

How L.A. County voted for D.A.

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Challenger George Gascón has defeated two-term incumbent Jackie Lacey to become the next Los Angeles County district attorney attorney.


The outcome may have seemed unlikely in March, when Gascón won only 28% of the votes in the primary.

But after a summer of calls for change, Gascón positioned himself as a reformer and rode the wave of voters who turned out for the presidential election.


A Times analysis of the general election results shows how Gascón assembled a winning coalition. His path to victory came from uniting the progressive opposition in the densely populated core of the county, while winning over areas where Lacey once enjoyed strong support.

Although some votes remain to be counted, more than 3 million have been tallied in precincts across the county. A block-by-block map of the neighborhood precincts provides the most detailed view available of the vote.

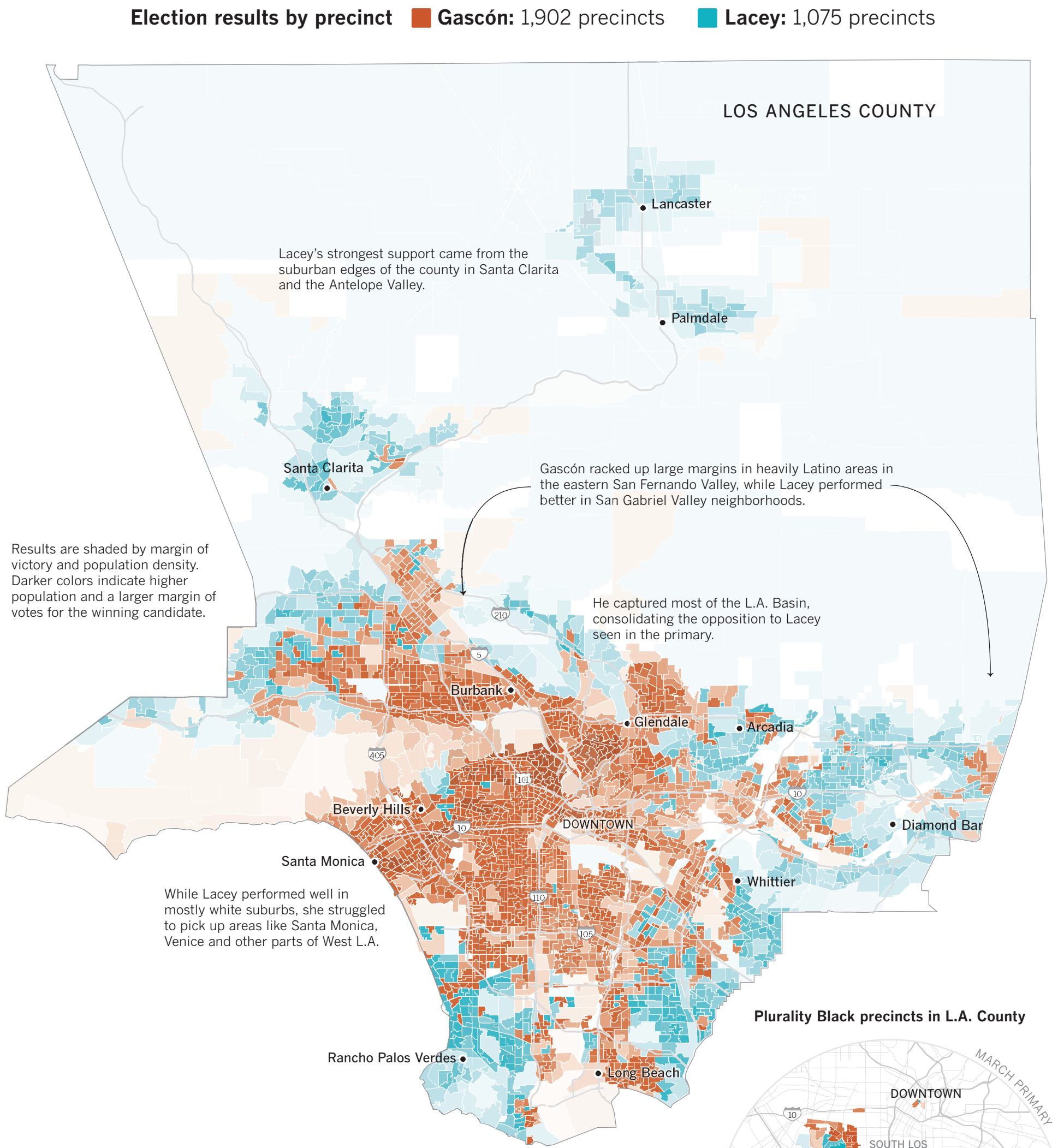
L.A. County district attorney election results



George Gascón
53.6%
1,736,525 votes

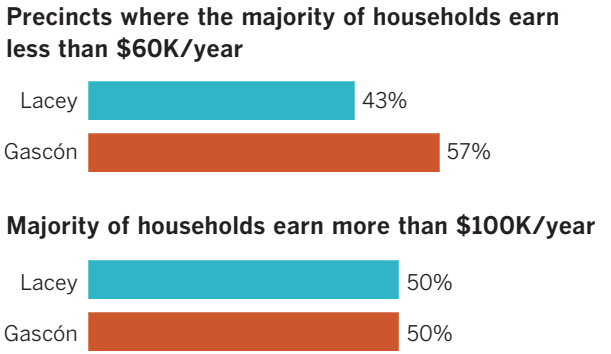


Jackie Lacey
46.4%
1,500,657 votes



Strong support in less-wealthy, more diverse areas

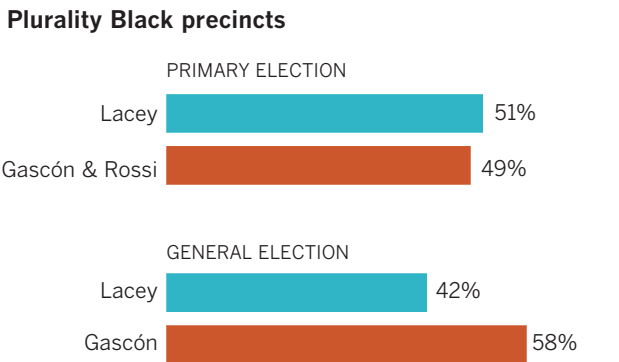
Gascón performed well in lower-income areas, where primary voters were more likely to have voted for him or Rachel Rossi, the other challenger in the March race.



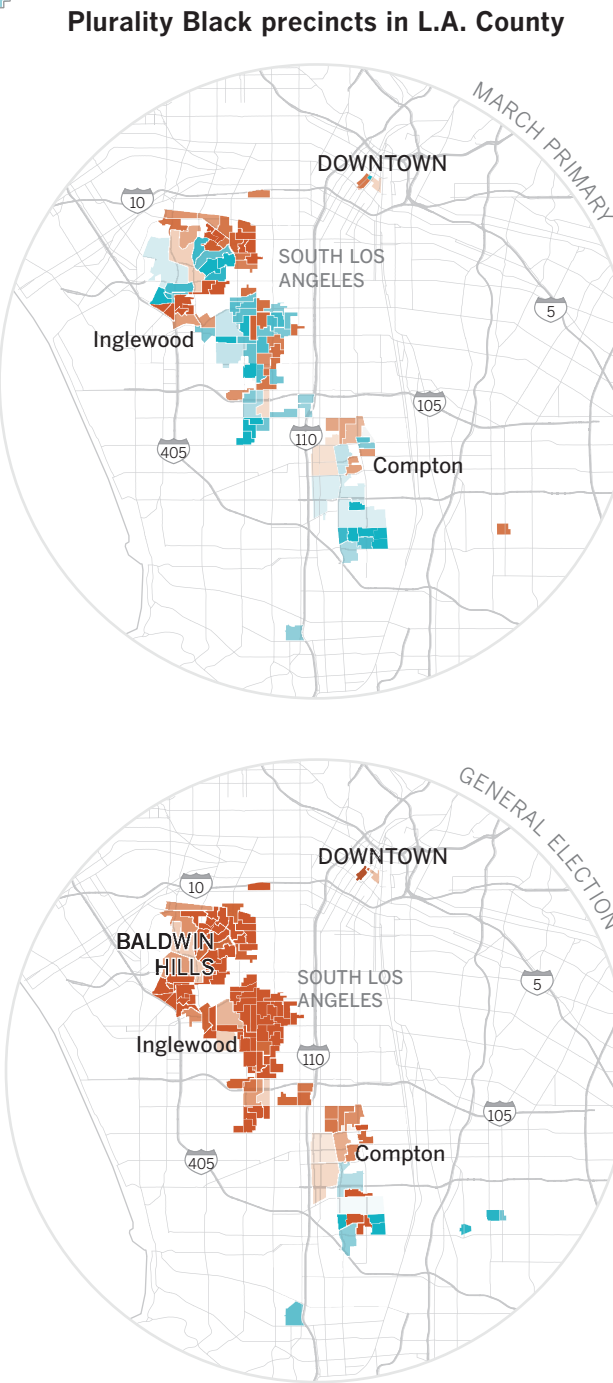
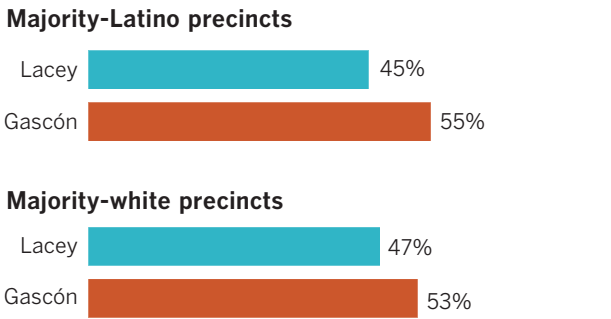
Perhaps the biggest upset came from areas where Black people make up the largest share of the population.

Lacey, the first Black woman elected as county district attorney, is a Los Angeles native who attended high school in Baldwin Hills, an area considered to be a vital part of Black Los Angeles.

In a shift from the primary, Gascón won the vast majority of plurality-Black precincts.



Neighborhoods that are majority Latino remained opposed to Lacey's reelection. Gascón also performed better than the incumbent in mostly white precincts.



Results from the 2020 general election are from the Los Angeles County registrar-recorder/county clerk and were updated on Nov. 4. Demographic data are from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.