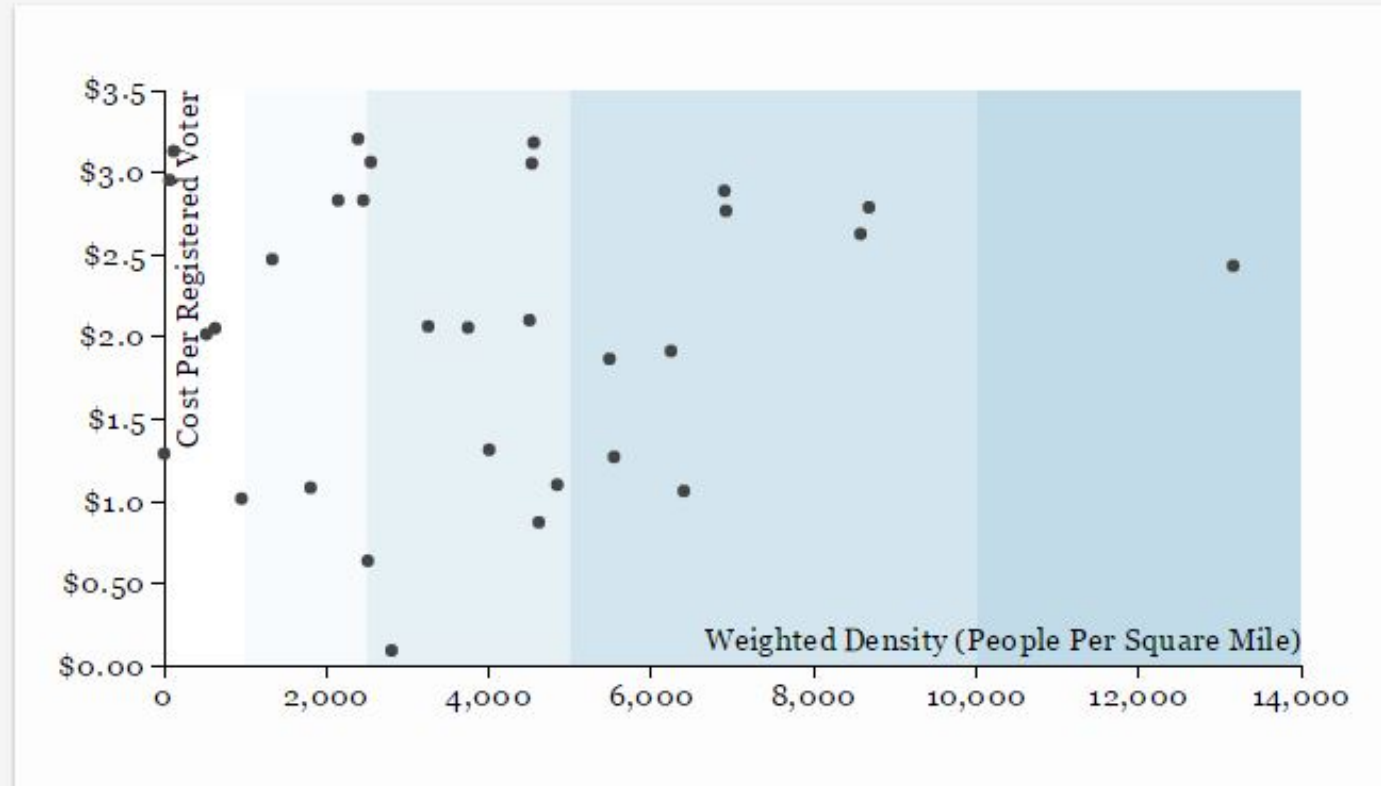


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- 2009 Statewide Special
- 2008 Presidential General
- 2008 Statewide Direct Primary
- 2008 Presidential Primary
- 2006 General
- 2006 Gubernatorial Primary

Cost Distribution by County Population

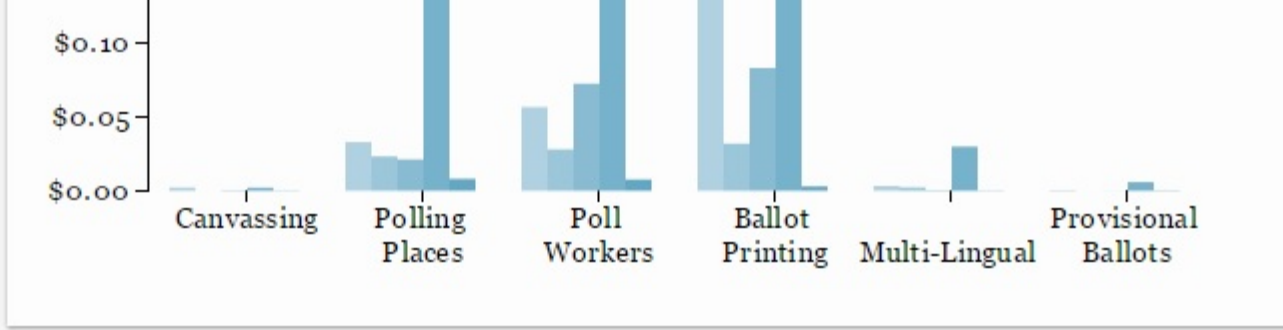


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COST BREAKDOWN

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- Canvassing
- Polling Places
- Poll Workers
- Ballot Printing
- Multi-Lingual Ballots
- Provisional Ballots

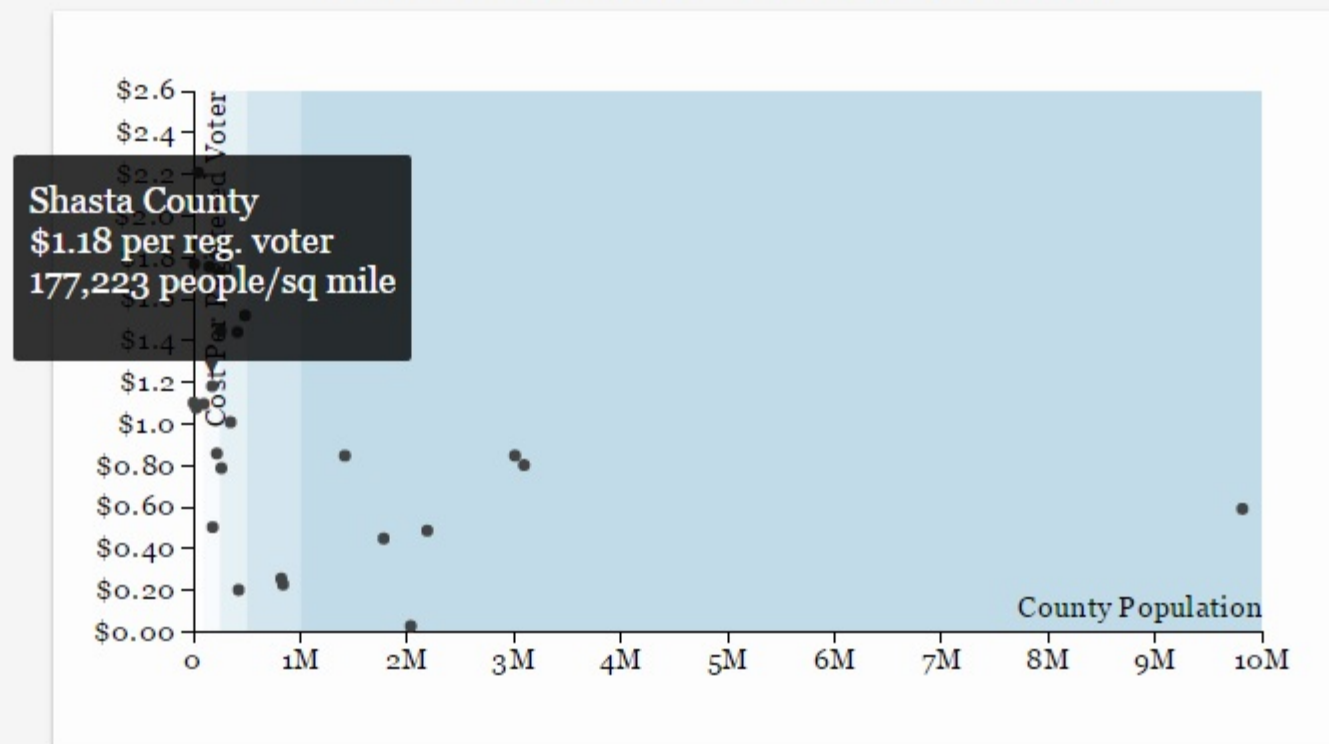


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- Primary

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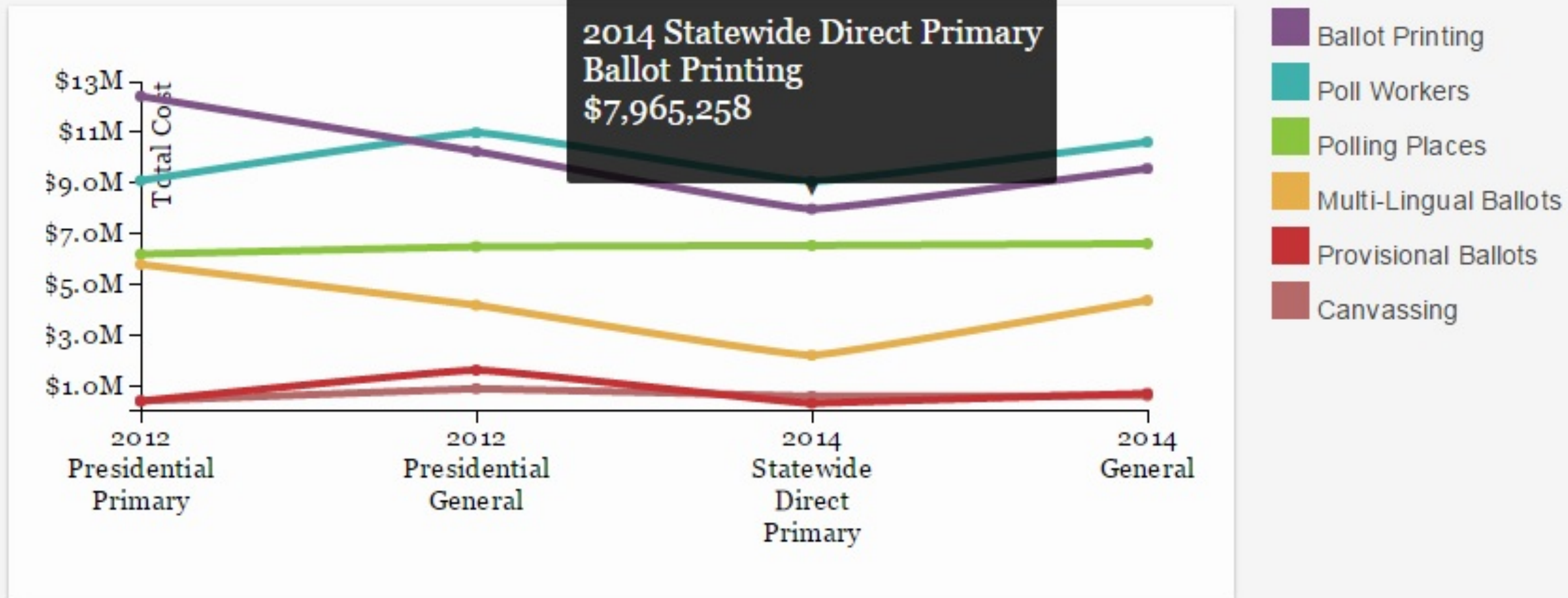
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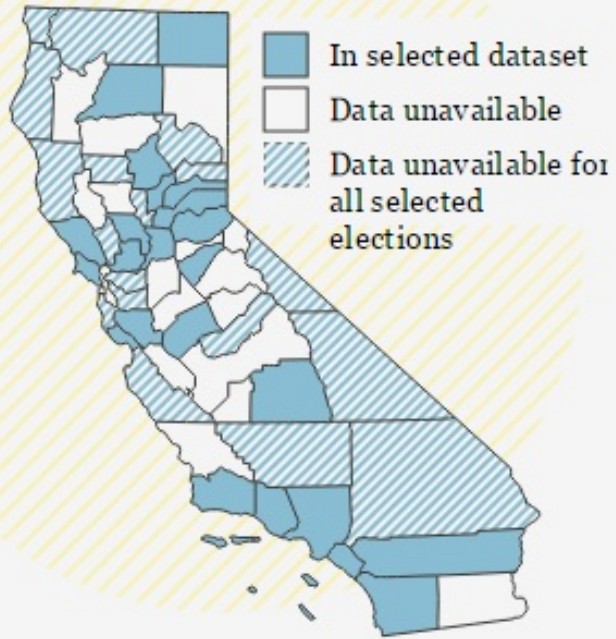
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## Cost Composition by Election







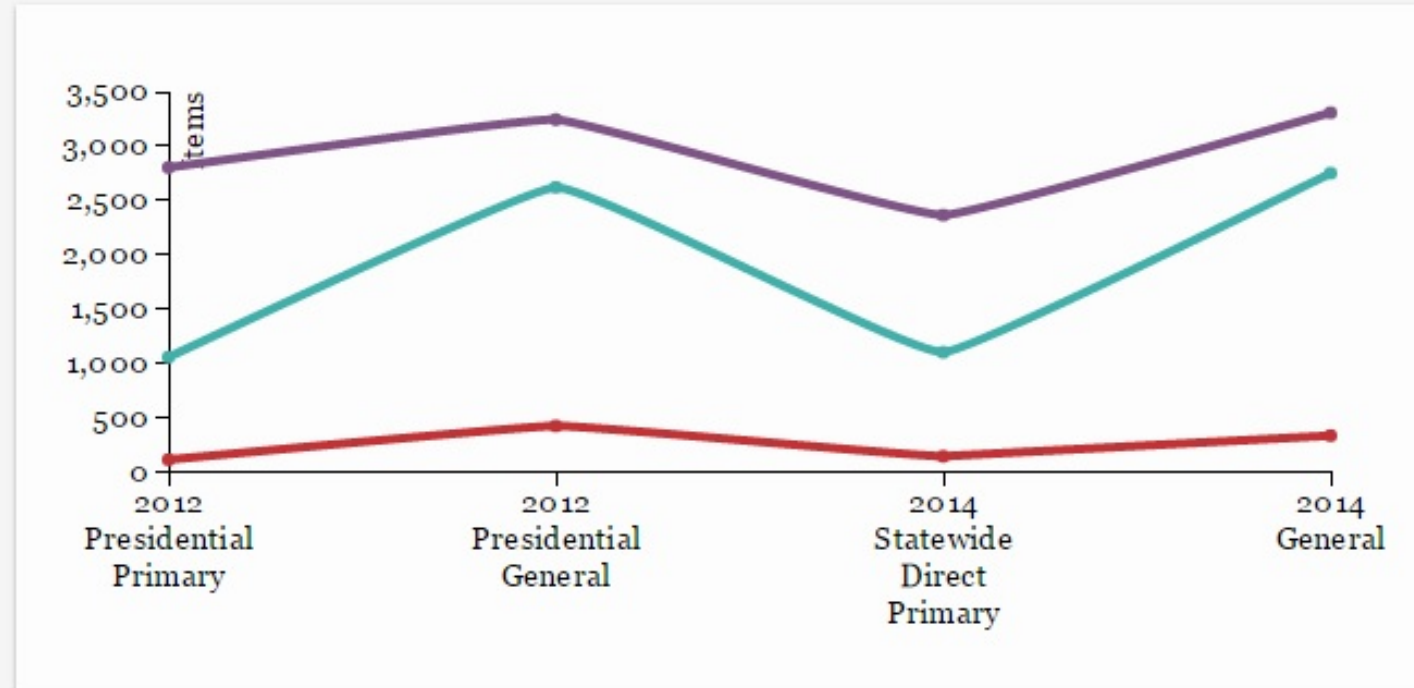
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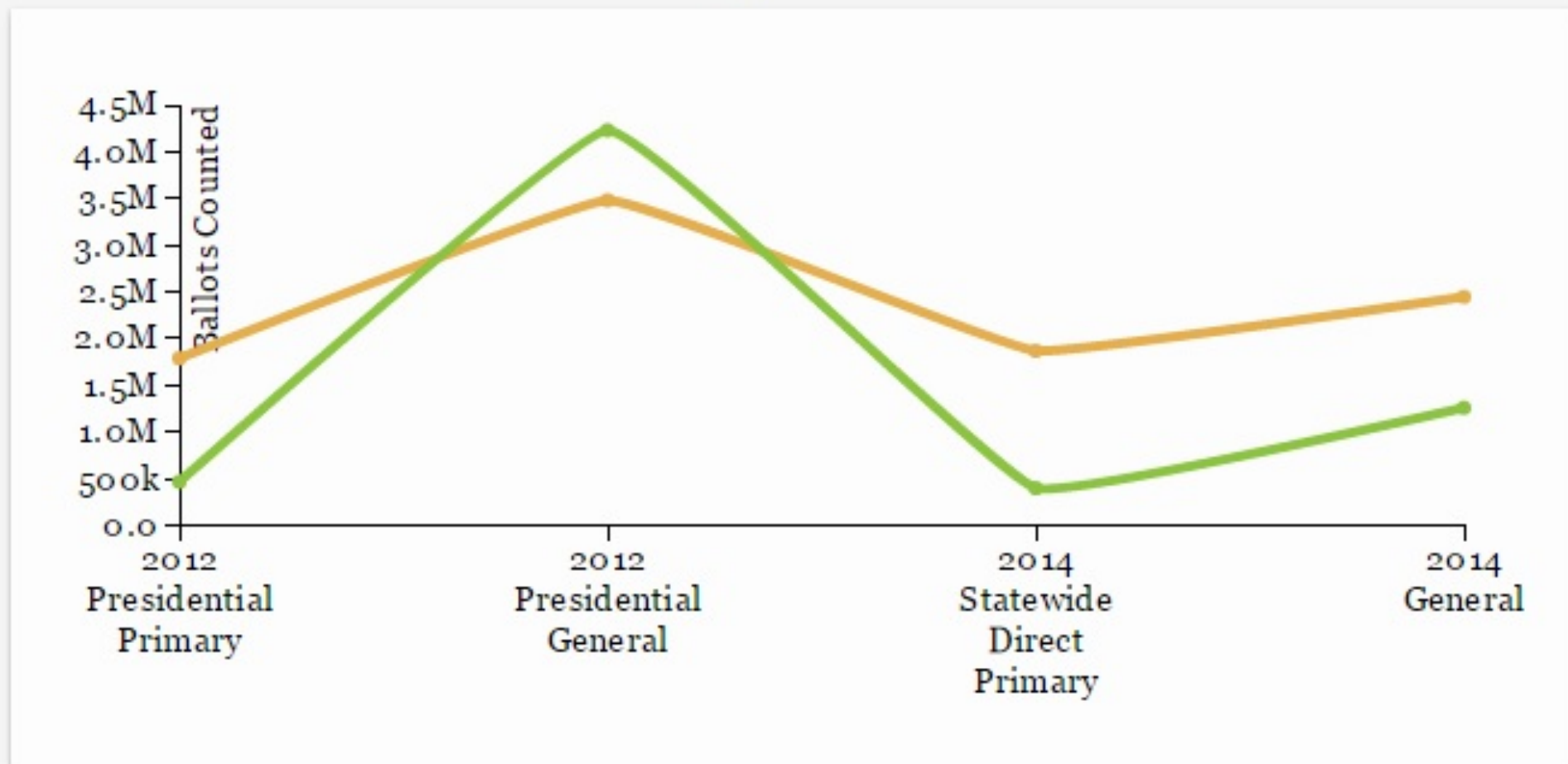
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2014 Statewide Direct

### Ballot Complexity



## Voting Methods



- Vote by Mail
- Paper Ballots at Polls

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## 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*