

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		Age							
			18 to 24 years		25 to 44 years		45 to 64 years		65 years and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	39,251	100.0	5,773	100.0	17,534	100.0	10,910	100	5,035	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	5,143	13.1	160	2.8	1,244	7.1	1,511	13.8	2,228	44.3
Out of town or away from home	4,085	10.4	880	15.2	1,517	8.7	1,276	11.7	413	8.2
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	2,242	5.7	367	6.4	1,103	6.3	595	5.5	176	3.5
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	4,715	12.0	649	11.2	2,174	12.4	1,349	12.4	543	10.8
Too busy, conflicting schedule	10,631	27.1	1,703	29.5	6,059	34.6	2,595	23.8	274	5.4
Transportation problems	656	1.7	84	1.4	202	1.2	170	1.6	200	4.0
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	2,848	7.3	242	4.2	1,164	6.6	1,012	9.3	431	8.6
Registration problems	1,595	4.1	341	5.9	854	4.9	288	2.6	112	2.2
Bad weather conditions	283	0.7	13	0.2	97	0.6	76	0.7	97	1.9
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	559	1.4	76	1.3	288	1.6	144	1.3	52	1.0
Other reason, not specified	3,544	9.0	453	7.9	1,684	9.6	1,052	9.6	355	7.0
Refused or don't know	2,951	7.5	806	14.0	1,147	6.5	842	7.7	155	3.1

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