

City of Lester Prairie (McLeod County)				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2008</b>
Population	1,894	1,696	1,707	1,779
Approx. voting-age population <sup>1</sup>	1,458	1,306	1,314	1,370
Pre-registered voters	1,105	941	965	850
Same-day registration	15	147	153	235
Total registrations	1,120	1,088	1,118	1,085
Number voting in person	836	842	841	610*
Absentee and mail-in ballots	159	47	21	23
Other absentee <sup>2</sup>	1	0	0	0
Total votes cast	996	889	862	868*
Ratio for votes: registrations	89%	82%	77%	80%
Turnout - votes: voting age pop.	68%	68%	66%	63%
Votes for Republican candidate	719 (72%)	615 (69%)	539 (63%)	515 (59%)
Votes for Democrat candidate	258 (26%)	199 (22%)	295 (34%)	318 (37%)
Votes for other/no candidates	19	75	28	35
1) 77% of total population based on state demographer/census. 2) Includes citizens long-term overseas and those who moved away within 30 days of election. Sources: Voting/election data from MN Secretary of State; population from MN State Demographer and US Census. *2008 SOS file lists 868 votes cast but only 633 identified how.				

Lester Prairie comparisons 2016 to 2020			
	Number	Change from 2016	Change from 2016 percentage
Estimated voting-age population 2020*	1,458	+152	+11.6%
Voter registrations	1,120	+32	+2.9%
Votes cast	996	+107	+12.0%
Voter turnout	68%	0	0%
Votes in person	836	-6	-0.1%
Votes by absentee/mail-in	159	+112	+238.3%
Republican gain	719	+104	+16.9%
Democrat gain	258	+59	+29.6%
The number of in-person votes was nearly the same in 2016 and 2020. Total voter turnout was the same percentage. There were 107 more votes cast, and 112 more by absentee/mail-in. In this case, the Republican candidate had a larger raw vote gain than the Democrat, although by percentage the gain favored the Democrat.			
* Voting-age population based on 77% of total population. Sources: MN Secretary of State, MN State Demographer, US Census.			