

**Table 399. Voting-Age Population—Reported Registration and Voting by Selected Characteristics: 1996 to 2010**

[1982 represents 198,200,000. 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 and Appendix III) and differ from those in Table 397 based on population estimates and official vote counts]

Characteristic	Voting-age population (mil.)										Percent reporting they registered						Percent reporting they voted									
	1998		2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010		Presidential election years		Congressional election years		Presidential election years		Congressional election years					
	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	1996	2000	2004	2008	2002	2006	2010	1996	2000	2004	2008	1996	2000	2004	2008	2002	2006	2010	
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup>	198.2	202.6	210.4	215.7	220.6	225.5	229.7	65.9	63.9	65.9	64.9	60.9	61.6	59.8	54.2	54.7	58.3	58.2	54.2	54.7	58.3	58.2	42.3	43.6	41.8	
18 to 20 years old	11.4	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.7	12.2	12.2	45.6	40.5	50.7	49.3	32.6	37.0	34.4	31.2	28.4	41.0	41.0	31.2	28.4	41.0	41.0	15.1	17.1	16.4	
21 to 24 years old	14.1	14.9	15.6	16.4	16.2	16.6	16.2	51.2	49.3	52.1	56.2	42.5	44.9	47.2	33.4	35.4	42.5	46.6	33.4	35.4	42.5	46.6	18.7	21.9	22.0	
25 to 34 years old	38.6	37.3	38.5	39.0	39.4	40.2	41.2	56.9	54.7	55.6	56.5	50.2	50.3	49.5	43.1	43.7	46.9	48.5	43.1	43.7	46.9	48.5	27.1	28.3	26.9	
35 to 44 years old	44.4	44.5	43.7	43.2	41.5	39.9	39.9	66.5	63.8	64.2	61.4	60.0	59.3	57.3	54.9	50.9	55.2	55.2	54.9	50.9	55.2	55.2	40.2	40.1	37.7	
45 to 64 years old	57.4	61.4	66.9	71.0	75.0	78.1	80.7	73.5	71.2	72.7	70.4	69.4	69.6	66.3	64.4	64.1	66.6	65.0	64.4	64.1	66.6	65.0	53.1	54.3	51.9	
65 years old and over	32.3	32.8	33.9	34.7	35.8	37.5	39.0	77.0	76.1	76.9	75.0	75.8	75.4	72.5	67.0	67.6	68.9	68.1	67.0	67.6	68.9	68.1	61.0	60.5	58.9	
Male	95.2	97.1	100.9	103.8	106.5	109.0	111.1	64.4	62.2	64.0	62.6	58.9	59.5	57.9	52.8	53.1	56.3	55.7	52.8	53.1	56.3	55.7	41.4	42.4	40.9	
Female	103.0	105.5	109.5	111.9	114.1	116.5	118.6	67.3	65.6	67.6	67.0	62.8	63.5	61.5	55.5	56.2	60.1	60.4	55.5	56.2	60.1	60.4	43.0	44.7	42.7	
White <sup>2</sup>	165.8	168.7	174.1	176.6	179.9	183.2	185.8	67.7	65.6	67.9	66.5	63.1	64.0	61.8	56.0	56.4	60.3	59.6	56.0	56.4	60.3	59.6	44.1	45.8	43.4	
Black <sup>2</sup>	23.3	24.1	24.4	24.9	25.7	26.5	27.4	63.5	63.6	64.9	65.5	58.8	57.4	58.8	50.6	53.5	56.3	60.8	50.6	53.5	56.3	60.8	39.7	38.6	40.7	
Asian <sup>2,3</sup>	(NA)	8.0	9.6	9.3	9.9	10.5	11.0	(NA)	30.7	34.9	37.3	30.7	32.9	34.1	(NA)	25.4	29.8	32.1	(NA)	25.4	29.8	32.1	19.4	21.8	21.3	
Hispanic <sup>4</sup>	20.3	21.6	25.2	27.1	29.0	30.9	32.5	35.7	34.9	34.3	37.6	32.6	32.1	33.8	26.7	27.5	28.0	31.6	26.7	27.5	28.0	31.6	18.9	19.3	20.5	
Region: <sup>5</sup>																										
Northeast	38.5	38.9	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.5	42.3	64.7	63.7	65.3	63.7	60.8	60.3	59.7	54.5	55.2	58.6	57.4	54.5	55.2	58.6	57.4	41.4	42.8	41.6	
Midwest	45.9	46.4	48.8	48.4	49.1	49.4	50.1	71.6	70.2	72.8	70.6	66.5	68.3	65.0	59.3	60.9	65.0	63.4	59.3	60.9	65.0	63.4	47.1	50.7	45.1	
South	70.1	71.8	74.2	77.2	80.0	82.4	84.2	65.9	64.5	65.5	65.5	61.6	62.0	59.4	52.2	53.5	56.4	57.7	52.2	53.5	56.4	57.7	41.6	40.3	39.3	
West	43.7	45.5	46.3	49.1	50.4	52.2	53.2	60.8	56.9	60.1	59.4	54.0	55.4	55.5	51.8	49.9	54.4	54.6	51.8	49.9	54.4	54.6	39.0	42.4	42.7	
School years completed:																										
8 years or less	13.3	12.9	12.3	12.6	12.1	11.1	11.1	40.7	36.1	32.5	30.1	32.4	29.5	27.0	28.1	26.8	23.6	23.4	28.1	26.8	23.6	23.4	19.4	17.1	15.8	
High school:																										
Less than high school graduate	21.0	20.1	20.9	20.7	20.2	19.1	18.8	47.9	45.9	45.8	43.2	41.6	39.6	37.8	33.8	33.6	34.6	33.7	33.8	33.6	34.6	33.7	23.3	22.8	20.8	
High school graduate or GED <sup>6</sup>	65.6	66.3	68.9	68.5	70.0	70.4	71.0	62.2	60.1	61.5	59.5	57.1	57.5	54.0	49.1	49.4	52.4	50.9	49.1	49.4	52.4	50.9	37.1	37.6	35.2	
College:																										
Some college or associate's degree	52.9	55.3	57.3	58.9	60.2	63.8	65.3	72.9	70.7	73.7	72.0	66.7	68.3	65.5	60.5	60.3	66.1	65.0	60.5	60.3	66.1	65.0	45.8	47.3	44.4	
Bachelor's or advanced degree	45.4	48.0	51.0	54.9	58.2	61.1	63.5	80.4	77.3	78.1	76.8	74.4	73.9	72.5	73.0	72.0	74.2	73.3	73.0	72.0	74.2	73.3	58.5	59.5	57.1	
Employed	130.5	133.4	134.9	138.8	143.8	143.2	138.3	67.0	64.7	67.1	66.4	61.7	62.7	61.5	55.2	55.5	60.0	60.1	55.2	55.5	60.0	60.1	42.1	43.9	42.5	
Unemployed	5.2	4.9	7.7	7.3	6.2	9.5	13.9	52.5	46.1	56.3	57.2	48.1	48.5	52.3	37.2	35.1	46.4	48.8	37.2	35.1	46.4	48.8	24.2	26.0	31.6	
Not in labor force	62.5	64.2	67.8	69.6	70.5	72.8	77.5	65.1	63.8	64.4	62.9	60.9	60.7	58.0	54.1	54.5	56.2	55.5	54.1	54.5	56.2	55.5	44.2	44.3	42.3	

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, 2006, 2008, and 2010 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 comment 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> Persons of Hispanic origin 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 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, *Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2010*, Current Population Reports, P20-562, 2010, and earlier reports, and unpublished data. <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>>.