

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2026

The Honorable Tammy Hull
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Postal Service
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Dear Inspector General Hull:

I am writing to request an investigation into the processes and procedures of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) leading up to the Wisconsin Spring Election held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Numerous media reports and accounts from elections officials in Wisconsin have indicated that hundreds of absentee ballots from across the state that were mailed prior to the election were not delivered until after the election's deadline had passed—and therefore were not counted. In Wisconsin, absentee ballots must be received by a polling location by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, meaning that hundreds of my constituents voted on time but were deprived of their right to vote in the Spring Election because of delays by USPS. Members of the military face unique challenges in voting when election mail is delayed because they are more likely to rely on the Postal Service to mail their ballot. This is unacceptable and appears to be the result of decisions and actions by the Postal Service that are inconsistent with normal operations and threaten the ability of Wisconsinites to exercise their right to vote. It warrants an investigation by the USPS Office of Inspector General (OIG).

In May, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) sent a letter to the USPS Postmaster General expressing grave concerns about the performance of election mail for Wisconsin's Spring Election. The Commission is a bipartisan body that administers elections across Wisconsin and assists election clerks in all 72 counties. WEC conducted a survey of Wisconsin's local election officials and found that two-thirds reported problems with the mail, and more than half reported receiving complaints and concerns about the Postal Service from voters. One in four clerks reported receiving more late ballots than is typical for an election—with some reporting election mail taking 7 to 10 days or more to reach polling locations. I have attached the Commission's letter to the Postmaster General, as well as a memorandum prepared by WEC, for your review.

I request that USPS OIG conduct a timely review of Spring Election mail delays in Wisconsin and identify any remaining issues that undermine the on-time delivery of returned ballots so that USPS can resolve any outstanding concerns before Wisconsin's elections this fall. If the election mail delays that we saw this spring are not addressed, USPS is likely to disenfranchise an even greater number of voters during the fall elections, increasing the risk that eligible voters will cast a ballot that is not ultimately counted through no fault of their own. Ensuring timely delivery of

election mail is essential to maintaining public confidence in our elections, and delays that prevent ballots from arriving on time undermine voters' trust that our elections are fair and reliable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator



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May 27, 2026

Mr. David Steiner
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
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RE: Wisconsin Election Mail

Dear Postmaster General Steiner,

We write to you today to express our concern about mail delays that threaten the ability of our citizens to exercise their right to vote. While these concerns pertain to all voters, Wisconsin voters who are overseas or serving in the military are disproportionately affected by this issue.

We are a bipartisan Commission charged with administering elections in the State of Wisconsin. As part of our duties, we assist over 1,850 municipal clerks and 72 county clerks. Unlike many other states, Wisconsin has a highly decentralized elections system, and these local officials are the ones doing the hard work to issue, receive, and process absentee ballots. Following Wisconsin's Spring Election on April 7, 2026, many of these clerks contacted us to report grave concerns about the performance of the mail.

In a subsequent survey of Wisconsin local election officials, two-thirds of clerks reported problems with the mail. More than half of the clerks reported receiving complaints and concerns from their voters. And a quarter of the clerks reported receiving more late ballots than is typical for an election. While most clerks report mail arriving within 3-5 days, a concerning number reported election mail took 7-10 (or more) days to reach its destination. Finally, many of the clerks described infrequent mail deliveries when compared to past elections. One veteran clerk described the quality of service as the lowest in her 23 years of experience. The results of the survey, along with a memorandum prepared for the May 7, 2026, Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting, are included with this letter.

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These concerns are not intended to diminish the incredibly difficult and overwhelmingly successful work the Postal Service does every day. Many Wisconsin clerks went out of their way to share that the support from their local Post Offices has been nothing short of exceptional. This sentiment is echoed by our state staff, who are deeply thankful for the professionalism and proactive engagement of their regional contacts. We recognize that a majority of election mail is delivered promptly.¹

We hope you recognize that any delay in election mail can potentially deprive citizens of their fundamental right to vote. In previous elections, the Postal Service enacted “extraordinary measures” to maximize the throughput of election mail and ensure every ballot reached its destination as quickly as possible. We call on you to again employ these measures for all future elections in Wisconsin to help ensure our citizens are heard. Wisconsin’s upcoming elections include:

Partisan Primary	August 11, 2026
General Election	November 3, 2026
Spring Primary	February 16, 2027
Spring Election	April 6, 2027

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

The Wisconsin Elections Commission

Enclosure

CC:

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5th District Representative Scott L. Fitzgerald

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7th District Representative Tom Tiffany

8th District Representative Tony Wied

¹ United States Postal Service, 2024 Post-Election Analysis Report: Delivering the Nation’s Election Mail Securely and Effectively (Dec. 2, 2024) (about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2024/1202-usps-releases-2024post-election-analysis-report.htm).



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DATE: May 7, 2026
TO: Members, Wisconsin Elections Commission
FROM: Wisconsin Elections Commission Staff
SUBJECT: Consideration of Correspondence to Congressional Representatives and USPS Regarding Timely Ballot Delivery

1. Summary.

This memorandum discusses feedback from local election officials regarding the timely delivery of absentee ballots by mail during the 2026 Spring Election. In the weeks surrounding the 2026 Spring Election, Commission staff received reports from some clerks and voters concerned that mailed absentee ballots were taking an unusually long time to reach their destination. These individual reports were concerning, but their anecdotal nature prevented a thorough analysis of the situation. Staff therefore asked Wisconsin County and Municipal clerks to share their experiences through a standardized online survey.

The survey asked for the following information:

- Observed problems with mail travel times
- Absentee ballot travel times as compared with prior elections
- Voter feedback about absentee ballot travel times
- Perceived average travel time for ballots through the mail (one-way)
- Late arriving ballots as compared with prior elections

2. Clerk Feedback

As of April 24, 2026, the survey on absentee ballot mail performance garnered 906 responses. This is an exceptionally high response rate compared to past WEC online surveys and suggests a high degree of clerk interest in the topic. This figure exceeds the response rates for all but one other statewide survey conducted by the WEC since 2021 – the noteworthy exception being a survey about funding needs.

Survey results suggest that concerns are widespread. Approximately two-thirds of clerks reported observing problems with mail travel times. Just over half of clerks reported receiving “negative” or “mixed” feedback from their voters about absentee ballot travel times. Only 3% of clerks reported positive feedback about mail performance.

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Table 1: Observed Problems

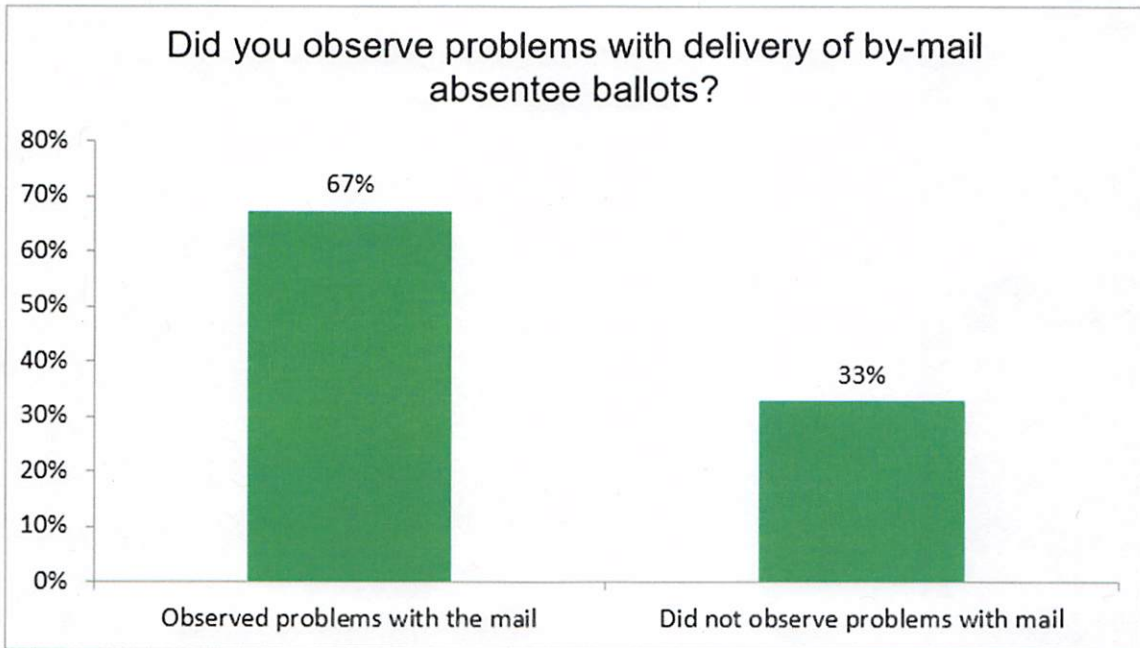
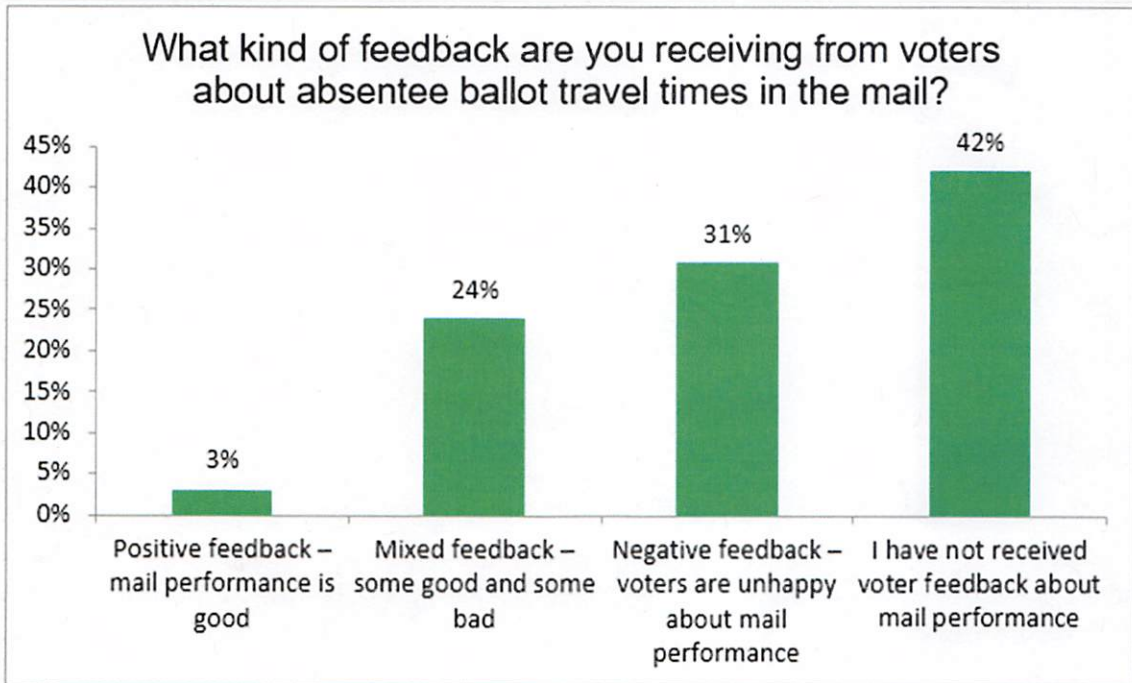
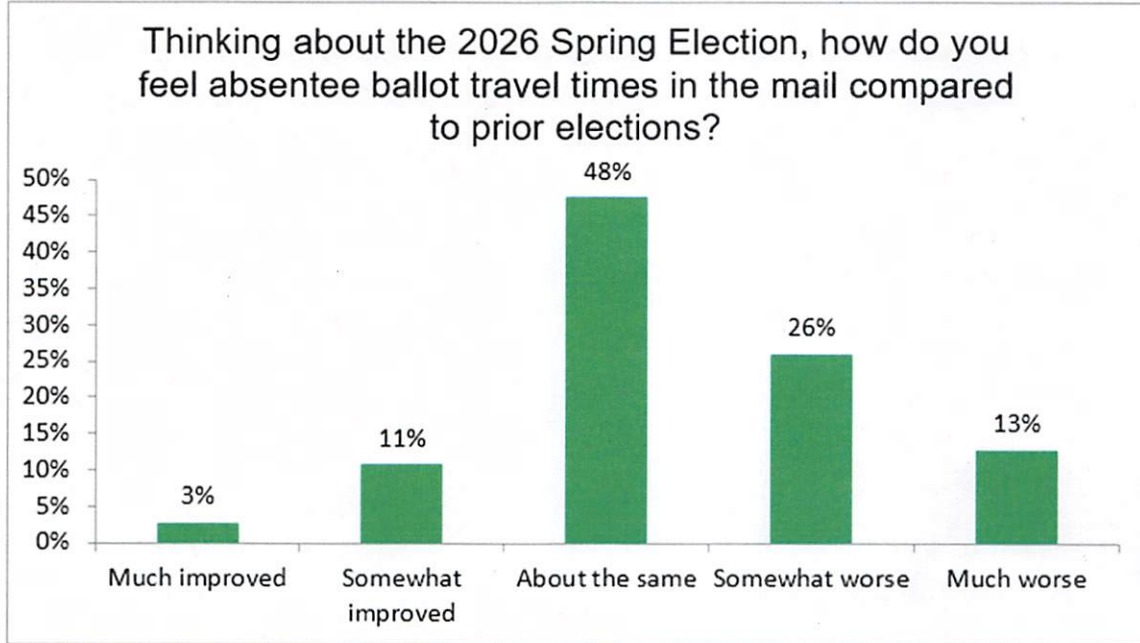


Table 2: Voter Feedback



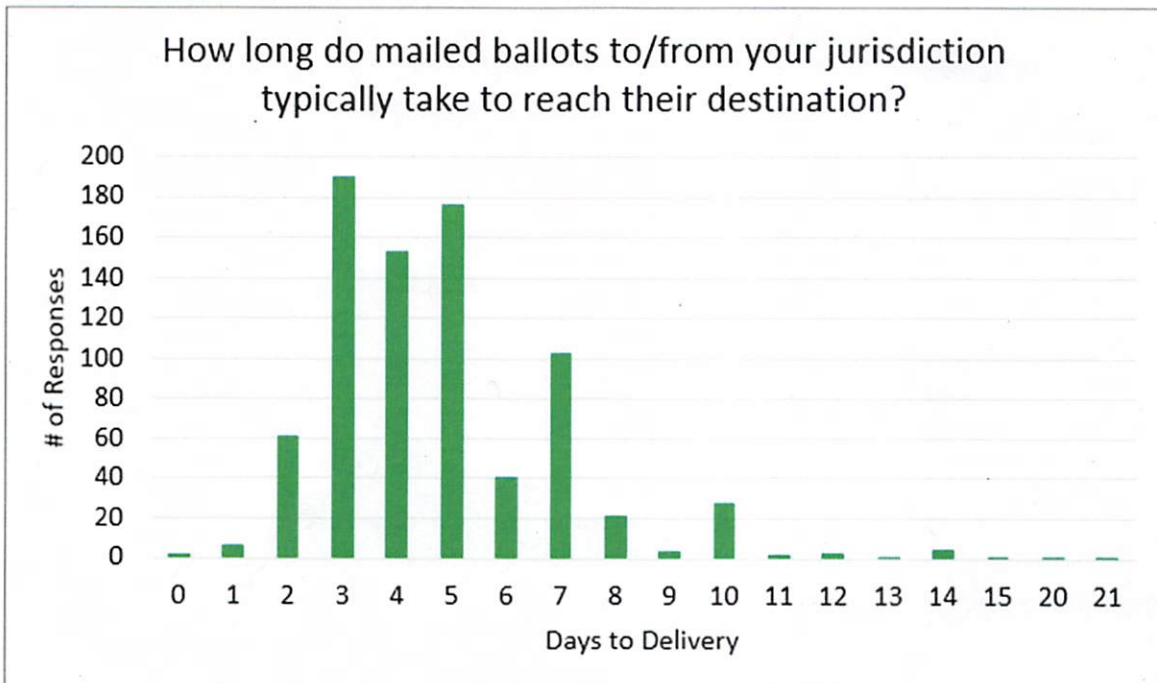
Despite the negative sentiments, there was no consensus that mail performance was clearly worse than in prior elections. The largest number of clerks (48%) reported that performance was “about the same,” and some even reported an improvement. Nonetheless, many respondents (39%) described mail performance as “somewhat worse” or “much worse.”

Table 3: Comparison to Past Elections



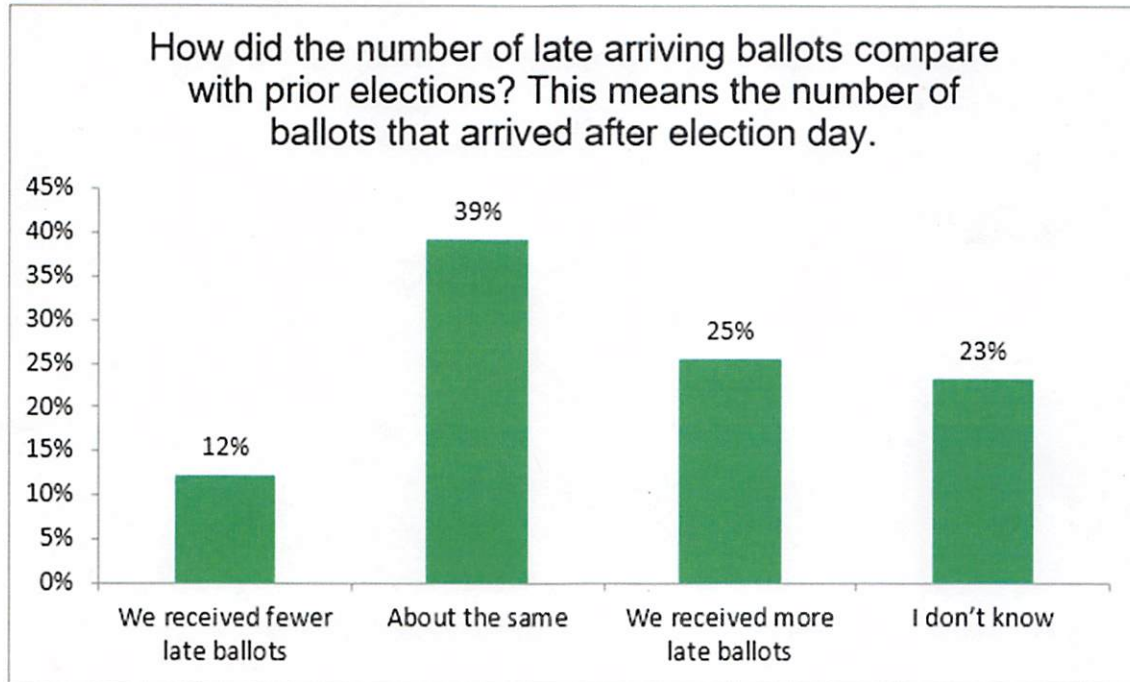
Likewise, most clerks indicated their belief that mail was generally delivered in 3-5 days – a timeframe that falls within USPS standards for First Class Mail. However, a substantial number of respondents indicated the perception that mailed ballots take seven or more days to reach their destination.

Table 4: By-Mail Ballot Travel Times



Approximately one-quarter of respondents felt that the number of late-arriving ballots was greater than in past elections.

Table 5: Late Arriving Ballots



In addition to the general survey responses described above, over 300 clerks took the time to submit separate written comments with their survey responses. All received comments are attached to this memorandum as Appendix A.

Common themes in the comments include:

- General satisfaction with local post office support but dissatisfaction with the larger postal system
- Increased delays with mail going to or coming from out-of-state
- A belief that sending mail to processing centers in Milwaukee or Minneapolis is causing problems
- Lack of voter confidence in the mail
- Unrealistic statutory deadlines to request a ballot
- Concerns about 'wasted' postage expenses and tight local budgets

Some clerk comments expressed a neutral perspective on mail performance.

The USPS does the best they can given the state of the USPS. Voters are coming to the realization that they need to plan for delivery times better.

- Clerk from St. Croix County

Mailing out and receiving ballots highly depends on destination.

- Clerk from Lincoln County

However, two-thirds of the comments expressed negative sentiments. The clerks who experienced delays often felt very strongly about their observations.

So far, I have had to mark 40 ballots returned after deadline. I don't ever recall having this many.

- Clerk in Fond du lac County

As a clerk for 23 years, this is the worst we have seen.

- Clerk in Columbia County

The worst mail delivery day of the week is Tuesday (unfortunately for elections!) and our office jokingly but sadly refers to it as "no mail Tuesday."

- Clerk in Waukesha County

Comments were received from 69 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. The greatest number of concerns came from Waukesha County and Dane County.

Collectively, the survey results and submitted comments suggest there is at least a widespread perception that by-mail absentee ballot delivery times are excessive and getting worse. Concrete data is difficult to obtain, because election officials do not always know when the voter receives their ballot or when the voter places the completed ballot back in the mail. Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMBs) permit limited tracking of a ballot from the clerk to the voter, but no similar mechanism exists to track a completed ballot coming back to the clerk's office. Finally, even where IMBs are present, the data obtained is often incomplete. Not all clerks use the optional IMB labels and, even when they do, not all ballots are scanned and reported by USPS.

3. Draft Communication

At the direction of the Chair, Commission staff prepared a draft letter to the USPS in order to share the concerns described above. The draft letter is attached as Appendix B.

4. Optional Motion

The Commission directs staff to send the proposed communication to the Postmaster General and to Wisconsin's elected officials in Congress.

Appendix A - Clerk Survey Comments

#	Comment	County
1	We only had one late arriving ballot thus far (normal for us, we're small) but it was postmarked March 30th and arrived April 8th. I believe in town or in the region, not from a significant distance. Seems unusually long.	Milwaukee County
2	There didn't seem to be a rhyme or reason to the length of time it took. I had a ballot come from Florida that only took 4 days, however, I had a ballot mailed from Rhinelander (1 mile from me) that took 5 days.	Oneida County
3	We did not receive any ballots on election day, which is not typical.	Waukesha County
4	I spoke with my St. Germain postmaster about this prior to the election. Mail sent from my post office in St. Germain if a PO Box can be directed at the post office to the PO Box. All other mail goes to Eagle River then to Green Bay to process and then returns to Eagle River which delivers the mail to addresses in St Germain. There are obviously issues with that set up and it is causing delays in mail. The WEC should work with the USPS to address the situation.	Vilas County
5	I'm concerned about the cutoff time for requesting absentee ballots before election Day. There's not enough turn around time to mail out and send back. It gives the voters false impression.	Rusk County
6	for the time it takes ballots to get to their locations, it only wanted one number. This is my perceived breakdown = local: 7-10 days, within the state: 10-14 days, out of state: 10-14 days, out of the country: 30 days	Waukesha County
7	Our mail goes to Milwaukee to then be sent back here to addresses that in some cases are less than a mile away.	Fond du Lac County
8	Around the end of 2024/beginning of 2025, those in our office who send and receive mail began noticing delays, not only in the time it takes to send and receive, but also in the time it takes for an undeliverable piece of mail to be returned to the sender. We have received a number of items returned undeliverable to our office after being sent months prior, in some cases up to four months later. It seems no longer safe to send something through the mail if that piece of mail has a deadline, as you can no longer count on it being delivered in a timely manner.	Portage County
9	Need to change date when voter can ask for an absentee ballot. Thursday prior to election is TO LATE. Need at least a 10 day timeline.	Marathon County
10	There is a problem with the amount of time a voter can request a ballot by mail to when it gets delivered. If they request it on the Thursday before the election, there are times the voter doesn't receive the ballot to be able to cast their vote by absentee ballot, let alone return it. There is an issue with the envelopes opening due to the adhesive used and possibly the way the mail machines sort, or how it's handled at the USPS to the Municipal Clerks office. That creates more work on the Clerks to figure out if the ballot was tampered with, creates distrust with the voters and a bad relationship with the USPS. This also creates the issue of voters who put their ballots in the USPS to be returned but 10 days later, look in myvote and their ballot still hasn't been received by the clerks office, so they are out of luck and can't cancel that ballot to have a vote count because that mailed ballot "Might" show up but it also "might" have been lost by the USPS or eaten by their machines. That is unfair to the voter to not have their voices heard. We should be able to spoil a ballot up until election day so the voter can have a vote count either way when we can't prove that the USPS didn't lose/misplace/accidentally get destroyed by sorting machines, someone's right to vote. There has also been a larger number of ballots being ruined by water damage in the recent years. I am not sure how but that makes for a lot of remaking ballots and sometimes it's impossible to determine voter intent.	Dane County
11	It seems that the ballots still are being sent out of our municipal post office to a distribution center, I don't understand why if there are only 10 absentee ballots they cannot be hand canceled and stay within the municipality.	Oconto County
12	Our local postmaster Michael informed us when we called Tuesday to confirm how many ballots they had for pickup (we usually pickup any that come through on election day) that he was adamant that we could not pick these up due to a policy from 2020 that prohibited such procedure. I cited that this has never been a policy implemented in the preceding years and that the post office actually delivered ballots on election day in 2024 for the presidential election. He said this would have been disallowed and a breach in protocol. I asked for him to provide the policy in writing (he didn't know where to find this to which I stated if it was a policy in effect, he could locate it in their manual) and have not heard from him since. He stated this broke chain of custody as the postage must be cancelled. I believe he was confusing the new postage rule where they are cancelled at the sorting facility. I went directly to the post office where the staff was pleasant, helpful and knowledgeable about how to cancel there by request and release these accordingly for processing. I cited Priorities USA v WEC and statute regarding chain of custody for these ballots by which they were returned via mail and delivered to the clerk (in person at the post office). He was confusing what was outdated policy (no drop boxes etc) and new procedures. Overall, he did not seem current on policy.	Waukesha County
13	With all ballots requiring to go to the main Milwaukee USPS campus prior to being delivered, ballots now seem to take upwards of 3-5 days to reach their destination, however, of the 27 ballots received after election day, 16 show postmarkings on 4/6, 6 were postmarked on 4/7, 3 were postmarked 3/24 and 1 was postmarked 3/26. One was not postmarked by the Post office at all.	Milwaukee County
14	So far, I have had to mark 40 ballots returned after deadline. I don't ever recall having this many. We also had issues with getting ballots returned from Florida for some reason.	Fond du Lac County
15	We saw a record number of absentee ballots mailed on March 14th not returned. 16% did not come back or get received by voter. We are still seeing absentees come in. It has gotten worse on delivery. Please pull it together. As a clerk for 23 years, this is the worse we have seen.	Columbia County
16	I do believe it does take longer for the absentee ballot to reach the voter and its return to the Clerk; however, I always mail the ballot out as soon as the ballots are available and almost always, the voter never returns the ballot until the week before the election. This election I mailed a ballot on March 4 to a voter and never received it back until the day after the election. The postmark was April 6th so it took 2 days. Not sure why the voter waited so long to return it.	Juneau County
17	Not enough time to send and get back with the law as it is	Wood County
18	Multiple instances where two ballots were mailed to the same address (husband and wife) where one ballot arrived and the other either arrived two or more days later or never arrived at all. Mailed out on the same day.	Burnett County
19	With having to accept absentee requests coming in 1-2 business days before an election, I don't have high hopes that they will receive the ballot.	Grant County

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20	There is no way a person requesting an absentee ballot on the Thursday before the election can receive it by mail and return it by mail by the election day. I have people walk them in but if they have to do that they might as well vote in person.	Juneau County
21	If the ballots were kept local it took 2 days, if they sent them to Milwaukee (which we asked them not to) it took 14+ days. Also, from personal experience at my home, we didn't receive any mail for 3 days (April 3, 4, 6). I contacted the post office on April 7 as to why we didn't receive any mail for 3 days, they said that Milwaukee never sent it up to them. It personally wasn't a problem for elections for myself, but that could have been a real problem for people trying to get their ballots mailed back in time. The post office did come around and collect any outgoing mail, it was the incoming that was the problem.	Calumet County
22	Most ballots arrived pretty timely according to their postmarks. We did however have one arrive 4/8 from Lake Geneva postdated 3/26 and one from in town dated 3/28. Overall, we have had about the same number arrive late.	Ozaukee County
23	City of Pewaukee has experienced gross mishandling and delivery of absentee ballots for many years. The worst mail delivery day of the week is Tuesday (unfortunately for elections!) and our office jokingly but sadly refers to it as "no mail Tuesday". We get on average two pieces of mail and one newspaper every Tuesday and that's it. Seems very suspicious that on Election Day, we'd received little or no absentee ballots in the mail. We are also constantly cancelling ballots and reissuing them because our voters never receive them. And when we attempt to contact the Post Office about it, we are consistently dismissed and believe it or not, we've actually been told by postal workers to "just be happy that they finally arrived". Ballots are extremely delayed in their delivery, and on average, it takes over TWO WEEKS for delivery to an out of state address. For local ballot delivery, we've seen it take as long as a week, if the ballot is even delivered at all. At this point, we've actually started begging our voters to not use the mail and to drop their ballots off in person if able, because the mail delivery is that bad! It is high time that the Post Office be investigated for their inept ability to deliver election related mail, and most importantly, absentee ballots!	Waukesha County
24	I called the postmaster at our local post office, questioning why I received ballots postmarked April 4 in Milwaukee in the mail on April 9. He said that the processing at the central location can vary, but that if residents would hand-deliver their ballots to the local post office, the sorting process in-house would help the post master be able to locally postmark them and deliver them in person to the polling place if received on election day.	Walworth County
25	We have had major issues for years. This spring, specifically, we had an absentee ballot go out from a MyVote request. After two weeks it came back as undeliverable. In looking at the USPS online and speaking with my local post office, we have no idea why it was undeliverable. It was a valid address.	Florence County
26	After the recent election, I believe voters are not very confident that they will receive their absentee ballot in a timely manner. They are believing I (the Clerk) did not send them their ballot. This election I had an issue with the PO, March 26th I was notified by my local PO that they were receiving multiple outgoing absentee envelopes as undeliverable. Makes me look bad as some of my voters were believing/questioning that it was me (the Clerk) that hadn't sent a ballot. Not the case, I take elections (and the rest of my duties) very seriously.	Washburn County
27	We have had more and more problems with our mail. From absentee ballots to mailings for public hearings. I do have to say, they did bring to our office any outstanding ballots that they got in which we really appreciated. They actually came twice as they found one more, so for that they were great.	Milwaukee County
28	All absentee ballots were returned on time	Shawano County
29	I think the problem is that so many are mailing at the same time. I am very concerned about the length of time some undeliverable ballots come back. I had one come back 6 months after an election. I have also had people tell me their address is correct, and yet it comes back undeliverable.	Brown County
30	I made contact with the WI Region Director of the USPS about my concern ahead of the election and then was able to speak with our mail carrier. Both agreed that our ballots would be mailed and received properly and I'm happy to say we received less than 20 ballots after the 7th. Quite a few electors who received their mailed ballots chose to come vote on the 7th.	Milwaukee County
31	The mail-in absentee process is broadly smooth voters appreciate the option. We've seen a considerable uptick in it's usage, and though it has issues with the postal process, they are not significant enough to outweigh the benefits we've seen.	Ozaukee County
32	it varies. My local post office welcomes and sorts the local ballots, however I have not seen the mailing data turn up consistently in Wisvote in either mailing direction. Returning ballots are only minimally scanned.	Green Lake County
33	Mail service is awful	Douglas County
34	The post office used to keep all Election mail in town, so that the voter would get in faster and also it would be returned to us faster. Now it goes to Minneapolis, which can take up to 3 or 4 days to get to the voter and then that long to get back to us.	Trempealeau County
35	Outgoing 3-5 days, longer for out of state 5-7 days. Incoming, some are received within the same day, others, if routed through Milwaukee, 2-3 days, out of State, 3-4 days. I'm still receiving incoming absentees, without a postal date stamp. This election about 4 without a postal date stamp. I saw it was run through a machine sorter because of the marks, but no date stamp. I had one outgoing this election that went missing in action; it was never returned undeliverable or no postage, nor did the recipient receive it up to the Friday before the election. I double checked outgoing address, and that was fine.	Winnebago County

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36	Spring Elections already have a tighter turnaround. With the current MyVote request site, voters think they can request a ballot up through Thursday and get it next day. We just don't have next day mail anymore. We need to tighten the deadline to REQUEST a ballot so it is more realistic for them to get it, vote it, and get it back to us. Also, voters can't "get" their ballot and let it sit. They need more information that time is of the essence to get it returned in time to be counted.	Waukesha County
37	With future bigger elections coming up, the mail service is going to be a larger problem.	Waukesha County
38	The USPS does the best they can given the state of the USPS. Voters are coming to the realization that they need to plan for delivery times better. I am seeing less requests very near election day, and didn't receive late ballots during the spring election.	St. Croix County
39	An absentee ballot was forwarded to a voter's new/different address. I did not think ballots are to be forwarded. It really surprised us. We are having troubles with our local post office with staff, route changes, one day we didn't get mail.	Jefferson County
40	I wanted to mention that we got at least 3 or 4 ballots back where a voter had crossed off their apartment number and replaced it with a different number. That triggered me to deactivate the ballot, get in touch with the voter with re-registration info and go through that process. I don't know why the USPS is letting those get to the incorrect apartment numbers! I don't know if other communities experienced this as well. When we get them back late, it's harder to contact voters for the changes, especially when some have mobility issues and struggle to get here in person to register. I know in one case, the voter told me she wouldn't be able to vote (just due to the timing) and could I mail her the forms so she could re-register after 4/7 by mail, and I did so.	Milwaukee County
41	I received two ballots in the mail after election day (4/9/26). One of the ballots was postmarked March 27! The other ballot was postmarked April 6. As Clerks, we do our due diligence and check the mail several times on Election Day. We even checked WisVote absentee tile and it showed 3 absentee ballots were "out for delivery" on Election Day. We never received two of the three until two days after Election Day. With this, there is still one outstanding ballot that hasn't been delivered. This is concerning as these voters didn't get their votes counted when they could have been counted on Election Day if the post office would have really delivered the three ballots there were "out for delivery."	Dodge County
42	I mailed one to Florida late on 3/27 as she didn't realize she didn't have request in. Hand wrote address, no imbalance label, abd her ballot got back to me 4/6. Another ballot to student in Illinois mailed with imb label never made it; I didn't hear until election day.	Green County
43	you should change your language to state to give at least 2 weeks for the clerk to receive it. our mail carrier told us out of state ballots are only traveling by truck not by air	Dane County
44	When the USPS changed to not allowing local post offices to keep local mail here, instead making it go to a hub and then come back, that is when the issues with late or lost ballots happened. If they would make an exception to election mail and allow them to stay local, it would definitely cut down on the lost or late ballots.	Sheboygan County
45	I think the mail for absentee ballots moves much faster than non-absentee ballot mail. I almost never get ballots returned after the election, people will hand deliver.	Pierce County
46	We had a lot of absentee ballots turned into us in person because the voters don't trust the USPS to get it back in time or even at all.	Waukesha County
47	when people are traveling out of state and request a ballot they do not realize the time it takes to send and return...personally I dont like that they can request a week out as it will never arrive in time and for sure not be returned in time	Adams County
48	Comments by voters who insist in returning their absentee ballots in person because they simply "do not trust the mail system." We assure them that they did, in fact, receive their ballot so the return should be the same. They still do not trust the USPS. The unused postage for those returning their ballots in person is a substantial amount. We do provide the option to participate in IPAV as well.	Monroe County
49	Mail service as a whole is much slower in our area as no mail is processed locally any more.	Langlade County
50	We have even had problems with our local water bills, a lot of our residents don't trust the mail anymore. We had the mail rush on election day and try to deliver random stuff to us three times. Some postmarked some not when they caught it because it wasn't going to get back in time. Also for the first time since I became clerk, I received a ballot after election day, which I don't remember happening before.	Wood County
51	Mail delivery has slowed and knowing this may reflect the need to update ballot request deadlines; the Thursday or Friday before doesn't work any longer.	Door County
52	Residents in general are not trusting of the USPS. While most ballots are returned by mail, those that hand deliver them to our office often say they do not trust the USPS to deliver promptly.	La Crosse County
53	I had an absentee ballot postmarked in Milwaukee on March 24 at 4pm that did not make it to the Village Mailbox until APRIL 8th. So it was late. THAT seems UNREASONABLE. Other dates that I feel should have made it before Eletion Day were April 2nd and April 3rd all postamrked from Milwaukee	Waukesha County
54	I can send 2 ballots to the same address at the same time, one arrives right away, the other takes a week to arrive. This seems to happen on a regular basis.	Walworth County
55	I had several husband and wife's contact me saying one of there votes was recorded but the other wasn't. I had only recieved one of the ballots. They have all told me they were mailed on the same day. I just yesterday had a lady that needed her ballot mailed to florida. She just received the ballot that was mailed on March 13th,yesterday April 9th.	Fond du Lac County
56	We did not have any issues with mail in ballots,	Wood County
57	Several outgoing ballots took more than 8 days to be delivered, while the majority of ballots took 3-4 days to be delivered. There is always a mailperson who delivers ballots about 7pm on Election day. They go above and beyond to get the ballots to the municipalities.	St. Croix County

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58	I am getting calls from residents that ballots were severely delayed I have one example of a ballot postmarked from the clerk on 3/17 and stamped by USPS at the Green Bay facility on 4/7. Unacceptable. It doesn't seem as though USPS is prioritizing delivery of ballots like they have in the past.	Marathon County
59	Mail is getting slower & less reliable - besides more expensive. Not the other way around.	Pierce County
60	Accessible absentee voting by mail is essential to maintaining the integrity and continuity of our democratic system, ensuring fair and equal participation for all eligible voters.	Trempealeau County
61	Postal service quality has diminished over the past two years.	Fond du Lac County
62	mail as a whole is a problem.	Waushara County
63	WE PAY FOR RETURN POSTAGE BUT THE MAJORITY OF OUR BALLOTS ARE HAND DELIVERED. WITH LIMITS ON OUR BUDGETS THIS SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF MONEY FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO HAVE TO PAY THE RETURN POSTAGE IF THEY'RE ALLOWED TO HAND DELIVER THE BALLOTS BACK TO US	Green County
64	More people hand delivered due to not trusting how long the USPS was taking	Brown County
65	I'm concerned with how slow the postal service has been, even with regular mail (not absentee ballots).	Dodge County
66	If I go in and speak to a person in the Brodhead post office about delivering ballots in town or neighboring town they will by pass sending ballots to Milwaukee which slows the process considerably. However, if we use the Orfordville PO they are not accommodating. Anything sent from rural home boxes, which voters generally do to return ballots, goes to Milwaukee first which makes the mail much slower. Our postal system is very inefficient for local mail delivery which is not good for mail in ballot delivery.	Rock County
67	Sherwood received an absentee ballot in the mail on election day that was addressed to the Clerk in Appleton. The witness was a Sherwood resident, so it may have been mailed FROM the Sherwood post office, but it was clearly addressed to Appleton Clerk.	Calumet County
68	Because of the issues we were seeing we were traveling down daily to the post office and requesting the "local only" service for all outgoing mail	Portage County
69	Our post office does well with the flow of ballots that stay local, they are very conscientious. If a ballot is sent out of town (student or "snow bird"), I feel like it is hit-or miss, as they are sent to Milwaukee first for processing	Marinette County
70	Voter emailed me wondering if her ballot was received. She noticed on wis-vote it didn't show received. I emailed her back and said I never received it. This is Friday and have still not received it.	Grant County
71	Indefinitely confined requirements need to be looked at, also the need to place a return stamp on the envelope. Why can the voters place one instead of the municipality?	Shawano County
72	Wisvote is showing ballots out for delivery even if returned. Unreliable if voter calls to check in on status. More voters dropped off in person resulting in stamps not being used and an additional cost to town. We should not have to put stamps on, the government should deliver voting material.	Columbia County
73	Outgoing local ballots took around 5 days Outgoing ballots for out of state took around 10 days	Marathon County
74	Very disappointed with mail service. We had voters that paid additional postage to get their ballots to the municipal clerks and sadly they arrived AFTER April 7. I do NOT want to see extended deadlines, meaning mailed ballots can arrive after the Election and be counted, because I truly feel we will still see the same issues and voters that will procrastinate. We work so hard at the front end to get ballots to the voter and then to have them come back after Election Day is very frustrating. We are seeing ballots postmarked March 23-24, 2026, and now arriving after Election Day. One of my Clerks questioned their local post office about the timing and was told the "blizzard" affected service. Then why do the ballots need to be sent to a processing center. That is ridiculous. I am currently working with some of my municipalities to get a "drop box" for absentee ballots. Even local officials are seeing the situation. After having officials from USPS attend the WEC conference in Wausau and how they felt that absentee ballots were important and understanding deadlines, blah, blah - Well they sure dropped the ball. :(Fond du Lac County
75	I had a few ballots mailed the same day, going to the same address, where one made it and the other did not.	Price County
76	I received a more ballots two days after the election than I did on election day. All were postmarked April 3rd-6th.	Waukesha County
77	I receive more comments from voters lately regarding their lack of faith in the post office versus in the past. More hand-delivered ballots than before. Postal workers not stamping ballots locally and sending them to regional facilities has resulted in late-arriving ballots in the past.	Fond du Lac County
78	Mailing out and receiving ballots highly depends on destination	Lincoln County
79	I had an upset elector due to his ballot not being returned to the town. It was unfortunately lost in the mail.	Crawford County
80	Concerned that under political pressure, the postal service will not treat mailed ballots with the care, accuracy and promptness required.	Dane County
81	I feel that the postal office is becoming more and more unreliable with mailings in general and it is a high concern for me as a clerk to send absentees through the mail.	Green County
82	Hello ~ thank you for the survey opportunity. I have a big concern about the postal service and absentees - firstly because of my residents not receiving their ballots timely and secondly - the total waste of money for our Village.	Sheboygan County
83	Locally all our mail has to travel to MSP-STP to be sorted before it comes back locally. It is widely understood that mail will take several days longer than it used to when we had a USPS sorting center in Eau Claire WIS. I work in the Hayward WI area.	Sawyer County
84	Had an issue with 1 ballot the PO did not deliver in error, reason was no forward; however, should have just been delivered. Second ballot sent to elector, delivered to them and received back in time for election.	Door County
85	Mail does not go out until the following day in many areas. Example: Tuesday afternoon (before 4pm) a ballot is put in the mail, the mail does not get on the truck until Wednesday morning, if after 4pm it does not go out until Thursday morning. If a ballot is mailed on Saturday or Sunday, it will not leave the post office until Tuesday morning.	Grant County
86	I mail out absentee ballots and a week later I have voters calling me to ask when I will be mailing out their ballot so they obviously haven't received it in a week.	Waupaca County

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87	Mailed ballots 3/5/26 applicant never received them.	Florence County
88	Please end absentee ballot requests by mail earlier - end mail requests by Thursday. The Dresser Post Office in Dresser, WI, Polk County is exceptional to work with.	Polk County
89	At least one person was concerned about mail time and hand delivered the ballot to my mailbox since we don't have a dropbox in our rural area.	Chippewa County
90	We needed to get ballots to Post office before 3 PM in order for them to be stamped as received by the current day. Not guaranteed they went out that day	St. Croix County
91	We had a ballot that stated it was delivered, but the voter is claiming it never was delivered, and the time had passed for her to get a new ballot sent. Mail gets mixed up, and lots of time not deliverable with other items we are mailing. I am not sure of the solution or what the issue is, but I blame both the processes and lack of concern of to receive the mail, because the addresses are not excepting mail properly. People are getting so much junk mail it may get mixed in and tossed out.	Columbia County
92	Due to our "border location" as an outer ring commuter area adjacent the Twin Cities, local mail is sent to an urban MN sorting center end of day -- for processing overnight (in theory). The postmark applied by the automated sorting center is typically applied 2 days later than the ballots were actually mailed to/from the local post office. This makes it difficult to know the true overall mailing time. Also the postmark date applied by USPS at the sorting center makes it falsely appear the clerk did not meet statutory requirements for mailing out requests in a timely fashion -- or by the statutory deadline. Mail typically takes a day or two longer to return from the sorting center than previously -- not much, but it's resulting in more late returns. Previously, local voters could request a hand-cancelled postmark at the local post office in WI and enjoy direct delivery to our POB in that post office. Now members of the USPS staff have been instructed to deny that option and inform voters that they must send all mail to the MN sorting center for scanning/tracking and postmarking instead, where it is occasionally delayed or lost. If extra glue or tape is not applied to secure the corners of the envelope seal, it appears the mailed ballots are also now more likely to get caught in a machine and either damaged or delayed.	Pierce County
93	Not all Post masters seem to take all elections as seriously as they do the "Presidential" I'm sure there is an additional push on their end during those times however, my expectations is that they all should matter so if you're going to pull bins at 5pm on the presidential and deliver what could have been missed they should do it for all of the elections. period. Consistency is key, let's just make it a thing.	Rock County
94	We noticed no cancellations on some of the ballots we received in the mail & wondered if that was not being done to speed up the process?	Waukesha County
95	Most calls we received stated they did not trust that they would receive or return a ballot in time.	Ashland County
96	In State delivery one way 2-7 days Out of State delivery one way 7-10 days	Vilas County
97	We had feedback about neighbors receiving their ballot in the mail, but some didn't receive it for another week or two. Our mail leaves Black River Falls and goes to the Cities then back to Black River Falls. We have no idea where the ballots get separated and hung up - if in the Cities or here at the local Post Office.	Jackson County
98	We have a positive experience with our local post office getting ballots to us if they are received in the City on Election Day, even if with the late mail truck. HOWEVER, delivery times were even worse than February. We mailed some ballots the Tuesday before the election (to addresses in town) and voters received those ballots this Thursday, more than a full week after sent out. We have also just this week received back two ballots for the February election that were postmarked before the February election date.	Wood County
99	I did not watch the postmarks in relationship to arrival. I wish I had. No real complaints from anyone as I may have in past elections. The Mishicot Post Office 54228 tries really hard to help with my absentee ballots. I appreciate them very much. One comment, though, perhaps the deadline to request mailed absentee ballots should be set earlier.	Manitowoc County
100	Most ballots arrived for voters quickly. Some voters claim they never received them. A few ballots arrived in my office after election day with postmarks of March 24 and April 1.	Walworth County
101	It is the voters choice to use absentee voting. They need to factor that into their choice and plan ahead, just like paying bills on time. Spring Election Ballots (for requests on file) went out March 17. They have multiple ways of returning the ballots including paying extra for expedited services - that should not be the munis responsibility	Sheboygan County
102	So far, I've received 3 absentee return-by-mail ballots. They are postmarked in Saint Paul, MN. One ballot rec'd 4/8/26 was postmarked 4/1/26. Second ballot rec'd 4/9/26 was postmarked 3/30/26. Third ballot rec'd 4/9/26 was postmarked 4/3/26.	Dunn County
103	I believe West Bend did a great job of speeding up the process. Most people got theirs in two days. Only a few outliers in that respect.	Washington County
104	Our Mail goes to St. Paul MN and then back again. If the local Post Office could postmark and sort it would be a faster return.	Barron County
105	In prior and current elections, we had comments come from our residents that it took a while for them to receive the ballot. Others stated that they got the ballot right away. I am concerned with our mail system. All ballots should have the same time frame especially in our own communities. It varies drastically on when things are getting processed with USPS. we received 2 ballots After the election and after looking on Wis vote we have another 10 "Out for Delivery". I thought USPS are supposed to deliver ballots to the polling locations before 8pm if they have them. This has not happened here. I am worried that with the Future of the USPS that this process is just bound to get worse and become more frustrating. Our Post Office has ongoing personnel changes and there is no consistency.	Dodge County
106	outgoing mail is the issue, residents returned their ballots in person do to distrust of the postal service.	La Crosse County
107	The Thursday before an election to request a mail ballot is too short of a turn around to get that ballot back. They have a work around to request if they choose "Calendar Year" and we are still required to mail a ballot out. Stop the "Calendar Year" the week before an election and turn it back on after the election.	Waukesha County

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108	I have a voter who was emailed her ballot in Taiwan, she sent it out from there on March 28th, as of April 10th it has not been received by me in my office.	Shawano County
109	My understanding is that the cut date/time for mail-in ballot requests that came through the MyVote system was 5PM on Thursday April 2nd for an election to be held on April 7th. Even if the clerk happened to see a request arrive as late as 5PM on Thursday, law requires that the ballot be mailed within 24 hours - which means that the Clerk could be compliant by mailing the ballot on Friday. This would only provide two business days (Monday and Tuesday of the following week) for the ballot to both be received by the voter and sent back to the Clerk. Given my experience with 2 business days of delay each way, this is nowhere near enough time, and the cut date should have been no later than 5PM Tuesday May 31st, 2026 to ensure adequate postal delivery times both ways. And that assumes no other delays in processing occur, which is also not very realistic. Thank you for considering my comment.	Green County
110	It was really hard to tell with this election, as the # of absentee requests were much lower for this election. Have not heard any complaints, some ballots were not sent back. Too early to tell if late ballots will still be received. I think it will be more noticeable come fall.	La Crosse County
111	saw more instances of delivery being 2-3 days after the anticipated delivery date in WisVote both for in and out of state voters.	Milwaukee County
112	My Post Master kept all local absentee ballots in house and hand stamped them and put them in their boxes. Not sure if this is allowed by the Post Office but they did do it here. Helped on outgoing mail. In coming is a different story. By the posting date on the envelope compared to when it was received by us is usually over 7 days.	Waushara County
113	Our post office is willing to work with me and will keep ballots for Crivitz, rather than sending them on to Green Bay, and deliver them same day or next day if I bring them into the window at the post office. If they are just put in the mail box, it can take 3 to 4 days delivery time.	Marinette County
114	I'm getting really frustrated with people returning their ballots in person (especially ind. Conf.). I keep adding up the wasted postage, \$0.78 times 10+ doesn't seem like a lot but it is when every penny counts in my budget!	Columbia County
115	My issue is with ballots that did not get to their destination at all.	Vernon County
116	The question about number of days to receive a ballot is not a fair question. It depends on where you are mailing from and where you are mailing to. Local vs. long distance. Invalid question.	Waukesha County
117	In our small community, it takes at least two days before the mail leaves our Village. Then it travels across the entire state to a sorting facility before it is sent back to my side of the state. This is a very big concern for me as a clerk, absentee voting needs to remain as a way to participate in the voting process.	Grant County
118	Absentee ballots mailed to local voters are transferred to a central sorting facility, scanned and sent back to the local post office for delivery to local voters, adding one or two days to delivery. This process is repeated when the local voters mail the absentee ballots to the Town.	Dane County
119	I have not had any problems with returning ballots from the USPS- I always check the dates stamped and I receive them either in 1-2 days after that stamped date.	Brown County
120	The cut off time for mailing an absentee ballot should be at least a week before the election—not 3 days	Kewaunee County
121	Move the deadline to request an absentee ballot to Wednesday at 5pm instead of Thursday. Our local post office is closed.	Racine County
122	I believe the postal office in your City or Village should be able to put the ballot in the postal box of the person it is addressed for. It should not have to go up to the sorting center to return to the City or Village that it is going to. That is why they are late or never arrive.	Monroe County
123	We received 6 late ballots compared to average of 1 in the past. They were postmarked the Saturday or Monday before the election. In the past these would have been hand cancelled by the local post office and we would have received them the next day.	Washington County
124	I would definitely like to see absentee ballots by mail be an option. There are several reasons they are necessary, and it is the only way to give voters the proper opportunity to cast their ballot.	Grant County
125	This was my first election so I do not have prior experience to reference.	Wood County
126	With the number of late arrivals in February, I encouraged our snow birds to expedite. Most used express mail, Fed Ex to ensure timely delivery. **our mail only comes in/goes out once a day at the post office. Always need to plan ahead.	Vilas County
127	Absentee ballots are costing us money as towns cannot afford. They need to be limited to indefinitely confined and out of town. We only get 80% back. Very frustrating.	Dunn County
128	I am very concerned regarding the poor service we are getting from the USPS. I don't think ALL of the general public realize the service has deteriorated and know to plan accordingly. This could be a very serious issue in the future. Maybe a highlighted comment should be included with the instruction sheet enclosed with the ballot. That wouldn't help with timely requests, but could help with timely returns.	Sawyer County
129	While I did not have any known issues with absentee mailings and returns, the general performance of the post office in regards to timeliness of other mailings, and lost mailings is concerning.	Waushara County
130	Postal performance is adequate. However, timelines should be adjusted for requests to accommodate the returns. Perhaps 1 week? Now, you could also consider allowing Clerks to process the absentee ballots the day before Election Day (Monday) to take some pressure off the poll workers who have only one DS200 at the polling place.	Eau Claire County
131	The only issue we have is when the Oak Creek post office requires that the ballots first go to the downtown office to be forwarded. This provides a delay. However, without going downtown there would not be a bar code.	Milwaukee County
132	I am finding that ballots sent to other states are arriving faster than ballots I send to addresses in my municipality. I have also noted that some ballots are taking up to 10 days to return to me from the postmark date. Again mailed from my municipality.	Wood County
133	We have had stretches where we don't get mail for up to 5 days, so we have made it our practice to take the mail directly to the post office if it's time sensitive/ we haven't received mail by 4:00 p.m.	La Crosse County

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134	I know that locally (Wautoma—54982), postal workers go above and beyond to help clerks ensure each vote is counted. On Election Day, I have had local postal workers notice ballots in the stream of mail and hand-deliver them to us at the polling place on Election Day. I doubt this is an official requirement of their jobs. Although I hear all the time about how much worse USPS performance is, I take it with a grain of salt. I know how public perception (think: the belief in widespread election fraud) can be warped by politicians and peers, so I hesitate to condemn the postal service. I haven't personally experienced the decline in service that I hear about. At least locally, I witness dedication and above-and-beyond care and service from postal workers.	Waushara County
135	1. I think the deadline to mail ballots on the Thursday before the election is way to late. 2. I do not want any late absentee ballots counted after election day. If you need to change anything, change the deadline date to mail.	Outagamie County
136	I had 2 voters that winter in Arizona that I mailed their ballots on 3-18-26. The USPS mail system shows that they were dropped off but they NEVER received them. This couple has tracked that as being the 10th piece of mail that they never received that they could see on their dashboard was on it's way to them.	Barron County
137	When I used to take my local ballots to the local post office, they were automatically sent out to Milwaukee for postal processing, instead of just being sent out with the local carriers. That changed this year and that made life a million times better!! Sometimes when I would drop them off in the morning, the voter would have them in their mailbox that day. It not only helps the clerks look like we're doing our jobs in a timely fashion, it really reflects well on the postal service as well!! THANK YOU for allowing local ballots to be sent out immediately with local carriers!!! :) It is appreciated!	Portage County
138	I'd like to discourage mailing ballots back. Return in person or mail back two weeks before election.	Fond du Lac County
139	This has been an issue with all mail. More lost than ever before, for everything including absentees. The mail that is not lost is damaged, late, delivered to the wrong address, or all of the above.	Rock County
140	Voters receive their ballots quicker if they are physically given to post office staff. When returning a ballot or regular mail, it has taken 8 days to arrive at the destination.	Oconto County
141	Seemed the same as before, no complaints	Richland County
142	No mail problems here ballots are handled locally not shipped to Twin Cities	Chippewa County
143	We received a small batch on election day from the mail, and almost double the day after.	Dane County
144	I mailed out absentee ballots on March 11. One individual's ballot was postmarked on March 11, again on March 20 and it arrived to her on April 3rd. Have no idea where it was and neither does the post office. Two ballots were mailed out on March 25 to the same address (husband and wife) The husband never received his. Prior years all ballots were able to be mailed from the local office and went out the next day to the voters. Now they have to go to Milwaukee. If I put it in the mail on Monday, it gets sent to Milwaukee Tuesday morning and have no idea when it will get to the post office in Mt Calvary to get delivered to the voters.	Fond du Lac County
145	We received a ballot after the election and I received her husbands well before the election. Both mailed from same place and same time	Waupaca County
146	Now days the mail system is not reliable to get things in a timely manner. I am not sure what is going on or how to fix this issue but something really does need to be done to protect voter's rights.	Monroe County
147	I had a lot more voters bring there voted ballot to me at the office instead of using the postal service. I also had a resident, out of state in Texas who's ballot was mailed by me on 1/29/26 and he received it after the February election. Just a little feedback.	Dane County
148	If I have a request for an absentee ballot on the last Thursday before the election I have them vote in my office if possible. The ballot won't get back to me before election day. Sometimes it takes up to a week to get a ballot back.	Price County
149	Multiple local voters did not receive their ballot 14 days after the were mailed and never did end up receiving the ballot.	Washington County
150	We just received a notice about another postage increase; we have pre-stamped absentee inner envelopes. Is there any consideration on waiting to go the increase after the August primary?	Waukesha County
151	I sent a ballot to a resident who spends 6-8 weeks in Florida and she never received it the ballot.	Jackson County
152	With mail delivery taking longer than in previous years, it's more likely that not all absentee ballots are received on time. I am satisfied with my local post office. I'm concerned about the general delivery process in recent years.	Vernon County
153	Your question regarding how many days it takes a ballot to get from the office to the voter cannot be answered. We have no idea when the voter received the ballot.	Sauk County
154	Message said machine could not read label and ballot was returned! Yet it was legible. Had to put on new label and stamps and resend. 2 send to same home yet wife got hers 5 days after husband and both in our same community. Getting mail back saying no receptacle even though the other items get delivered.	Waukesha County
155	We had 14 ballots delivered to our address that were for different areas in Portage County, we had two that were for individuals that were delivered to us, and two for Madison (we called to let them know) it was too late to put them in the mail except that is what we had to do for Madison and the two individuals who we received by mistake.	Portage County
156	Mailing a ballot in our small town took 5 days to get returned to clerk.	Washburn County

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157	<p>We received multiple ballots returned as undeliverable by the post office on April 9th. They were mailed out on March 13th. This significant lag means that neither the voters nor our office had any ability to communicate alternative options to the voter so they still had an opportunity to vote in the April 7 election.</p> <p>Additionally, since our local post office has gone to one single pick-up/ drop-off time rather than two, it add an average of two days travel time for all mail pieces. When voters can still request an absentee ballot by mail the Thursday prior to the election through 5pm, and we process first thing Friday morning, depending on when the truck arrives at the post office, that ballot may not even leave the post office until Saturday. The post office delivery lag and the current statutes do not align, and it is negatively impacting voters (as well as our other operations that rely on specific statutory deadlines).</p> <p>In previous elections, there were very few times that we would receive a late arriving ballot. In this election, we received several.</p>	Sauk County
158	I am quite concerned about the effects of the recent Executive Order regarding mail-in ballots. It is not the job of the postal service to determine which voters get ballots.	Barron County
159	Our small post office is only part time staffed, we get no mail on Tuesdays, which of course is election day, so if we dont get it Monday, it's Wednesday.	Grant County
160	My local post office is wonderful to work with especially as relates to election items. They are very alert to the importance of timely processing and offer residents option of bringing absentee certificate to post office directly to place into town's PO Box as long as has postage affixed.	Green County
161	We received only one delivery on election day in the mid morning with only 20 ballots. and the received 269 the next day, and the 92 the following day, most were postmarked before election day, some as early as March, and several were not postmarked at all.	Milwaukee County
162	Consider those voters who have returned their absentee ballots, but have not been delivered to clerks on election day, the ability to vote in person	Pierce County
163	Keep up the good work!	Trempealeau County
164	We work with our local post office to hand stamp out going & tell our people to have post office hand stamp or the majority just drop them off at town office to clerk, then they know it is here to be counted.	Juneau County
165	Most absentee ballots did not show any postal data.	Green Lake County
166	Absentee ballot delivery times seem similar our other mailed items, such as utility bills and payments.	Manitowoc County
167	Our residents are well aware of the increased postal delivery times, so they were able to plan their absentee mailing times in advance. As a result, we did not have an increase in absentee ballots not returned by election day	Brown County
168	One problem was the person who requested an absentee ballot on the very last allowable day. I sent it out immediately. She returned it as soon as she could , too, but it still arrived late. Could the final request date be moved up to allow more time? I had no phone number to call her to vote in-person.	Brown County
169	TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE REQUESTING AND THEN SHOWING UP AT THE POLLING PLACE TO RETURN THEM OR VOTE IN PERSON.	Marquette County
170	For the November 2025 General Election, one ballot from a couple living in TX mailed at the same time arrived about a week before the election, the other ballot arrived a few days after the election with no postmark.	Dodge County
171	I had an Absentee ballot returned due to 'no such address', but the address was correct. I had a voter send back an Absentee ballot via UPS and it never got here. There was one Absentee ballot that should have been returned by the PO because the voter moved, but it was not returned.....his wife's ballot came back though.	Sawyer County
172	The deadline to mail an absentee ballot on the Friday before an election needs to be changed. It will never get there and returned in time for ballot to count.	Oneida County
173	I received several Absentee ballots without the stamp being canceled. I could see it went through a mail machine because of the bar code at the bottom of the envelope. I received 1 Absentee ballot on April 8, 2026 with no postal marks at all. I brought these examples to the attention of the Postal workers.	Jefferson County
174	<p>Although the majority of ballots seemed to arrive to voter and back to us quickly (2-3 days each way), we seemed to have an abnormal number of voters (~25) who contacted us that were sent their absentee on March 17th but had not yet received it by April 1st. A few even stated that their spouse had received theirs at the same address within 2-3 days of it being sent, but their absentee had never arrived.</p> <p>We also had a number (3-4) that were returned undeliverable, but other mail, to include letters from our office, had been recently delivered with no issue to the same address.</p>	Eau Claire County
175	I find that most of my voters are confident enough in the mail that they will receive their ballot but they are less confident that it will get returned in time so nearly half of my absentee voters return their ballot by hand or in our dropbox. This obviously wastes the postage that we have put on the certificate envelopes . I have found that our post office will work hard to get the ballots back to us especially in those last days before the election. It's my understanding that most mail is supposed to go down to Milwaukee before it comes back but I know for a fact that I have had ballots come back to me that the post office received the same day and they have quickly hand canceled it and sometimes made a special trip to our clerk's office to drop them off even if they have already delivered the rest of our mail that day. In my opinion they go above and beyond but we are a smaller community so I can see why there might be more willingness to go above and beyond like that. I really wish that we could change the law allowing people to request a mail-in ballot up until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election because it's possible they won't even receive it before election day but nearly impossible for them to receive it and mail it back. I feel like that deadline should be more realistic.	Winnebago County

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176	Just finished my First year and second election	Shawano County
177	I had a ballot postmarked April 1st and received it on April 8th	Sheboygan County
178	We are a small municipality and do not have a high volume of absentee ballots. The additional mailing time did not cause an issue with this election, but the time has increased.	Shawano County
179	Ballot request timelines need to be adjusted as I do not see the delivery improving. Logically there is not a way to request a ballot at 5 pm on the Thursday prior to the election, mail that ballot, and receive the ballot back by the following Tuesday...not at all possible.	Door County
180	This election had fewer absentees due to minimal number of candidates so not a good basis to judge. Majority of absentee voters were on confined list so mailed early.	Taylor County
181	The mail service is awful. I no longer trust USPS for delivery.	Marathon County
182	Many residents in our municipality are unhappy with and have low trust in the postal service.	Lafayette County
183	If sent to same zip code and from inside post office, it is quick. If outside zip code, there is no way that an absentee should be sent after Wednesday of the week before elections. If they need to send it back, it will not get to me in time. And if another person cannot return it, they can't submit their ballot. Even sending it the Wednesday before is pushing it and it may not be enough time.	Crawford County
184	Not sure the days it took to mail to voters but was told 7 days for me to receive it back from the voter. I called on one the day prior to inquiry as it wasn't back yet.	Barron County
185	five years ago, I had a ballot delivered on election night directly from the USPS by an individual. Fantastic USPS service!	Buffalo County
186	I just received an absentee ballot on April 9 that was postmarked April 1. An eight-day delivery time seems excessive. Absentee ballots should be treated with a higher priority than regular mail, as they appeared to be in the past. During this election, several voters also told me they never received their absentee ballots. We have also recently experienced broader issues with postal delivery. On average, first-class mail has been taking around 14 days, so while eight days may be an improvement, it is still concerning. Around tax time, mail addressed to our Village PO Box was returned as undeliverable. I had over 30 documented pieces of mail; however, we received many more complaints. I contacted the Milwaukee postmaster who presented at the WEC conference, and although she said she would look into the issue and follow up, I never received a response. Our local postmaster later indicated that a truck of mail was mistakenly sent to a return facility rather than the delivery facility. This created a significant burden for the Clerk's office, as residents understandably looked to us for answers. Even when the issue is outside the Clerk's control, the Clerk's office is still expected to respond, investigate, and help find a solution.	Kenosha County
187	It seems to take 3-4 days for mail to be post marked in Milwaukee and sent back to Monroe, and another 3-4 days back to Monroe. Most people ballots were fine when they are mailed out 21 days prior to the election. The ballots that were received past the election seem to be those that were requested and mailed out from my office with that 10-7 day prior to the election.	Green County
188	I received no late ballots. Seems the postal service delivers them in a reasonable time frame.	Grant County
189	Mail service has declined greatly in the past 2 years or more.	Jefferson County
190	Please help us get the sizes and required inserts to a single first class stamp	Brown County
191	We don't track data on absentee ballots. Town Clerk have enough duties, reports, data, etc without adding that. Maybe not have us put our county and towns on these forms...	Eau Claire County
192	I think you need to concentrate on items you have more control over. In some states they only have mail-in voting and they have had it for years. Please stop changing things just because you can. We had a very good system under the GAB	Monroe County
193	I delivered my ballots to the post office and asked that they be hand stamped.	Richland County
194	The mail time in our area is not very good. However, at our small post office, the postmaster took our absentee ballots and stamped them right in the office, rather than them having to travel to Green Bay before going to the voter. This was very helpful and made things a lot quicker. If the ballots were returned to the local post office, he did the same thing then, making for a much faster turnaround time.	Forest County
195	If voters take ballot into the local post office and ask for it to be hand postmarked I receive ballots the next day. I do that for outgoing, as well. We had one voter express concern about length of time to receive ballot - they are in Florida for the Winter, it took about a week for them to receive their ballot.	Marathon County
196	The local post office is very helpful. They will hand cancel postage and deliver ballots next day when mailing within their route areas. The issues arise when ballots have to route through the regional sorting facilities and are traveling out of the area. The process is very slow.	Winnebago County
197	The USPS does not scan every ballot sent or returned, nor do they cancel every ballot.	Adams County
198	I live in the country and have more than 1 town address to mail ballots. I try to take to post office so they stay "in town" as much as possible when mailing out ballots. However, it takes sometimes a week for ballots to get through our postal system after being mailed out from my house or the voters house.	Crawford County
199	our rural post office does not have an evening pickup, which is why our average is listed as 4 days.	Oconto County
200	It seems like it is taking longer and longer for ballots to reach the voters, this election was the worst one I have had on number of ballots not returned. I had two residents that had called wanting to know why they never received their ballot. I did verify their address and it was correct on where it was sent. Ballots that went absentee were mailed on the 12th of March and they still had not been received by 7th April. Others I did not see back until the 28th of March.	Ashland County

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201	There should be a better option for voters when their ballot is lost in the mail on the way to them. I had one voter in April 2026 that requested an absentee ballot, it was sent and recorded as being processed (in MN on the way back to northern WI), and then never arrived. Her husband's ballot arrived on time. She was going out of time and was not at all happy to not be able to vote. Perhaps if nothing else, more information should be provided to absentee voters that they are taking a chance that the ballot could arrive late, their ballot could be returned to the municipality after the deadline, or they may not receive the ballot at all, and they are agreeing to take that chance. The scanning system does help, but not when it stalls out by just saying the ballot has been scanned by USPS and then never shows up.	Bayfield County
202	The average number of days really depends on the distant the ballot has to travel.	Oconto County
203	When I send absentee ballots, WisVote always says "out for delivery". The only time this changes is when I mark the ballot as returned. Shouldn't the status change to delivered so I know the voter received it? Or does the postal system not "talk" to WisVote like that?	Clark County
204	I am unsure of delivery dates. I can't depend on a number of days to tell a voter.	Jackson County
205	Current deadlines (Thursday prior to election) to request an absentee ballot is not working anymore. We cannot control what the post office does but we take the complaints about not receiving ballots in time to vote, let alone return by election day. In our efforts to retain whatever voter trust is left, it doesn't help when these items out of our control reflect on all levels of election administration - and not positively. If there is anything we can do to speed ballot time, please do so. THANK YOU	Rock County
206	I have asked our postal office to hand stamp the absentee ballots. They have been great to do that for me, however, I still have absentee ballots not get to the voter.	Wood County
207	The Clerk-Treasurer office is currently short staffed therefore I don't have time to look into the mailing times.	Waupaca County
208	First, it's impossible to know when the voter receives their ballots after I have mailed them. Also impossible to know when I receive them when the voter mailed them back to me not knowing when they put them in the mail. I do know that when they are postmarked at Milwaukee I receive them 2 days later. Also, the postal service here in Rhinelander and my mail carrier in particular do everything in their power to make sure that the ballots are handled professionally and in a timely manner. At an election a couple of years ago the postmaster hand delivered a ballot to me before the polls closed. We are a rural town and he had to drive on his off time to do that. The voters are the problem who wait until the last minute to mail out their ballots. Also, you need to fight the suggested possibility of limiting mail-in ballots. They are absolutely needed.	Oneida County
209	Voters are concerned about mailing time when they send their ballot back to me.	Price County
210	We had one absentee voter who came to vote in person and said his ballot never arrived, even though the postal data in WisVote said "out for delivery" on March 14. We had 2 voters who said they mailed their ballots back a week prior to the election but we never received them. We have made it clear to return your ballot as soon as possible but that doesn't seem to work. Is there any way to have a postal code on the return envelope so we know when they are mailed back?	Dane County
211	all mail is taking an extremely long time - our town has 3 different postal zip codes and mail is very sparatic in the delivery time. some have taken 2 weeks to get	Marathon County
212	This is my first election as a new clerk. I used the printable mail labels that include the smart mailing labels. This is something our previous clerk did not utilize. While I'm not confident the tracking was always accurate, I do feel the mail arrived to voters and back to me quicker than most mail seems to be moving through the USPS lately.	Dodge County
213	For the indefinitely confined and voter who typically have an absentee request "on file" there is little problem. But for many folks (especially college students), by the time they know they need a ballot or are aware of an upcoming election there is hardly enough time to get a ballot sent out and returned. This is especially tough since mail from the PO only goes out once a day it can set things back even further.	Bayfield County
214	I received an absentee ballot on Thursday before elections. I drove it to the Pardeeville post office and requested that it bypass milwaukee. They were agreeable and the voter received the next day and was able to return it to me in time.	Columbia County
215	Our township is pretty small and for the most part we all have the same mail carrier. Our mail carrier is very good about hand stamping the ballots, so they stay in house and I generally get those the next day.	Rock County
216	For the past two elections - April and Feb - we did not get any mail on election day. We checked our mailbox multiple times throughout the day and again at poll close, nothing. The next day, we had ballots and other mail in the box. We rarely go a day without ANY mail, and it seems really suspicious that two of the no-mail days were election days.	Dane County
217	We noticed no difference in delivery times, and all absentees were returned prior to the election.	Oconto County
218	There needs to be more strict requirements for requesting and voting absentee. The extra cost alone for voters simply choosing to do it just because, is far too great, and in many cases, they do not return the ballots.	Brown County
219	My concern is more with how late someone can request an absentee ballot. This is the real issue. Why would anyone, in or out of state, think that they can request on the Thursday before an election and receive it on time with time to return it to us. We see more and more wasted postage on those who now hand deliver the ballot as they don't trust the postal service. Something needs to be revised.	Outagamie County
220	We are a small community with post service workers we know. They try their best to catch and be aware of absentee ballot mailing, especially if mailed within same town. However those that get sent to large towns to get processed see a 10 day turn around.	Burnett County
221	I had numerous ballots sent on 3/13/2026 that were never received. The Post Office blamed the snow storm on Monday. I asked if they would please take a second ballot up the street to a indefinitely confined individual. They said yes, but when I came back in the afternoon to drop off another 2nd ballot I was told they couldn't do that and would send his ballot through the traditional route. I never got the ballot back from the individual so I can only guess when he may have gotten it. We have never had issues like this during my time here.	Jefferson County
222	It seems to take as many as 7 to 8 days for ballots to deliver within the town. We had some that never arrived and voters had to come to the polls to vote.	Walworth County

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223	I am less concerned about the post office as I am about the process itself. A large percentage of our mail out ballots are returned by perfectly healthy people who walk them back into the office and make comments about how convenient the process is. The amount of time and money we spend (other tax payer dollars) so that people can be inconvenienced when voting defeats the purpose of absentee voting. This needs to be seriously looked at.	St. Croix County
224	Local mail delivery now takes as long as the long-distance mailings we do, compared to ten or so years ago when the service was better and faster. The later in the time available to request an absentee ballot, the more we are concerned that it will not get to the voter timely enough to be voted and mailed back by election day. Some voters have even said they do not trust the mail to get it back timely, so they end hand-delivering their ballots on election day.	Juneau County
225	There was physical damage to ballots mailed to voters as well as returned to the clerk	Outagamie County
226	I received a call from the post master that stated they never received their second batch of mail from Green Bay. The postmaster was doing everything to find the missing mail. I am guessing those are the ballots received after election day. My postmaster is AMAZING and does everything she can to make sure every ballot is counted. She was even willing to drive to pick up the missing mail wherever it was.	Manitowoc County
227	Some people did not even receive their ballot from us while others mailed on March 28th and we did not receive it until April 13th	Ozaukee County
228	Many voters are concerned about the mail. We mailed 152 ballot. 55 voters physically returned their ballots to our office.	Columbia County
229	Election Day I believe there was 1 returned in our regular mail and then the Cudahy post master brought down an estimated 5 or 6 more at the time the post office closed for the day (Tuesday). Wednesday mail contained an estimated 10-15 late arriving absentees, Thursday contained an estimated 3 late arriving absentees, Friday contained an estimated 8-10 late arriving absentees. These numbers are substantially larger than even a November Election. The post office staff even asked me what we do with them since it was "their fault". I'm not sure what was meant by that statement since timing of arrival is also dependent on when the voter placed them in the mail.	Milwaukee County
230	I have concerns related to the post office performance in general. THEY STATED THAT THE VILLAGE'S MAILING ADDRESS WAS INVALID ON A NUMBER OF WATER BILLS SENT TO VILLAGE HALL DURING THE ABSENTEE VOTING TIMEFRAME. THIS IS A CONCERN AS YOU CAN IMAGINE WHEN WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RECIEVE BALLOTS.	Waukesha County
231	If the USPS stops delivering mail does that mean we won't have mail in ballots anymore or would that responsibility shift to a different service provider?	Washington County
232	The mail in ballots are taking longer in most cases and out of state ballots are usually taking much longer, sometimes up to two weeks.	Sauk County
233	I received ballots April 8 that were post marked in Milwaukee Mar 25. That should have been plenty of time to get to Slinger before Election day.	Washington County
234	I still have several Absentees that have not been returned, but I have not had a chance to finish reconciliation, so I'm not sure if those people voted on 04/07, or not, yet. Some voters felt forced to come in and vote in person as they had not received their ballot. Several voters returned their mailed absentee to me in person because they felt there was not enough time to mail it back.	Columbia County
235	I think absentee by mail should be limited to the elder, confined and or service men and women. It would lesson situations in the bigger cities and it would be more authentic! It would eliminate the news feeds on the bigger cities and schools. College students should have to vote in their municipality in which they live - where their mail is sent, car is insured, health insurance is covered. Most college students are on their parents health insurance, so they are not independent paying their own bills, such as why would they want to support a municipality for the people living in their college area. The student has no impact on their economic growth or development as they are they a short period of time. They are not tax payers! Students need to understand their vote impacts the economic daily living. Not living off their parents or grandparents checkbook. Everyone has the right to vote, vote in your municipality in which it could impact or will impact because that's where the tax dollars are coming from.	Calumet County
236	Could the cut off date be earlier seeing it takes longer for the mail to process.	Marathon County
237	My municipality normally gets mail delivery every day - this is also how our mail goes out. We did not receive mail for three days in a row April 1st - 3rd, meaning we didn't get ballots back for three days. This has NEVER happened before - we've had a day skipped here and there, but never multiple.	Winnebago County
238	We had one family that sent their absentees (3 total) back all at the same time from the same location. All ballots were issued on 3/17. One was received by the office on 3/30, the other on 4/3 and the last one just came in Saturday 4/11 mail.	Winnebago County
239	We would like to see the inside postage eliminated. It is getting way too costly	Dane County
240	Our mail travels from Town of Stockton, to Stevens Point, to Milwaukee then back to be delivered. I don't understand this process. We waste so much municipal money providing stamps on returned envelopes and because people don't trust the mailing service, everyone drops them off to the clerk before the election. So much municipal money is wasted on stamps that is unnecessary and with the price of stamps increasing almost every six months. It costs our town a lot of money.	Portage County
241	A postal employee told me they did not receive mail for the lower numbered PO boxes (400 and lower) for Monday April 6 or Tuesday April 7. I then got 5 absentee ballots on Wednesday April 8. One was mailed March 24 where was that ballot all this time.	Walworth County
242	Ballots that were mailed to local residents were quicker than ballots that were sent to our of state locations.	Vilas County
243	I have mailed (3) Representatives from USPS regarding my concern.	Sheboygan County
244	I received only one late ballot, postmarked April 8, so it could have been when it was sent. No information from sender.	Door County

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245	We have noticed that people do not have confidence in the postal system, so a fair number of ballots are being returned to either the drop box or in person at Village Hall. The other issue we have noticed is a ballot being mailed to a different address (snowbirds) that do not make it to that address even when the address is correct on the ballot. The other issue we have is the cost of sending an absentee ballot when voters are either returning them via a drop box or in person at Village Hall.	Dane County
246	This year, more than ever, we had several ballots get completely lost in the mail. Both on their way to voters and on their way back to us.	Outagamie County
247	The biggest concern is the number of ballots that get lost in the local mail and are never scanned in anywhere. I also see mail being returned as UTF after several weeks, and in some cases, months. While the majority of local mail is delivered in a timely manner, even relatively few missing ballots is a concern and costs us a not insignificant amount in duplicate postage.	Racine County
248	Our mail person who delivers at the village hall is pretty good. But when she has a sub working, they aren't. I always take absentee ballots to the post office myself to mail and not the outside mailbox at the village hall. There is a couple who winters in AZ and he gets the ballot; she does not. Or so they say. I ended up sending her a second ballot and the next day the first one arrived. Personally I think it's her and not the mail. But I have heard from other area clerks they experience delivery issues with each election. Thank God for drop boxes at municipal buildings!!!	Portage County
249	Our local post office is very helpful trying to get the ballots to our office since we are right across the street from the post office.	Eau Claire County
250	I mail my ballots from Portage. My ballots then travel to Milwaukee for a postmark, and then the majority of my ballots, travel back to Portage to be delivered locally. The USPS wonders why they have financial hardship, but they are overhandling the mail, shipping absentee ballots back and forth needlessly. Today I received two absentee ballots marked Return to Sender "Temporarily Away", each were postmarked March 17th in Milwaukee. Today is April 13th. Where have they been sitting all of this time?	Columbia County
251	Being able to request a ballot as late as the Thursday before an election is asinine. There is very little chance that a ballot being sent out of state will reach the requester and get returned by Tuesday. The cut off should be no later than the Tuesday before the election for mail ballots. Thursday is too late.	Burnett County
252	When voters fill out an absentee request online, they should be required to fill in a way to contact them (phone or email) in the event that it is very short on time turnaround.	Fond du Lac County
253	My understanding was that voters could bring their ballot to our local post office (Washburn) and if it was 5 or fewer days before the election the postal workers would keep it separate and not send it to Duluth/Minneapolis for "counting" but would keep it local and put it directly in the Clerk's PO box. That is what has happened in the past but this election people brought their ballots in to the post office during that window and were told by the workers that it would be sent to Duluth/Minneapolis unless the voter returned on Monday, the day before the election, and turned in the ballot then. So people left with their ballots and then had to return. I would like to know for sure what the actual rule is. Is this determined by each individual post office?	Bayfield County
254	I have actually had ballot dropped off at post office and mailed back to the clerk's office the next day instead of the voter's address on the envelope	Bayfield County
255	At least one of the absentee ballots I mailed was never received by the voter	Marinette County
256	I think we should send the ballots out earlier.	Barron County
257	This would be regarding the SAVE act and downward flow of citizen information. My understanding is that the Feds will collaborate on the "list" of qualified citizen's and then it will go to the state election official who then will hand it over to the USPS. From there the USPS will decide if a person will get that absentee ballot or not based on the database they have.....THIS IS SO WRONG, IF THIS IS THE PLAN!!!	Shawano County
258	The postal workers work very hard to get our mail delivered on time. The problem that we have is that our mail is sent to the Twin Cities and then comes back to our Village for distribution. When we mail out the absentee ballots, we ask them not to send them to the cities but to keep them local. I don't know if this is the practice for the incoming mail, but it would be nice to have them be consistent especially when it is for election ballots.	St. Croix County
259	Absentee request deadlines need to change to a week before the Election. I had 3 voters complain they never received their ballot, 2 voters from different addresses that had their ballots mailed to Florida and they came back undeliverable; even though they confirmed that it was the correct address.	Eau Claire County
260	Deadline to request ballots by mail should be moved to the Monday or Tuesday before an election. By the close of business on Thursday is too late.	Brown County
261	As a city, we have noticed the mail system significantly decline in the last 6 months or so. We are noticing a lot of things getting lost in the mail, not being delivered to intended recipients, arriving to us way later than normal. Some of this we feel is in part due to the removal of the local post offices and moving all of the postal stamps to the regional offices.	Iowa County
262	I think the mail carriers in Richland County do a fine job.	Richland County
263	Ballots that were mailed from our town ended up postmarked in MILWAUKEE. That is ridiculous. We wonder why our mail has to go there to be processed and not more locally. It is amazing that I received them in time and not after the election. Not happy with our mail delivery times.	Taylor County
264	out of state absentees were for the most part not returned for the april election - I believe voters received their ballots too late and felt that if returned they would not be received in time so did not return.	Rock County
265	Hard to really answer these questions when we are uncertain when they returned it.	Jackson County
266	Postal service was not very good this time. Ballots took 10 days or more for them to be received. This election was the worst for ballots not returned including one that was sent back priority mail and did not receive that one back.	Polk County
267	I would like to see phone number on the absentee ballot request as required. I mail out absentee ballots as soon as we receive the ballots but some people wait till its too late to return them on time.	Marquette County

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268	I think the cutoff date for requesting ballots should be earlier to guarantee time to voter and back.	Manitowoc County
269	This election we had more than two dozen ballots that voters never received and have still not come back to the clerks office. We had a 30% drop in voters using the vote early option from Spring 2025 to Spring 2026 and I do believe frustration with the mail is a contributing factor.	St. Croix County
270	It sucks that it has to go on a truck to MILWAUKEE sit overnight and then the next morning to finally get processed just to get sent back to the local post office that is located right next door to the Village office.	Columbia County
271	postal service is slower than in past years, the outgoing is just as bad as some voters don't get their ballots at all sometimes now and coming back ballots are delayed also. This shouldn't be right down to the wire, it's too important. By mail ballots isn't like it used to be for many reasons, maybe this shouldn't be a thing. Maybe just absentee in the clerk's office if voters can be here on voting day?	Polk County
272	The Post Office is trying very hard to get ballots to municipalities. However, now that most of the outgoing mail is sent to a larger city for distribution rather than staying local, it takes addition time for ballots to arrive.	Door County
273	Several spouses recieved one ballot but not the other and they were all mailed out at the same time.	Marathon County
274	A previous question - response of how many days appears to be taking, local is probably 4-6 days and out of town, our snow birds, take 7-10 days - it's not ideal.	Washington County
275	If the post office cannot deliver in a timely manner (2-3 days), election laws might as well be changed. We mailed a ballot out on the Tuesday before the election, to an in city address. That ballot was not received until the Thursday after the election. Current election law has us mailing ballots until the Friday before an election. If the post office cannot deliver timely, we are throwing away time and money.	Wood County
276	Because of mail delays, many people walk their ballot back into the office. This creates many issues, including a massive waste of municipal funds @ \$.78 (soon to be \$.82) a piece for return stamps that are then not used to mail back... It also creates negative thoughts/convoos when everyone has to hand in their own ballot, because often times a spouse attempts to turn in ballots for both parties and they cannot.	Marinette County
277	Because mailing is 3 days on average the cut off date for requesting absentees should be changed.	Waupaca County
278	USPS is awful! They don't care when you try to talk with them.	Langlade County
279	I had a couple who are in AZ. We mailed our big batch of absentees on Friday March 13th. The wife received her ballot (according to her husband) on March 14th. He never received his 1st ballot. I cancelled and mailed a 2nd ballot on March 26th. He received it on April 2nd. He mailed it back to me priority (paying the extra postage) and I received it on Monday April 6th. This was not the only case. It also took a while for us to receive any undeliverables.	Walworth County
280	Received a ballot from voter that mailed the ballot in plenty of time to be counted on election day - postmarked March 26 - but I received it 18 days after it was mailed from the voter's location. This is more than a week after the election.	Waukesha County
281	Our ballots have to go from the Belleville Post Office to Milwaukee and back again so that the bar codes can be scanned for MyVote information to be updated (total of 4 days from ballot going to elector and elector sending back). Most people here in the "country" do not take this into consideration when returning their ballots. I sent out the bulk of my ballots on March 12, but they were not sent back soon enough. The three electors placed their ballots in the Belleville Post Office mailbox on April 4, they arrived in Milwaukee on April 6 per the cancel stamp and to the town hall on April 8. The problem is not with the post office. These three people had to drive past the town hall to get to the Belleville Post Office on Saturday - they should have just dropped them into the drop box located outside the town hall front door. People need to think about this when they request and return ballots.	Green County
282	I don't believe letting voters request an absentee ballot up until the Friday before is a valid request as that is not enough time to mail the ballot, voter to fill out the ballot and to return the ballot on time	Pierce County
283	We had trouble because of holiday schedule. Post office was closed on the Friday before election and slow on the Monday before	Washburn County
284	My local post office does an amazing job. BUT, people need to remember that we had a historic snowstorm shortly after the ballots needed to be mailed out which I'm sure added to the delivery time.	Waushara County
285	Voters have lost confidence in the postal service. Several absentee ballots were hand delivered to me.	Rusk County
286	The edgerton Wisconsin post office goes out of their way to accommodate our absentee ballots. They are truly service oriented	Jefferson County
287	Why is WEC still allowing absentee ballots to be sent without tracking information. Due to the issues with mail, tracking should not be an option. This is an issue in the township where I live. My absentee ballot address is handwritten and the inside envelope does not have a label.	Dodge County
288	The deadline to request absentee ballots by mail should be earlier. Voters may not even get their ballot by election day if they request it on the Thursday or Friday before the election.	Marathon County
289	The Thursay at 5pm deadline to request an absentee ballot via mail is completely unrealistic and needs to be changed.	Oneida County
290	It appears our post office is holding mail. We have been watching this for some time. Days 1 and 2 we receive very little mail. Day 3 there is a large amount of mail. Days 4 and 5 again we receive little, etc.	Adams County
291	We've had more ballots show up late. With curious markings and no postmarked dates. Example of how late... Postmark from Milwaukee 3/28 received in mail 4/15 at 1pm.	Dane County
292	Our municipality is right across the street from our post office and they used to make ballots a priority and hand deliver them the day before and on election day. Now, they don't even notify us that ballots are there.	Waukesha County
293	I did not receive any ballots after the election.	Waupaca County
294	In 2025, the City had 21 total ballots received from the day after the April election to the present day. In 2026, the City currently has 36 ballots received from the day after the April election to the present day. We received 7 today (April 16th) that were postmarked in Milwaukee on March 19th.	Sheboygan County

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295	It depends on the post office and if they send to Milwaukee or not. It takes much longer to go and from Milwaukee, which is what the workers have been told they have to do, even if coming and going through the same location.	Marquette County
296	Local mail doesn't appear to be the issue; it's the snowbirds in Arizona and other states further away that have significant delays there and back. One voter was waiting and returned it priority mail at a cost of just shy of \$12, and it still arrived 1-2 days late (after 04/07/2026).	Barron County
297	Local mail has experienced some delays, not nearly as so long as out of state. One local voter was waiting for his ballot that was mailed on March 17th; he still hadn't received it after a full 7 days. It arrived late; the postmark was 04/06, which is not ideal - however, I'd have to ask the voter what day he mailed his ballot that he was eagerly awaiting.	Barron County
298	Some of the returns were not postmarked with date	Dodge County
299	I actually took the ballots right to the post office where they were addressed. They still took several days to get them delivered.	Barron County
300	Received ballots postmarked March 27 after April 7.	Rock County
301	The delay in northern WI is due to Rhinelander mail going to Milwaukee and then coming back to Rhinelander which is creating a longer than ever turnaround.	Oneida County
302	It depends upon whether the destination is within Madison or outside. If outside, the number of days to receive a ballot varies widely. If within, the time is minimal.	Dane County
303	I had ballots that I have sent in several prior elections go to Florida. I sent them both out on the same day. The wife never received hers and called me. A few days later, I got them both back - one voted by the husband and one marked undeliverable for the wife.	Sawyer County
304	we had a ballot go missing and based on data from USPS it was all the way in MO - not sure why local mail doesn't stay local	Walworth County
305	THERE WASN'T ANYTHING CONSISTENT WITH THE PROCESS, IT WOULD VARY. IT'S UPSETTING TO SEE SUCH PROBLEMS WITH A SYSTEM THAT HAS BECOME VERY UNRELIABLE FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROCESS.	Jefferson County
306	I'm concerned about late-arriving ballots. We received 88 ballots at 8:30 on 4/8. This is an unusually high number. We also didn't receive our customary delivery of ballots after 5 pm on Election Night.	Brown County
307	Couples had concerns when one of the voters had received their ballot and the other had not. This happened more frequently this election than in the past. When looking at the tracking information, the information for the missing ballot stated that the ballot was "out for delivery" on the same day or within the next day or two of when the first ballot was delivered. On some occasions, it had been several days in the "out for delivery" status. It is just strange that the ballots were not delivered at the same time (or within the next couple of days), because often times when the ballots are returned to us by the voter we end up receiving them back on the same day.	La Crosse County
308	We received four more absentee ballots in today's mail, and it appears the post office is now trying to cover up their delays by adding a second postmark to the ballots. One of the four ballots I received today was originally postmarked March 24th, but the post office tried to put a second postmark over that date, dated April 9th. Two other ballots were originally postmarked April 6th, but the post office tried to put a second postmark over those as well, dated April 9th.	Waukesha County
309	I had a voter send their absentee ballot priority mail on March 27, 2026 from Florida. We did not receive their ballot until April 8. I think the Election Commission needs to do more about informing voters the mailing issues with absentee voting with the USPS.	Waukesha County