

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:SurveyResponse@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: Wyoming	Date response is submitted: March 30, 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
229,377. Wyoming doesn't differentiate between active and inactive voters.
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
See answer in #1. We are exempt from NVRA, and have statutory authority to purge voters who have not voted in the General Election.

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
215,374. Wyoming doesn't differentiate between active and inactive voters.

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
See answer in #3.

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.
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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.
The County Clerk. Contact information is on our website at: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/clerks.htm>

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.

See #11 - Wyoming has election day voter registration and therefore, exempt from NVRA.

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
23 counties plus some municipal/city clerks (98 incorporated cities/towns.)
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
16 County Clerks

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
Approximately 27,729 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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
Approximately 2,402 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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
Approximately 11,849 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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 N/A

Offices that provide Public Assistance N/A

Offices the provide State-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities N/A

Armed Forces recruitment offices N/A

Other agencies designated by the State N/A

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

Approximately 5,740 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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

unknown

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

Approximately 69 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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)

N/A - NVRA exempt.

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

Since Wyoming does not have other agencies registering voters, all training is provided by the county clerks to their staff and election judges.

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.

Wyoming does not accept voter registration applications that are fax, electronic, batch, third-party delivery or e-mail. Mailed applications must be notarized.

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

Approximately 27,040 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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.

Both paper and computerized is used.

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

Until the statewide voter registration system is in place, the clerks only check within their counties for duplicates. When the updated registrations are then sent to the state, the state Information Technology Division runs a duplicate check.

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

When the new system is in place, the system will assign a statewide voter registration number.

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?

Approximately 20,050 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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

Approximately 4,975 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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

Wyoming does not have an inactive list. Rather, Wyoming has statutory authority to purge voters who have not voted in the General Election

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?

Approximately 19,515 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.

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**?
Approximately 970 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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**?
Approximately 8,131 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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**?
Approximately 287 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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**?
Approximately 11 of the responding counties. Some counties reported information was unknown.
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.
None or unknown.
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.)?
Death notices, court notification of felons, out-of-state registrations, phone book, purge notices, returned correspondence, change of address notices, property ownership lists, car registrations.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
Until the new statewide voter registration system is in place, processes vary from manual to electronic.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?
County clerks.
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
Not permitted to register or vote until their rights have been restored.
- (b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony
Not permitted to register or vote until their rights have been restored.
- (c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony
Not permitted to register or vote until their rights have been restored.

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?
Under HAVA, states were allowed an exemption (until 1/1/06) to implement the voter registration piece. Wyoming received that exemption therefore, this will be handled with the implementation of the new voter registration system.

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 or information not tracked.

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?”

None or information not tracked.

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.)?

Verifications will be by electronic interfaces when the new statewide voter registration system is implemented by 1/1/06.

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?

Will be implemented before the first federal election in 2006. Anticipated date is 1/1/06.

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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.