

UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



VOTER REGISTRATION SURVEY

The following form should be completed on-line or in electronic format. Completed forms should be returned to the United States Election Assistance Commission via email to Survey Response@eac.gov on or before March 31, 2005.

Please complete all of the fields below. Specific instructions relative to certain fields are found at the end of this form. If your question or concern is not answered in the instructions section of this form, please contact Brian Hancock at 202-566-3100.

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Please respond to the following questions:

- Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
1,842,465 (October 22, 2002)
- Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
153,219 (October 22, 2002)

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
- 2,044,181 (October 26, 2004)
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
- 113,028 (October 26, 2004)
5. Total number of registered voters who were determined to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 election through the provisional voting process.
- 498
6. Were there any voter registration applications received prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the November 2, 2004 election that were not processed in time for the election?
- Yes No



7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.
- Registrars of Voters in each of the 169 municipalities.
8. Identify each and every other state or local government office or agency that conducts voter registration including (a) motor vehicle offices, (b) all offices that provide public assistance that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (c) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (d) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (e) all other agencies designated by the State.
- 1) All municipal offices - Town Clerks, Registrars of Voters
 - 2) Department of Motor Vehicles (20 regional offices)
 - 3) Department of Social Services (12 regional offices) and each municipality has a local social service office.
 - 4) Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Department of Mental Retardation, Department of Public Health (WIC Programs), CT Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth
 - 5) Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Board of Education and Services for the Blind, Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
 - 6) Connecticut National Guard, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of the Military, and all Armed Forces Recruiting Offices throughout the State
 - 7) Public Libraries and Colleges and Universities
 - 8) Approximately 1,500 to 2,000 non-profit community organizations and churches

9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
10. Identify whether voter registration forms are processed by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
11. Total number of election jurisdictions conducting voter registration
169
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
169
- VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS
Please respond to the following questions.
13. Total number of voter registration applications received from all sources during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
240,443
14. Total number of **mail** voter registration applications (including state, federal, and military or overseas forms that are accepted) received during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
126,044
15. Total number of voter registration applications received **in person in the clerk or voter registrars' office** during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
88,314

16. Total number voter registration applications received from each voter registration agency, including (1) motor vehicle offices, (2) all public assistance agencies that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (3) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (4) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (5) all other agencies designated by the State (those identified in response to question 8), during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal general election

Motor Vehicle Offices	15,049
Offices that provide Public Assistance	3,821
Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities	80
Armed Forces recruitment offices	983
Other agencies designated by the State	3,212

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**

None

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations

1,838

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)

38,727

20. How are voter registration applications transferred from other voter registration agencies (see question 16) to the official responsible for voter registration? (i.e. email, VPN, tape, disk, mail, fax)

Mail

21. What, if any, training is provided to employees of voter registration agencies on the voter registration process?

Agencies contact our office for training of their staff. Our office provides informational packets that describe the process and procedures related to voter registration.

22. Identify any restrictions on the acceptance of voter registration applications such as paper weight, fax, electronic, mail (for non-NVRA states), batch, third-party delivery, etc.

We cannot accept faxed voter registration applications as state law requires original signatures. No other restrictions exist in Connecticut.

23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections

201,716



24. How are voter registration applications maintained (e.g., paper or computerized)?

Paper Computerized Other

If Other is selected, please specify the method of maintaining records.

Connecticut also requires that a paper record also be maintained.

25. How does the registration official check for duplicate registrations?

Centralized Voter Registration System

26. Does your State check for duplicate voter registrations across state lines?

Yes No

27. What type of number is used as a voter registration number (e.g., social security number, unique identifier)? If a unique identifier is used, please identify what method is used for assigning the identified (e.g., random, combination of county number and other number)

- Social Security Number (4 digits) Driver's License Number
 Social Security Number (9 digits) Unique Identifier
 Other

The system allows the Registrar of Voters to enter the DMV number or the last four digits of the applicant's SS number, however, the unique identifier that is randomly generated by the system is the number used as the voter registration number.

28. Are applicants who are rejected notified of the rejection and reason for rejection?

- Yes No



29. How many removal notices (Section 8(d)(2) confirmation notices) were sent between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?
115,806
30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?
103,394
31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?
51,309
32. How many voters were ultimately removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?
86,045

33. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of the **death of the voter**?
- 37,779
34. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 due to **failure to vote in two consecutive federal general elections**?
- 28,081
35. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because the **voter requested to be removed**?
- 33,459
36. How many voters were moved from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of **disqualifying felony convictions**?
- 1,559
37. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 for reasons other than those set forth in questions 33 – 36? Please specify the reason for the removal.
- 18,626
38. What sources of data are considered in performing list maintenance (e.g., returned election notices, returned jury summons, Postal Service NCOA information, house-to-house canvasses, etc.)?
- All of the above.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
- Electronic

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?

Locality

41. How does your State treat voters who (a) have been convicted of a felony, (b) are serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony, and (c) are serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony?

(a) Convicted of a felony

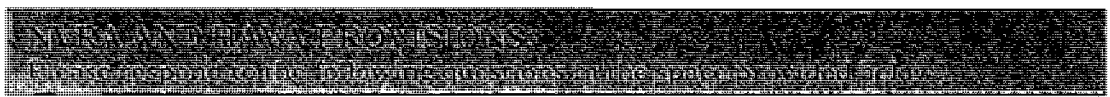
Only those individuals who are both convicted of a felony and incarcerated will lose their voting rights unless such individual is convicted of a felony involving a violation of voting laws, then only a conviction is needed to lose voting rights.

(b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony

Only those individuals who are both convicted of a felony and incarcerated will lose their voting rights.

(c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony

Will not lose voting rights.



42. Is your State subject to the National Voter Registration Act?

Yes No

43. Has your State revised its state voter or mail voter registration form to include the citizenship and age questions required by HAVA?

Yes No

44. How does your State treat applications where one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered?

The application is rejected and the individual is given an opportunity to correct the omissions.

45. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?"

None

46. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?"

None

47. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for new mail registrations?

Yes No

48. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for all new registrations?

Yes No

49. How does your State verify voter registration applications (e.g., tracking the return of disposition notices, checks against drivers license and social security administration records, etc.)?

The centralized voter registration system automatically verifies DMV and SSN information when a voter's information is entered into the system. In addition, the system also allows registrars of voters to track notices of acceptance that may be returned undeliverable.

50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?

Yes No

If the answer is no, when will your State implement a statewide voter registration database and what progress has been made toward achieving that implementation?

Does the database or any solicitation for such a database include linking disability and social service agencies to the database in a similar manner as the state department of motor vehicles?

- Yes
- No



51. Does your State allow outside groups to conduct voter registration drives and submit the voter registration applications to the local registration official for processing?

- Yes
- No

52. How does your State manage the number of applications given to the outside group and the number and timing of the return of those forms by the outside registration group?

Outside groups are provided voter registration applications on an "as needed" basis from the Secretary of the State's Office. Through training, such individuals are made aware of the statutorily required filing deadlines.

53. Does your State use serial numbers on voter registration applications given to outside groups and organizations in order to be able to identify which group or organization handled completed applications that are received by State and local officials?

- Yes
- No

54. Does your State permit agents of outside groups to be paid compensation for registering voters?

- Yes
- No

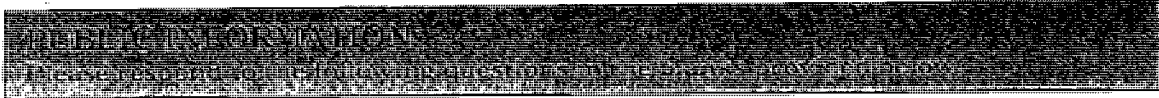
If so, may the agent be paid on the basis of the number of voter registrations submitted?

- Yes
- No

* These individuals are not paid by the State of Connecticut but may be paid by their organization.

If payment of a voter registration is prohibited, what is the penalty for violating the prohibition?

N/A



55. Are voter registration records public information?

Yes No

56. Are voter registrations available for sale to the public?

Yes No

Instructions:

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. The appropriate answer may be "0", "none", or "N/A". This survey seeks information only from the State level.