

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>		
Name of the responding State: Pennsylvania	Date response is submitted: 3/31/2005	
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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  
6,774,378
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
816,209

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)  
7,790,393
  
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)  
516,730
  
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.  
3131
  
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.  
Each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties has a Director of Elections and/or a Director of Voter Registration
  
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.  
  
 Area Agencies on Aging - 52 Armed Forces Recruitment Centers - Unknown Centers for Independent Living - 15 County Assistance Offices - 106 County offices - 67 Office of Mental Health - 10 Office of Mental Retardation - 294 Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - 21 Para-Transit Authorities - 36 Photo Licensing Centers - 96 State System of Higher Education - 10 Women, Infants, and Children - 363 Total of 1074 Sites that provide voter registration.

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  
67
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey  
67 provided figures, 26 provided written answers to a survey on county practices.

**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  
2,078,803
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  
734,822
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  
97,071

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 568,130

Offices that provide Public Assistance 30,752

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 3,070

Armed Forces recruitment offices 378

Other agencies designated by the State 3327

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**  
149,447

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations  
345,864

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)  
661,937

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 and electronically.

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

The agency sites are provided with a manual that lists policies and procedures on voter registration. County voter registration offices also are also provided with training on the use of the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE).

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.

Pennsylvania accepts in-person applications, mail applications, or applications when receiving a driver's license.

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

1,435,974

**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.

The registrations are computerized once they are accepted but paper copies are kept as well.

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

In the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) there is an application that can be used to perform a duplicate check. A statewide duplicate check is required in SURE for the applicant to be registered.

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

**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?

164,545

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

18,530

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

1,063,200

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?

485,922

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**?  
153,458
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**?  
N/A - We do not keep track of this number.
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**?  
11,431
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**?  
Felons are not removed from voter rolls.
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.  
147,223 A voter moved out of county/state and confirmed their new address.
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, Post Office information, National Change of Address mailings are all used.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)  
Electronic.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?  
The locality is responsible for list maintenance and reports to the state periodically.
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  
Convicted felons are allowed to vote if they are properly registered and are not incarcerated at the time of the election.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony  
Not allowed to vote.
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony  
They are allowed to vote, provided they are properly registered.

**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?  
A notice is sent to the applicant stating the form is incomplete. The form needs to be properly completed and returned to the county voter registration office to be processed.



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?”

0

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?”

0

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.)?

Pennsylvania is currently developing policies for this process.

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?

Not all counties are "live" on the system. 56 of 67 counties are "live" on the SURE system. The remaining 11 counties are scheduled to be "live" on or before 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 groups can request Voter Registration Mail Applications from the Department or the county voter registration commission for voter registration drives. The number of forms requested is kept track for inventory purposes.

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?

As it applies to the second part of this question, upon conviction of being paid on the basis of the number of forms submitted, a fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$2500 or imprisonment for not less than one month, nor more than one year may be handed.

**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.