

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:		
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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
4,776,358
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
504,335

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
4,981,426

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
545,555

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.
77,469 cast 8,022 partially counted 42,348 fully 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.
Directors of Elections in all 100 counties

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 Division of Social Services Department of Health, Div of Medical Assistance (MEDICAID) Employment Security Commission Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Division of Aging Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Department of Health (Women, Infants, Children) High Schools, Libraries, and Institutions of Higher Education Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities

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
100 counties and 1 municipality
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
100 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
1,093,882
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
219,974
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
255,200

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 508,438

Offices that provide Public Assistance 19,798

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 2,565

Armed Forces recruitment offices 3,550

Other agencies designated by the State 75,935

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**
1,123,156

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations
72,332

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)
22,848

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)

Department of Motor Vehicles transmits their electronic voter records every week to each county board of elections. At the same time, the hard copies of the registrations are sent by postal service to the individual counties. Other agency registration forms are sent by postal service or courier.

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

A team from SBE meets with agency representatives at least twice each year. SBE team members are available by telephone and for presentations during voter registration agency conferences. An Agency Voter Registration Manual is available online for quick review or for printing. Additionally, we provide training for DMV employees in agency 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.

Voter registration forms can be received by fax if the original copy follows. Near the close of election (25 days) prior to election, a faxed copy may be received as timely if the original follows by the 20th day before the election. Dept of Motor Vehicles transmits both

23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections
924,394

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.

Records are maintained both electronically and on paper.

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

Each county receives a duplicate list monthly. County board personnel check the names using SEIMS (State Election Information Management System). Also, when new registrations are added, SEIMS software shows possible duplicates. If found, the records can be merged.

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 voter registration number is a random, incremental number in each county. We will have a unique identifier in place before the end of 2005.

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?

440,775

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

53,932

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

80,154

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?

185,979

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**?
90,755
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**?
0
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**?
1,569
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**?
19,402
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.
Administrative reasons, for example, data entry errors or temporary registrants.
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 verification and confirmation notices Duplicate lists
In person contacts Petition checks Any correspondence Felon lists
returned mail Phone contacts Death notices Any
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
The process is electronic.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?
The state and all 100 counties share in list maintenance responsibilities.
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
When a county board of elections receives a notice of conviction of a felony for a person registered in their county, the board, after having given 30 days written notice, and if the voter makes no objection, shall remove the voter from its voter registration records. If the voter
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony
The individual would have been removed as a result of the final judgement.
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony
Probation is part of the sentence for the conviction. Until probation and all restitution is satisfied, the felon may not make application for voter registration.

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 citizenship check box requirement is absolutely enforced. Failure by a registrant will prompt a notice from the county board of elections that offers an opportunity for the registrant to provide the required information. Not checking the age question will not delay the registration process if a date of birth is given so the age can be determined.

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 are processed without the Citizenship box being checked.

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?”

A voter registration form can be processed as long as the Date of Birth field is complete.

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.)?

Through SEIMS, the statewide database, we send a nonforwardable first verification notice to new registrants. If that is not returned by the post office in 15 days, the voter is verified. If the first verification is returned a second verification is sent. If that is returned by the post office, the voter is denied. In the case of a change of information for a registered voter, if all notices are returned, the voter is made "inactive". We have detailed procedures for ongoing list maintenance. We can also check against driver's license numbers in real time.

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

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?

Requests from individuals for 500 or fewer forms are automatically granted. Individuals ordering 500-1000 will complete a request form which includes a statement explaining the plan for usage of the form. Businesses and groups wanting less than 500 are automatically filled. If the number requested is in excess of 500, groups are given that number and additional forms as needed. Groups will include a

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?

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.