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MERRILL RELEASES TURNOUT FIGURE FROM AUGUST 12, 2014 PRIMARIES

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS TURNOUT OF 21% AMONG REGISTERED REPUBLICANS

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released voter turnout figures from last Tuesday's state-wide Republican primaries in Connecticut. Figures reported by Registrars of Voters show that 82,847 registered Republicans cast ballots out of a total of 398,437 active registered Republicans in the state, for a turnout of 21% statewide.

These figures are below recent figures for Republicans in a statewide primary. On August 10, 2010, 30% of Republicans cast their ballots for a gubernatorial candidate, and on August 14, 2012, 28% of Republicans made their choice for a senatorial candidate.

"The Republicans who cast ballots had their voices heard and made a choice about who will represent their party on the ballot in November," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official. "As the general election approaches, I urge all those who are eligible to register to vote, research the candidates, and come out on November 4 to cast a ballot."

"The turnout was actually slightly higher than we had predicted for this year" Secretary Merrill continued. "Compared to general elections, primaries consistently have a lower turnout so exceeding twenty percent was actually a little higher than we originally thought."

The town with the highest voter turnout percentage in the primary was Norwalk, where 78.8% of registered Republicans voted. The town of Beacon Falls had the lowest voter turnout, with just 4.0% of registered Republicans casting ballots. A town-by-town listing of the August 12, 2014 primary turnout is attached to this news release.

Please note that these numbers may not be final, as turnout figures may be changed if town officials file amended head moderator's returns.

Historical Primary Turnout

Date	Republicans
8/12/2014	21%
8/14/2012	28%
8/10/2010	30%
8/8/2006	n/a
9/15/1998	n/a
9/13/1994	25%
9/15/1992	22%
9/11/1990	n/a
9/9/1986	21%

Towns with the Highest and Lowest Turnout

Highest

Norwalk	78.80%
Chaplin	54.40%
North Canaan	52.30%
Cornwall	47.90%
Canaan	44.60%

Lowest

Ridgefield	10.50%
New Fairfield	10.30%
Portland	8.50%
Stratford	5.30%
Beacon Falls	4.00%

Town	Voters on Republican Enrollment List	Number voted 8/12/14	Turnout Percentage
Andover	515.00	125.00	24.3%
Ansonia	1,336.00	261.00	19.5%
Ashford	479.00	134.00	28.0%
Avon	3,751.00	846.00	22.6%
Barkhamsted	715.00	193.00	27.0%
Beacon Falls	866.00	35.00	4.0%
Berlin	2,983.00	698.00	23.4%
Bethany	982.00	207.00	21.1%
Bethel	2,977.00	512.00	17.2%
Bethlehem	777.00	210.00	27.0%
Bloomfield	1,303.00	356.00	27.3%
Bolton	867.00	204.00	23.5%
Bozrah	314.00	93.00	29.6%
Branford	2,831.00	574.00	20.3%
Bridgeport	3,441.00	542.00	15.8%
Bridgewater	400.00	111.00	27.8%
Bristol	5,572.00	1,272.00	22.8%
Brookfield	3,348.00	536.00	16.0%
Brooklyn	968.00	158.00	16.3%
Burlington	1,635.00	375.00	22.9%
Canaan	193.00	86.00	44.6%
Canterbury	951.00	291.00	30.6%
Canton	2,045.00	446.00	21.8%
Chaplin	428.00	233.00	54.4%
Cheshire	4,145.00	879.00	21.2%
Chester	458.00	79.00	17.2%
Clinton	2,229.00	370.00	16.6%
Colchester	2,143.00	428.00	20.0%
Colebrook	275.00	70.00	25.5%
Columbia	800.00	193.00	24.1%
Cornwall	190.00	91.00	47.9%
Coventry	1,536.00	344.00	22.4%
Cromwell	1,917.00	460.00	24.0%
Danbury	6,706.00	1,101.00	16.4%
Darien	5,797.00	858.00	14.8%
Deep River	595.00	117.00	19.7%
Derby	803.00	149.00	18.6%
Durham	1,342.00	330.00	24.6%
East Granby	966.00	255.00	26.4%
East Haddam	1,654.00	378.00	22.9%
East Hampton	1,654.00	378.00	22.9%
East Hartford	2,535.00	480.00	18.9%

East Haven	2,392.00	339.00	14.2%
East Lyme	2,515.00	569.00	22.6%
East Windsor	1,419.00	296.00	20.9%
Eastford	407.00	97.00	23.8%
Easton	1,664.00	315.00	18.9%
Ellington	2,151.00	484.00	22.5%
Enfield	4,629.00	915.00	19.8%
Essex	1,317.00	339.00	25.7%
Fairfield	10,605.00	2,358.00	22.2%
Farmington	4,360.00	1,011.00	23.2%
Franklin	295.00	76.00	25.8%
Glastonbury	5,486.00	1,046.00	19.1%
Goshen	736.00	244.00	33.2%
Granby	2,214.00	565.00	25.5%
Greenwich	12,160.00	1,942.00	16.0%
Griswold	1,288.00	253.00	19.6%
Groton	3,556.00	819.00	23.0%
Guilford	3,136.00	607.00	19.4%
Haddam	1,288.00	319.00	24.8%
Hamden	3,881.00	780.00	20.1%
Hampton	313.00	111.00	35.5%
Hartford	1,714.00	208.00	12.2%
Hartland	606.00	135.00	22.3%
Harwington	1,214.00	326.00	26.9%
Hebron	1,536.00	323.00	21.0%
Kent	448.00	165.00	36.8%
Killingly	1,537.00	242.00	15.7%
Killingworth	1,260.00	257.00	20.4%
Lebanon	1,114.00	312.00	28.0%
Ledyard	2,242.00	442.00	19.7%
Lisbon	516.00	146.00	28.3%
Litchfield	1,782.00	436.00	24.5%
Lyme	525.00	209.00	39.8%
Madison	4,021.00	922.00	22.9%
Manchester	4,677.00	1,047.00	22.4%
Mansfield	1,281.00	217.00	16.9%
Marlborough	1,006.00	218.00	21.7%
Meriden	3,707.00	682.00	18.4%
Middlebury	2,302.00	539.00	23.4%
Middlefield	612.00	141.00	23.0%
Middletown	3,236.00	681.00	21.0%
Milford	6,923.00	1,014.00	14.6%
Monroe	3,133.00	545.00	17.4%
Montville	1,513.00	333.00	22.0%
Morris	614.00	131.00	21.3%
Naugatuck	3,219.00	515.00	16.0%
New Britain	2,756.00	622.00	22.6%

New Canaan	6,432.00	798.00	12.4%
New Fairfield	2,899.00	298.00	10.3%
New Hartford	1,303.00	343.00	26.3%
New Haven	2,424.00	343.00	14.2%
New London	1,326.00	216.00	16.3%
New Milford	4,507.00	632.00	14.0%
Newington	2,956.00	665.00	22.5%
Newtown	5,119.00	842.00	16.4%
Norfolk	210.00	71.00	33.8%
North Branford	1,805.00	273.00	15.1%
North Canaan	541.00	283.00	52.3%
North Haven	3,608.00	629.00	17.4%
North Stonington	1,056.00	200.00	18.9%
Norwalk	8,532.00	6,725.00	78.8%
Norwich	2,144.00	404.00	18.8%
Old Lyme	3,071.00	878.00	28.6%
Old Saybrook	2,306.00	410.00	17.8%
Orange	2,422.00	400.00	16.5%
Oxford	2,640.00	475.00	18.0%
Plainfield	1,502.00	262.00	17.4%
Plainville	2,043.00	429.00	21.0%
Plymouth	1,531.00	290.00	18.9%
Pomfret	641.00	110.00	17.2%
Portland	1,121.00	95.00	8.5%
Preston	828.00	135.00	16.3%
Prospect	1,832.00	382.00	20.9%
Putnam	913.00	127.00	13.9%
Redding	2,129.00	316.00	14.8%
Ridgefield	5,803.00	611.00	10.5%
Rocky Hill	2,188.00	465.00	21.3%
Roxbury	489.00	150.00	30.7%
Salem	588.00	154.00	26.2%
Salisbury	624.00	227.00	36.4%
Scotland	280.00	71.00	25.4%
Seymour	2,046.00	321.00	15.7%
Sharon	468.00	186.00	39.7%
Shelton	5,802.00	1,548.00	26.7%
Sherman	818.00	116.00	14.2%
Simsbury	5,047.00	983.00	19.5%
Somers	1,626.00	496.00	30.5%
South Windsor	3,453.00	728.00	21.1%
Southbury	4,223.00	867.00	20.5%
Southington	5,905.00	1,262.00	21.4%
Sprague	323.00	132.00	40.9%
Stafford	1,342.00	395.00	29.4%
Stamford	12,470.00	2,000.00	16.0%
Sterling	435.00	60.00	13.8%

Stonington	2,623.00	551.00	21.0%
Stratford	5,779.00	307.00	5.3%
Suffield	2,373.00	502.00	21.2%
Thomaston	1,108.00	201.00	18.1%
Thompson	984.00	165.00	16.8%
Torrington	4,352.00	804.00	18.5%
Union	224.00	94.00	42.0%
Tolland	2,101.00	515.00	24.5%
Vernon	2,625.00	605.00	23.0%
Voluntown	294.00	69.00	23.5%
Wallingford	4,569.00	863.00	18.9%
Warren	336.00	101.00	30.1%
Washington	707.00	140.00	19.8%
Waterbury	6,795.00	980.00	14.4%
Waterford	3,767.00	1,029.00	27.3%
Watertown	3,709.00	770.00	20.8%
West Hartford	6,673.00	1,374.00	20.6%
West Haven	2,349.00	405.00	17.2%
Westbrook	1,144.00	310.00	27.1%
Weston	1,834.00	309.00	16.8%
Westport	4,392.00	860.00	19.6%
Wethersfield	3,328.00	824.00	24.8%
Willington	713.00	172.00	24.1%
Wilton	4,130.00	453.00	11.0%
Winchester	1,450.00	286.00	19.7%
Windham	1,508.00	209.00	13.9%
Windsor	2,742.00	610.00	22.2%
Windsor Locks	1,277.00	257.00	20.1%
Wolcott	2,778.00	499.00	18.0%
Woodbridge	1,289.00	242.00	18.8%
Woodbury	2,430.00	520.00	21.4%
Woodstock	1,555.00	267.00	17.2%
STATEWIDE	398,437.00	82,847.00	20.8%