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## **SECRETARY MERRILL RELEASES TURNOUT FIGURES FROM 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

STATEWIDE VOTER TURNOUT FIGURE 32.73%; PROSPECT REPORTED HIGHEST  
TURNOUT AT 58.7%, STERLING LOWEST AT 7.56%

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released voter turnout numbers from the 2015 municipal elections, which showed that the statewide voter turnout among registered voters in Connecticut was 32.73%. The town with the highest voter turnout was Prospect, where 58.7% of registered voters cast ballots. The municipality with the lowest voter turnout was Sterling, where only 7.56% of registered voters cast ballots. A complete listing of turnout among towns reporting to the Office of the Secretary of the State follows at the end of this news release.

“Municipal elections typically have the lowest turnout when compared to state or Presidential elections. This year, figures were on par with municipal elections in recent years. It always strikes me as paradoxical that local elections, which have a strong and direct effect on our everyday lives, would bring out the smallest number of voters,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I wish to thank and recognize those voters who made the effort to exercise their right to have their voices heard, as well as the registrars, town clerks, moderators and poll workers who made the administration of this election day such a success. I extend my congratulations to the winners and my appreciation to all the candidates for their commitment to public service.”

The November 3, 2015 municipal elections marked one of the smoothest Election Days in recent memory. Thorough planning on the part of local election administrators and the Office of the Secretary of the State was critical. Due to legislation sponsored by Secretary Merrill in 2011, each town is required to have an emergency plan in place prior to Election Day, which was useful in a number of situations throughout the state. In addition, the Secretary’s legal assistance program

utilized volunteer attorneys trained in election law to assist with issues at the polls requiring prompt, local investigation.

Towns operated under new reporting deadlines for the first time this year. Municipalities had until 48 hours after the polls closed to submit initial head moderators' returns to the Office of the Secretary of the State. They then have up to five business days to conduct recounts, which may result in amended results.

**\*\*NEW:** Updated turnout numbers as of November 10, 2015 [available here](#). The numbers originally reported on November 6, 2015 remain below.

Chart Key

~~Struck through town~~ = No municipal election on November 3, 2015

Hartford\* = Discrepancy recount

Double asterisk town\*\* = Did not report complete information by November 5, 2015

Source: [Head Moderator Returns](#) posted to the Secretary of the State's website

Town	% Turnout	total registered	# voted
Andover	#DIV/0!	-	-
Ansonia	48.24%	8,111	3,913
Ashford	30.19%	2,564	774
Avon	32.41%	11,347	3,678
Barkhamsted	28.82%	2,557	737
Beacon Falls	28.50%	3,888	1,108
Berlin	40.18%	12,667	5,089
<del>Bethany</del>	#DIV/0!	-	-
Bethel	38.90%	11,247	4,375
Bethlehem**	#DIV/0!		
Bloomfield	24.02%	12,408	2,980
Bolton	46.30%	3,179	1,472
Bozrah	44.80%	1,654	741
Branford	38.97%	17,796	6,935
Bridgeport	33.67%	61,368	20,660
Bridgewater	40.34%	1,252	505
Bristol	38.59%	31,184	12,034
Brookfield**	#DIV/0!		
Brooklyn	19.58%	4,755	931
Burlington	15.84%	5,557	880
Canaan	19.76%	739	146
Canterbury	47.33%	3,237	1,532

Canton	31.45%	6,998	2,201
Chaplin	42.38%	1,286	545
Cheshire	39.33%	16,722	6,576
Chester	47.33%	2,341	1,108
Clinton	40.44%	8,823	3,568
Colchester	29.98%	10,065	3,017
Colebrook	20.60%	971	200
Columbia	26.39%	3,497	923
Cornwall	52.98%	972	515
Coventry**	#DIV/0!		
Cromwell	27.98%	9,077	2,540
Danbury**	#DIV/0!		
Darien	24.16%	12,182	2,943
Deep River	29.80%	3,087	920
Derby	53.32%	5,278	2,814
Durham	32.21%	4,974	1,602
East Granby	34.40%	3,459	1,190
East Haddam	46.28%	5,791	2,680
East Hampton	36.72%	7,701	2,828
East Hartford	21.96%	25,119	5,516
East Haven	48.12%	15,119	7,275
East Lyme	44.12%	10,719	4,729
East Windsor	25.14%	7,052	1,773
Eastford**	#DIV/0!		
Easton	23.38%	4,975	1,163
Ellington	21.87%	9,221	2,017
Enfield	31.61%	20,804	6,577
Essex**	#DIV/0!		
Fairfield	39.49%	36,926	14,583
Farmington**	#DIV/0!		
Franklin	32.68%	1,169	382
Glastonbury	29.31%	20,699	6,066
Goshen	21.56%	2,036	439
Granby	20.06%	6,888	1,382
Greenwich	34.69%	29,417	10,204
Griswold	14.58%	6,425	937
Groton	27.12%	16,274	4,414
Guilford	27.20%	13,711	3,729
Haddam	48.60%	5,642	2,742
Hamden	36.99%	28,264	10,454
Hampton	54.86%	1,172	643
Hartford*	#DIV/0!		
Hartland	41.28%	1,497	618

Harwinton	36.77%	3,865	1,421
Hebron	21.16%	6,357	1,345
Kent	29.39%	1,810	532
Killingly	21.57%	8,832	1,905
Killingworth	40.70%	4,292	1,747
Lebanon	44.92%	4,123	1,852
Ledyard	34.39%	7,374	2,536
Lisbon	30.44%	2,546	775
Litchfield	26.71%	5,092	1,360
Lyme	17.70%	1,746	309
Madison	42.03%	11,464	4,818
Manchester	29.64%	25,492	7,555
Mansfield	21.83%	10,230	2,233
Marlborough	36.82%	4,001	1,473
Meriden	31.53%	28,191	8,888
Middlebury	42.69%	5,142	2,195
Middlefield**	#DIV/0!		
Middletown	44.80%	20,860	9,346
Milford	38.07%	32,352	12,315
Monroe	38.08%	11,556	4,401
Montville	35.31%	8,434	2,978
Morris	54.62%	1,710	934
Naugatuck	37.36%	16,495	6,162
New Britain	34.43%	25,040	8,621
New Canaan	29.41%	12,493	3,674
New Fairfield	33.84%	9,495	3,213
New Hartford	47.01%	4,288	2,016
New Haven	18.51%	70,106	12,980
New London	22.94%	14,793	3,394
New Milford	43.91%	14,697	6,454
Newington	35.17%	17,102	6,015
Newtown	29.23%	16,607	4,854
Norfolk	55.56%	1,044	580
North Branford	27.10%	8,727	2,365
North Canaan	37.45%	2,024	758
North Haven	37.69%	15,074	5,682
North Stonington	42.07%	3,772	1,587
Norwalk	30.25%	44,346	13,413
Norwich	27.82%	15,398	4,284
Old Lyme	45.48%	5,066	2,304
Old Saybrook	39.87%	7,392	2,947
Orange	42.00%	10,040	4,217
Oxford	48.36%	8,039	3,888

Plainfield	10.73%	8,536	916
Plainville	27.86%	10,421	2,903
Plymouth	37.39%	7,333	2,742
Pomfret	50.02%	2,413	1,207
Portland**	#DIV/0!		
Preston	17.95%	2,863	514
Prospect	58.70%	6,119	3,592
Putnam	16.12%	5,135	828
Redding	39.93%	6,779	2,707
Ridgefield	31.92%	16,180	5,165
Rocky Hill	38.90%	10,777	4,192
Roxbury	14.79%	1,670	247
Salem	44.24%	2,378	1,052
Salisbury	28.80%	2,451	706
Scotland	24.28%	1,112	270
Seymour	37.49%	9,273	3,476
Sharon	44.60%	1,592	710
Shelton	41.10%	23,034	9,468
Sherman	50.79%	2,599	1,320
Simsbury	35.49%	15,848	5,624
Somers	39.51%	5,277	2,085
South Windsor	35.52%	14,844	5,272
Southbury	43.53%	12,916	5,622
Southington	36.13%	24,453	8,836
Sprague**	#DIV/0!		
Stafford	39.95%	7,349	2,936
Stamford	20.62%	57,418	11,842
Sterling	7.56%	2,182	165
Stonington	40.89%	12,524	5,121
Stratford	34.00%	31,488	10,705
Suffield	48.42%	7,910	3,830
Thomaston	36.09%	4,231	1,527
Thompson	40.27%	5,274	2,124
Tolland	26.36%	9,119	2,404
Torrington	19.15%	18,519	3,546
Trumbull	47.70%	23,927	11,414
Union	#DIV/0!	-	-
Vernon	33.43%	13,407	4,482
Voluntown	21.08%	1,338	282
Wallingford	38.33%	24,633	9,442
Warren	20.48%	967	198
Washington	45.09%	2,340	1,055
Waterbury	20.77%	56,206	11,672
Waterford	39.25%	12,371	4,855
Watertown	26.06%	14,453	3,767
West Hartford	29.40%	38,293	11,258

West Haven	24.56%	24,140	5,928
Westbrook	31.49%	4,157	1,309
Weston	45.86%	5,985	2,745
Westport	38.71%	15,709	6,081
Wethersfield	39.45%	15,116	5,963
Willington	27.78%	3,128	869
Wilton	38.69%	11,300	4,372
Winchester**	#DIV/0!		
Windham	22.74%	8,876	2,018
Windsor	28.40%	19,669	5,586
Windsor Locks	41.40%	7,038	2,914
Wolcott	36.60%	10,860	3,975
Woodbridge	#DIV/0!	-	-
Woodbury**	#DIV/0!		
Woodstock	30.46%	4,810	1,465
<b>Total/Avg</b>	<b>32.75%</b>	<b>1,758,110</b>	<b>575,733</b>