

## Phantom Votes in New Mexico

When precinct results are accumulated into larger reporting units, such as a county or a state, phantom votes (more votes than voters) offset undervotes (more voters than votes). Therefore, the discovery of 2,087 phantom votes shows that New Mexico's excessive undervote rate is really higher than previously thought. Instead of reporting 18,997 ballots with no vote (or an overvote) for president, New Mexico really reported 21,084 presidential undervotes.

Rather than an already high rate of 2.45%, New Mexico's undervote rate for 2004 is actually 2.72%.

The following table shows the top 20 phantom vote precincts.

County	Precinct	Voting Type	Total Ballots	Bush	Kerry	Other	Pres. Votes	Phantom Votes
Dona Ana	106	Absentee	107	189	123	13	325	218
Bernalillo	512	Absentee	166	206	104	8	318	152
Bernalillo	558	Early Voting	178	173	144	2	319	141
Bernalillo	559	Early Voting	234	181	177	6	364	130
Grant	019	Election Day	205	149	133	3	285	80
Santa Fe	051	Absentee	326	83	317	5	405	79
Bernalillo	033	Absentee	119	36	159	3	198	79
McKinley	999	Absentee	0	50	13	0	63	63
Taos	999	Absentee	0	11	42	1	54	54
Bernalillo	089	Absentee	390	273	164	4	441	51
Rio Arriba	003	Early Voting	100	63	82	1	146	46
Bernalillo	021	Absentee	258	165	129	2	296	38
Bernalillo	114	Absentee	281	198	118	2	318	37
Bernalillo	115	Absentee	513	316	225	4	545	32
Bernalillo	082	Absentee	189	122	96	3	221	32
Bernalillo	112	Absentee	197	119	107	1	227	30
Bernalillo	084	Absentee	182	111	94	5	210	28
San Juan	999	Absentee	0	14	12	1	27	27
Otero	999	Absentee	0	16	11	0	27	27
Chaves	006	Absentee	281	235	71	1	307	26

Data Source

[See all 2,087 phantom votes.](#)