

Table 400. Voting-Age Population, Percent Reporting Registered, and Voted: 1994 to 2006

[190.3 represents 190,300,000. As of November. Covers civilian noninstitutional population 18 years old and over. Includes aliens. Figures are based on Current Population Survey (see text, Section 1, Population, and Appendix III) and differ from those in Table 402 based on population estimates and official vote counts]

| Characteristic | Voting-age population (mil.) | | | | | | | Percent reporting they registered | | | | | | | | Percent reporting they voted | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Presidential election years | | | Congressional election years | | | | Presidential election years | | | Congressional election years | | | | |
| | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | 2000 | 2002 | 2004 | 2006 | 1996 | 2000 | 2004 | 1994 | 1998 | 2002 | 2006 | 1996 | 2000 | 2004 | 1994 | 1998 | 2002 | 2006 | |
| Total ¹ | 190.3 | 193.7 | 198.2 | 202.6 | 210.4 | 215.7 | 220.6 | 65.9 | 63.9 | 65.9 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 60.9 | 61.6 | 54.2 | 54.7 | 58.3 | 44.6 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 43.6 | |
| 18 to 20 years old | 10.3 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 45.6 | 40.5 | 50.7 | 37.2 | 32.1 | 32.6 | 37.0 | 31.2 | 28.4 | 41.0 | 16.5 | 13.5 | 15.1 | 17.1 | |
| 21 to 24 years old | 14.9 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 16.4 | 16.2 | 51.2 | 49.3 | 52.1 | 45.5 | 35.0 | 42.5 | 44.9 | 33.4 | 35.4 | 42.5 | 22.3 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 21.9 | |
| 25 to 34 years old | 41.1 | 40.1 | 38.6 | 37.3 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 39.4 | 56.9 | 54.7 | 55.6 | 51.5 | 52.4 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 43.1 | 43.7 | 46.9 | 32.2 | 28.0 | 27.1 | 28.3 | |
| 35 to 44 years old | 41.9 | 43.3 | 44.4 | 44.5 | 43.7 | 43.1 | 42.6 | 66.5 | 63.8 | 64.2 | 63.3 | 62.4 | 60.0 | 59.3 | 54.9 | 55.0 | 56.9 | 46.0 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 40.1 | |
| 45 to 64 years old | 50.9 | 53.7 | 57.4 | 61.4 | 66.9 | 71.0 | 75.0 | 73.5 | 71.2 | 72.7 | 71.0 | 71.1 | 69.4 | 69.6 | 64.4 | 64.1 | 66.6 | 56.0 | 53.6 | 53.1 | 54.3 | |
| 65 years old and over | 31.1 | 31.9 | 32.3 | 32.8 | 33.9 | 34.7 | 35.8 | 77.0 | 76.1 | 76.9 | 75.6 | 75.4 | 75.8 | 75.4 | 67.0 | 67.6 | 68.9 | 60.7 | 59.5 | 61.0 | 60.5 | |
| Male | 91.0 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 97.1 | 100.9 | 103.8 | 106.5 | 64.4 | 62.2 | 64.0 | 60.8 | 60.6 | 58.9 | 59.5 | 52.8 | 53.1 | 56.3 | 44.4 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 42.4 | |
| Female | 99.3 | 101.0 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 109.5 | 111.9 | 114.1 | 67.3 | 65.6 | 67.6 | 63.2 | 63.5 | 62.8 | 63.5 | 55.5 | 56.2 | 60.1 | 44.9 | 42.4 | 43.0 | 44.7 | |
| White ² | 160.3 | 162.8 | 165.8 | 168.7 | 174.1 | 176.6 | 179.9 | 67.7 | 65.6 | 67.9 | 64.2 | 63.9 | 63.1 | 64.0 | 56.0 | 56.4 | 60.3 | 46.9 | 43.3 | 44.1 | 45.8 | |
| Black ² | 21.8 | 22.5 | 23.3 | 24.1 | 24.4 | 24.9 | 25.7 | 63.5 | 63.6 | 64.4 | 58.3 | 60.2 | 58.8 | 57.4 | 50.6 | 53.5 | 56.3 | 37.0 | 39.6 | 39.7 | 38.6 | |
| Asian ^{2,3} | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 8.0 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.9 | (NA) | 30.7 | 34.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 30.7 | 32.9 | (NA) | 25.4 | 29.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 19.4 | 21.8 | |
| Hispanic ⁴ | 17.5 | 18.4 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 25.2 | 27.1 | 29.0 | 35.7 | 34.9 | 34.3 | 30.0 | 33.7 | 32.6 | 32.1 | 26.7 | 27.5 | 28.0 | 19.1 | 20.0 | 18.9 | 19.3 | |
| Region: ⁵ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 38.4 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 38.9 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 64.7 | 63.7 | 65.3 | 60.9 | 60.8 | 60.8 | 60.3 | 54.5 | 55.2 | 58.6 | 45.2 | 41.2 | 41.4 | 42.8 | |
| Midwest | 44.5 | 45.2 | 45.9 | 46.4 | 48.8 | 48.4 | 49.1 | 71.6 | 70.2 | 72.8 | 68.7 | 68.2 | 66.5 | 68.3 | 59.3 | 60.9 | 65.0 | 48.8 | 47.3 | 47.1 | 50.7 | |
| South | 66.4 | 68.1 | 70.1 | 71.8 | 74.2 | 77.2 | 80.0 | 65.9 | 64.5 | 65.5 | 60.7 | 62.7 | 61.6 | 62.0 | 52.2 | 53.5 | 56.4 | 40.5 | 38.6 | 41.6 | 40.3 | |
| West | 41.0 | 42.1 | 43.7 | 45.5 | 46.3 | 49.1 | 50.4 | 60.8 | 56.9 | 60.1 | 58.1 | 56.0 | 54.0 | 55.4 | 51.8 | 49.9 | 54.4 | 46.4 | 42.3 | 39.0 | 42.4 | |
| School years completed: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 years or less | 14.7 | 14.1 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 12.1 | 40.7 | 36.1 | 32.5 | 40.1 | 40.2 | 32.4 | 29.5 | 28.1 | 26.8 | 23.6 | 23.2 | 24.6 | 19.4 | 17.1 | |
| High school: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 20.7 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 20.1 | 20.9 | 20.7 | 20.2 | 47.9 | 45.9 | 45.8 | 44.7 | 43.4 | 41.6 | 39.6 | 33.8 | 33.6 | 34.6 | 27.0 | 25.0 | 23.3 | 22.8 | |
| High school graduate or GED ⁶ | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65.6 | 66.3 | 68.9 | 68.5 | 70.0 | 62.2 | 60.1 | 61.5 | 58.9 | 58.6 | 57.1 | 57.5 | 49.1 | 49.4 | 52.4 | 40.5 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 37.6 | |
| College: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Some college or associate's degree | 50.4 | 50.9 | 52.9 | 55.3 | 57.3 | 58.9 | 60.2 | 72.9 | 70.7 | 73.7 | 68.4 | 68.3 | 66.7 | 68.3 | 60.5 | 60.3 | 66.1 | 49.1 | 46.2 | 45.8 | 47.3 | |
| Bachelor's or advanced degree | 39.4 | 42.5 | 45.4 | 48.0 | 51.0 | 54.9 | 58.2 | 80.4 | 77.3 | 78.1 | 76.3 | 75.1 | 74.4 | 73.9 | 73.0 | 72.0 | 74.2 | 63.1 | 57.2 | 58.5 | 59.5 | |
| Employed | 122.6 | 125.6 | 130.5 | 133.4 | 134.9 | 138.8 | 143.8 | 67.0 | 64.7 | 67.1 | 62.9 | 62.6 | 61.7 | 62.7 | 55.2 | 55.5 | 60.0 | 45.2 | 41.2 | 42.1 | 43.9 | |
| Unemployed | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 52.5 | 46.1 | 56.3 | 46.4 | 48.5 | 48.1 | 48.5 | 37.2 | 35.1 | 46.4 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 27.2 | 28.0 | |
| Not in labor force | 61.2 | 61.6 | 62.5 | 64.2 | 67.8 | 69.6 | 70.5 | 65.1 | 63.8 | 64.4 | 61.9 | 62.1 | 60.9 | 60.7 | 54.1 | 54.5 | 56.2 | 45.3 | 44.5 | 44.2 | 44.3 | |

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning with the 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS), respondents could choose more than one race. 2004 and 2006 data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The CPS in prior years only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for Section 1.

³ Prior to 2004, this category was 'Asian and Pacific Islanders,' therefore rates are not comparable with prior years. ⁴ Hispanic persons may be any race. ⁵ For composition of regions, see map, inside cover.

⁶ The General Educational Development (GED) Test measures how well a non-high school graduate has mastered the skills and general knowledge that are acquired in a 4-year high school education. Successfully passing the exam is a credential generally considered to be equivalent to a high school diploma.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P20-556, and earlier reports; "Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2006" (published June 2008); <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>>; and unpublished data.