

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](mailto: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.

<b>RESPONDENT INFORMATION:</b>		
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**TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION:**  
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
2,774,613 people were actively registered at the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election.
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
240,899 people were inactively registered at the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election.

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)  
3,074,889 people were actively registered at the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election.
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)  
223,083 people were inactively registered at the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election.
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.  
For the Nov. 2nd, 2004 election there were 48,936 voters that were given provisional ballots. Of those 48,936 voters, there were 14,568 that were not registered to vote at the time of the election. Therefore.
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.  
All of the 24 counties in Maryland are responsible for registering voters. (See attached sheet for Election Officials)
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.  
All branch offices of the Motor Vehicle Administration Local social service units including Temporary Cash Assistance, Medicaid, and Food Stamps Programs Local offices of the Maryland Children's Health Program under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene All offices primarily engaged in providing State-funded services to individuals with disabilities - Department of Rehabilitations Services, Governor's Office on Disabilities Maryland Transit Administration Paratransit Certification Office Recruitment offices of the Armed Forces Local departments of Aging Offices of Students with Disabilities at private and public colleges and universities. Public Institutions of Higher Education Maryland license offices of the Clerks of the Court

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  
24
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey  
24

**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  
636,461 applications were received from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election to the close of registration for the November 2004 federal election.
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  
220,954 applications were received by mail from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election to the close of registration for the November 2004 federal election.
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  
24,927 voter registration applications were received in person 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.

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 184,703

Offices that provide Public Assistance 1,867

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 371

Armed Forces recruitment offices 338

Other agencies designated by the State 16,929

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

604,349 voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 were changes of address, name or party.

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

33,991 were duplicates of other valid registrations.

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

These statistics have only been consistently tracked in 15 of Maryland's 24 counties. The total numbers reported are 3421.

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 obtained during an agency's encounter with a client are: a) Mailed or delivered to the local board of elections by Voter Registration Agency staff with an accompanying transmittal sheet; or b) Mailed or delivered in person by the client.

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

During this reporting period, Maryland has maintained an ongoing relationship with the Motor Vehicle Administration, to ensure that changes in recent State and federal election laws were incorporated in the employee training programs and ensuring new MVA processes for driver's license transaction, including mail-in renewals, meet NVRA requirements. SBE also: a) Met with the Department of Human Resources to review new State and federal election requirements and

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.

Maryland accepts voter registration applications that contain Maryland specific qualifications to register to vote including, the National Voter Registration Form, Federal Voting Assistance Program, statewide voter registration applications produced on card stock and registration

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

The total number of new valid registrations added between 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections is 636,461.

#### 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.

Both paper and computerized records are used to maintain voter's information.

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

State election officials run a comparative report of statewide registration records that identifies potential duplicates within the state. Reports are distributed to the counties for investigation and removal as appropriate.

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

Voter registration systems used by local jurisdictions automatically assign voter registration identification numbers.

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?

218,079 removal notices were sent in 2003 and 2004. We do not have numbers 2002.

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

92,101 responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29.

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

224,131 voters were moved to the inactive list.

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?

235,345 voters were ultimately removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004.

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**?  
46,936 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.
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**?  
125,341 voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because the voter was on the inactive list and did not appear to vote
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**?  
4,488 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.
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**?  
3,333 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
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.  
956 - Board Action 110,729 - County Transfer 3,192 - Mail Verification  
33 - Mental Incompetence 42,935 - Moved out of State 8,038 - Other
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.)?  
Statewide list maintenance processes include returned information from jury commissioners, non-forwardable sample ballots returned from the post office after each election, and change of address information from the Motor Vehicle Administration.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)  
The list maintenance is primarily a manual process.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?  
The State and the counties are responsible for list maintenance.
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  
The voter is sent a letter notifying them that the courts have sent a criminal conviction notice to the board of elections office and the voter will be removed from the voter rolls. The voter has two weeks to respond to this notice.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony  
See (a)
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony  
See (a)

**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?  
 Maryland does not believe that the age question is a "HAVA mandated question." While it is clear that the citizenship question must be answered on the voter registration application submitted by mail, section 303(a)(4)(B) does not require that the age question be answered in order to process the voter registration application. The only reference in this HAVA subsection



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?”

Local jurisdictions did not maintain this statistical information during this reporting period.

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?”

Maryland does not believe that the age question is a mandatory question. As a result, this information is not tracked.

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.)?

N/A

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?

Maryland has selected a vendor for a statewide voter registration system and expects the contract to be awarded within the coming weeks.

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 in 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?

A packet of 50 applications is given to the group/individual and instructions are provided to download additional applications from the website or contact the office if they need more 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

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?

An election official may disqualify a voter registration volunteer if the individual fails to comply with regulations.

**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.