Pick your candidate…..pick your voting place!

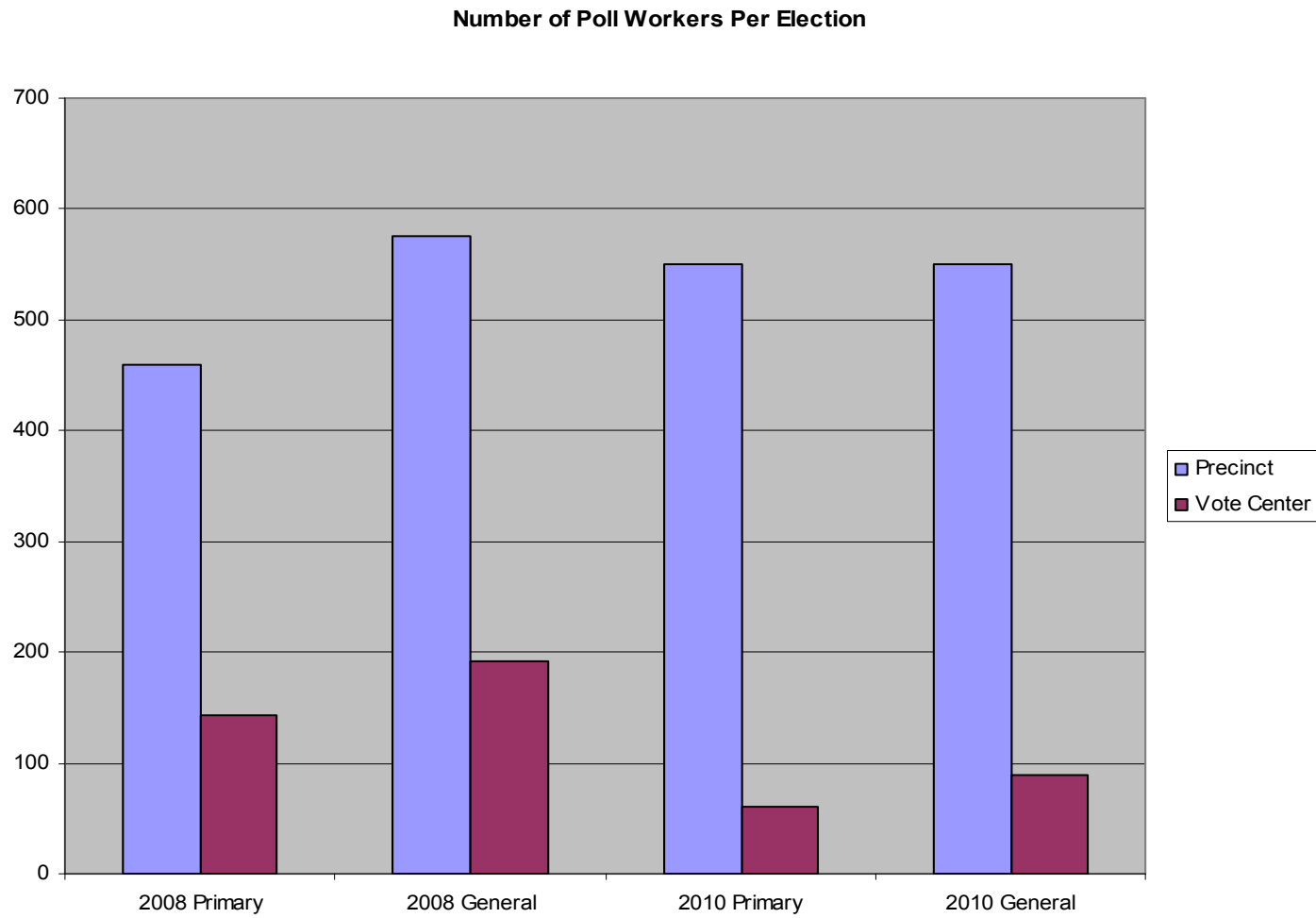# How Do Vote Centers Save Money?

- Elections can be scaled to meet demand.
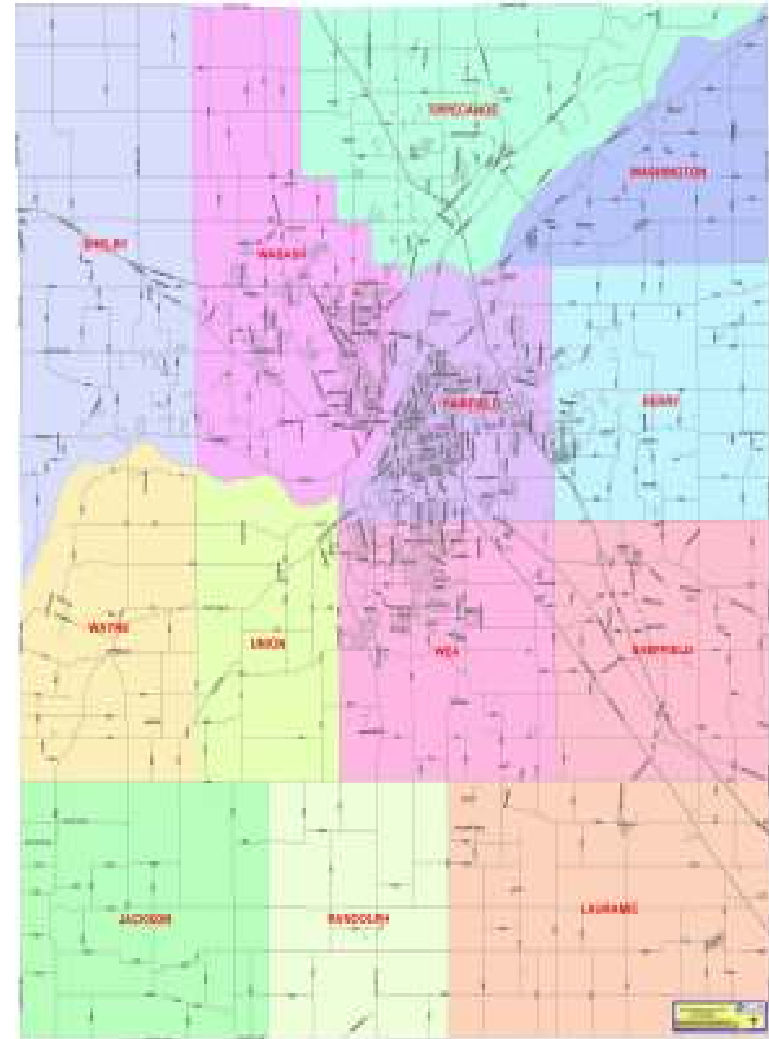
Staffing can be scaled to expected turnout.

Number of Poll Workers Per Election

Conventional Precincts - 2010

- 112 Polling Places

- 105,000 Registered Voters

- 69,574 People Voted in 2008 General
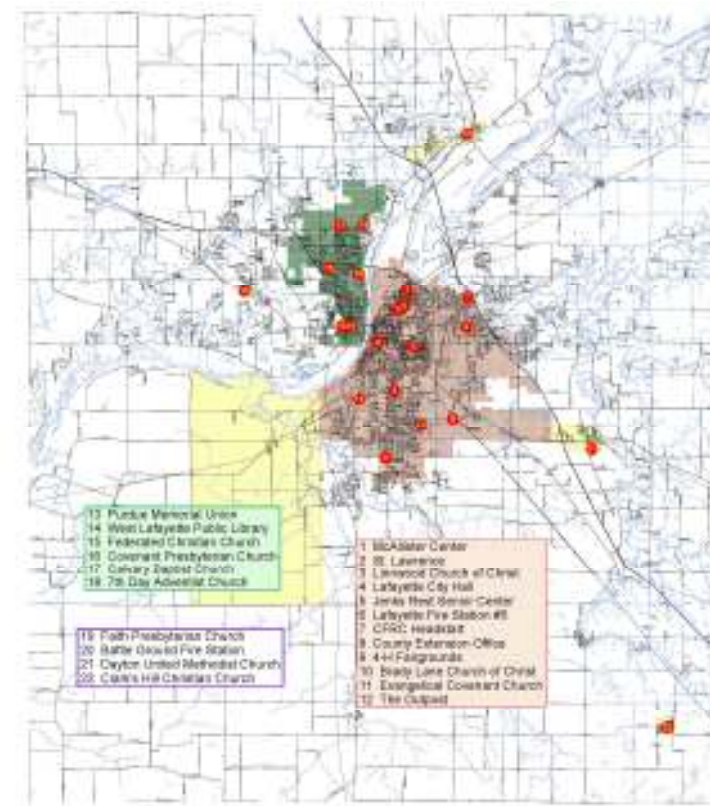
- 15,267 People Voted in the 2004 Primary

- 560 Pollworkers

- These workers would cost $91,280 and we would spend $10,080 to feed them on election day.

- Under this model, every voter would have 23 minutes of poll worker time available – but only about 3.5 minutes are needed.

Vote Centers – 2010 Primary

- 20 Polling Places

- 105,000 Registered Voters

- 69,574 Voted in 2008

- 15,267 Voted in the 2004 Primary
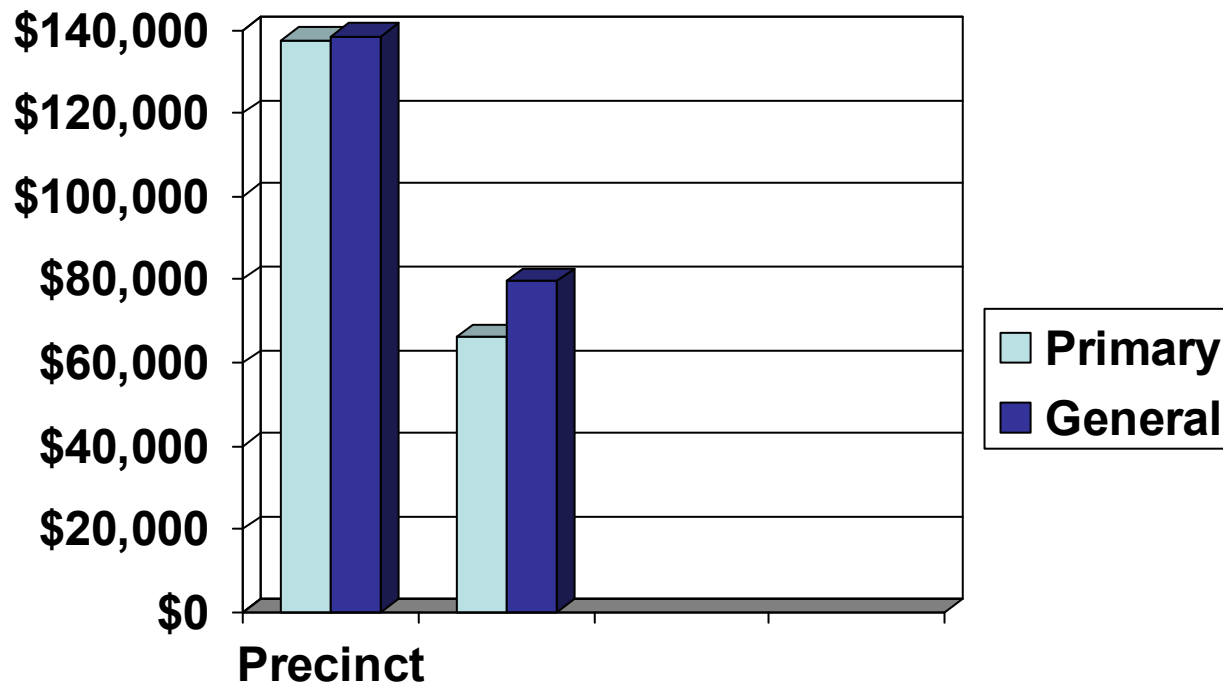
- About 35% will vote early.

**Location of Vote Centers
Tippecanoe County, Indiana**

- 80 Pollworkers (Actually we would really only need 47 based on the number of voters but we need to maintain bi-partisan control.)
- These workers would cost $14,600 and we would spend $2,000 to feed them on election day.
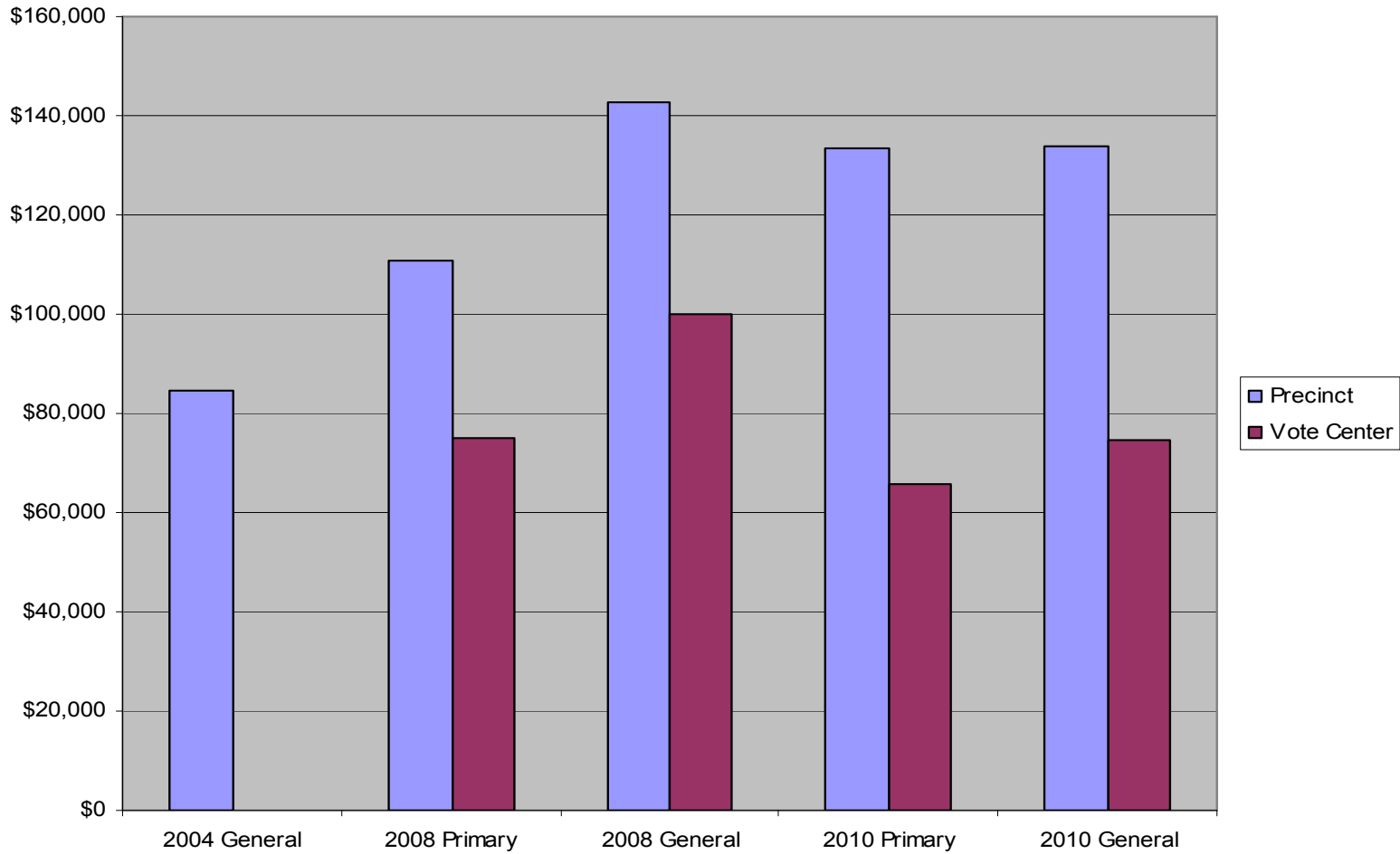- There would be 4.8 minutes of staff time available for each voter.

2010 Primary	Precinct	Vote Center
Part-Time (Incremental Only)	$2,700	
Overtime		$1,675
Pollworkers	$91,280	$14,600
Traveling Board	$795	$420
Election Day Office	$1,400	$750
Satellite Absentee Workers		$8,156
Meals	$10,080	$2,000
Mail Out Absentee Ballots	$2,760	$1,365
Printing Pollbooks	$2,500	
Rentals	$2,500	
Internet Access		$1,286
Equipment Transportation	$9,500	$4,300
Printing/Mailing Postcards		$28,000
Training	$14,000	$3,500
Total	**$137,515**	**$66,052**

2010 Total Savings - $145,734

This can lead to significant savings.

Total Incremental Costs of Elections

Other Savings....

- No need to pay staff to enter voter history!
- Need for equipment is greatly reduced, since so many vote early.
- Reduces the number of mail-out absentee and traveling board ballots.
- No printing or storing of pollbooks.

Advantages of Vote Centers

- Satellite absentee voting reduces the election day staff required.

- There are no wrong places to vote, so fewer voters are disenfranchised.

Early voters shatter record

- Automatic upload of election results to SVRS speeds entry and saves countless hours of data entry time.

- Poll book holders are not required; downloads of those voters who have voted are provided to the candidates and political parties each day of early voting and several times during election day.

- Absentee ballots are counted centrally; this eliminates the need to transport ballots to the polls.

- We don't print provisional ballots; every provisional ballot is available on the supervisor's computer in a .pdf format and printed on demand.

Disadvantages of Vote Centers

- It takes technology to make this work.
- Fewer poll workers are required but finding poll workers with the necessary computer skills is more difficult.
- Training poll workers requires different effort; we found that hands-on training of TEPS was essential.

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