

**Table 404. 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 406 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	
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup>	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	23.2	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	27.2	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	40.1	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 <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>2,3</sup>	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	(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 <sup>4</sup>	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: <sup>5</sup>																						
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 <sup>6</sup>	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	70.0	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. <sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning with the 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS), respondents could choose more than one race. 2004 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. <sup>3</sup> Prior to 2004, this category was 'Asian and Pacific Islanders,' therefore rates are not comparable with prior years. <sup>4</sup> Hispanic persons may be any race. <sup>5</sup> For composition of regions, see map, inside cover. <sup>6</sup> 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 four-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 2004" (published 25 May 2005); <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>>; and unpublished data.