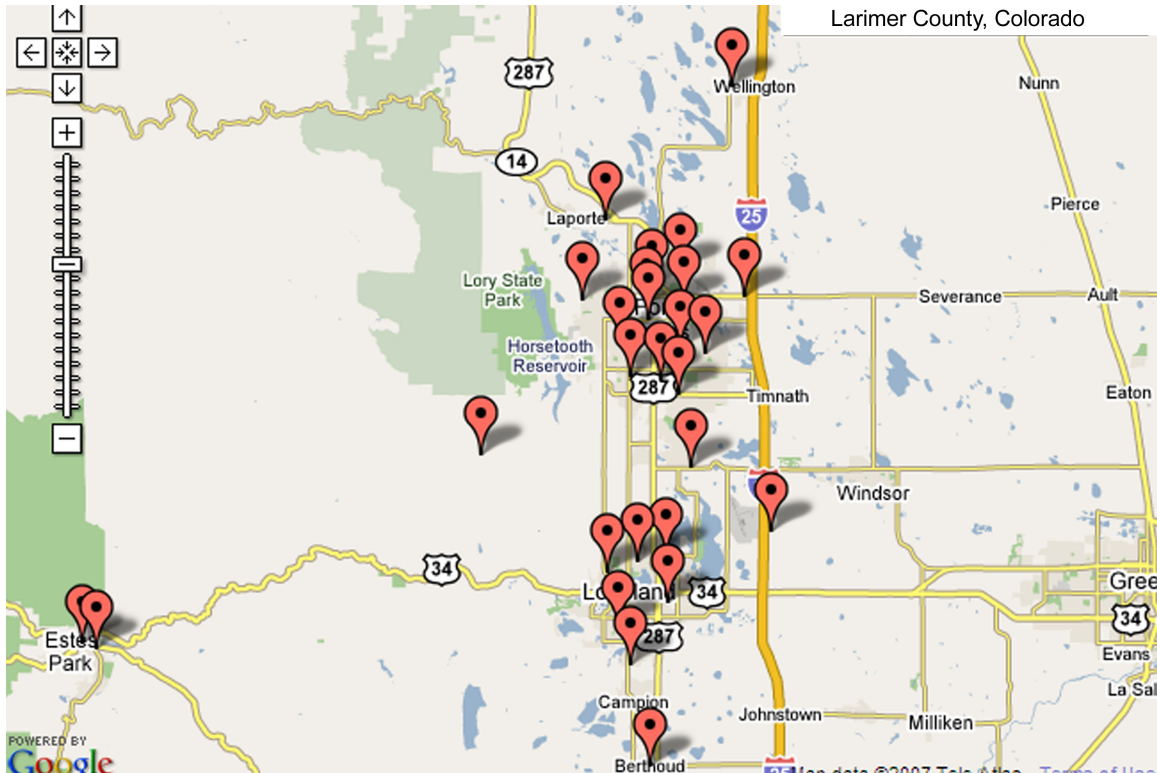


Regional Voting Center Lessons Learned from Other Jurisdictions

Larimer County, Colorado (Fort Collins)



Larimer County Elections Department pioneered the Vote Center Model in 2003. Vote Centers are strategically placed, non-precinct based polling sites open only on Election Day. Rather than being distributed among many residential locations, Vote Centers are fewer in number than traditional polling places and centrally located to major population centers. Examples of Vote Center facilities are municipal buildings, churches, university facilities and hotel ballrooms/conference centers.

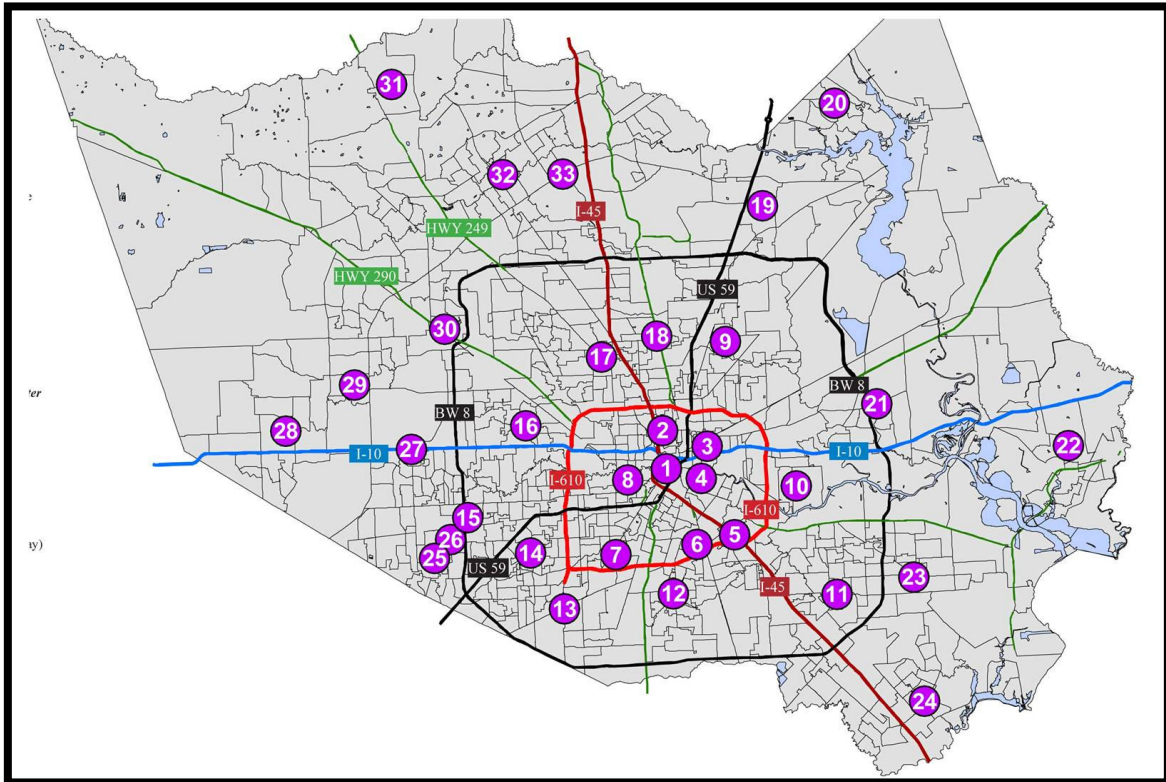
There are three ways to vote in Larimer County:

In person at a Vote Center on Election Day (*30% of turnout*)

In person at an Early Voting Branch Office (*30% of turnout*)

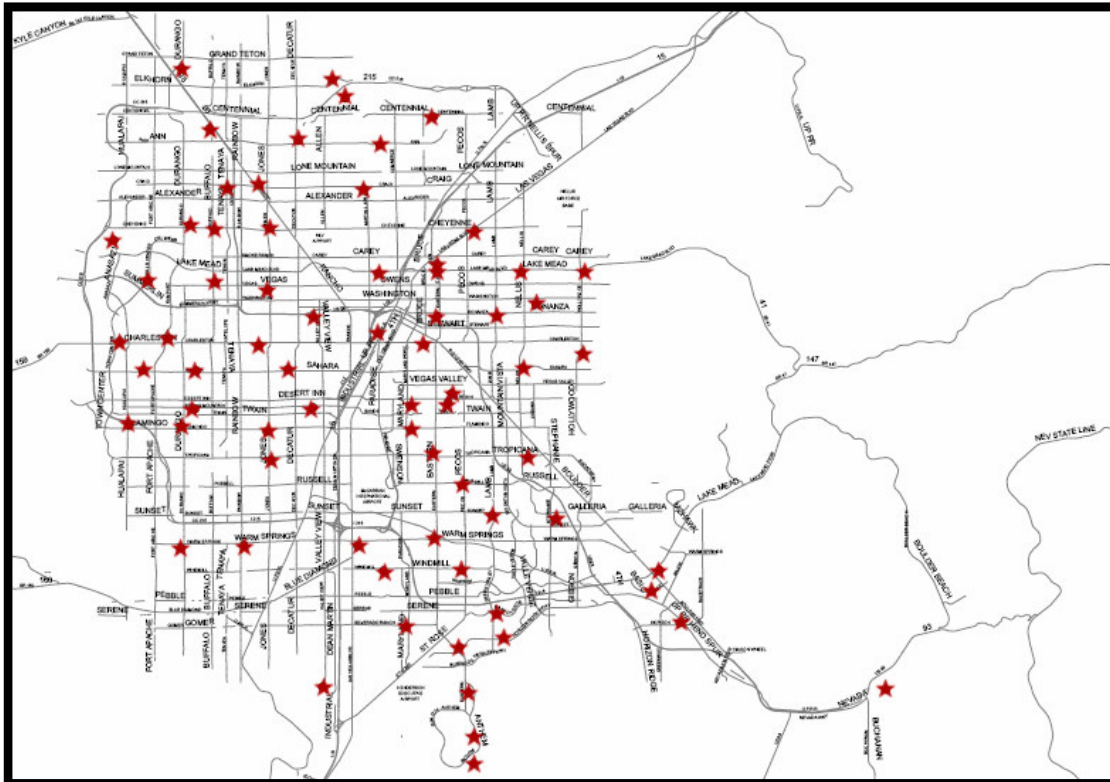
By mail via Absentee Ballot (*30% of turnout*)

Harris County, Texas (Houston)



There are 33 Early Vote Centers (EVCs) in Harris County. EVCs are open 17 days leading up to, but not including, Election Day, with 25-30% of voters casting ballots at one of the EVC locations. Harris County Elections considers three major types of general areas in the placement of EVCs around the county: dense urban, rural business districts, and central business districts. Issues that are considered in choosing facilities are accessibility, parking, amenities, and population equality. County facilities are preferred due to cost and ease of leasing agreements.

Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas)



Clark County, Nevada offers two types of early voting locations:

1. Permanent - Same location for entire 14-day period (i.e., shopping malls)
2. Mobile team sites - Teams set up at location for 2-3 days and then move (i.e., grocery stores).

According to Mr. Lomax, Clark County Registrar of Voters, “The secret to a successful location is to find out where the people would be when you aren’t there (not the clerk’s office), and go there.”

Elections planners work with a consulting or advisory group, similar to the one in King County, to assist in determining locations for early voting sites.