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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.

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  
2,247,944
  
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
642,214

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

2,397,934

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

699,857

- 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.

39,086

- 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.

County Clerk and Recorder

- 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.

Colorado Revised Statute 1-2-504 Voter registration agencies. (1) The following offices are designated as voter registration agencies:  
 (a) All offices that provide public assistance;  
 (b) All offices that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities;  
 (c) All recruitment offices of the armed forces of the United States; and  
 (d) Any other federal, state, local government, or nongovernment office that chooses to provide voter registration service or applications.  
 (2) The following agencies may provide application forms for mail voter registration:  
 (a) All offices of county clerk and recorders;  
 (b) All federal post offices; and  
 (c) Any other federal, state, local government, or nongovernment office that chooses to provide voter registration service or applications.

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  
State, 64 Counties, 263 Municipalities = 328 Election Jurisdictions

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



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  
1,858,230

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  
500,842

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 reported to State

- 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 584,380

Offices that provide Public Assistance 21,123

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 6,812

Armed Forces recruitment offices 3,655

Other agencies designated by the State 56,678

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

Not reported to State

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

183,060

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

Not reported to State

- 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 Fax

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

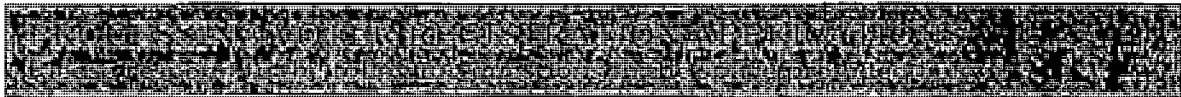
Only at the county level.

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

565,294



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.

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

Through monthly duplicate list sent to the counties by the state.

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 form will not allow an answer in all four numbers, but all four numbers are used in Colorado. The unique identifier is a combination of county number and another number.

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?

621,252

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

219,246

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

Not reported to the state

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?

389,997

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 reported to the state

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 reported to the state

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 reported to the state

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 reported to the state

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 reported to the state

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

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)?  
Currently counties. With new statewide system, shared responsibility.

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  
Registration is cancelled.

(b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony  
Registration cancelled. May not register to vote.

(c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony  
May register to vote.

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT 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?

As incomplete registrations that cannot be processed until answered by the applicant.

- 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?"

Information unavailable

- 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?"

Information unavailable

- 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, we do not. We will track both Social Security number and Driver License number with new statewide system. We check for duplicate registrations currently through SSN, name, address and date of birth.

- 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?

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**

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?

Currently, this is not tracked. Proposed legislation would allow counties and state to track this information by numbering the forms, recording the range of numbers given to groups, and requiring the completed applications to be turned in no later than 5 days after group receives the signed and completed application, with penalties for non-compliance.

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?

Proposed legislation would specifically prohibit this practice and provide penalties for non-compliance.



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.