

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: South Dakota	Date response is submitted: 3-29-05	
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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
475,365
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
51,891

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
502,393
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
49,718
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.
533 provisional ballots were cast and 66 of them were able to be counted.
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 auditors
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.
Driver's licence offices Public assistance agencies such as food stamps, AFDC, & WIC Department of Human Services Armed Forces recruitment offices Municipal finance offices Office of Secretary of State County auditors

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
66 county auditors and all other offices listed in #7
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
66 county auditors

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
140,517
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
35,199
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
88,697

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 5670

Offices that provide Public Assistance 7039

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities 744

Armed Forces recruitment offices 562

Other agencies designated by the State 2,606

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

N/A

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

3643

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)

mail or hand delivered

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

Yes. When NVRA went into effect, our office prepared a training manual for the agencies. The agencies provide the in-person training.

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.

Must receive original application by mail or hand delivered. Do not accept faxes or other electronic copies.

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

87,022

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.

A couple of counties scan the voter registration cards and then they maintain these records on paper and electronically.

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

SDCL 12-4-40. Identification of duplicate voter registration-- Notification. The secretary of state may use the statewide voter registration file to identify any duplicate voter registration within the state. If the secretary of state has determined that there is a duplicate voter registration, the secretary of state shall notify the county whose

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

Random number for unique identifier.

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?

31,500

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

2572

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

N/A

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?

57,099 includes active and inactive

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**?
N/A
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**?
57,099
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**?
N/A
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**?
0
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.
0
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, update on voter registration form from voter and response to previous confirmation mailings.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
The process is performed by checking the county active voter file to determine if a voter has not voted in the last four years, updated their voter registration information or responded to any confirmation mailing in that timeframe. Once those voters are selected, they are mailed notices through the list maintenance process.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?
local - county auditors
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
If a voter is convicted of a felony and sentenced (either served or suspended) to an adult penitentiary system, the voter loses his/her right to vote until the entire sentenced including probation and/or parole has been completed.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony
See answer in (a)
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony
See answer in (a)

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?
We still accepted them because they are also listed in the oath that the person must sign.

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

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

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.)?

All voter registrations that are entered by the county auditors are sent through a series of electronic verifications. The voter registration information is checked electronically against the Driver's License database, Unified Judicial database and the Department of Vital Records database. We manually verify all out of state drivers license numbers by calling the state where the license is from.

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?

We don't manage the number of forms but beginning 7-1-05 a new law will go into effect that requires each private entity or individual registering voters, to provide that voter with their contact information.

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?

Payment on the number of voter registrations will be prohibited beginning 7-1-05. A violation of this will be a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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.