

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: Michigan	Date response is submitted: April 29, 2005	
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TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

- Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
6,797,293
- Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
N/A

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

7,164,047

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

N/A

- 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.

3,227 provisional ballots counted.

- 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.

City and township clerks.

- 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 Secretary of State branch offices.

2) Specified agencies providing services through the Family Independence Agency, Department of Community Health and Department of Career Development.

3) Military recruitment offices.

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
1,516
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
1,516 (Exception: see questions 29 and 30)

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
2,918,488
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
191,795
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
338,244

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 2,325,911

Offices that provide Public Assistance 58,401

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 592

Armed Forces recruitment offices 3,545

Other agencies designated by the State N/A

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**
840,530

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations
340,026

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)
3,215 (Does not cover entire reporting period; tracking of such applications as separate category was initiated in June 2004.)

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?

All training is handled through training units maintained by the agencies. The Department of State provides a procedural manual to assist with the instruction.

- 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.

None

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

1,734,717



- 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.

Michigan maintains all registration records in a statewide voter registration database (Qualified Voter File). In addition to the electronic file, hard copy records are maintained by Michigan's city and township clerks.

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

The official checks the local database. If a duplicate is not found, the official enters the record. The statewide voter registration database (Qualified Voter File) automatically checks the entire statewide file for duplicate records.

- 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 identifier (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
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?
163,902 (Based on responses received from 1,289 jurisdictions.)
30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?
27,818 (Based on responses received from 1,289 jurisdictions.)
31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?
N/A
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?
138,322

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**?
123,922
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**?
Data not available. (Very minimal.)
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**?
5,125
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**?
N/A
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.
Age or citizenship: 1,723
Moved out-of-state: 7,552
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 ID cards; Department of Community Health death records; newspaper death notices; reports from other states that a former resident has registered to vote; reports from other states that a former resident has surrendered a Michigan driver license.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
The process is both electronic and manual. Department of Community Health death information and reports of former residents who have surrendered a Michigan driver license are provided electronically.

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

List maintenance functions are performed by both the state and the local units.

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

Permitted to register and vote after release from confinement.

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

Not permitted to register or vote.

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

Permitted to register and vote.

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 applicant must complete the citizenship question before voting. The voter may provide response to citizenship question at any time through the date of the election.

An applicant who has not completed the age question is permitted to vote if the birthdate entered by the applicant satisfies age qualification.

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?"

Data not available

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.)?

Accomplished electronically through the state's statewide voter registration database (Qualified Voter File).

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?

N/A

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?

Applications are freely distributed without any limitations. The return of the forms is not regulated.

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?

N/A

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.