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Brian,

Attached is the Voter Registration Survey. I will provide answers to questions # 2, 17, 18, 19, 32, 33, 34, and 44 tomorrow.

Thank You

  
Bryan Rusciano



## 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 [SurveyResponse@eac.gov](mailto:SurveyResponse@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		
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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  
4,654,897
- Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of 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)
- 4,643,061
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
- 459,505
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.
- 35,485
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.
- The County Commissioner of Registration in each county.
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.

Within the Department of Labor - the Division of Compensation, the Division of Employment Services, the Division of Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance; Within the Department of Treasury - the Division of Taxation; The New Jersey Transit Corporation; Any free county library, regional library, and any free public library; Any office or commercial establishment where State licenses or permits are issued, other than licenses or permits issued by a professional or occupational board; Any recruitment office of the New Jersey National Guard; as well as the Office of the County Commissioner of Registration in each county.

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

21 counties

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

21 counties

#### 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

1,241,741

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

104,775

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

Not available at the state level

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 164,975

Offices that provide Public Assistance 24,501

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 9,445

Armed Forces recruitment offices N/A

Other agencies designated by the State 2,385,203

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that 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
19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)
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)

Applications are transferred between voter registration agencies via mail

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

Training is provided through training manuals and on-the-job training

- 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.

No faxed registrations are accepted, except for military and overseas civilian voters for a federal election. Electronic applications are not accepted

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

1,241,741



- 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.

Application information is entered and maintained in a database

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

The Database checks for duplicate registrations

- 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

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?

394,257

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

38,301

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

355,956

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?

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**?
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**?
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**?  
Not available at state level
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**?  
Not available at state level
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.  
Not available at state level
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.)?  
Not applicable at state level
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)  
both



40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?  
the County Commissioner of Registration
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  
see below
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony  
the felon loses his/her right to vote until sentence is complete
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony  
the felon loses his/her right to vote until they are finished serving probation.

**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?  
If date of birth is provided, age question is satisfied. If there is any question regarding citizenship, the County Commissioner of Registration will investigate.

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?"  
Not available at the state level
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?"  
Not available at the state level
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.)?  
Currently, only 1st time registrants by mail are verified through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.
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 NJ HAVA SVRS project is "on schedule". Implementation is planned for January 1, 2006.

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?

The group can obtain voter registration forms either by downloading them from the State website, or by picking them up in person. There is no limit to the number of forms a group can submit. The group must return all completed forms by the registration deadline.

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

*No Specific Prohibition*

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

- Yes
- No

*See Above*

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

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
Please respond to the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

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.