

Table 12. Reasons for not Voting, by Sex, Age, Race and Hispanic Origin, and Educational Attainment: November 2002
(In thousands)

Reasons for not voting	Total non-voting registered population		Race/Hispanic Origin									
			Non-Hispanic White		Hispanic		White		Black		Asian and Pacific Islander	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	39,251	100.0	29,896	100.0	3,448	100.0	33,078	100.0	4,609	100.0	1,083	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	5,143	13.1	3,909	13.1	386	11.2	4,262	12.9	771	16.7	68	6.3
Out of town or away from home	4,085	10.4	3,447	11.5	218	6.3	3,649	11.0	299	6.5	113	10.4
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	2,242	5.7	1,566	5.2	289	8.4	1,821	5.5	316	6.8	62	5.7
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	4,715	12.0	3,714	12.4	408	11.8	4,100	12.4	469	10.2	92	8.5
Too busy, conflicting schedule	10,631	27.1	8,036	26.9	1,054	30.6	9,035	27.3	1,065	23.1	425	39.3
Transportation problems	656	1.7	397	1.3	52	1.5	439	1.3	178	3.9	13	1.2
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	2,848	7.3	2,341	7.8	200	5.8	2,514	7.6	247	5.4	46	4.2
Registration problems	1,595	4.1	1,178	3.9	132	3.8	1,304	3.9	208	4.5	49	4.6
Bad weather conditions	283	0.7	237	0.8	6	0.2	242	0.7	41	0.9	-	-
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	559	1.4	413	1.4	59	1.7	472	1.4	77	1.7	9	0.8
Other reason, not specified	3,544	9.0	2,680	9.0	337	9.8	2,985	9.0	395	8.6	107	9.9
Refused or don't know	2,951	7.5	1,976	6.6	307	8.9	2,254	6.8	544	11.8	99	9.1

Note: Hispanics may be of any race

Note: A dash '-' represents zero or rounds to zero.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2002.

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