

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:		
Name of the responding State: Georgia	Date response is submitted: March 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
3,757,632
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
967,365

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
4,248,837

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
703,153

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.
4,489

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 Registrar

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 Vehicle Services Libraries Armed Forces
 Recruitment Centers Schools Department of Human Resources
 Disabilities County Offices Municipal Offices

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
159
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
Georgia has a statewide centralized voter registration system which is used by all 159 counties. The information for this survey was provided from reports generated by the statewide system.

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
1,752,657
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
452,950
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
178,840

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 1,008,305

Offices that provide Public Assistance 51,892

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 542

Armed Forces recruitment offices 0

Other agencies designated by the State 60,128

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**
476,542

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations
279,919

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

This information is not captured on the statewide voter registration system. It is maintained on the county level.

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)

All agencies transfer applications by mail, with the exception of DMV who provides an electronic file followed by a paper copy for the purpose of records retention.

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

Every odd year, training for mandated sites is coordinated with state or local service agencies. In general, these are "train the trainer" type sessions and the regional directors in turn train their appropriate staff members. Written materials and training manuals are also made available throughout the year.

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.

Electronic or fax versions of the voter registration are not accepted.

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

819,152

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.

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

Georgia has used the Social Security number to check the voter registration system 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

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?

685,059

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

135,317

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

549,742

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?

614,787

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**?
77,279
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**?
429,927
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**?
365
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**?
18,305
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.
Moved out of county - 8,785; Moved out of state - 21,845; Mentally incompetent - 76; Hearing to determine qualifications - 8,205
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.)?
Postal Service NCOA information, Challenges, Absentee ballot applications, Voter Certificates, Returned election notices, No contact for 3 consecutive years, Petitions
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
Electronic and manual processing is used to perform list maintenance.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?
Local (county registrar)
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
Upon notification from the Clerks of Superior Court of felony dispositions, county registrar deletes voter(s) from statewide voter registration system.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony
Upon notification from the Clerks of Superior Court of felony dispositions, county registrar deletes voter(s) from statewide voter registration system.
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony
Upon notification from the Clerks of Superior Court of felony dispositions, county registrar deletes voter(s) from statewide voter registration system. Once a felon has completed their entire sentence (including probation and payment of all fines) he or she is then eligible to register to vote.

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 any required information is missing or incomplete on the application, the county registrar places that application in a pending status and writes a letter to the voter asking for missing information. Pending applications are held for 30 days.

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?”

N/A - this information is not captured on the statewide system.

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?”

N/A - this information is not captured on the statewide system.

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.)?

The State of Georgia used the Social Security number to help ensure the validity of all applications. County registrars also have the authority to verify any information they believe may be incorrect.

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?

The number of applications given to an individual group is generally limited to 10,000 per calendar year. Any request above that number is verified to ensure that all applications are being utilized properly and if so additional forms are provided.

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.