

2015 County Election Official Questionnaire

COUNTY	ELECTION OFFICIAL	1. How do you calculate resources needed on Election Day?	2. How is the decision made in your office to house several precincts in one polling location?
<b>Antelope (26)</b>	Lisa Payne	The number of ballots calculated is the number of registered voters, give or take a few, allowing for voters to move in or out of precincts. Provisional and Absentee ballots are taken into consideration with the number above.	The decision to house several precincts is based on location, size, and convenience.
<b>Burt (31)</b>	Sarah Freidel	POWER PROFILE SOFTWARE; ELIGIBLE VOTER STATISTICS	WE HAVE SMALL PRECINCTS; MY CITY AUDITORIUMS AND FIRE HALLS CAN HANDLE THE TRAFFIC.
<b>Cass (20)</b>	Nancy Josoff	By looking at past elections and special issues that are on our ballots, both state and local. Of course a Presidential Election always has a larger voter turnout but issues like the death penalty will likely bring voters out in Nebraska as well. Local issues by precinct, for example a liquor issue to sell alcohol in a dry village drew a huge turnout for that one village in that one precinct, so there are many factors that go into making a decision on how many resources we would need at any given precinct at any given election. Knowing our counties and experience is a big factor.	Distance for our voters, the number of voters in the precincts and if the polling location is accessible and able to handle 2 precincts, 2 election boards, and additional resources.
<b>Chase (72)</b>	Debra Clark	I normally order 100%.	I have never done that-YET.
<b>Cherry (66)</b>	Thomas Elliott	Clerk & Staff analyze numbers, review precinct history.	One example of this—in Cherry County- location & accessibility
<b>Colfax (43)</b>	Rita Mundil	I calculate almost 100% on ballots to make sure I will not be short	I have 5 precincts and each one has its own polling location
<b>Cuming (24)</b>	Bonnie Vogltance	We order one ballot per registered voter and extra for testing purposes. We look at provisional ballots from previous years and rely on those numbers. We have extra provisional buckets available at the courthouse if needed.. These packets do not include the ballot. The ballot is issued at the polls depending on the voters reason for voting provisionally.	We are a small county with very few handicapped accessible polling places. This is a factor along with the size of the building and parking lot.
<b>Dawes (69)</b>	Cheryl Feist	I always order at 100% of what my Voter Registration counts are in each Precinct; Several of my Precincts have splits so I order at 100% on the splits as well. I don't ever want to be without enough ballots.	Voter preference, cost effectiveness and the ability to find ADA polling sites.
<b>Dixon (35)</b>	Diane Mohr	After determining what races will be on the ballot, I do a voter count for each split and combination of splits to determine the number of ballots needed.	It depends on the accessibility, location and size of the polling place.

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<b>Frontier (60)</b>	Darla Walther	I order ballots based on voter registration numbers in each split. In small splits I order 100% to hopefully make up for anybody who may register after the ballots are ordered. The smaller the split the more likely that voter turnout can be 100%. In larger splits I will order less than 100% figuring past voter turnout into the guess but ordering high so that we don't run out. Provisional ballot supplies are based on prior election trends . I provide more than past usage so we don't run out, but they aren't wasted because the unused supply can be re-used at subsequent elections. It is never exact science, we can only guess how many people will register after the order date and how voter turnout will be.	I don't have any precincts that are housed together. My precincts are too far away from each other to do this.
<b>Hitchcock (67)</b>	Margaret Pollman	# of registered voters and past experience	we currently have one precinct per location so hasn't been an issue
<b>Loup (88)</b>	Debbie Postany	As the ballots themselves are relatively inexpensive (the programming is where the cost lies), I usually order 80 % -100% based on my number of voters, approximately 470 active. Usually the smaller number for the Primary based on past turnouts over 35 years.	This question does not apply to Loup County. Loup County did have three precincts but for many, many years all three polls were at the courthouse. When the County decided to go with one precinct, with the poll site still at the courthouse, it wasn't a major change for any voter.
<b>Madison (7)</b>	Nancy Scheer	The number of ballots orders is based upon the number of registered voters in each voting precinct and the percentage of voters participating in past elections.	Polling place locations are based upon the distance that voters must travel and the availability of buildings that meet the ADA requirements.
<b>McPherson (90)</b>	Judy Dailey	By the number of registered voters.	We have one county-wide precinct with the polling place located in the Courthouse.
<b>Nance (58)</b>	Danette Zarek	It's a guessing game. I generally order 80-90% of the number of registered voters. Usually this is a lot more than necessary, but I don't want to run out.	The most recent decision was made before I took office. At the current time we are not looking to combine precincts.
<b>Otoe (11)</b>	Janene Bennett	With the Election Computer Program I use, all information is readily available so that I can make queries to determine the number of ballots needed per precinct, etc. I also refer to previous elections for historical statistics.	I have three sites that house two precincts each. The buildings were large enough to accommodate the number of potential voters; there was ample parking and the buildings met ADA requirements. I also considered cost savings to the taxpayers without causing inconvenience to the voters.
<b>Pierce (40)</b>	Shannon Wragge	BY THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS. I ORDER 100%	NA

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<b>Platte (10)</b>	Diane Olmer	Our process of calculating the # of ballots to order is not an exact science. I rely on past election statistics. I also look at the upcoming elections and what issues and races will be on the ballot that may cause more voters to show up and vote. One rule I do abide by is to order at 100%++ for a Presidential General Election. That election always brings out many voters. Provisional Ballots are really just regular ballots in a Special Envelope with a Voter Registration and an Oath. So, I have a set number of the Provisional Kits that I send to the larger precincts and a different number to the smaller precincts. If I ever run out...I will reconsider these numbers for the next election cycle. I can run extra out if needed. So, far there has always been plenty.	This is usually a decision made because of lack of available, Handicap Accessible and voter convenient polling places in a precinct. It is a case by case judgement call.
<b>Red Willow (48)</b>	Tami Teel	Percentage of registered voters	Location, size of building
<b>Rock (81)</b>	Joyce Stahl	By past voter turnout	We only have 1 precinct
<b>Saline (22)</b>	Linda Kastanek	Saline County usually orders about 75% of the number of registered voters in each precinct.	I have not had to do that, polling places were set up before I took office.
<b>Sarpy (59)</b>	Wayne Bena	Resources are calculated by taking a historical look at turnout in a given election along with what is on that ballot.	At the current time we only have 1 such polling site. It depends on what types of buildings are in the area and if the building in question has the room to support multiple precincts.
<b>Seward (16)</b>	Sherry Schweitzer	Previous experience helps me dictate numbers. Also type of Election , i.e. Presidential, local races having opposition, etc.	Cost, ease for residents to use 1 facility. (In Seward, I have 5 precincts at one large building at the Fairgrounds. Everybody in Seward knows to just go to the one building and look at the map once they get it to find out which table they go to.)
<b>Thomas (89)</b>	Lorissa Hartman	Have a spreadsheet that I use to keep track of the registered voters and plan for provisional ballots. We only have one precinct in Thomas County.	n/a

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Antelope (26)	Lisa Payne	At present, Election workers are asked and have the right to refuse, and are paid. They are usually, asked for both primary and general election in the spring.		
Burt (31)	Sarah Freidel	VOLUNTEER	CALL; NO	
Cass (20)	Nancy Josoff	Always recruit for a better quality of workers. I have drafted just a bit and would rather not do that.	We have flyers we send to church and organizations, we have recruitment cards at our polling places and ask our workers to encourage people to sign up. This has worked well. We have information on our county web page and since the DMV is in our building 2 days a week in the lobby we have a TV with a PowerPoint Presentation that is looped and plays as they wait for the DMV. This presentation educates them on the responsibilities of being a poll worker. This year for the first time we purchased signs that read: Need Election Poll Workers Earn Minimum Wage or More then my phone number. This was a huge success and I even received calls from folks in other counties that saw the signs. YES Program: Yes but there has not been much support from the schools in our county.	Prefer not to.
Chase (72)	Debra Clark	Recruit	By telephone. YES program-No	
Cherry (66)	Thomas Elliott	Recruit Volunteers	Personal contact by Clerk's office. YES program-Not yet.	
Colfax (43)	Rita Mundil		I recruit volunteers by having a signup sheet at each polling location asking if anyone is interested in becoming a poll worker. I also ask my current poll workers to give me suggestions on who to ask. I also utilize the SOS Youth Election Service program	
Cuming (24)	Bonnie Vogltance		We don't use a recruiting program. We do utilize the Secretary of State's Youth Election Service program.	Yes
Dawes (69)	Cheryl Feist		We recruit by word of mouth and yes we encourage youth participation. I conduct Voter Education in the school systems and to the public upon request.	

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Dixon (35)	Diane Mohr		We recruit volunteer election workers, but we pay them a salary. We have not yet utilized the Secretary of State's Youth Election Service Program.	
Frontier (60)	Darla Walther	I recruit workers.	I use youth workers every election. I use contact persons in different communities to help me find good willing workers. I print off lists of voters for each party and then start making phone calls until we find somebody.	
Hitchcock (67)	Margaret Pollman	Recruit	Personal knowledge of individuals in our small county. Most of our poll workers have 20+ years of experience. Personal interaction with patrons asking if they would consider serving. We have had no interest thus far in the SOS Youth Election Program. Will try again this election cycle.	
Loup (88)	Debbie Postany	I have Board members who have served for years but do recruit if one of them cannot serve at any election.	Basically go through my voter lists and call individuals to see if they are willing or able to serve. YES program-I have in the past but found it difficult to keep them busy and focused during the day.	I have had no drafted workers. In Loup County, it is difficult to find anyone willing to serve on the Board and those on the Board wish to continue working until they no longer are capable.
Madison (7)	Nancy Scheer	I rely upon volunteer election workers. Many phone calls are made to recruit workers.	I rely upon previous election board members to volunteer again for future elections. I also have a signup sheet on Election Day at the polling sites for voters to volunteer at future elections. YES program-Yes, we really like involving youth in the election process.	Not applicable
McPherson (90)	Judy Dailey		We have volunteers that are wanting to work the election. We have not utilized the Youth Election Service yet due to conflicts with their school schedule.	Yes, if they are willing to do it.
Nance (58)	Danette Zarek	We recruit.	We look @ the names of registered voters & call those who we think may be able to help. We also ask the election workers if they know of anyone we could call.	

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Otoe (11)	Janene Bennett	I recruit workers	Some names are still provided by the Political Parties. We keep a list of people who have served in the past or indicate a desire to work on the Election Board; then make phone calls from the list. On Election Day, each polling site is furnished a "Sign-Up" sheet for Poll Workers, so I get several names from them. YES Program-I send information to the Government teachers of our local schools, but have not had very good response. I may get 1 or 2 interested students to participate	N/A
Pierce (40)	Shannon Wragge	RECRUIT	SEND LETTERS OUT TO PEOPLE THAT I THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED	NA
Platte (10)	Diane Olmer	Platte County recruits volunteer election workers and does not draft election workers. We like to keep experienced poll workers, if possible...but always have many new poll workers.	It is hard to find enough poll workers for each election. The mix required between the political parties at each polling place is the hardest part of the whole process. I use newspaper ads, sign-up sheets at the Polling Places on Election Day, ask current poll workers to suggest possible poll workers, ask people as they appear in our office, have info on my website, have info on my bulletin board in hallway by office...and ask people I meet in daily off-work activities. I have used the Sec. of Stat's Youth Election Service program.	
Red Willow (48)	Tami Teel	Recruit paid workers	1. Ask around, 2. We have in the past	
Rock (81)	Joyce Stahl		Past workers are given 1st choice to work. If we can't fill the needed positions, we start calling registrants until it is filled. We do not utilize the Youth Program	N/A
Saline (22)	Linda Kastanek	Recruit	Actually I ask the precinct chairperson to look for poll workers since they are more familiar with people in their area. YES program-Yes	
Sarpy (59)	Wayne Bena		We do not Draft for poll workers. We do participate in the YES program. Our most effective method has been to send cold letters to registered voters asking if they would be interested. We also put out press releases around election time	Yes.

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<b>Seward (16)</b>	Sherry Schweitzer	Recruit	The Party's (Rep and Dem) both help find election workers. I have asked the current workers if they know of anybody that they feel would be able/like to work. I have used Youth also.	N/A
<b>Thomas (89)</b>	Lorissa Hartman	Recruit	Previous electio workers are used if available. YES program-we have in the past. It usually depends on what activities are happening at school, sports or music.	

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<b>Antelope (26)</b>	Lisa Payne	The Nebraska Secretary of State offers a manual for election training. Antelope County is based off of that manual.			
<b>Burt (31)</b>	Sarah Freidel	SOME, BUT IT'S ALL BASED OFF OF THE INFO FROM THE SEC OF STATE	YES	FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE	YES, WE USE SOME AND HAVE TO TALK ABOUT OUR OWN BALLOT SPLITS, POLLING PLACE SITUATIONS, ETC
<b>Cass (20)</b>	Nancy Josoff		FYI One size cannot fit all		Every election. You know legislation changes all the time and a Primary is much different than a General Election.
<b>Chase (72)</b>	Debra Clark	Yes	No		
<b>Cherry (66)</b>	Thomas Elliott	Some	Some	Secretary of State's samples	
<b>Colfax (43)</b>	Rita Mundil	Training Election Workers- I use some of my own material along with utilizing the SOS Training material (which is very helpful)			
<b>Cuming (24)</b>	Bonnie Vogltance	We use materials provided by the Secretary of State's Office and try to add something creative to make training a little more exciting. Example-created a jeopardy game with election questions.	See answer to 4a		
<b>Dawes (69)</b>	Cheryl Feist	My training materials are mandated by State Statute and several resources are available through the secure SOS Election website.			
<b>Dixon (35)</b>	Diane Mohr	We create our own training materials and obtain training materials from the Secretary of State's Office.			
<b>Frontier (60)</b>	Darla Walther	Yes	Yes	Secretary of State has a secured website where different templates and ideas are centralized for all counties to use.	Yes
<b>Hitchcock (67)</b>	Margaret Pollman	We use a combination of SOS materials and my own as modified to fit our situation.			

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<b>Loup (88)</b>	Debbie Postany	I have created my own training materials, including a booklet, with examples of forms, etc. in it. Each poll worker is given a booklet and I also have some in the election box for them on election day. I am also here from the time the polls open until they close, so if the Board has any questions, I am about ten steps away in my office.	N/A		
<b>Madison (7)</b>	Nancy Scheer	Yes, I create Power Point presentations for training meetings. I also distribute an election manual to each election board member prior to the training, so they are prepared to ask questions during the training sessions.	I modify election training material from previous election.	Nebraska Secretary of States office	Yes, we modify election material so it is specific to each election.
<b>McPherson (90)</b>	Judy Dailey	I utilize the Secretary of State's training material and add my own materials with it.		Secretary of State provides Training and materials, and I also make up my own to supplement those, when I do my training before each election..	Yes I do, when necessary..
<b>Nance (58)</b>	Danette Zarek	We use existing training materials		We use training materials found on the Secretary of State's election website.	We have not modified the training materials.

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Otoe (11)	Janene Bennett	I have put together an "Election Training Kit" that includes sample ballots, report forms, DVDs, quizzes, etc.	Basically, I use the same materials, but they are modified for each election. I have designed some of my own materials, but also draw from the pool of forms provided by the Secretary of State Office. In Nebraska, we have a good network among the Election Officials to share ideas and ask questions for problem solving		
Pierce (40)	Shannon Wragge	NE SECRETARY OF STATE MATERIAL AND SOME MY OWN		NE SOS	SOMEWHAT

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<b>Platte (10)</b>	Diane Olmer	Yes	Yes	We work off of the Guides and directives we receive from the Sec. of State's office.	Yes, each election brings its own challenges. After doing several weeks of Early Voting in the office and through the mail, we can tell what needs to be emphasized. We always do special training on using the Precinct Roster and Ballot Distribution. We strive to give the correct ballots to all voters. At a Primary Election there always has to be special training on how to handle NonPartisan voters requesting Political Party ballots. Provisional Voters is another area that always requires special attention at training. Our Training Manual is a more detailed step-by-step of Poll Worker duties and tasks. We do 10 Poll Worker trainings before each Primary and General Election, with several meetings that I travel for. I want it to be convenient for poll workers to attend my trainings.
<b>Red Willow (48)</b>	Tami Teel	Yes	Yes	Secretary of State, other counties	Yes
<b>Rock (81)</b>	Joyce Stahl	NO		SOS office	YES
<b>Saline (22)</b>	Linda Kastanek	We do both		We use the SOS website and modify them	Yes
<b>Sarpy (59)</b>	Wayne Bena	We have created our own training materials in conjunction with materials provided to us by the SOS office.		We utilize materials provided by the Nebraska SOS office and on their Secure website	Yes
<b>Seward (16)</b>	Sherry Schweitzer	YES The SOS Office also helps provide training materials I use.	YES from Previous years	SOS Office or I create them myself	YES

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Thomas (89)	Lorissa Hartman	Use Secretary of State training materials	Secretary of State		

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<b>Antelope (26)</b>	Lisa Payne	Polling locations are currently set, we do use a few handicap accessible parking signs on a few of the remote polling places.	
<b>Burt (31)</b>	Sarah Freidel	I AM NEW, HAVEN'T EVALUATED THEM YET; ?? I'M NEW, DON'T KNOW YET	NO and NO
<b>Cass (20)</b>	Nancy Josoff	So far we have been lucky. Because of the funding from HAVA we have been able to help our polling locations in our most challenging communities become ADA compliant. Not at this time but HAVA funds did help! We have received from the state through the use of HAVA funds mats, HC signage, door handles and ramps to help us. We have also received funds to buy material for doorbells, to concrete entry ways that needed work, installed an automatic door for my office, purchase cones to identify HC parking areas. Not knowing what the state paid for their material I would guess if it were all up to my county the cost would have been close to \$10,000.	No, No
<b>Chase (72)</b>	Debra Clark	No-we use public buildings.	No, No
<b>Cherry (66)</b>	Thomas Elliott	Not since direct mail.	No; No
<b>Colfax (43)</b>	Rita Mundil	The 5 polling locations meet the accessibility requirements and I do not see any reason why I would have to change them to a different location	Yes, my county has at least 6 bilingual election workers and all of our material is bilingual
<b>Cuming (24)</b>	Bonnie Vogltance	I haven't changed a polling place recently, but the secretary of state's office provided funds and supplies for needed accessibility requirements.	We don't have bilingual workers. Some of the students who volunteered through the Youth Election Service Program were bilingual.
<b>Dawes (69)</b>	Cheryl Feist	I have one precinct that has been approved by the SOS to be an all mail precinct due to difficulty in finding ADA facilities, the rest are located in ADA assessable buildings.	No, we haven't met the threshold of Voters who require this service yet.
<b>Dixon (35)</b>	Diane Mohr	We do have difficulty finding polling places that meet accessibility requirements and have used funds to put in parking pads, etc.	We have no bilingual election workers and don't provide any other translations of the instructions.
<b>Frontier (60)</b>	Darla Walther	We have a very difficult time especially in the rural areas. There may be only one building available for many miles and you have no choice but to use it or go to a mail only precinct. We use inexpensive fixes whenever possible to help with this problem. These buildings are privately owned so it would be hard for the county to fund changes even if the funds were available.	No
<b>Hitchcock (67)</b>	Margaret Pollman	Somewhat. Overall our accessibility to voters is good. No complaints	No-no request for bilingual ballots has ever been filed.

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Loup (88)	Debbie Postany	N/A as the poll site is at the Courthouse which already has to meet accessibility requirements. N/A. N/A	Not at this time. Not at this time as there has not been a need for it but I would willing do so, if needed.
Madison (7)	Nancy Scheer	Yes, it is difficult to find locations that are 100% ADA accessible. Yes, the County has contributed funding for polling place modifications and have also received HAVA funding through the Nebraska Secretary of States office. These costs are not readily available.	No; Only material provided from the Secretary of States office.
McPherson (90)	Judy Dailey	No, because we use the County Courthouse courtroom which is totally accessible and it does not cost us to have it there.	We have no bilingual persons in our county, but if we did translation materials would be provided.
Nance (58)	Danette Zarek	We use the same polling locations for each election. We have not had accessibility concerns.	No bilingual election workers. We do not have any language translations of election Instructions. Not a concern @ this time, but could be a need in the future.
Otoe (11)	Janene Bennett	I currently have 9 polling sites that are ADA accessible. So far, I have been able to obtain "grant" money from the SOS to make ADA compliant purchases.	No, No
Pierce (40)	Shannon Wragge	NO, NO	NO, NO
Platte (10)	Diane Olmer	It has gotten a lot harder with the increased security measures at schools. The accessible standards are the hardest part of finding a suitable polling place. Additional funds-No	Not employed by this office. But the Platte County Courthouse has 2 bilingual full time workers in other offices of the building. The bilingual worker in the County Attorney Office, just down the hall from this office, has helped out with voter registrations in the office, Early Voters in the Office and a Voter Phone conversation. I do have the Voter Registration Form in Spanish.
Red Willow (48)	Tami Teel	No	No
Rock (81)	Joyce Stahl	Nebraska had HAVA grant funds to help with the upgrade. BUT we are about of HAVA money. We only have 1 polling place, so it is not hard to be in compliance.	No need for bilingual in Rock County at this time
Saline (22)	Linda Kastanek	No; No. If we would need anything, we could request a grant from the SOS office, and sometimes they have things on hand that we use.	No; No
Sarpy (59)	Wayne Bena	We do not have difficulty finding accessible polling locations	We have not needed bilingual workers in the past but I am considering having interpreters available in case of the need.

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<b>Seward (16)</b>	Sherry Schweitzer	I was able to use my current locations when evaluating them. I have accessed the Federal Funding given to the SOS Office to purchase thresholds, door knobs, signs, etc. I had to buy lumber to make a small bridge over a ditch and the cost also came out of these SOS funds. The bridge was made by volunteers. It cost my office \$0	NO; NO
<b>Thomas (89)</b>	Lorissa Hartman	We only have one polling place which is located in the courthouse.	No not at this time.

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COUNTY	ELECTION OFFICIAL	7. Does your office conduct self-audits? (e.g. accessible polling locations, proper placement of Automark, check accuracy of vote tabulation, waiting time at polling places, etc.)	Additional Comments	Elaboration on Audits
Antelope (26)	Lisa Payne		"Some of this is done on an as needed basis." either in regards to bilingual or audits-unsure	
Burt (31)	Sarah Freidel	YES-TEST OUR SCANNER, TEST OUR AUTOMARKS, I WILL VISIT POLLS ON ELECTION DAY TO CHECK LINES		
Cass (20)	Nancy Josoff	Every election yes. We just went out again this summer visiting our polling places and took new photos and reviewed the locations. (One school was remolded so we need to go back and evaluate how our set up will be for 2016) I have 2 District Inspectors, East and West, they complete a survey for every precinct that they visit and if there is a problem with the set up they will help the board members to readjust the way they have their setup, understanding the need for privacy for our Automark voters and lighting issues, along with flow of the voter traffic and ballot security. Notes come back from our Inspectors after each election which we use to determine if it is the training that needs to be adjusted or addressed more adequately or some specific item needs to be purchased for our precinct supplies to help our board members. This has been huge and lead to many additions to our supplies and adjustments to our training. We have an assessment test for our training classes but this year I have an audience response system to help make it more interactive with our poll workers. This way I can incorporate the questions into our presentation and find out early in the training if they are understanding what needs to be done. This is much better than reviewing the test after they are done and finding a specific topic was not understood as well as I had hoped.		
Chase (72)	Debra Clark	Yes		

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Cherry (66)	Thomas Elliott	Yes		Cherry County has one polling place that accommodates three precincts. All other precincts are direct-mail. The County Clerk arranges the tables, voting booths, etc. and positions the Auto Mart. The Clerk personally visits the polling place throughout the day to check on vote tab accuracy and efficiencies of the polling place.
Colfax (43)	Rita Mundil	Yes, my office staff or myself stops at each polling location to verify set up and make sure everything is running smoothly at the beginning and throughout the election day		
Cuming (24)	Bonnie Vogltance	Yes, Cuming County has precinct inspectors who check for accessibility issues, placement of Automarks and waiting lines. They report back to the election office if changes need to be made. We run three sets of test ballots before each election. One set of ballots are created by ES&S and one is created inhouse. We also create tests ballots that have been markets with the Automarks.		

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<b>Dawes (69)</b>	Cheryl Feist	Yes and the State conducts audits each election re: precinct tabulation to ensure accuracy of the equipment being used. In addition, we prepare several reports after each election the SOS uses to fulfill the Department of Justice requirements.	Note: I would strongly encourage any member of the Legislature to visit various counties during the Election cycle. My office starts preparing six months prior to each Election due to all the mandated deadlines we must follow by State Statute and because Nebraska works with ES&S (Election Supply & Sales) for printing services, we must also follow their calendar of deadlines. I work with two calendars at all times during Election cycles! Each year the process becomes more and more complicated due to all the mandates we must follow and reports we must prepare!	
<b>Dixon (35)</b>	Diane Mohr	We do conduct self-audits for accessibility, placement of the Automark, vote tabulation, etc.		
<b>Frontier (60)</b>	Darla Walther	Yes. My office staff set up the equipment at the polls. We do extensive testing of the counting machines. I spot check polling places in person on each election day.		

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<b>Hitchcock (67)</b>	Margaret Pollman	Yes-As suggested by SOS and our own.		<p>We've had the same polling places for years. Our polling places were audited by an outside agency, not sure who, some time ago. Doors, thresholds, parking etc. all passed that audit. I check to make sure handicapped accessible signs are still in place and that traffic cones are placed accordingly and that nothing has changed (remodel etc.) from the previous year.</p> <p>Automark machines are placed so they are not visible to those in the polling place and so they are wheelchair accessible. We have enough room in all polling places to do this. My staff and I set up all polling places. We're a small county, so waiting at polling places is rarely an issue. Tabulation equipment is tested prior to each election using procedures developed by ES&amp;S and SOS using the ballots for said election.</p>
<b>Loup (88)</b>	Debbie Postany	I set up the election for the workers as it is located in the courtroom and in that way I know everything is located in the proper location. I check with the Board and the M100 Judge periodically during the day making sure voter/ballot counts are correct.		

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Madison (7)	Nancy Scheer	Yes. Polling place sites are inspected for ADA compliance, AutoMarks are set up at the polling sites by County employees trained on proper placement prior to each election, and three independent tests are conducted on the election tabulation equipment prior to each election to ensure accurate ballot counting.		
McPherson (90)	Judy Dailey			
Nance (58)	Danette Zarek	We set up polling locations, so we are aware of the accessibility and placement of automark M100. We pretest accuracy of M100 (ballot reader/tabulation) prior to election. Ballot count on M11 & # of ballots handed out are cross checked on election day. We are a small county & waiting is never a concern.		
Otoe (11)	Janene Bennett	In the past, I have sent out an "inspector" with a list of items to check-such as AutoMARK placement, ADA accessibility, if the poll workers are following proper procedures, etc.		
Pierce (40)	Shannon Wragge	YES		
Platte (10)	Diane Olmer	I do the accessibility audits on new and existing polling places. I do employ a District Inspector on Election Day, that checks on several aspects of your question on Election Day, including placement of the AutoMark. We are required by law to do several Test Decks for checking vote tabulation on the equipment we will use. The Sec. of State requires Manual Audits across the state after each Primary and General Election. We have been involved in several of these Manual Audits. Concerning the Waiting Time at the Polls, we are usually made aware of such situations by complaints of the public or info received from my poll workers.		
Red Willow (48)	Tami Teel	Yes, we visit polling places throughout election day		

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<b>Rock (81)</b>	Joyce Stahl	We are a small county. 1000 registered voters, so this is not an issue. I set up the polling site & our office does vote tabulation. We only have to add 2 number together. Early Voting and the Polls. We have M100's that tabulate our election data.		
<b>Saline (22)</b>	Linda Kastanek	Yes, we are a small county, and there are rarely waiting lines to vote at any of the polling places.		
<b>Sarpy (59)</b>	Wayne Bena	Yes. I have District Inspectors whose sole job is to visit each polling site throughout the day to make sure everything is in order and to notify our office of any problems.		
<b>Seward (16)</b>	Sherry Schweitzer	Yes, if I am able to get away from the office on Election Day. I also REMIND them at the meeting before each Election.	COMMENT: Next time you want a survey completed, please complete a Survey Monkey, Doodle or at least put the Questions in a Word Document so that the answers can be given easier than creating my own Word Doc.	
<b>Thomas (89)</b>	Lorissa Hartman	yes		