

## Election '96 — Counting the American Electorate

According to Census Bureau projections, 196.5 million United States residents will be old enough to vote in this November's election, 7 million more than in November 1992. Of the total —

- The majority (52 percent) will be *women*.
- *Whites* will comprise 84 percent, *Blacks* 12 percent, and other races 4 percent. *Hispanics* (who may be of any race) are projected to constitute 9 percent. Their voting strength is diluted, however, by the fact that in 1994 more than 4 in 10 (44 percent) were not U.S. citizens.
- The *elderly* (persons 65 and over) will comprise 17 percent. They are an important voting group because they vote at such high rates (70 percent in the last presidential election).
- More than one-ninth will live in *California*.

### The Voting-Age Population Defined

The voting-age population (U.S. residents 18 years and over) includes persons who are ineligible to vote, such as noncitizens, convicted felons, and prison inmates, but excludes Americans living overseas who can vote.

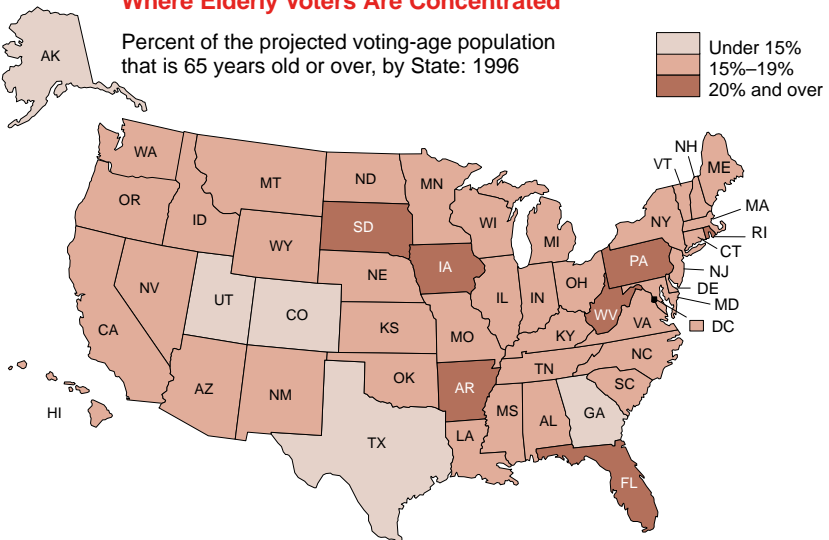


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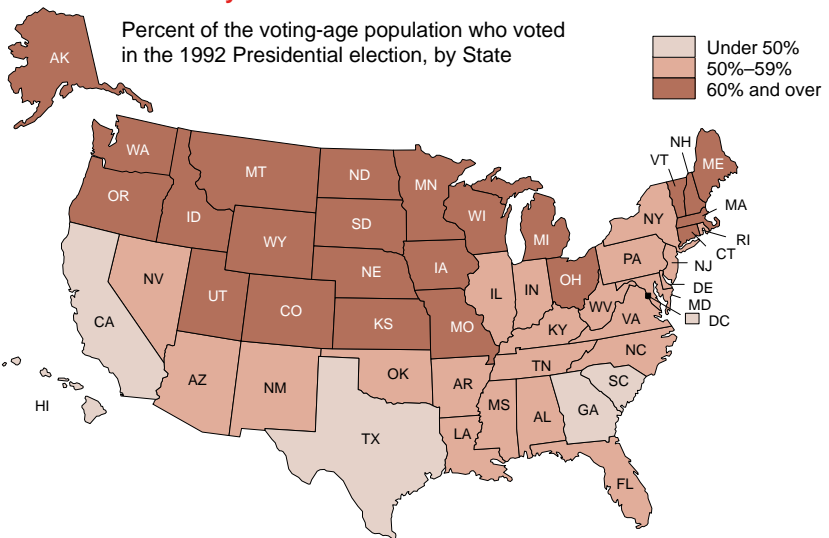
### Where Elderly Voters Are Concentrated

Percent of the projected voting-age population that is 65 years old or over, by State: 1996



### How Many Voted Last Time

Percent of the voting-age population who voted in the 1992 Presidential election, by State



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### More information:

See the Census Bureau's Internet site (<http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/population/www/voting.html>). Data on the voting-age population are shown by State, age group, sex, race, and Hispanic origin.

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## The Voting-Age Population at a Glance: Projections for November 1996

Persons 18 years and older, in thousands

| State and number of electoral votes | Total   | Male   | Female  | White   | Black  | Other | Hispanic | Age 65+ |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|----------|---------|
| United States (538)                 | 196,509 | 94,296 | 102,213 | 165,225 | 22,857 | 8,427 | 18,609   | 34,004  |
| Alabama (9)                         | 3,218   | 1,526  | 1,692   | 2,438   | 744    | 37    | 20       | 562     |
| Alaska (3)                          | 425     | 221    | 204     | 332     | 17     | 76    | 14       | 30      |
| Arizona (8)                         | 3,094   | 1,478  | 1,616   | 2,795   | 85     | 214   | 602      | 579     |
| Arkansas (6)                        | 1,860   | 875    | 985     | 1,583   | 253    | 25    | 18       | 363     |
| California (54)                     | 23,133  | 11,357 | 11,774  | 18,447  | 1,716  | 2,970 | 6,323    | 3,527   |
| Colorado (8)                        | 2,843   | 1,385  | 1,458   | 2,642   | 113    | 88    | 351      | 388     |
| Connecticut (8)                     | 2,468   | 1,180  | 1,288   | 2,223   | 199    | 46    | 173      | 470     |
| Delaware (3)                        | 547     | 261    | 286     | 443     | 92     | 12    | 15       | 93      |
| Dist. of Col. (3)                   | 435     | 206    | 230     | 157     | 269    | 10    | 20       | 76      |
| Florida (25)                        | 11,043  | 5,130  | 5,913   | 9,467   | 1,375  | 201   | 1,409    | 2,713   |
| Georgia (13)                        | 5,396   | 2,605  | 2,791   | 3,937   | 1,368  | 91    | 101      | 736     |
| Hawaii (4)                          | 882     | 427    | 455     | 378     | 24     | 479   | 69       | 150     |
| Idaho (4)                           | 845     | 407    | 437     | 819     | 4      | 22    | 49       | 135     |
| Illinois (22)                       | 8,764   | 4,217  | 4,547   | 7,219   | 1,245  | 300   | 728      | 1,491   |
| Indiana (12)                        | 4,369   | 2,097  | 2,271   | 3,987   | 331    | 51    | 81       | 742     |
| Iowa (7)                            | 2,138   | 1,022  | 1,116   | 2,073   | 38     | 27    | 30       | 432     |
| Kansas (6)                          | 1,898   | 917    | 981     | 1,739   | 107    | 52    | 75       | 354     |
| Kentucky (8)                        | 2,924   | 1,400  | 1,525   | 2,700   | 201    | 23    | 15       | 492     |
| Louisiana (9)                       | 3,137   | 1,485  | 1,653   | 2,183   | 902    | 53    | 75       | 499     |
| Maine (4)                           | 939     | 449    | 489     | 925     | 4      | 10    | 6        | 174     |
| Maryland (10)                       | 3,811   | 1,825  | 1,987   | 2,676   | 982    | 154   | 110      | 581     |
| Massachusetts (12)                  | 4,623   | 2,210  | 2,413   | 4,252   | 234    | 137   | 229      | 861     |
| Michigan (18)                       | 7,067   | 3,374  | 3,693   | 5,956   | 972    | 139   | 159      | 1,192   |
| Minnesota (10)                      | 3,412   | 1,647  | 1,765   | 3,247   | 65     | 100   | 44       | 580     |
| Mississippi (7)                     | 1,961   | 925    | 1,036   | 1,311   | 632    | 18    | 12       | 335     |
| Missouri (11)                       | 3,980   | 1,893  | 2,087   | 3,527   | 397    | 55    | 47       | 746     |
| Montana (3)                         | 647     | 311    | 336     | 609     | 2      | 36    | 9        | 114     |
| Nebraska (5)                        | 1,208   | 578    | 630     | 1,147   | 41     | 20    | 35       | 230     |
| Nevada (4)                          | 1,180   | 580    | 600     | 1,032   | 72     | 75    | 145      | 181     |
| New Hampshire (4)                   | 860     | 416    | 444     | 843     | 5      | 12    | 9        | 138     |
| New Jersey (15)                     | 6,005   | 2,867  | 3,138   | 4,917   | 819    | 269   | 632      | 1,100   |
| New Mexico (5)                      | 1,210   | 578    | 632     | 1,078   | 22     | 111   | 505      | 189     |
| New York (33)                       | 13,579  | 6,445  | 7,135   | 10,614  | 2,292  | 674   | 1,616    | 2,433   |
| North Carolina (14)                 | 5,499   | 2,648  | 2,851   | 4,249   | 1,126  | 124   | 69       | 924     |
| North Dakota (3)                    | 473     | 229    | 244     | 451     | 3      | 19    | 3        | 92      |
| Ohio (21)                           | 8,358   | 3,980  | 4,378   | 7,387   | 866    | 105   | 112      | 1,505   |
| Oklahoma (8)                        | 2,419   | 1,159  | 1,260   | 2,044   | 164    | 211   | 69       | 444     |
| Oregon (7)                          | 2,396   | 1,149  | 1,247   | 2,247   | 37     | 112   | 101      | 429     |
| Pennsylvania (23)                   | 9,196   | 4,366  | 4,831   | 8,241   | 814    | 142   | 196      | 1,921   |
| Rhode Island (4)                    | 750     | 358    | 392     | 702     | 29     | 19    | 39       | 155     |
| South Carolina (8)                  | 2,777   | 1,325  | 1,452   | 1,978   | 771    | 28    | 27       | 450     |
| South Dakota (3)                    | 530     | 253    | 277     | 492     | 3      | 36    | 4        | 105     |
| Tennessee (11)                      | 4,021   | 1,917  | 2,104   | 3,390   | 589    | 42    | 29       | 671     |
| Texas (32)                          | 13,622  | 6,612  | 7,011   | 11,670  | 1,564  | 389   | 3,730    | 1,960   |
| Utah (5)                            | 1,323   | 638    | 685     | 1,259   | 10     | 54    | 69       | 177     |
| Vermont (3)                         | 441     | 213    | 228     | 435     | 2      | 4     | 3        | 71      |
| Virginia (13)                       | 5,089   | 2,468  | 2,621   | 3,992   | 924    | 173   | 133      | 754     |
| Washington (11)                     | 4,122   | 2,004  | 2,119   | 3,720   | 111    | 291   | 193      | 639     |
| West Virginia (5)                   | 1,414   | 671    | 743     | 1,364   | 40     | 10    | 7        | 279     |
| Wisconsin (11)                      | 3,824   | 1,839  | 1,986   | 3,571   | 180    | 73    | 76       | 690     |
| Wyoming (3)                         | 352     | 172    | 180     | 339     | 3      | 10    | 20       | 53      |

Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.