

## Sandoval County Election Results

The percentage of registered voters who actually voted in Nov of 2024 was 71%. In 2020 it was 73% and 65% in 2016. That is somewhat better than the state average of 67%. State average in 2020 was 69% and 62% in 2016.

### National Races Results

Harris and Walz received 52% of the vote in Sandoval County, the exact same percentage as in the state. For the Senate, Heinrich got 54% of the county vote, which was 1% less than he got statewide. Most of Sandoval County is in Melanie Stansbury's congressional district. Here she got 51% of the vote, compared to 56% district wide. Teresa Leger Fernandez's district only includes a small portion of northwest Sandoval County. She got 70% of the vote here, but that only accounted for 4% of her total votes.

### Sandoval County Administrative Races

The two Democratic office holders were reelected,

#### County Clerk

Ann Brady Romero (D) 53%

Tanya Watkins 47%

#### County Treasurer

Jenny Taylor (D) 53%

Richard Shanks 47%

Barbara Romo (D) the District Attorney was unopposed.

### Sandoval County Commission

There were 3 of the 5 seats on the Commission up this election cycle. One Dem was running for reelection, the other 2 seats, held by Reps, were open because of term limits. The Commission remains as before, 3 Reps and 2 Dems.

#### District 2

Beau Sandoval (D) 47%

Jon Herr 53%

#### District 4

Madigan Ray (D) 45%

Jordan Juarez 55%

#### District 5

Josh Jones (D) 60%

Justin Garcia 40%

#### New Mexico Senate

No seats were flipped in the senate. A reconfigured district, 12, was won by a Rep.

##### District 9

Cindy Nava (D) 56%

Audrey Truillo 44%

##### District 12

Phil Ramirez (D) 45%

Jay Block 55%

##### District 19

Bill Scott (D) 47%

Ant Thornton 53%

(Only a small portion of this district is in the county)

##### District 22

Bennie Shendo (D) Ran Unopposed

##### District 40

Amina Everett (D) 46%

Craig Brandt 54%

#### New Mexico House

No seats were flipped in the house. The 57<sup>th</sup> is headed for a recount.

##### District 23

Frank Smith (D) 46%

Alan Martinez 54%

##### District 41

Helen Herrera (D) Ran Unopposed

(Only a small portion of this district is in the county)

##### District 43

Christine Chandler (D) Ran Unopposed

(Only a small portion of this district is in the county)

##### District 44

Kathleen Cates (D) 53%

Ali Ennenga 47%

District 50  
Matthew McQueen (D) 62%  
Ken Brennan 38%  
(Only a small portion of this district is in the county)

District 57  
Michelle Sandoval (D) 50%  
Catherine Cullen 50%  
(Cullen was ahead by 132 votes on 11/21/24)

District 60  
Luke Jungmann (D) 43%  
Joshua Hernandez 57%

District 65  
Derrick Lente Ran Unopposed

### Observations

Both state and Sandoval County voter turnout are nothing to write home about, though Sandoval did better than the state in the last 3 presidential elections. Interesting that with a woman at the top of the Dem ticket in 2 elections (Clinton and Harris) turnout was lower than with a man at the head (Biden). Of course, all 3 elections had a man at the top of the Rep ticket.

New Mexico remains reliably blue. Sandoval County is a mixed bag. Overall this was a status quo election. No seats were flipped within county races, though because of redistricting a Rep now represents Senate District 12. Michelle Sandoval came very close in House District 57, but barring a change in a recount, that seat remains in Rep hands.

One thing is clear, Dems have a better chance to win races that are countywide rather than in a slice of the county. Can probably chalk that up to the vote from the pueblos. The two Dem county administrative officers were reelected.

The Dems lost a real chance to flip the Sandoval County Commission; with 2 open seats previously held by Reps. This chance probably will not occur again in many years. Holding county administrative positions are one thing, but not gaining control of the policy making mechanism for the county is another.

Getting out the vote in the pueblos should continue to be a priority for countywide races. Some creative thinking is required for winning legislative and commission seats in Sandoval County.