

# 2018 RLA Background - Primary Election

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In accordance with Election Rule 25.2.2, the Secretary of State established the following risk limits for the Primary Election on June 26, 2018:

The risk limit for comparison audits is 5%. The Secretary of State decreased the risk limit for comparison audits from 9%, used in the 2017 Coordinated Election, to 5%, resulting in an increased level of statistical confidence that the audit will discover an incorrect or wrong outcome in the target contest. A 5% risk limit means there is at least a 95% statistical probability the audit will discover and rectify an incorrect or wrong outcome in the target contest, if one exists, and at most a 5% probability the audit will not discover an incorrect outcome in the target contest.

The following counties will conduct comparison audits following the 2018 Primary Election, because they use vote tabulation systems capable of capturing and exporting ballot-level cast vote records:

- Adams
  - Alamosa
  - Arapahoe
  - Archuleta
  - Baca
  - Bent
  - Boulder
  - Broomfield
  - Chaffee
  - Cheyenne
  - Clear Creek
  - Conejos
  - Costilla
  - Crowley
  - Custer
  - Delta
  - Denver
  - Dolores
  - Douglas
  - Eagle
- El Paso
  - Elbert
  - Fremont
  - Gilpin
  - Grand
  - Gunnison
  - Huerfano
  - Jefferson
  - Kiowa
  - Kit Carson
  - La Plata
  - Lake
  - Larimer
  - Las Animas
  - Lincoln
  - Logan
  - Mesa
  - Moffat
  - Montezuma
  - Morgan
- Otero
  - Ouray
  - Park
  - Phillips
  - Pitkin
  - Prowers
  - Pueblo
  - Rio Blanco
  - Rio Grande
  - Routt
  - Saguache
  - San Miguel
  - Sedgwick
  - Summit
  - Teller
  - Washington
  - Weld
  - Yuma

The risk limit for ballot polling audits is 10%. The Secretary of State decreased the risk limit for ballot polling audits from 20%, used in the 2017 Coordinated Election, to 10%, resulting in an increased level of statistical confidence that the audit will discover an incorrect or wrong outcome in the target contest.

The following counties will conduct ballot polling audits following the 2018 Primary Election, because they use older voting systems that cannot capture and export ballot-level cast vote records:

- Garfield
- Hinsdale
- Mineral

The following counties will not conduct a post-election audit because they hand count ballots and do not use a vote tabulation system:

- Jackson
- Montrose
- San Juan

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