

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.

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- Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
10,180,363
- Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election  
1,065,726

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

10,635,725

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

1,201,343

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.

98,003

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.

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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.

Office for the Aging  
Veteran's Affairs  
VESID  
OASIS  
OMRDD  
Office of Mental Health  
Commissioners for the Blind  
Advocate for People w/Disabilities  
Commission on Quality Care  
Worker's Compensation  
Dept. of Labor  
Dept. of State  
Dept. of Health  
Dept. of Social Services  
Dept. of Motor Vehicles

9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.

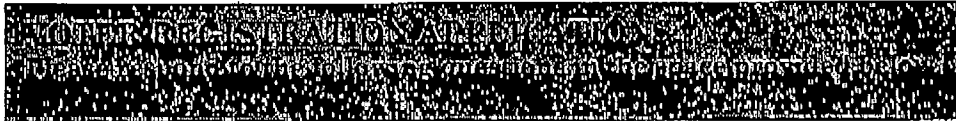
Local       State       Both

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  
62 counties

12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey  
62



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  
3,844,000

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  
1,747,679

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  
2,251,583

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 779,693

Offices that provide Public Assistance 157,116

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 14,105

Armed Forces recruitment offices 340

Other agencies designated by the State 16,614

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

937,043

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

348,558

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

n/a

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)

delivery is by mail, personally or by courier only.

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

The NYS Board of Elections offers regional training to the agency based voter registration agencies twice per year. Also, if an agency becomes a voter registration site between the regional training offerings, the State Board offers telephone training or makes arrangements to do special training sessions to meet agency's needs. We also provide a biannual NVRA newsletter that contains training information and program process reminders and information.

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 transmission is not permitted in NYS.

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

1,215,566

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.

paper and computerized.

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

searches within own database: no statewide database yet. some counties exchange their data for duplicate comparisons.

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

drivers license number and unique identifier.

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?

1,217,250

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

156,631

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

1,014,926

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?

596,188

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?  
133,273
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?  
427,321
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?  
2,311
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?  
8,275
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.  
263- adjudicated incompetent  
266,176- moved out of county  
50,890- other
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.)?  
NCOA, any county board mailing returned by PO, info from other jurisdictions, published obituaries, state departments of health and court administration, and DMV.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)  
done both electronically and manually.

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

County

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

cancelled

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

cancelled

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

may re-register to vote - no automatic reinstatement.



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?

from letter to voter to collect missing data.



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.)?

n/a

50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?

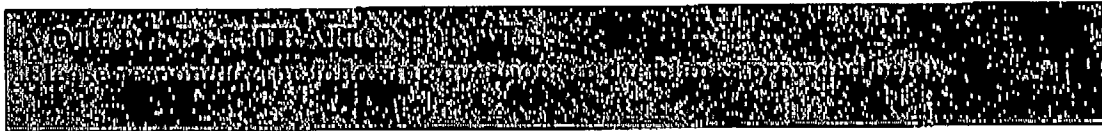
Yes       No

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?

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



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 provided upon request or are available on our website.  
They may be reproduced at will.

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?

depending upon circumstances, penalty is misdemeanor or a felony.



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.