



EASY & ENGAGING

Hand Counting is Easy and Engaging

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The Myth: Hand Counting is Tedious and Unappealing

Many believe hand counting is too tedious, assuming people won't want to do it. This myth ignores how simple and engaging it can be. At a dinner event, a state senator's 7-year-old son completed our 2-Minute Tally Demo with 100% accuracy, proving anyone can do it!

Finding: Hand Counting is Easy and Inspiring

Col. Shawn Smith calls hand counting “the Victory Gardens of our day” — a civic duty to secure elections, just as citizens grew food during wartime. The 2-Minute Tally Demo changes the narrative: in just 2 minutes, anyone can learn hand counting and see its ease. Show it to 10 people who each share with 5 others, reaching 60 people with one demo! Capitol Count Events in Missouri, Oregon, and Pennsylvania further demonstrate this, inviting legislators to observe hand counting in state capitols, with stations for learning, trying, and seeing experienced counters in action.

Get Involved with Easy Tools

Download the 2-Minute Tally Demo (forms, flyers, video) and Capitol Count materials at ReturntoHandCounting.com/Tools. Host a demo at your capitol or iconic sites like the St. Louis Arch to spark engagement and secure elections.

Action for Elected Officials

Hand counting is easy and unites communities. Join a Capitol Count Event or try the 2-Minute Tally Demo to see for yourself. Support policies that encourage hand counting for transparent elections. For more, scan the QR code, visit the hand count [website](https://ReturntoHandCounting.com), or email ContactUs@ReturntoHandCounting.com.

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