

Apache County

Hand Count/Early Ballot Audit Report

Synopsis:

Pursuant to ARS §16-602(B), Apache county conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election. Apache County has 35 vote centers. Based upon the state required 2% formula for hand audits, we counted two vote centers.

On June 16, 2026, after the local L&A testing, representatives from the Apache County Democratic and Republican parties met to do a preliminary selection of early ballot batches for the hand count.

On July 22, 2026, representatives from the Apache County Democratic and Republican parties met to draw the vote centers, early ballot batches and races to be counted. The Vote Centers selected are:

Wide Ruins 171 ballots
Kinlichee 251 ballots

The early ballot batches selected are:

A0016 17 ballots
A0087 50 ballots
A0136 26 ballots

There were 6730 early ballots tabulated in Apache County at the time of the hand count batch selection for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election. $6730 \times .01 = 67.3$ ballots required to be hand counted. In total, 93 early ballots were counted.

After the vote centers and early ballot batches were selected the races to be counted were selected. The races selected are:

Race Category	Race Description
Statewide Candidate	Corporation Commissioner (REP)
State Legislative	State Senator Dist. 6 (DEM)
Statewide Candidate	Governor (REP)
Statewide Candidate	Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)
Statewide Candidate	Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Two boards consisting of three members from the Democratic and Republican parties conducted the hand count audit. The boards were instructed how to use the stacking method for counting.

The results of each hand count audit matched the tabulated results with zero discrepancies. The results are attached.

Comments:

The vote center and early ballot hand count audit reports from the Apache County July 21, 2026, Primary Election are attached for your review.



July 25, 2026

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Apache County

Master Vote Center and Race Selection Worksheet

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

SECTION A. SELECTED VOTE CENTERS (LISTED IN ORDER SELECTED)

Wide Ruins

Kinlichee

SECTION B. NUMER OF RACES TO COUNT PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	NUMBER OF RACES PER CATEGORY
1. Statewide Candidate	III	8
2. Statewide Ballot Measure		0
3. Federal Candidate		0
4. State Legislative	I	2
5. Statewide Candidate	I	8

SECTION C. RACES TO BE COUNTED

RACE TO BE COUNTED	CATEGORY OF RACE
1. Corporation Commissioner (REP)	Statewide Candidate
2. State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)	State Legislature
3. Governor (REP)	Statewide Candidate
4. Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)	Statewide Candidate
5. Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)	Statewide Candidate

AGGREGATE – VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT – TOTAL FROM ALL VOTE CENTERS

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Wide Ruins	22	22	0
Kinlichee	20	20	0
Totals:	42	42	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Wide Ruins	135	135	0
Kinlichee	205	205	0
Totals:	340	340	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Governor (REP)

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Wide Ruins	21	21	0
Kinlichee	19	19	0
Totals:	40	40	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Wide Ruins	132	132	0
Kinlichee	199	199	0
Totals:	331	331	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Wide Ruins	23	23	0
Kinlichee	19	19	0
Totals:	42	42	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Additional Comments: _____

VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Vote Center: Wide Ruins

Ballots in Batch: 171

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Myers, Nicholas "Nick"	6	6	0
Thompson, Kevin	10	10	0
Heap, Ralph	6	6	0
Totals	22	22	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: **State Legislature**

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	56	56	0
Tsosie, Myron	79	79	0
Totals	135	135	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Governor (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Biggs, Andy	9	9	0
Miceli, Ken	2	2	0
Neely, Scott	7	7	0
Schweikert, David	3	3	0
Totals	21	21	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Newby, Brett Matthew	56	56	0
Ruiz, Teresa Leyba	76	76	0
Totals	132	132	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom	14	14	0
Yee, Kimberly	9	9	0
Totals	23	23	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Vote Center: Kinlichee

Ballots in Batch: 251

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Myers, Nicholas "Nick"	5	5	0
Thompson, Kevin	9	9	0
Heap, Ralph	6	6	0
Totals	20	20	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **State Legislature**

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	97	97	0
Tsosie, Myron	108	108	0
Totals	205	205	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Governor (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Biggs, Andy	5	5	0
Miceli, Ken	1	1	0
Neely, Scott	6	6	0
Schweikert, David	7	7	0
Totals	19	19	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Newby, Brett Matthew	92	92	0
Ruiz, Teresa Leyba	107	107	0
Totals	199	199	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate**

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom	13	13	0
Yee, Kimberly	6	6	0
Totals	19	19	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

AGGREGATE - EARLY BALLOT HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT – TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0016	16	16	0
2 A0087	3	3	0
3 A0136	6	6	0
Totals:	29	29	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0016	8	8	0
2 A0087	46	46	0
3 A0136	21	21	0
Totals:	75	75	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Governor (REP)

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0016	9	9	0
2 A0087	3	3	0
3 A0136	5	5	0
Totals:	17	17	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0016	8	8	0
2 A0087	45	45	0
3 A0136	18	18	0
Totals:	71	71	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0016	9	9	0
2 A0087	3	3	0
3 A0136	5	5	0
Totals:	17	17	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Additional Comments _____

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 1 # of Ballots in Batch; 17 Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Myers, Nicholas "Nick"	3	3	0
Thompson, Kevin	4	4	0
Heap, Ralph	9	9	0
Totals	16	16	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	6	6	0
Tsosie, Myron	2	2	0
Totals	8	8	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Governor (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Biggs, Andy	9	9	0
Miceli, Ken	0	0	0
Neely, Scott	0	0	0
Schweikert, David	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Newby, Brett Matthew	2	2	0
Ruiz, Teresa Leyba	6	6	0
Totals	8	8	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom	3	3	0
Yee, Kimberly	6	6	0
Totals	9	9	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

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Batch 1
Early Ballot
Batch A0016

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 2 # of Ballots in Batch; 50

Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Myers, Nicholas "Nick"	0	0	0
Thompson, Kevin	1	1	0
Heap, Ralph	2	2	0
Totals	3	3	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	21	21	0
Tsosie, Myron	25	25	0
Totals	46	46	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Governor (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Biggs, Andy	1	1	0
Miceli, Ken	1	1	0
Neely, Scott	1	1	0
Schweikert, David	0	0	0
Totals	3	3	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Newby, Brett Matthew	19	19	0
Ruiz, Teresa Leyba	26	26	0
Totals	45	45	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom	2	2	0
Yee, Kimberly	1	1	0
Totals	3	3	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

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Batch 2
Early Ballot
Batch A0087

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 3 # of Ballots in Batch; 26 Election: July 21, 2026, Primary Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Myers, Nicholas "Nick"	2	2	0
Thompson, Kevin	2	2	0
Heap, Ralph	2	2	0
Totals	6	6	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative

Race: State Senator Dist 6 (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	10	10	0
Tsosie, Myron	11	11	0
Totals	21	21	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Governor (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Biggs, Andy	5	5	0
Miceli, Ken	0	0	0
Neely, Scott	0	0	0
Schweikert, David	0	0	0
Totals	5	5	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (DEM)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Newby, Brett Matthew	4	4	0
Ruiz, Teresa Leyba	14	14	0
Totals	18	18	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction (REP)

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom	2	2	0
Yee, Kimberly	3	3	0
Totals	5	5	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit