

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: Oregon	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
1,872,615
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
380,318

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
2,141,249
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
552,125
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.
7,077
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
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 offices; Office of Mental Health and Drug Addiction Services; Children, Adults and Families; Oregon Commission for the Blind; Office of Family Health Services- WIC; Office of Medical Assistance Programs; Seniors and People with Disabilities; Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Oregon University System

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
36
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
36

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
1,044,980
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
421,735
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
623,245

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 200,800

Offices that provide Public Assistance 25,926

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 2,145

Armed Forces recruitment offices The Department of Defense has established procedures

Other agencies designated by the State 1,370

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**
433,264

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations
112,320

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)
Currently, we do not track this information.

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)
Mailed or hand carried.

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

The Secretary of State, Elections Division coordinates and provides mandatory yearly training for NVRA agencies and the Department of Motor Vehicles. This office notifies all agencies throughout the year of all voter registration cutoff dates and election dates via a "NVRA Connection" newsletter. This newsletter is used to keep agencies apprised of upcoming elections and deadlines as well as any changes with regard to NVRA. The back of the newsletter contains a form that

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 person attempting to register to vote must do so on a voter registration card approved by the Secretary of State, a voter registration card distributed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a federal voter registration application. ORS 247.002 Voter registration

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

508,664

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.

Voter registration applications are maintained both on paper and electronically depending on the county's election system.

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

At this time a cross match is done between the counties on a regular basis. This match checks name (first, last, middle) and date of birth.

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

At this time the method for assigning a unique identifier varies from county to county.

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?

341,110

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

96,789

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

171,807

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?

178,633

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**?
Oregon counties are currently unable to track deletions based on the type of deletion.
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**?
Oregon counties are currently unable to track deletions based on the type of deletion.
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**?
Oregon counties are currently unable to track deletions based on the type of deletion.
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**?
A felony conviction does not disqualify an Oregon resident from voting after they are released from prison. Felons are not allowed to vote only for the period in which they are in the custody of the
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.
Voters have been removed based on evidence provided to the county clerk that individual does not reside in their county. Additionally voters have been removed for falsely swearing that they are United States citizens. We are currently unable track deletions based on the type of deletion.
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.)?
Ballots returned as undeliverable, returned election notices, Postal Service NCOA information, voter registration cards, death list provided by the Department of Human Services, notification of felony conviction. ORS chapter 247. The duplicate match performed between the counties
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
Most of the list maintenance is performed manually. The duplicate match the counties participate in, is performed electronically.

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

Locality

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

The individual is able to register to vote and cast a ballot. Once an individual is no longer in the custody of the Department of Corrections or imprisoned in any federal correctional institution they can cast a ballot. ORS 137.281

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

If the individual has been sentenced and is in the custody of the Department of Corrections they can register to vote, but can not cast a ballot. If serving a sentence in a federal correctional institution they can neither register to vote nor cast a ballot. Once an individual is no

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

Once an individual is no longer in the custody of the Department of Corrections or imprisoned in any federal correctional institution they can cast a ballot. Custody does not include probation or parole. ORS 137.281

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 a registration card does not contain the required information the county clerk notifies the individual attempting to register to vote of the missing required information and does not register them to vote. ORS 247.012(6) If the individual attempting to register to vote fails to answer the age question, but provides a date of birth the county clerk registers them to vote

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?”

None.

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?”

We are unable to provide this number. If the individual attempting to register to vote fails to answer the age question, but provides a date of birth the county clerk registers them to vote if they are 18 or will attain the age of 18 years on or before the date of the election (they may

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 county clerk verifies that the required identification provided matches the name and address on the voter registration card.

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?

Oregon will implement by January 1, 2006. Currently we have begun testing in 2 pilot counties. We routinely post our progress at the following website: <http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/HAVA/ocvr.shtml>

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?

Any group or individual who requests more than 100 voter registration cards must fill out a request form. We will provide unlimited voter registration cards as long as the group or individual agrees to pay or provides a distribution plan and agrees to return unused cards. OAR 165-005-0080. Any group or individual that collects voter registration cards has five days to submit those

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?

During the 2005 Legislative Session we asked to be introduced Senate Bill 466 which would prohibit the paying or receiving money based on number of signed voter registration cards person collects.

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.