

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.

Name of the responding State:		Date response is submitted:	
Tennessee		3/31/2005	
Name of responding official:		Title of responding official:	
Brook K. Thompson		State Coordinator of Elections	
Address of responding official:		Email Address:	
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		Phone Number:	Fax Number:
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1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
3,134,104
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
320,423

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
- 3,388,573
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
- 383,315
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.
- 3,298
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



7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.
- Administrator of Election in each county determines eligibility of voters.
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.
- Tennessee Department of Safety
 Tennessee Department of Human Services
 Tennessee Department of Health
 Tennessee Department of Veteran's Affairs
 Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
 Tennessee Division of Mental Retardation
 All Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
 All Libraries
 All County Clerks (Provided that their office is not in the same building as the County Election Commission.)
 All Register of Deeds (Provided that their office is not in the same building as the County Election Commission.)
 All High Schools

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

95

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

95



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

1,067,628

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

413,896

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

188,527

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 255,708

Offices that provide Public Assistance 173,927

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities included within each agency

Armed Forces recruitment offices 7,300

Other agencies designated by the State 35,570

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

Do not capture. Note: We do not register by party in Tennessee.

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

46,312

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

Do not capture.

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 by mail or courier. The Department of Safety also transmits electronic information with hard copy being sent via mail.

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

Training by the State Coordinator's office is given annually to each agency.

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.

The State of Tennessee does not allow faxed copies of voter registration forms.

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

860,234



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.

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

State voter registration database checks for duplication by social security numbers. Monthly reports are provided to all counties for verification.

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?

335,243

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

35,354

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

248,091

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?

215,960 - Active purged
126,884 - Inactive purged
Total - 342,844

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?**

Not captured currently.

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?**

Not captured currently.

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 captured currently.

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 captured currently.

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.

None.

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.)?

Each county must implement a plan using returned election notices or NCOA information.

39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)

List maintenance is maintained both electronically and manually.

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

Each county Election Commssion maintains their voter files.

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

Varies by year of conviclton.

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

Varies by year of conviclton.

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

Varies by year of conviction.



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?

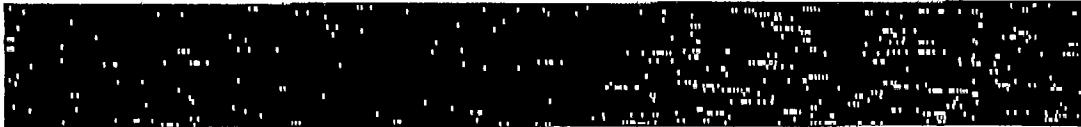
Rejection notice is sent to applicant. The rejected applicant must comple or correct form within five (5) days before the election.

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?"
Do not track.
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?"
Do not track.
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, by mail registrants must vote in person the first time they vote after registration. Appropriate ID is required at that time. We are working toward a process that will allow us to match SS number through our Department of Safety.
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



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?

Forms are available either at the local election commission office or at the Division of Elections office. All groups are advised of registration deadlines and are encouraged to turn in forms as they are completed.

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



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.