

2024 Office Breakdown

Quarter One

January - March

BIRTHS REGISTERED

MONTH	TOTAL #	HOME BIRTHS	BOYS	GIRLS
JANUARY	7	1	5	2
FEBRUARY	5	---	2	3
MARCH	11	---	6	5

DEATHS REGISTERED

MONTH	TOTAL #	RESIDENTS	MALE	FEMALE
JANUARY	12	8	6	6
FEBRUARY	20	6	11	9
MARCH	17	6	9	8

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

MONTH	TOTAL #	RETURNED COMPLETE	RESIDENTS
JANUARY	4	4	4
FEBRUARY	4	4	4
MARCH	3	1	3

DOG LICENSES

MONTH	TOTAL #	ONLINE	IN-PERSON/WITH CENSUS	SENIOR (70+)
JANUARY	289	126	124	39
FEBRUARY	232	101	113	18
MARCH	67	35	29	3

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

MONTH	TOTAL #	NEW/RENEWAL	CHANGE
JANUARY	3	1	2
FEBRUARY	3	3	---
MARCH	4	4	---

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CERTIFIED COPIES

MONTH	TOTAL #	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE
JANUARY	38	15	19	4
FEBRUARY	35	12	14	9
MARCH	46	15	25	6

OTHER

MONTH	RAFFLE PERMITS	STORAGE TANKS	BYLAW VIOLATION FINES	CORRECTIONS & AMMENDMENTS	Street List	NOTARY SERVICES	Resident Parking Stickers
JANUARY	1	---	2	3	2	28	---
FEBRUARY	1	1	---	1	1	31	11
MARCH	---	1	---	6	---	27	10

January Notes:

- The Friends of the Ayer Library has collaborated with the Town Clerk's Office to launch a new Baby Bag program in 2024. Library staff assemble tote bags with books and other goodies, including information about the library to be given to new parents and drop them off at the Town Clerk's office as needed. When the parent(s) come to pick up copies of their new baby's birth certificate, Town Clerk staff offer the bag to the family. This has been a wonderful program so far and has been well appreciated by residents.

February Notes:

- In Person Early Voting for the March 2024 Presidential Primary Election began on Saturday, February 24th and continued Monday, February 26th through Friday, March 1st. The polling area was open for Early Voters from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday and was open all normal Town Hall business hours during the week.
- The last day to register your dog for 2024, without incurring the late fee, was February 29th. All licenses are due by the last day of February, licensed purchased after March 1st are subject to a \$50.00 late fee per household.

March Notes:

- The 2024 Presidential Primary Election was held on Tuesday, March 5th from 7:00am to 8:00pm in the Great Hall on the second floor of Town Hall. Prior to the Election, the Town Clerk's Office completed advanced removal of Vote by Mail, Absentee, and In Person Early Voting ballots on Friday, March 1st and completed advanced deposit of Vote by Mail, Absentee, and In Person Early Voting ballots on Monday, March 4th. The combined voter turnout between Election Day

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and all early ballots was 14.19%. Out of 6,326 residents, 898 ballots were cast. A full breakdown of Election results can be found here: [2024 Elections | Town of Ayer MA](#)

- Monday, March 4th was the first business day after the deadline of March 1st for residents to obtain their 2024 dog licenses without an additional late fee. The new fee structure was met with mixed feelings from residents. Dog tags have been advertised multiple times as available online, by email, in printed and electronic signs, and in a letter included with the Annual Street Listing mailed the first week of January to every resident household. Advertising began on December 19th, 2023.
- Nicole, an intern from CDW working with Kleinfelder, was in the office for two days researching old water and sewer plans and reports.
- The last day to obtain Nomination Papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Tuesday, May 14th was Friday, March 22nd at 12:00 noon. The last day to submit Nomination Papers for certification was Monday, March 26th at 5:00pm. There will be two (2) blank ballot spots on the Town ballot, Assessor and Commissioner of Trust Funds. Nomination Papers were requested for both seats, but the papers were not returned to the Town Clerk's Office before the 5:00pm deadline on 3/26.
- The 4th edition of the Ayer Community Newsletter was published on March 21st. Information is requested from Town officials and local non-profit organizations and is compiled and formatted by Assistant Town Clerk Christina Zoller. The Spring 2024 Community Newsletter can be found digitally here: [Ayer Community Newsletter Spring 2024 | Town of Ayer MA](#). Printed copies can be found at Town Hall, Ayer Library, and at the Ayer Council on Aging buildings. Thank you to everyone who submitted information and to those who helped review and edit content. The Community Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

The Town Clerk's Office would like to thank all of the Poll Workers, Election detail officers Seargent Christopher Rogers and Officer Casey Scott, Police Chief Brian Gill, Deputy Police Chief Jennifer Bigelow, and Town Hall staff for their support of the Democratic process.