

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the Blair County Election/Voter Registration office located?
The Blair County Election and Voter Registration office is located at 279 Loop Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.
2. Does Blair County have any satellite offices?
No, Blair County does not have any satellite offices.
3. What are office hours?
The office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm (unless required to be open later by the Election Code). The office is staffed and open through lunch hours.
The office is open from 7:00am – 8:00pm on Primary and Election days.
4. What is the office phone number?
You can reach the Voter Registration office at 814-693-3150.
5. Do you have a webpage?
Yes, www.blairco.org – click on the Government tab at the top of the screen and click on Election/Voter Registration from the drop-down menu.
6. What voting machines does Blair County use?
Blair County uses ES&S DS200 precinct scanners and Express Vote machines as our ADA compliant ballot marking device in all precincts. Blair County uses DS450 high speed scanners to tabulate mail-in ballots.
7. Does Blair County have electronic poll books?
No, Blair County uses paper poll books.
8. Does Blair County use a mail house vendor to send out Mail-In/Absentee Ballots?
Yes, Blair County contracts with NPC, Inc. to mail out mail-in and absentee ballots.
9. How can I become a poll worker?
Contact Virginia Clapper at 814-693-3150.
10. Are Poll Workers in Blair County paid?
Yes. Judge of Election - \$150 and Inspectors/Clerks \$125. Checks are mailed from the County Controller about 3 weeks after the election.
11. How can I become a Poll WATCHER?
Poll Watchers are **appointed by a Candidate or a Political Party**. The Political Party must have a candidate on the ballot to appoint watchers. The Candidate or Political Party must transmit a list of registered voter names of poll watchers to the Election office a week before the election so proper credentials can be created. Every Poll Watcher must have a watcher certificate from the Blair County Election Office before they may gain access to a precinct on Election Day. Only 1 watcher per candidate and 1 watcher per party may be present inside the polling place.

12. How can I apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot?

You can apply online at www.vote.pa.gov, stop in our office and complete a paper application or print and mail the application from our website at www.blairco.org.

13. Does Blair County have any drop boxes?

No, Blair County does not have any drop boxes within the county.

14. Where can I drop off my voted mail-in/absentee ballot?

Only the voter may drop off their own ballot at the Blair County Voter Registration office at 279 Loop Road, Hollidaysburg. Once you enter the main door, a staff member will be at the window to take your ballot.

15. Does your office offer in-office voting or early voting?

Yes. Registered voters can stop in the office to complete an application and receive their mail-in ballot to vote in the office or take with them. **Ballots will become available in the office once our vendor mails out the first batch of ballots.**

16. Does Blair County cure mail-in or absentee ballots?

No, Blair County does not allow voters to cure absentee or mail-in ballots.

17. What if my ballot does not arrive in the mail?

The voter should call Voter Registration at 814-693-3150 to inquire when the ballot was sent and if sufficient time has passed to account for the time it takes to be mailed or if the ballot was returned undeliverable. The Voter Registration office will cancel the undeliverable or lost ballot and reissue a ballot. The ballot can either be remailed or the voter can stop in the office to pick up and or vote the ballot.

18. When does Blair County start to count absentee and mail-in ballots?

Blair County begins to count mail-in and absentee ballots at 7:00am on Election Day. Blair County will continuously count ballots until every ballot is counted (24 hours a day)

19. Who is permitted to observe the counting of mail-in ballots?

One (1) authorized representative of each candidate and one (1) representative from each political party appearing on the ballot shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee and mail-in ballots are pre-canvassed/canvassed.

Candidates and Parties should submit names of those individuals who will be representing a candidate/party to the Election Director prior to Election Day.

20. Where can I find Election Results for Blair County?

Blair County will post Election Results on the Blair County Website www.blairco.org. From the main page, click on "Election Results" under the title Popular Links.

21. What is included on Election Results reports on Election Night?

The last report uploaded to the website and the Department of State **on Election night** will include: mail-in/absentee ballots that were canvassed from 7am-8pm and all precinct vote totals.

22. Why can't I find write-in votes on reports on Election Night?

Blair County will review write-in votes when the Official Return Board meets the Friday after the Election. Updated reports, with write-in votes, will appear on the website by 4pm on Friday.

23. When are Provisional Ballots reviewed?

Provisional Ballots cast on Election Day will be reviewed when the Official Return Board meets on the Friday after the election. The specific time the Provisional Ballots will be reviewed will be posted at the top of the Blair County Election Office's website. Valid Provisional Ballot votes will be scanned and added to the updated Friday afternoon report.

24. Where can I find a list of polling places in Blair County?

Under the Election/Voter Registration tab on the county's website www.blairco.org.

25. When / where can candidates start to place political yard signs?

Blair County does not police political yard sign placement. Where and when yard signs can be placed would be policed by individual Municipality ordinances or PennDOT regulations.

Candidates may only place their signs at designated Polling Places **the morning of Election Day** and must take their signs down when polls close at 8pm.

26. Someone stole my political/candidate yard signs – what action can be taken?

The Election Office cannot help candidates/private citizens whose yard signs have been stolen. Candidates/Citizens should contact the local police department to file a report or contact the Municipality highway department or PennDOT to make sure signs were not taken down when the grass on median strip is mowed.

27. How many precincts does Blair County have?

Blair County has 93 precincts.

28. What Congressional District covers Blair County?

All of Blair County is in the 13th Congressional District.

29. What PA Senate District covers Blair County?

All of Blair County is in the 30th PA Senatorial District.

30. What PA Legislative Districts cover Blair County?

Blair County is in the 79th and 80th PA Legislative Districts.

31. What precincts are in the 79th Legislative District?

City of Altoona, Allegheny Township and Logan Township

32. What precincts are in the 80th Legislative District?

Antis Township, Bellwood Boro, Blair Township, Catharine Township, Duncansville Boro, Frankstown Township, Freedom Township, Greenfield Township, Hollidaysburg

Boro, Huston Township, Juniata Township, Martinsburg Boro, Newry Boro, North Woodbury Township, Roaring Spring Boro, Snyder Township, Taylor Township, Tyrone Boro, Williamsburg Boro, Woodbury Township.