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# Guam Election Commission

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3 GCA § 10107 permanently established early in-office voting as a step forward in assuring access and ease of voting is available to all eligible voters. Through the competitive bid process, the Mezzanine center at the Westin Resort was selected for the 2022 Vote Center. Additionally, for the November General Election, the Guam Election Commission established three (3) satellite Vote Center locations on Saturdays in Dededo, Mangilao, and Malesso’ respectively. Together with our partners, the GEC successfully serviced over 7,993 voters during the early voting period for the General Election.

## Who We Are

The GEC is an autonomous and independent commission of the Government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. With recommendations made from the Democrat and Republican parties, *I Maga’låhen Guåhan* appoints six members, three from each political party. The seventh member, an independent, is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two- year term. Executive Director Maria I.D. Pangelinan serves at the pleasure of the Commission and manages the GEC’s administrative team.

## Mission

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to provide Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process in accordance with local and federal laws.

## Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the GEC are to provide fair and ample access for qualified individuals to register to vote; to maintain an accurate voter registry; to hire & train election officials; to conduct fair, honest, and orderly elections; and to perform all administrative duties enumerated in Title 3 and other applicable sections of the Guam Code Annotated.

## History

The Guam Election Commission was created with the passage of P.L. 11-202 on December 12, 1972 and was comprised of members appointed by the Governor from each of the recognized political parties, with the Chief Commissioner serving as Chairman. On March 1973, the Commission held their first meeting and appointed an Executive Director and an assistant in September of that year. In October 1973, the Commission moved into its office in the GCIC building in Hagåtña.

## Commissioners

Gerard C. Crisostomo	(R) Chairman
Alice M. Taijeron	(D) Vice Chairperson
G. Patrick Civile	(I) Commissioner
Joseph P. Mafnas	(D) Commissioner
Antonia R. Gumataotao	(R) Commissioner
Carissa E. Pangelinan	(D) Commissioner
Benny A. Pinaula	(R) Commissioner

*(D) = Democrat, (R) = Republican, (I) = Independent .*

## Who qualifies to register?

An individual must meet the following qualifications as provided in 3 GCA § 3101 to be a registered voter on Guam:

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be a resident of Guam
- Must be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election
- Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment
- Must not be confined to a mental institution
- Must not be judicially declared insane

## 2023 GEC Demographics

Registered Voters (as of Sept. 30, 2023)	52,651
Full-Time Employees	13
District Voter Registrars	36
Precinct Officials	335
Precincts	67
Polling Sites	21
Early Vote Center	1
Satellite Vote Center	3

# OUR PERFORMANCE

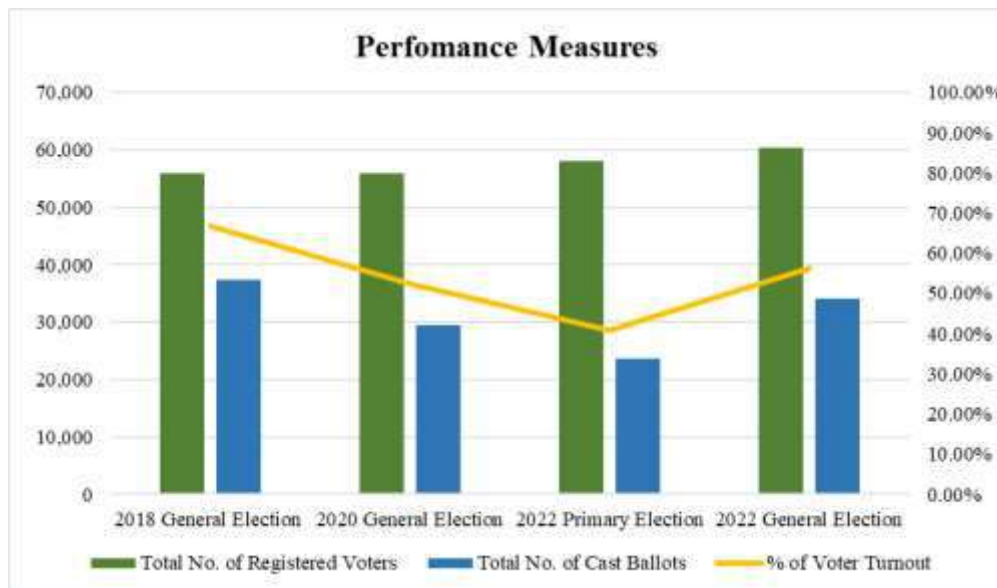
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2021 2020 General	FY 2022 2022 Primary	FY 2023 2022 General	% Change	
<b>No. of Voters</b>					
Registered Online	1,016	1,835	220	80.61%	↑
Motor Voter	3,057	5,978	5187	95.55%	↑
Total No. of Registered Voters	55,880	58,152	60,462	3.97%	↑
<b>Absentee Voters</b>					
Off-Island	173	108	242	124.07%	↑
Homebound	686	460	649	41.09%	↑
Early In-Office	12,227	5,291	7,993	51.07%	↑
No. of Absentee ballots counted	13,086	5,859	8,884	51.63%	↑
<b>Outreach/Trainings</b>					
No. of Candidate Workshops	0**	14	0**	-100%	↓
No. of Volunteer Registrars	0***	134	66	-49.25%	↓
No. of Precinct Officials	335	335	335		↔
No. of Notary Officials	14	13	13		↔

\*Voter Registration for the General Election takes place between August to October.

\*\*Candidate workshops are conducted January to June in even years.

\*\*\*Efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and abide by Executive Orders temporarily paused the Volunteer Voter Registrar program for the 2020 General Election. Voters were able to register to vote online or in person at GEC.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY2019 2018 General	FY2021 2020 General	FY2022 2020 Primary	FY2023 2022 General
Total No. of Registered Voters	55,941	55,880	58,152	60,462
Total No. of Cast Ballots	37,386	29,377	23,679	34,074
% of Voter Turnout	66.83%	52.57%	40.71%	56.36%



# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## MAJOR EXPENSES

- **Personnel:** Salaries, Overtime and Benefits are the majority of the GEC’s expenses, making up 39 % of the fiscal year expenditures. To ensure that all necessary election activities and mandates were met, the GEC employed 18 temporary employees for the 2023 General Election.
- **Contracts:** Contracts make up the second largest category of expenditures. Accounting for 20% of fiscal year expenditures, to include Ballot Printing & Supply, Ballot Transportation Election Day site support, Security and Support for Vote Center, & rental of necessary equipment, and other services that may be required for Election Day.
- **Miscellaneous:** This category makes up the third largest category of expenditures. Making up 11% Expenses include stipends for Precinct Officials, Deputized Homebound Officials, Polling Site Managers, Poll Maintenance Workers, and meals for Election Day workers.

Appropriations	FY 2021*	FY 2022	FY 2023	% Change	
General Fund	\$ 1,630,235	\$ 1,803,910	\$ 2,333,032	29.33%	↑
Federal Fund	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	0.00%	↔
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,430,235</b>	<b>\$ 2,003,910</b>	<b>\$ 2,533,032</b>	<b>26.40%</b>	<b>↑</b>
Expenditures	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023*		
<b>General Fund</b>					
Regular Salary	\$ 686,197	\$ 828,234	\$ 902,196	8.93%	↑
Overtime	\$ 141,926	\$ 286,934	\$ 106,430	-62.91%	↓
Fringe Benefits	\$ 236,638	\$ 287,088	\$ 353,849	23.25%	↑
Travel		\$ -			
Contracts	\$ 217,868	\$ 307,142	\$ 461,539	50.27%	↑
Rent	\$ 172,834	\$ 178,966	\$ 184,496	3.09%	↑
Supplies	\$ 2,287	\$ 18,744	\$ 16,168	-13.74%	↓
Equipment					
Drug Testing			\$ 80	100.00%	↑
Misc	\$ 155,727	\$ 194,843	\$ 187,922	-3.55%	↓
Telephone	\$ 16,243	\$ 11,108	\$ 9,655	-13.08%	↓
Sub-Recipient/Grant					
Capital					
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,629,720</b>	<b>\$ 2,113,059</b>	<b>\$ 2,222,336</b>	<b>5.17%</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>					
Salaries	\$ 54,430				
Overtime	\$ 33,859				
Fringe Benefits	\$ 16,127				
Travel			\$ 26,692	100%	↑
Contracts	\$ 138,560	\$ 21,285	\$ 21,240	0%	↔
Rent	\$ 46,103				↓
Supplies	\$ 85,885	\$ 8,957	\$ 402	-96%	↓
Equipment			\$ 9,392	100%	↑
Drug Testing	\$ 400				
Miscellaneous	\$ 231,104	\$ 445	\$ 75,050	16765%	↓
Telephone			\$ 1,668	100%	↑
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$ 606,468</b>	<b>\$ 30,687</b>	<b>\$ 134,444</b>	<b>338%</b>	<b>↑</b>

Note: Appropriations include continuing accounts.

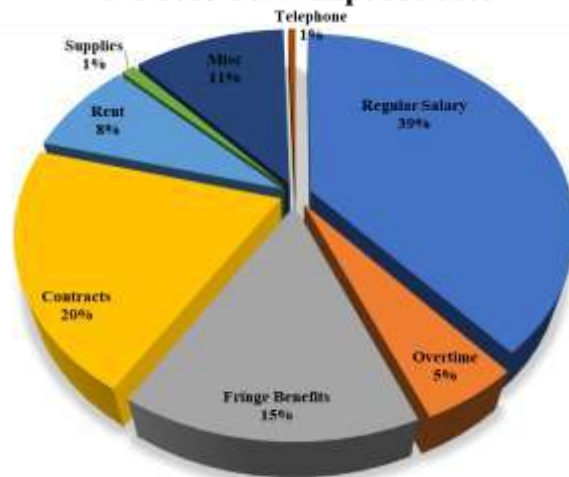
\*GEC received a one-time award of \$600,000 from the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus for the 2020 Federal Election cycle.

## Help America Vote Act HAVA Security Grant

The GEC received a total of \$200,000 in Security Grant funding for activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal Office, e.g. enhance election technology and make election security improvements. Funding authorized for:

- Replacing voting Equipment.
- Upgrade election related computer systems and security.
- Activities that will improve the processes and security of election for the Federal Office.

FY 2023 Total Expenditures



# FUTURE OUTLOOK & CHALLENGES

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

### 2024 ELECTION CYCLE

#### Primary Election

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Early Voting Period: July 15 to July 29, 2024

Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- ▶ Members for I Mina'Trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (15 seats)
- ▶ Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives (1 Seat)
- ▶ Mayors of each Municipality of Guam (19 seats)
- ▶ Vice Mayors (6 seats)

### 2024 ELECTION INFORMATION

- ▶ Candidate Packets for the 2024 Elections were released on January 2024.
- ▶ Individuals interested in becoming volunteervoter registrars may apply by downloading the application at gec.guam.gov and submitting it to vote@gec.guam.gov
- ▶ Qualified individuals may register to vote at the GEC Office in Tamuning, online at gec.guam.gov, at village mayor's offices, with volunteer registrars in the community, or when renewing or applying for their driver's license/Guam ID at the DMV.

## Looking Forward

### The GEC continues to:

- Prepare for an earlier 2024 Primary Election (newly enacted law moved the Primary Election from the last Saturday to the first Saturday in August) allowing more time to properly process off-island ballots for the General Elections;
- Populate its voter registry;
- Upgrade tabulation equipment in line with industry certification standards;
- Supervise campaign contributions and expenditures pursuant to 3 GCA § 17102;
- Notify, receive, and certify filings mandated by the Public Official Disclosure Act;
- Update procedures in line with Guam's everchanging social and political environment; and,
- Review and propose updates to the Election Code of Guam as prescribed by 3 GCA § 2103(d)(1).

## Challenges

### The GEC will:

- Continue to upgrade the central voter registry system program;
- Ensure compatibility of existing equipment with new tabulators.
- Secure access to electronic copies of driver's license/Guam I.D. application forms eliminating the need for thousands of hard copy forms;
- Aggressively initiate the procurement process for the 2024 Early Vote Center; and,
- Continue to find ways to promote a positive voter experience and participation.



**We want to hear from you!** Do you like this report? Do you think it should include any other information? Please let us know by calling us at 477-9791 or via email at vote@gec.guam.gov.



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**Guam Election Commission: Citizen - Centric Report FY2023**

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Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Hafa Adai,

In accordance with 1 GCA § 1922(a), the Guam Election Commission respectfully submits its FY2023 Citizen-Centric Report. Please know that a copy of this report can be found on our website at [www.gec.guam.gov](http://www.gec.guam.gov)

Link

[2023 Citizen-Centric Report – released in 2025](#)

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