

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.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION		
Name of the responding State: District of Columbia	Date response is submitted: June 8, 2005	
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TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION
Please respond to the following questions in data points provided below.

1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

363,168

2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

132,143

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

383,919

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

161,241

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.

6,824

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

VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICIALS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.

Kathryn A. Fairley, Registrar of Voters

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.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of Aging; Senior Parks and Recreation; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration; Women Infant and Children (WIC); Income Maintenance Administration (medicaid office); Department of Health; Armed Forces Offices; and local colleges and universities.

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

One (1)

12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey

One (1)

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

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

112,062

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

22,018

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

6,122

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 62,954

Offices that provide Public Assistance 3,024

Offices the provide State-funded programs
primarily serving persons with disabilities 97

Armed Forces recruitment offices 471

Other agencies designated by the State 17,376

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

66,968

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

11,853

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

8,962

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)

Voter registration applications are picked up and delivered to the election office by its personnel, and smaller quantities are sent by governmental mail or through the United States Postal Service.

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

Training is provided periodically to employees of voter registration agencies on new registration laws and the HAVA requirements.

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.

New voter registration applications may not be sent by electronic mail.

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

22,645

PROCESSING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

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.

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

The District of Columbia uses the Sequoia Voting Systems voter registration software which allows the registration official to identify duplicate records during the data entry process. The voter registration system's software alerts the official of a registrations with an identical name, date of birth and social security number.

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

Yes No

The District of Columbia shares voter registration data with the states of Maryland and Virginia for list maintenance purposes.

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 District uses a unique identifier which that includes a random number.

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

- Yes No

LIST MAINTENANCE:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

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?

232,126

30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?

198,109

31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?

34,017

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?

54,299

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**?

6,193

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**?

36,094

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**?

11,358

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**?

306

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.

348

Duplicate records were identified and removed through the list maintenance process.

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.)?

Returned election notices, USPS NCOA information, returned jury notices, vital statistic information, felony information from the Superior and U.S. District Courts.

39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)

List maintenance is performed both manually and electronic since information from various sources can be provided in a hardcopy format only.

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

State

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

District of Columbia voters who are convicted of a felony may vote if not incarcerated.

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

Voters serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony may not vote in District of Columbia elections.

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

District of Columbia voters serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony may vote in District of Columbia elections.

NVRA AND HAVA PROVISIONS
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

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 District of Columbia processes voter registration applications when the citizenship and age questions are not answered since that information is duplicated in the attestation section of the form.

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?"

146

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?"

287

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 District of Columbia currently verifies its voter registration application through the tracking of returned voter registration notifications.

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?

The District of Columbia currently maintains a single, uniform centralized, interactive computerized voter registration database; however, the process for matching and verifying the information on its database with the District's Department of Motor Vehicles and the U.S. Social Security Administration is underway with plans for full implementation by November 2005.

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

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Please respond to the following questions by the blanks provided below.

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?

The District of Columbia requires that a representative from the organization requesting to conduct a voter registration drive complete an application stating the dates of the voter registration drive; however the District does not track or manage the return of the applications.

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 N/A. District of Columbia laws and regulations do not address compensation as it relates to individuals or organizations that conduct voter registration drives.

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

- Yes No

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.

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.

* The District of Columbia operates as a state for the purposes of voter registration and conduct of elections.