

Georgia Primary 2022: Strange Happenings in Early Voting on May 16, 2022

Data Source: Secretary of State Absentee File

The Secretary of State provides daily updates of every person who applied for absentee ballot, issued an absentee ballot, and when the absentee ballot was returned. The following information is provided from the following website:

<https://sos.ga.gov/page/voter-absentee-files>

This file is extensive as it covers every county in the state of Georgia including the participating voter's name, residential address, mailing address, status of application, and tabulation status. Early voting is considered absentee voting due to the ability to vote outside of a voter's home precinct. Georgia allows early voting for three weeks leading up to election day.

There is additional information on the absentee file other than the processing of a voter's ballot. There is also dates that describe when the application date of absentee ballot, issue date of absentee ballot, and return date of absentee ballot. It also includes a six-digit code for the early voting center the voter cast a vote. There are two numbers that accompany the voter's record of voting at that early center. One number is known as the "Ballot ID". The other number is the "Post Number".

Ballot ID at Early Voting Centers

The Ballot ID is a number issued to a voter after a ballot has been issued. In the case of early voting, a Ballot ID is issued after the voter shows identification and the poll worker programs a card to insert into a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) at that early voting center. For example, the first person to vote on the first day of early voting will be assigned Ballot ID number 1. The second person to vote at that early voting center will have Ballot ID 2. This number will go in sequential order until the end of early voting. Below is an example of all early voters that live in House District 50 (HD50). In this primary, Republican ballots have their own run of sequential Ballot IDs issued, Democrat ballots have their own run of Ballot IDs, and Non-Partisan Votes have their own run of Ballot IDs. This is due to the ballots being unique to one another on the grounds of party selection. Moreover, ballots with different party type will have duplicate Ballot IDs depending on rate of each party ballot that is issued. As of May 19, 2022, there have been 4,003 early voters that reside in HD50. Out of these 4,003 Voters totals for party include:

1,696 were Democrat ballots

2,256 were Republican Ballots

51 were Non-Partisan

There are four main early voting centers around Johns Creek, Georgia where HD50 voters cast a vote.

Vote Center ID 60703 has 3,134 people that have cast a vote

Vote Center ID 60693 has 540 people that have cast a vote

Vote Center ID 60808 has 154 people that have cast a vote

Vote Center ID 60681 has 101 people that have cast a vote

There are around 50 additional voters that are scattered throughout the rest of Fulton County.

For an example what the Absentee File depicts, I will show Vote Center ID 60703 which is located at Ocee Library in Johns Creek. Just focusing on Republican voters, in the table below, notice how Ballot ID is sequential with Ballot Return date (*highlighted in yellow*). The ballot return date below is the first day of early voting and voter with Voter Registration number [Column 2, *VoterRegistration*] 24085590 was the first Republican to vote at Voting Center 60703.

County	VoterRegistration	ApplicationDate	BallotIssuedDate	BallotReturnDate	CountyPrecinct	HOUSE	BallotID	Party
FULTON	2408590	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC05	50	2	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	1819446	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	AP09B	50	3	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	3179778	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC07	50	5	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	2665240	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC09	50	6	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	7776813	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC05	50	7	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	7885889	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC01A	50	8	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	10385662	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC04C	50	9	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	2364988	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC10	50	10	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	2697078	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC09	50	11	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	2603928	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC01	50	12	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	2668191	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC01	50	13	REPUBLICAN
FULTON	4339861	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	5/2/2022	JC07	50	14	REPUBLICAN
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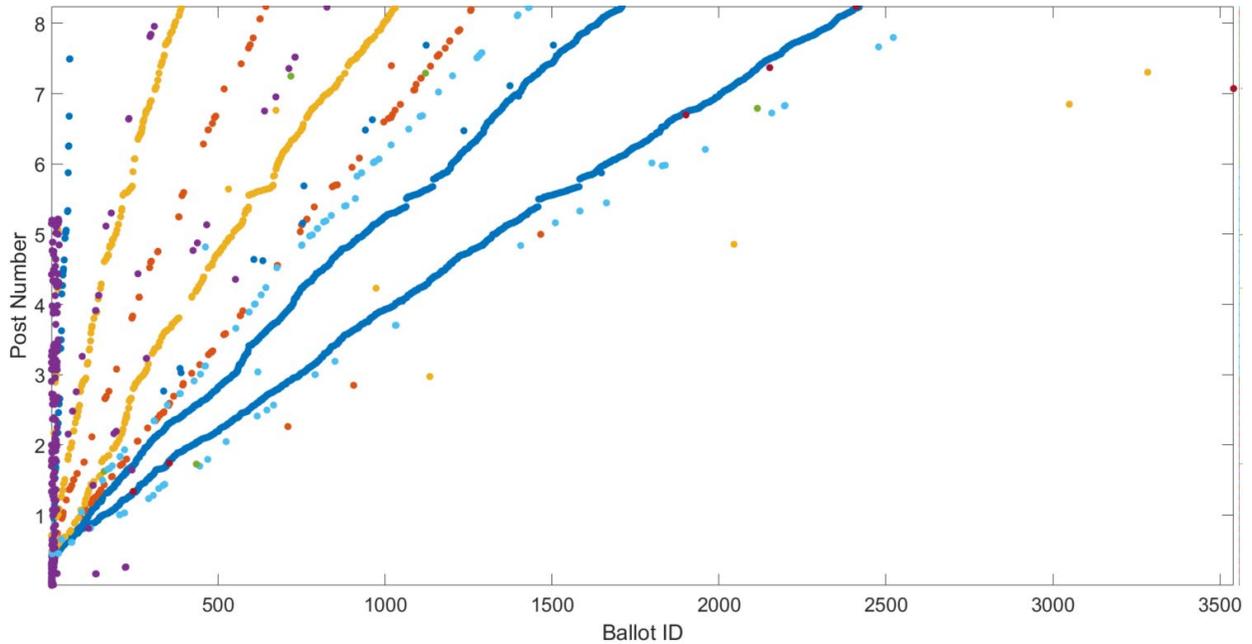
Post Number

The Post Number is a number that keeps record of all ballots that were issued in Fulton County, not specific to any early voting center. Moreover, if the first day of early voting consisted of 3,000 voter who applied for absentee by mail, or voted early, all over Fulton County the post number would go in sequential order from 1 to 3,000 in order of who was issued a ballot first. Since absentee by mail are issued months out from election day, early voting post numbers would begin at the total number of absentees by mail that were issued before the first day of early voting. For example, if there were 3,000 absentees by mail that were issued before the first day of early voting, the first person to vote early in Fulton County would have a Post Number of 3,001.

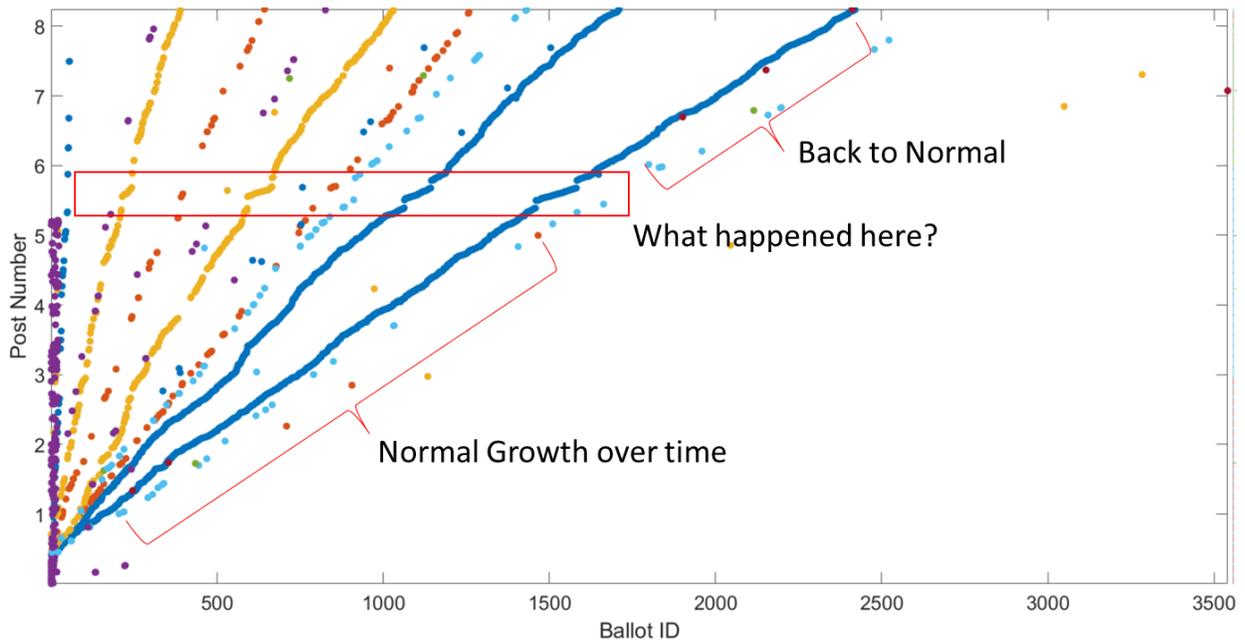
If you graph the Ballot ID on x-axis and Post number on y-axis, one should see an organic increase of Ballot ID in relation to Post number. This correlation made of each voter with respect to their unique ballot ID and Party affiliation of the ballot, should see a gradual incline going from left to right. This is eighth grade algebra, rise over run.

Strange Happenings

Below is a graph of HD50 voters with respect to the early voting center they cast their vote. The different colors represent different Early Voting Centers. The two separate lines with same color represent Democrat and Republican Ballots. Remember, they have their own set of Ballot IDs because they are different ballots.

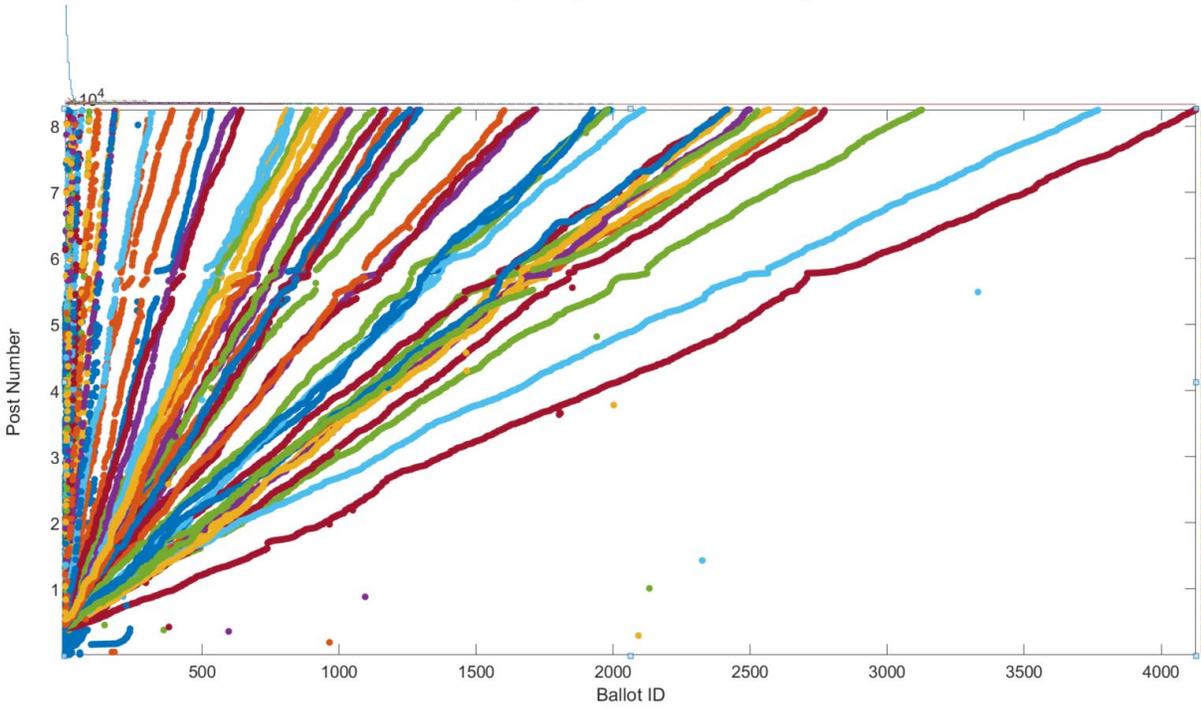


Notice below the sequence of votes that stand out from normal behavior.

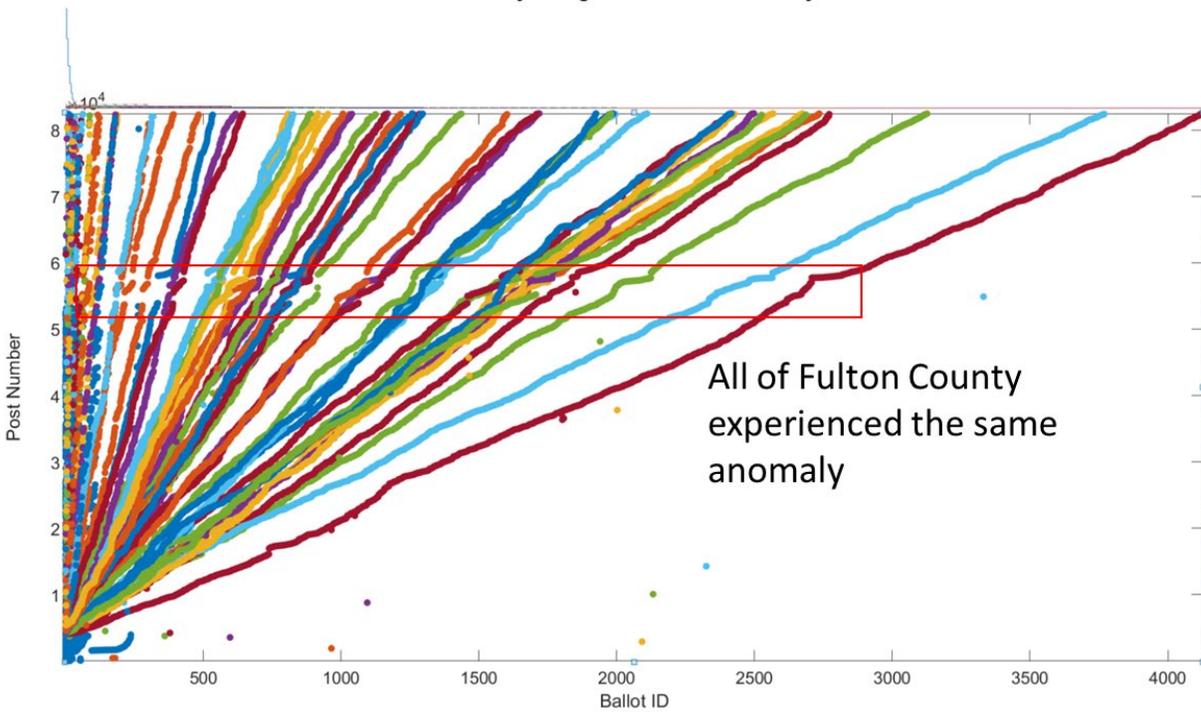


Now let us look at what was happening in the rest of Fulton County.

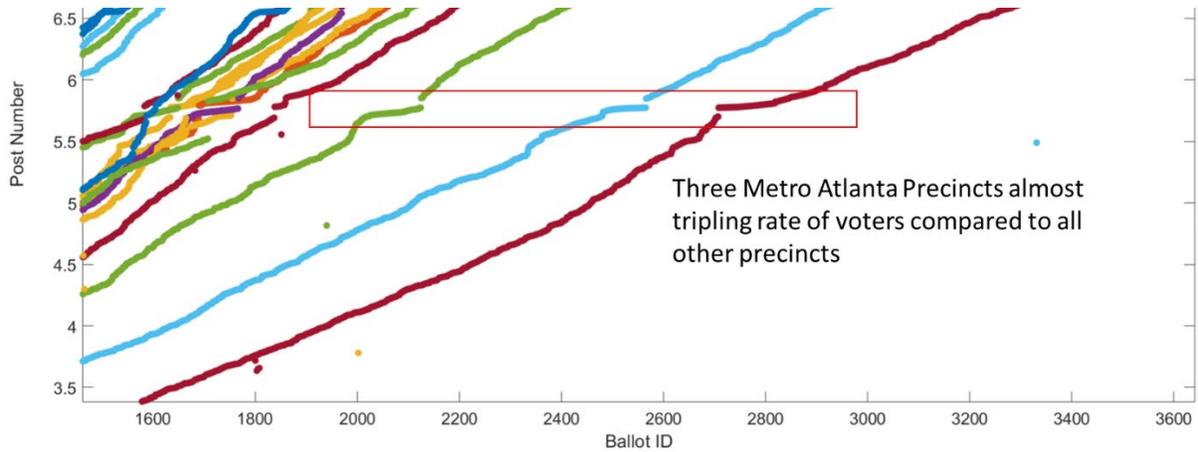
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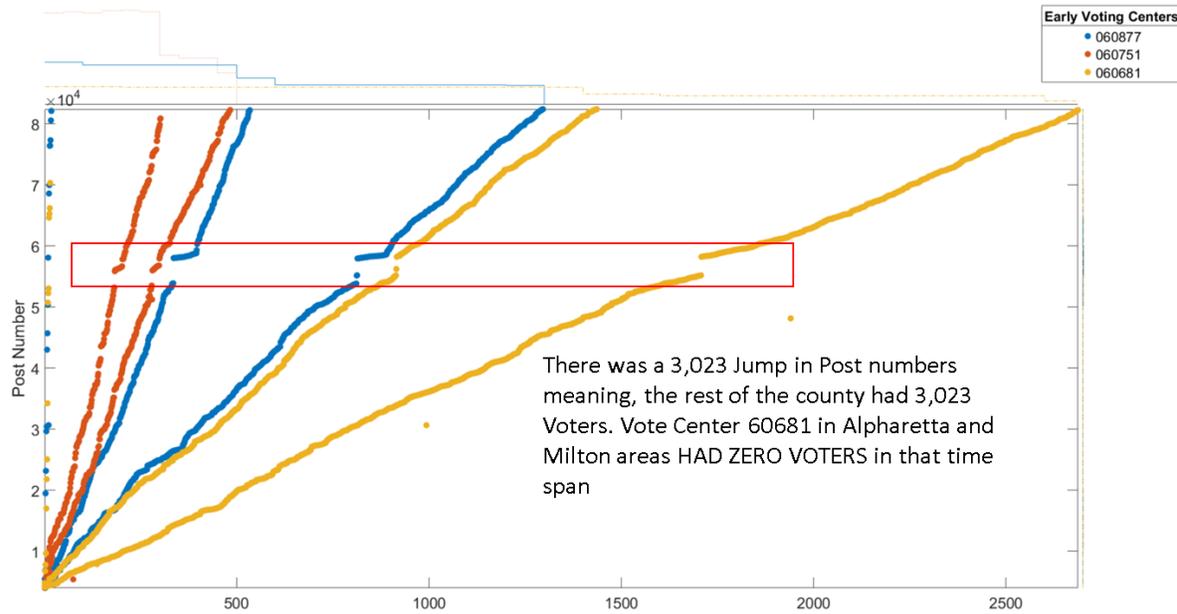
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What is the big deal? The big deal is that some early voting centers depict completely shutting down, with gaps in the Post Number, or periods of time with an early voting center showing zero ballots being issued out. For example, early voting center 60763, 60802, 60804, all around metro Atlanta almost tripling rate of voters while others did not record a vote. See below for detail, top graph shows tripling rate at three precincts above.



Now what about the precincts that are missing voters,



Over 3,000 vote jump, metro Atlanta precincts were tripling their normal rate and many precincts were showing zero voters.

What else was happening in this time? According to credible sources, Fulton County GOP had issues with Republican poll watchers being present in precincts in North Fulton. They were not present on May 16, 2022 in a numerous amount of precincts.

When did this anomaly happen? May 16, 2022.

Conclusion

A large portion of precincts had no voting or very few voters while other precincts tripled their normal rate on the same day Republican poll watchers were not present. We need answers.