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Projections of the Voting-Age Population for States: November 1998

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The voting-age population defined:

The voting-age population includes all U.S. residents 18 years and over. This consists of both people who are eligible to vote and those not eligible to vote, such as noncitizens, convicted felons, and prison inmates. These projections do not cover Americans living overseas who may vote. The proportion of the voting-age population who reported in the November 1996 Current Population Survey that they were registered to vote in that year's election was 65.9 percent.

The voting-age population is expected to increase, mostly in the West.

According to Census Bureau projections, 200.9 million United States residents will be old enough to vote in the November 1998 election, 4 million more than in November 1996 (Table A). The South is projected to have the greatest number of voting-age residents (71 million), making up 35 percent of the total electorate. The remaining population is distributed almost evenly among the Midwest, West, and Northeast (23 percent, 22 percent, and 19 percent, respectively). However, the West is projected to have the highest proportional increase since the last election in November 1996. In particular, the western Mountain states are expected to increase their voting-age population by over 5 percent, led by Nevada (9 percent increase), Arizona (7 percent increase), and Utah (6 percent increase).

The U.S. voting-age population is projected to be older.

By November 1998, the number of 18 to 24 year olds is expected to

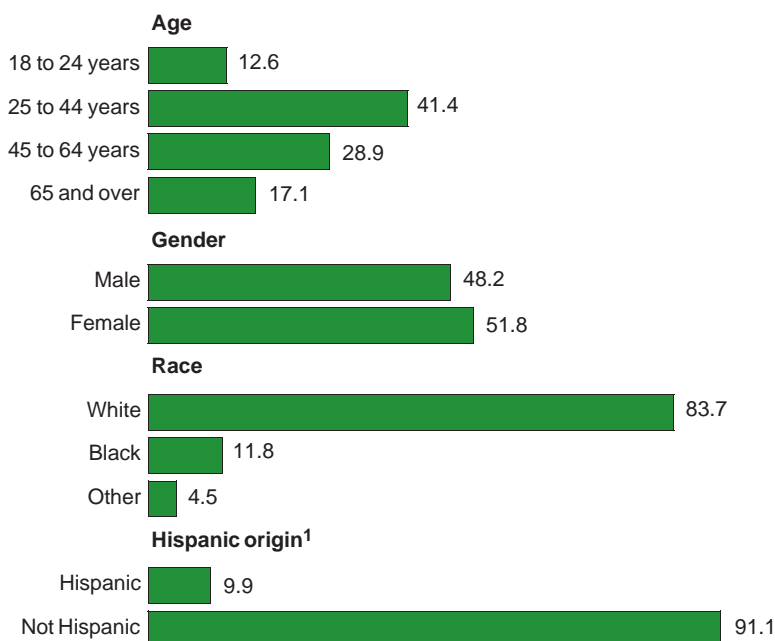
increase to 25 million (13 percent of the voting-age population) (Figure 1). Compared with the 1996 population, this group is projected to reverse its decline since 1981 in population size and increase by almost 2 percent. At the same time,

the largest percentage of the voting-age population (40 percent or 83 million people) will be 25-to-44 years old. This group is projected to decrease slowly in size by less than 1 percent between 1996 and 1998, as the Baby-Boom cohort, currently ages 34 to 52, moves into the next age group.

Most of the increase in the voting-age population since 1996 will be concentrated in the 45-to-64 year old age group (a 7 percent increase). In fact, since 1990, about three-quarters of the growth in the voting-age population has occurred in the 45-to-64 age group, also related to the aging of the

Figure 1.
Projected Voting-Age Population: November 1998

(In percent)



¹Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table A. **Population 18 Years and Over by Selected Ages, Gender, Race, and Hispanic Origin: November 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998**

[In thousands. Includes Armed Forces]

Characteristics	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998 ¹	Percent Change				
						1990-92	1992-94	1994-96	1996-98	1990-98
Total, 18 years and over . . .	185,888	189,687	193,163	196,928	200,927	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	8.1
Age:										
18 to 24 years	26,607	25,958	25,359	24,881	25,359	-2.4	-2.3	-1.9	1.9	-4.7
25 to 44 years	81,339	82,400	83,088	83,729	83,226	1.3	0.8	0.8	-0.6	2.3
45 to 64 years	46,490	48,839	51,392	54,332	57,970	5.1	5.2	5.7	6.7	24.7
65 years and over	31,452	32,490	33,324	33,986	34,373	3.3	2.6	2.0	1.1	9.3
Gender:										
Male	89,023	91,025	92,805	94,754	96,837	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	8.8
Female	96,864	98,662	100,358	102,175	104,090	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	7.5
Race:										
White	158,252	160,732	163,021	165,525	168,198	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	6.3
Black	20,851	21,567	22,211	22,933	23,715	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.4	13.7
Other	6,785	7,388	7,931	8,471	9,014	8.9	7.4	6.8	6.4	32.8
Hispanic Origin:										
Hispanic	14,864	16,014	17,250	18,580	19,947	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.4	34.2
Not Hispanic	171,024	173,673	175,913	178,348	180,981	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	5.8

Note: Hispanics may be of any race.

¹ Projection.

Baby Boom. By November 1998, this group is projected to include 58 million people or almost 30 percent of the voting-age population.

The size of the 65 and over population, who usually have high rates of voter participation, is expected to remain nearly the same as in 1996, at 34 million (17 percent of the voting-age population, about a 1 percent increase since the last election).

Utah will have the youngest voter population; Florida, the oldest.

At the time of the November 1998 election, more than 1 in 5 people of voting age will be less than 25 years old in Utah (22 percent), a state which historically has had very high birth rates and thus a younger than average overall population (Table 1). Other states with a high proportion of young voters are: Alaska (17 percent), Idaho and Wyoming (both at 16 percent), and Louisiana and Mississippi (both at 15 percent). Alaska will have proportionately more

of its voting-age population under age 45 (60 percent) than any other state.

Florida will be the only state with almost one-fourth of its voting-age population age 65 and over. In fact, more than one-half (52 percent) of its voting-age population will be age 45 and older. Pennsylvania and Rhode Island also are projected to have at least one-fifth of their voting-age populations age 65 and over.

The majority of the voting-age population will be women.

Women are projected to represent 52 percent of the voting-age population, outnumbering men by 7 million. They will exceed the number of men in all voting age groups except for ages 18-to-24, where the number of men will be 689,000 greater than women. Women will represent 59 percent of the population 65 years old and over. They will outnumber men in every state except Alaska (47 percent women) and Nevada (49 percent women). Women will outnumber men by the

largest margin in New York (751,000). Pennsylvania will also have more than 500,000 more women than men in the voting-age population. The District of Columbia and Mississippi will have the highest proportions of women in the voting-age population (54 percent and 53 percent, respectively).

Among the voting-age population, Whites will comprise 84 percent, Blacks 12 percent, and other races 5 percent. Hispanics are projected to constitute 10 percent.

By November 1998, the voting-age population will be comprised of 168 million Whites, 24 million Blacks, and about another 9 million people of other races. Hispanics (who may be of any race) will make up almost 20 million of this number. However, the voting strengths of the Hispanic and other populations are likely to be greatly reduced since about 40 percent of Hispanics and 35 percent of those who are of races other than White or Black are not

U.S. citizens, as measured in the March 1997 Current Population Survey.

Most of the increase since November 1996 in the voting-age population is projected to occur in the Black, other, and Hispanic groups, which are projected to grow at 3 percent, 6 percent, and 7 percent, respectively.

The District of Columbia will have a higher proportion of Blacks in its voting-age population (57 percent) than any state. At least 1 out of every 5 people of voting-age will be Black in Mississippi (33 percent), Louisiana (30 percent), South Carolina (28 percent), Georgia (27 percent), Maryland (27 percent), Alabama (24 percent), and North Carolina (21 percent).

The voting-age population of other races will be concentrated in the West, particularly in Hawaii (62 percent — mainly Asian or Pacific Islander), Alaska (17 percent — mainly American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut), California (13 percent — mainly Asian or Pacific Islander), and New Mexico (9 percent — mainly American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut). Other states in which more than 5 percent of their voting-age populations will be of other races are: Arizona, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Washington.

The Hispanic voting-age population will be concentrated in the southern and western parts of the United States with New Mexico projected to have 37 percent of its voting-age population Hispanic. Hispanics will constitute about one-quarter of the voting-age population in California and Texas (28 percent and 27 percent respectively). Other states who will have more than 10 percent of their voting-age population made up of Hispanics will be Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, and New York.

The Hispanic electorate will be younger than either the Black or White voting-age population in the November 1998 election. People under age 25 will make up 19 percent of the Hispanic electorate compared with 12 percent for Whites and 16 percent for Blacks.

Past voting-age population trends

In the past two decades, the voting-age population has shown a large increase (Table 2). In 1972, the first year people ages 18 to 20 were eligible to vote in all states, the voting-age population numbered 140.8 million. The 1998 voting-age population projection of 200.9 million represents a 43 percent increase.

The largest single biennial increase in the voting-age population occurred between 1970 and 1972 with the ratification of the 22nd Constitutional Amendment which lowered the legal voting age from 21 in most states to 18 in all states. Of the 16 million increase in the voting-age population between these two years, the 22nd Amendment was responsible for adding 11 million people to the voting-age population — population growth added the remaining 5 million.

Another major factor accounting for the increase in the size of the voting-age population between the 1970s and 1990s was the large number of births that occurred during the Baby Boom years of the mid-1950s to the early 1960s (over 4 million births per year). However, since 1982 when the smaller cohorts born after the Baby Boom began to reach age 18, the growth in the voting-age population has slowed from about 4 percent biennial growth in the 1970s, to around 3 percent in the early 1980s, to about 2 percent in recent years.

Voter turnout

Highest voter turnout traditionally occurs in the West North Central

States and New England (Table 3). Maine had the highest voter turnout of any state, with 64 percent of the population 18 years and over voting for a U.S. Representative in the 1996 election. Minnesota and Montana followed closely with 63 percent and 62 percent voter turnout. Other states with over 60 percent turnout were South Dakota and Wyoming. In the November 1994 congressional election, South Dakota had the highest voter turnout rate, with 59 percent of the electorate voting.

The lowest voter turnout for U.S. Representative in the November 1996 election was in Louisiana (15 percent). This may be explained partially by the fact that, in Louisiana, congressional seats are determined by open primaries held earlier in the year. Only in the case where no single candidate receives a majority of the votes is a run-off election held in November between the top two finishers. Overall, the South consistently has the lowest voter turnout, but the gap between the South and the remainder of the United States is not nearly as great now as it was before the Voting Rights Act of the 1960s.¹

Nationwide, voter turnout for the election of the House of Representatives in November 1994 was 36 percent, considerably less than that recorded for the presidential election of 1996, when 46 percent cast a ballot. Historically, voter turnout for the House of Representatives has been higher during presidential elections years than in “off years” (i.e., when there is not a presidential election as well). Declines in voter turnout in non-presidential years have been noted since the mid-1960s when about 45 percent of the electorate voted for U.S. Representatives. Voter turnout in non-presidential

¹Casper, Lynne M. and Loretta E. Bass, “Voting and Registration in the Election of November, 1996,” U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, P20–504, 1998.

years fell to a post-World War II low of 33 percent in 1990.

Source of Data

The voting-age population projections were constructed using the latest statistics available in January 1998 and were based on three main data sources from the Bureau of the Census: 1) state total population estimates through July 1997; 2) state population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin through July 1996; and 3) national population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin through July 1997. The November 3, 1998 projections were created by applying the 1996/1995 ratios for each age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, to the July 1, 1996 estimate and carrying the change forward through November 1998. For the 1996 and 1997 dates, the sum of the state totals was then prorated to be consistent with the national total estimates. A more detailed description of the methodology is available

on the Census Bureau's World-Wide Web site (<http://www.census.gov>). Because these projections are based on recent estimates, these data are not consistent with previously published population projections for the nation or states.

More Information

Detailed information on the characteristics of voters is collected in the November Current Population Survey every other year for the civilian non-institutionalized population as corrected for the 1990 net undercount and reported in the P20 series of the Current Population Reports, "Voting and Registration in the Election of November." In the year following an election, the Census Bureau releases official July 1 estimates of the voting-age population (to be released in 1999 for July 1998) to the Federal Election Commission. All of these data will be available on the Internet, at the Census Bureau's World-Wide Web

site (<http://www.census.gov>). Once on the site, click on "Subjects A-Z," then on "Voting."

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[In thousands. Population 18 years and over. Includes Armed Forces in each state]

State, race, and Hispanic origin	Total, 18 years and over	Male					Female				
		Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over	Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over
UNITED STATES											
Total	200,927	96,837	13,024	41,521	28,098	14,195	104,090	12,335	41,705	29,872	20,178
White	168,198	81,654	10,457	34,278	24,230	12,689	86,545	9,757	33,696	25,189	17,903
Black	23,715	10,907	1,907	5,151	2,729	1,120	12,807	1,922	5,759	3,388	1,737
Other	9,014	4,276	660	2,091	1,139	386	4,738	656	2,250	1,294	538
Hispanic	19,947	10,247	2,036	5,312	2,157	742	9,700	1,733	4,680	2,271	1,016
Not Hispanic.....	180,981	86,591	10,988	36,209	25,940	13,454	94,390	10,602	37,025	27,601	19,162
ALABAMA											
Total	3,293	1,551	220	644	462	226	1,742	219	670	511	342
White	2,474	1,186	148	482	372	184	1,288	144	477	395	272
Black	787	350	70	154	86	41	437	72	186	111	68
Other	32	15	2	7	4	1	17	3	8	5	1
Hispanic	28	15	3	9	3	1	13	2	7	3	1
Not Hispanic.....	3,265	1,536	217	635	459	225	1,729	216	663	508	341
ALASKA											
Total	437	231	39	100	77	16	206	36	87	65	18
White	347	187	29	79	65	13	161	26	68	52	14
Black	16	9	2	4	2	-	7	2	3	2	-
Other	74	36	7	16	10	3	38	8	16	11	4
Hispanic	16	9	2	4	2	-	7	2	3	2	-
Not Hispanic.....	422	223	37	95	75	16	199	35	84	63	17
ARIZONA											
Total	3,547	1,738	244	732	491	270	1,809	224	717	525	343
White	3,197	1,568	212	645	454	258	1,629	193	629	480	327
Black	121	62	11	33	15	4	59	10	30	14	6
Other	229	107	21	55	23	8	121	22	59	30	11
Hispanic	675	347	77	173	74	24	327	65	157	76	30
Not Hispanic.....	2,872	1,391	168	560	418	246	1,481	160	560	449	313
ARKANSAS											
Total	1,882	892	129	346	270	148	990	127	358	293	212
White	1,590	760	100	288	239	133	830	97	291	255	187
Black	270	121	27	52	28	14	149	28	62	35	24
Other	22	11	2	5	3	1	11	2	5	3	1
Hispanic	35	19	4	11	3	1	16	4	8	3	1
Not Hispanic.....	1,847	873	125	335	266	147	974	123	350	291	211
CALIFORNIA											
Total	23,665	11,744	1,673	5,417	3,099	1,555	11,922	1,436	5,181	3,209	2,096
White	18,915	9,486	1,327	4,317	2,518	1,324	9,429	1,109	4,001	2,549	1,770
Black	1,690	818	124	411	203	80	871	118	413	228	113
Other	3,061	1,440	222	689	379	150	1,621	209	767	432	213
Hispanic	6,653	3,550	751	1,934	645	219	3,102	572	1,595	643	291
Not Hispanic.....	17,013	8,193	921	3,483	2,454	1,336	8,819	864	3,585	2,565	1,805
COLORADO											
Total	2,961	1,448	191	620	467	170	1,513	184	620	480	229
White	2,750	1,345	175	569	440	162	1,405	167	568	451	219
Black	120	61	10	30	16	5	59	9	29	16	6
Other	91	42	7	21	11	3	49	7	23	13	5
Hispanic	370	186	36	87	48	15	185	34	82	49	20
Not Hispanic.....	2,590	1,262	155	533	419	154	1,329	150	538	431	210
CONNECTICUT											
Total	2,464	1,179	129	513	345	192	1,285	121	519	365	279
White	2,195	1,055	110	448	314	182	1,141	103	448	327	264
Black	206	94	15	48	23	8	112	15	54	30	13
Other	62	30	4	17	8	2	32	4	17	8	3
Hispanic	172	84	16	46	17	5	89	15	47	19	7
Not Hispanic.....	2,291	1,095	113	467	328	187	1,196	106	472	346	272

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DELAWARE											
Total	568	272	32	124	76	41	295	32	127	81	55
White	453	220	23	97	63	35	233	23	96	66	48
Black	102	47	7	24	11	5	55	8	27	14	6
Other	12	6	1	3	2	-	7	1	3	2	1
Hispanic	17	9	2	5	2	1	8	2	4	2	1
Not Hispanic.....	550	263	30	119	75	40	287	30	122	80	55
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
Total	414	189	17	91	54	28	225	19	98	63	45
White	163	80	9	40	22	9	83	11	40	20	12
Black	238	104	7	47	31	18	134	7	54	41	32
Other	13	6	1	3	1	-	8	1	4	2	1
Hispanic	29	15	1	10	3	1	14	1	8	3	1
Not Hispanic.....	385	175	16	81	51	27	210	17	90	59	44
FLORIDA											
Total	11,383	5,447	622	2,116	1,529	1,180	5,936	592	2,116	1,684	1,545
White	9,611	4,622	471	1,725	1,326	1,100	4,989	440	1,682	1,435	1,432
Black	1,530	713	134	335	173	71	817	134	371	211	100
Other	242	112	17	56	30	9	130	17	63	37	12
Hispanic	1,638	799	118	366	208	107	839	107	349	238	145
Not Hispanic.....	9,745	4,648	503	1,750	1,321	1,073	5,097	485	1,767	1,446	1,399
GEORGIA											
Total	5,678	2,722	388	1,252	787	296	2,957	372	1,291	840	453
White	4,048	1,982	251	884	609	239	2,066	236	855	620	354
Black	1,507	680	128	335	163	54	827	128	402	203	94
Other	123	60	9	33	15	3	63	9	34	17	4
Hispanic	153	84	16	52	13	4	69	13	39	12	5
Not Hispanic.....	5,525	2,638	372	1,200	773	292	2,888	359	1,253	828	448
HAWAII											
Total	878	437	64	175	126	72	442	57	165	133	87
White	308	164	24	73	47	20	144	18	60	43	22
Black	27	16	4	9	2	1	10	2	6	1	1
Other	544	257	36	93	77	51	287	36	99	88	64
Hispanic	62	33	7	17	7	3	29	6	13	7	3
Not Hispanic.....	816	403	57	158	119	69	413	51	152	125	84
IDAHO											
Total	888	440	74	171	133	61	448	71	167	134	77
White	864	428	72	165	131	60	436	68	161	131	76
Black	5	3	-	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
Other	20	9	2	5	2	1	10	2	5	2	1
Hispanic	54	30	7	16	6	1	25	6	12	5	2
Not Hispanic.....	834	410	68	156	127	60	424	64	156	128	75
ILLINOIS											
Total	8,755	4,209	573	1,824	1,215	596	4,546	530	1,837	1,296	883
White	7,233	3,515	453	1,506	1,031	526	3,718	410	1,470	1,061	776
Black	1,215	547	100	247	140	59	668	99	290	187	91
Other	307	146	21	71	44	11	160	21	76	47	16
Hispanic	775	415	82	225	84	23	360	69	182	79	29
Not Hispanic.....	7,979	3,794	491	1,599	1,131	573	4,186	461	1,655	1,216	854
INDIANA											
Total	4,410	2,115	289	901	627	298	2,295	279	916	663	437
White	4,024	1,938	258	819	582	279	2,086	246	822	608	410
Black	334	152	28	68	39	17	182	30	80	48	25
Other	52	25	3	14	6	1	27	3	14	7	2
Hispanic	94	48	9	25	10	4	46	9	23	10	4
Not Hispanic.....	4,316	2,067	280	876	617	294	2,249	270	892	653	433

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IOWA											
Total	2,157	1,035	141	411	311	172	1,122	134	407	327	254
White	2,091	1,002	135	393	304	170	1,089	128	391	318	251
Black	38	19	4	10	4	1	19	3	9	5	2
Other	28	14	2	8	3	1	15	2	8	4	1
Hispanic	36	19	4	11	3	1	17	4	9	4	1
Not Hispanic.....	2,121	1,016	137	400	308	171	1,105	130	399	323	253
KANSAS											
Total	1,925	931	131	387	268	145	994	124	382	280	208
White	1,775	857	119	349	250	139	917	112	346	260	199
Black	105	52	9	26	12	5	53	9	24	13	7
Other	46	22	3	11	5	1	24	4	12	7	2
Hispanic	86	45	9	24	9	3	41	8	20	9	4
Not Hispanic.....	1,839	886	123	363	258	142	953	116	362	271	204
KENTUCKY											
Total	2,990	1,426	207	585	435	198	1,564	200	603	467	294
White	2,764	1,321	189	535	410	187	1,443	182	548	436	277
Black	202	93	16	44	23	10	109	17	48	28	16
Other	24	12	2	6	3	1	12	2	6	3	1
Hispanic	22	12	2	7	2	1	10	1	6	2	1
Not Hispanic.....	2,968	1,414	205	578	433	197	1,554	199	597	465	293
LOUISIANA											
Total	3,149	1,485	234	608	441	202	1,664	238	640	488	298
White	2,166	1,042	142	418	327	155	1,124	141	418	341	225
Black	932	418	88	179	106	45	514	93	211	140	71
Other	51	25	4	12	7	2	26	4	12	8	2
Hispanic	81	40	6	19	11	4	41	6	17	11	6
Not Hispanic.....	3,068	1,445	228	589	430	198	1,624	232	623	477	292
MAINE											
Total	957	462	56	193	140	72	496	55	194	145	102
White	943	454	55	189	139	71	488	53	190	144	101
Black	5	3	-	2	1	-	2	-	1	-	-
Other	9	4	1	2	1	-	5	1	2	1	-
Hispanic	7	3	1	2	-	-	4	1	2	1	-
Not Hispanic.....	950	458	56	191	140	71	492	54	192	145	101
MARYLAND											
Total	3,824	1,834	217	835	539	242	1,989	210	865	566	348
White	2,650	1,296	140	566	395	194	1,354	130	553	393	278
Black	1,018	465	67	233	123	42	553	69	272	149	62
Other	156	74	10	36	22	6	82	10	40	24	8
Hispanic	127	64	11	38	13	4	63	9	34	14	6
Not Hispanic.....	3,696	1,770	207	798	527	239	1,926	201	831	552	343
MASSACHUSETTS											
Total	4,731	2,246	240	1,023	640	342	2,486	239	1,041	687	519
White	4,312	2,046	212	915	592	327	2,266	208	928	632	497
Black	258	122	18	64	30	10	136	21	65	35	15
Other	161	77	10	44	18	5	84	10	48	20	7
Hispanic	234	115	23	66	22	5	119	21	63	26	8
Not Hispanic.....	4,497	2,130	217	958	618	337	2,367	218	978	661	511
MICHIGAN											
Total	7,266	3,485	462	1,490	1,030	503	3,781	453	1,527	1,085	717
White	6,154	2,979	375	1,259	898	446	3,175	360	1,259	921	636
Black	958	431	76	191	112	52	527	81	228	143	75
Other	154	75	11	40	19	4	79	12	39	21	6
Hispanic	168	84	16	44	19	6	83	16	41	18	8
Not Hispanic.....	7,099	3,400	446	1,447	1,011	497	3,698	437	1,486	1,066	709

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		Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over	Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over
MINNESOTA											
Total	3,483	1,699	222	740	497	240	1,784	216	725	507	336
White	3,292	1,604	204	688	477	235	1,687	197	675	486	329
Black	87	44	8	25	9	2	43	8	23	8	3
Other	104	50	10	27	11	3	54	11	27	12	4
Hispanic	52	27	5	15	5	1	25	5	13	5	2
Not Hispanic.....	3,430	1,671	217	725	491	239	1,759	211	712	502	334
MISSISSIPPI											
Total	2,014	945	151	391	271	132	1,068	151	413	303	201
White	1,325	637	83	254	201	100	687	80	248	211	148
Black	670	299	67	132	69	32	371	69	160	89	53
Other	19	9	2	4	2	1	10	2	5	3	1
Hispanic	16	8	1	4	2	1	8	1	4	2	1
Not Hispanic.....	1,998	938	150	386	270	131	1,060	150	409	301	201
MISSOURI											
Total	4,042	1,925	257	802	565	301	2,116	250	820	606	440
White	3,575	1,714	222	702	513	278	1,861	212	707	538	404
Black	410	184	32	87	45	21	226	34	99	60	33
Other	56	27	4	14	7	2	29	4	14	8	3
Hispanic	55	28	5	15	6	2	27	4	14	6	3
Not Hispanic.....	3,986	1,897	252	787	559	299	2,089	246	806	600	437
MONTANA											
Total	658	324	47	118	108	51	333	45	116	108	65
White	620	306	43	110	104	50	314	41	107	103	63
Black	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other	35	17	4	8	4	1	18	4	8	5	2
Hispanic	9	5	1	2	1	-	4	1	2	1	-
Not Hispanic.....	649	320	46	116	107	50	329	44	114	106	65
NEBRASKA											
Total	1,231	594	86	241	174	93	637	85	238	180	133
White	1,162	561	80	224	167	91	601	78	222	172	130
Black	45	22	4	11	5	2	23	4	11	6	3
Other	23	11	3	6	2	1	12	2	6	3	1
Hispanic	46	24	5	14	4	2	21	4	11	4	2
Not Hispanic.....	1,185	569	81	227	170	91	616	81	228	176	131
NEVADA											
Total	1,314	668	79	287	207	94	646	75	266	197	109
White	1,143	586	67	246	186	86	557	63	224	172	98
Black	92	46	7	23	11	5	47	7	22	12	6
Other	79	37	5	18	10	3	42	5	20	13	5
Hispanic	177	95	17	53	19	6	82	15	43	17	7
Not Hispanic.....	1,138	574	62	234	189	88	564	60	223	179	102
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
Total	890	434	46	204	124	60	456	46	204	123	83
White	871	424	45	198	122	59	446	45	198	121	82
Black	7	4	-	2	1	-	3	-	2	1	-
Other	13	6	1	4	1	-	7	1	4	1	-
Hispanic	12	6	1	4	1	-	6	1	3	1	-
Not Hispanic.....	878	428	45	201	123	59	450	45	201	123	82
NEW JERSEY											
Total	6,075	2,898	343	1,239	861	455	3,177	326	1,266	924	661
White	4,913	2,357	262	977	714	405	2,556	245	978	747	586
Black	828	382	61	182	100	39	447	60	200	128	59
Other	334	159	20	80	48	11	174	22	88	49	15
Hispanic	680	334	55	174	80	25	346	52	170	89	35
Not Hispanic.....	5,395	2,563	288	1,065	781	430	2,831	274	1,096	835	626

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NEW MEXICO											
Total	1,250	609	92	247	183	86	641	90	248	194	108
White	1,104	539	79	212	167	81	565	77	212	175	101
Black	33	17	3	9	4	2	16	3	8	4	2
Other	113	52	10	26	12	4	61	10	29	15	6
Hispanic	465	229	44	100	61	24	236	42	99	64	31
Not Hispanic.....	784	380	48	148	122	62	405	47	149	130	78
NEW YORK											
Total	13,590	6,419	793	2,764	1,886	977	7,170	762	2,854	2,094	1,460
White	10,537	5,019	574	2,103	1,501	841	5,518	540	2,124	1,612	1,243
Black	2,278	1,024	169	475	273	106	1,254	173	535	369	178
Other	774	377	49	187	111	30	397	50	195	113	39
Hispanic	1,760	841	145	420	211	65	919	138	420	253	107
Not Hispanic.....	11,830	5,578	648	2,344	1,675	912	6,252	624	2,434	1,841	1,353
NORTH CAROLINA											
Total	5,685	2,716	360	1,181	800	376	2,969	330	1,202	871	566
White	4,387	2,125	254	905	650	316	2,262	229	882	687	464
Black	1,165	527	95	242	134	56	638	90	285	167	96
Other	133	64	11	33	15	4	69	10	35	18	6
Hispanic	106	62	13	38	9	2	45	8	25	8	3
Not Hispanic.....	5,578	2,654	347	1,143	791	373	2,924	322	1,177	863	562
NORTH DAKOTA											
Total	476	235	36	93	67	39	240	32	88	68	53
White	452	224	33	88	65	38	228	29	82	66	52
Black	3	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Other	20	10	2	5	2	-	11	2	5	2	1
Hispanic	5	3	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
Not Hispanic.....	471	233	35	92	67	39	238	31	87	68	53
OHIO											
Total	8,401	3,995	530	1,677	1,179	609	4,406	520	1,723	1,272	891
White	7,415	3,547	456	1,474	1,062	554	3,869	444	1,489	1,125	811
Black	879	397	67	177	102	52	482	69	208	130	75
Other	107	51	7	26	15	3	56	7	27	17	5
Hispanic	116	57	12	28	13	5	59	11	28	14	6
Not Hispanic.....	8,285	3,938	518	1,649	1,166	605	4,347	510	1,695	1,258	885
OKLAHOMA											
Total	2,463	1,186	176	466	360	185	1,277	165	467	384	261
White	2,094	1,011	141	387	316	166	1,083	132	385	333	233
Black	173	82	15	39	20	8	91	15	40	23	13
Other	196	93	20	40	23	10	103	18	42	28	15
Hispanic	76	40	8	22	8	2	37	8	18	8	3
Not Hispanic.....	2,387	1,146	167	444	352	183	1,240	157	449	377	258
OREGON											
Total	2,484	1,214	160	486	385	184	1,270	150	480	393	247
White	2,339	1,144	149	449	367	179	1,195	138	443	374	240
Black	42	22	3	11	5	2	20	4	10	5	2
Other	103	49	7	26	12	4	54	8	27	14	5
Hispanic	123	69	14	40	12	3	54	11	28	11	4
Not Hispanic.....	2,361	1,145	146	447	372	181	1,216	139	451	382	244
PENNSYLVANIA											
Total	9,118	4,303	503	1,770	1,268	761	4,814	491	1,801	1,384	1,138
White	8,160	3,866	439	1,565	1,153	709	4,294	424	1,578	1,239	1,054
Black	804	365	55	168	95	48	440	57	183	123	77
Other	153	73	10	38	20	5	80	11	40	22	7
Hispanic	201	101	19	54	22	6	100	18	50	23	9
Not Hispanic.....	8,917	4,202	484	1,716	1,246	755	4,715	473	1,751	1,361	1,130

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RHODE ISLAND											
Total	751	354	38	159	96	61	397	37	161	104	94
White	701	330	34	146	90	59	371	33	148	98	92
Black	33	16	3	8	4	1	17	3	8	4	2
Other	17	8	1	5	2	1	9	1	5	2	1
Hispanic	40	20	3	11	4	1	20	3	11	5	2
Not Hispanic.....	711	334	35	148	92	60	377	34	150	100	93
SOUTH CAROLINA											
Total	2,886	1,371	192	582	408	188	1,516	189	604	445	277
White	2,053	995	119	413	312	150	1,058	115	405	325	213
Black	802	361	70	162	92	37	441	72	190	116	63
Other	31	14	2	8	4	1	17	3	9	5	1
Hispanic	31	16	3	9	3	1	15	3	8	3	1
Not Hispanic.....	2,855	1,354	189	573	405	187	1,501	187	596	442	276
SOUTH DAKOTA											
Total	538	261	39	103	75	44	277	39	100	77	61
White	500	243	35	94	71	43	257	34	92	73	59
Black	4	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other	34	16	4	7	3	1	18	5	8	4	2
Hispanic	5	3	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
Not Hispanic.....	533	259	39	101	75	44	275	38	99	77	60
TENNESSEE											
Total	4,120	1,956	262	825	599	270	2,164	254	856	650	404
White	3,457	1,656	208	682	525	241	1,801	199	690	556	356
Black	617	278	51	131	68	28	339	51	155	87	46
Other	46	22	3	11	6	1	24	4	11	7	2
Hispanic	41	22	4	13	4	1	19	3	11	4	2
Not Hispanic.....	4,078	1,934	258	812	595	269	2,144	251	845	646	402
TEXAS											
Total	14,299	6,969	1,068	3,069	1,994	838	7,329	1,012	3,035	2,103	1,180
White	12,143	5,947	893	2,561	1,741	752	6,196	836	2,501	1,806	1,053
Black	1,685	795	141	391	192	70	890	141	414	228	106
Other	471	228	34	117	61	15	243	35	119	68	20
Hispanic	3,799	1,918	411	932	430	146	1,881	370	854	456	201
Not Hispanic.....	10,499	5,051	657	2,137	1,564	692	5,449	642	2,181	1,647	979
UTAH											
Total	1,432	703	153	293	176	81	729	156	288	183	102
White	1,369	672	147	277	170	78	697	149	272	176	99
Black	13	7	1	4	1	-	6	1	3	1	-
Other	51	24	5	12	5	2	27	6	13	6	2
Hispanic	87	45	10	24	8	3	42	10	20	8	4
Not Hispanic.....	1,345	658	143	268	168	78	687	146	268	174	99
VERMONT											
Total	448	218	25	95	68	30	230	24	96	69	42
White	439	214	24	93	67	30	225	22	93	68	42
Black	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other	6	3	1	1	-	-	3	1	2	-	-
Hispanic	5	2	1	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	-
Not Hispanic.....	443	216	24	94	68	30	227	23	95	68	42
VIRGINIA											
Total	5,165	2,494	335	1,115	730	314	2,671	316	1,137	763	455
White	3,991	1,944	247	842	594	260	2,047	229	840	604	374
Black	979	460	73	227	112	48	520	72	245	130	73
Other	194	91	15	46	24	6	104	15	52	29	9
Hispanic	175	89	16	52	17	4	86	15	47	19	6
Not Hispanic.....	4,990	2,405	319	1,063	713	311	2,584	301	1,090	744	449

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WASHINGTON											
Total	4,257	2,104	283	909	628	284	2,154	263	889	627	375
White	3,819	1,890	248	800	575	267	1,929	229	778	570	353
Black	143	76	13	41	17	5	67	12	35	14	6
Other	295	138	22	69	36	11	157	23	76	42	17
Hispanic	223	121	28	67	21	5	101	23	53	19	7
Not Hispanic.....	4,035	1,982	255	842	606	278	2,052	241	836	607	368
WEST VIRGINIA											
Total	1,406	666	94	245	216	111	739	92	253	232	164
White	1,354	642	91	235	209	108	712	88	241	225	158
Black	43	20	3	9	5	3	23	3	9	6	5
Other	9	4	1	2	1	-	5	1	2	2	1
Hispanic	7	3	1	2	1	-	4	1	2	1	-
Not Hispanic.....	1,399	663	94	244	215	110	736	91	251	231	163
WISCONSIN											
Total	3,877	1,882	251	794	553	285	1,994	242	783	569	400
White	3,616	1,757	225	730	525	276	1,859	217	718	536	389
Black	186	89	18	45	20	6	97	18	47	24	8
Other	74	36	7	19	8	2	38	7	19	9	3
Hispanic	82	43	9	23	9	3	39	9	19	8	3
Not Hispanic.....	3,794	1,840	242	771	545	282	1,955	233	764	560	397
WYOMING											
Total	354	177	29	66	58	24	177	27	63	56	31
White	341	171	27	63	56	24	171	25	60	55	30
Black	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Other	9	4	1	2	1	-	5	1	2	1	-
Hispanic	17	9	2	4	2	1	9	2	4	2	1
Not Hispanic.....	336	168	27	62	55	23	168	25	59	54	30

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Note: Hispanics may be of any race.

Table 2. Participation in Elections for President and U.S. Representatives: 1930 to 1996

[Numbers in thousands]

Year	Population of voting age	Voted for President	Percent of voting- age population	Voted for U.S. Representative	Percent of voting- age population
1930	73,623	(X)	(X)	24,777	33.7
1932	75,768	39,758	52.5	37,657	49.7
1934	77,997	(X)	(X)	32,256	41.4
1936	80,174	45,654	56.9	42,886	53.5
1938	82,354	(X)	(X)	36,236	44.0
1940	84,728	49,900	58.9	46,951	55.4
1942	86,465	(X)	(X)	28,074	32.5
1944	85,654	47,977	56.0	45,103	52.7
1946	82,659	(X)	(X)	34,398	37.1
1948	95,573	48,794	51.1	45,933	48.1
1950	98,134	(X)	(X)	40,342	41.1
1952	99,929	61,551	61.6	57,571	57.6
1954	102,075	(X)	(X)	42,580	41.7
1956	104,515	62,027	59.3	58,426	55.9
1958	106,447	(X)	(X)	45,818	43.0
1960	109,672	68,838	62.8	64,133	58.5
1962	112,952	(X)	(X)	51,267	45.4
1964	114,090	70,645	61.9	65,895	57.8
1966	116,638	(X)	(X)	52,908	45.4
1968	120,285	73,212	60.9	66,288	55.1
1970	124,498	(X)	(X)	54,173	43.5
1972	140,777	77,719	55.2	71,430	50.7
1974	146,338	(X)	(X)	52,495	35.9
1976	152,308	81,556	53.5	74,422	48.9
1978	158,369	(X)	(X)	55,332	34.9
1980	163,945	86,515	52.9	77,995	47.6
1982	169,643	(X)	(X)	64,514	38.0
1984	173,995	92,653	53.3	83,231	47.8
1986	177,922	(X)	(X)	59,619	33.5
1988	181,956	91,595	50.3	81,786	44.9
1990	185,888	(X)	(X)	61,513	33.1
1992	189,687	104,425	55.1	96,239	50.7
1994	193,163	(X)	(X)	70,607	36.6
1996	196,928	96,273	48.9	89,863	45.6

X Not applicable.

Notes: As of November 1, includes Armed Forces. Prior to 1960, excludes Alaska and Hawaii. Population 18 years and over beginning 1972; prior to 1972, population 21 years and over except population 18 years and over in Georgia since 1944, 18 years and over in Kentucky since 1956, 19 years and over in Alaska since 1959, and 20 years and over in Hawaii since 1959. Beginning in 1972, includes votes cast for the delegate in the District of Columbia.

Source for voting data: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Elections various issues, and Congressional Quarterly, Inc., Washington, DC, America Votes, biennial (copyright).

Table 3. **Estimates of the Voting-Age Population, November 1, 1990 to 1996 and Percent Casting Votes for U.S. Representatives, by State: November 1994 and 1996**

[Numbers in thousands]

Region, division, and state	Population 18 years and over						Percent casting votes for U.S. Representative	
	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	Percent change 1996 to 1998	1994	1996
United States	185,888	189,687	193,163	196,928	200,927	2.0	36.6	45.6
Northeast	38,907	38,892	38,921	38,940	39,024	0.2	37.0	46.5
New England	10,148	10,088	10,096	10,156	10,241	0.8	43.7	53.3
Middle Atlantic	28,759	28,804	28,825	28,784	28,783	-	34.6	44.1
Midwest	44,272	44,855	45,372	46,027	46,560	1.2	41.4	52.6
East North Central	31,232	31,640	31,944	32,379	32,709	1.0	38.7	50.9
West North Central	13,039	13,215	13,428	13,648	13,851	1.5	47.8	56.8
South	63,848	65,683	67,482	69,280	71,217	2.8	31.4	40.9
South Atlantic	33,255	34,223	35,102	36,015	37,008	2.8	30.4	41.8
East South Central	11,304	11,562	11,839	12,123	12,417	2.4	33.2	44.5
West South Central	19,289	19,897	20,541	21,143	21,793	3.1	32.3	37.5
West	38,861	40,256	41,388	42,681	44,126	3.4	39.2	44.9
Mountain	9,845	10,371	11,066	11,772	12,403	5.4	40.1	47.5
Pacific	29,017	29,886	30,323	30,909	31,723	2.6	38.8	43.9
New England:								
Maine	925	931	934	943	957	1.5	53.9	63.6
New Hampshire	833	833	848	869	890	2.4	36.4	56.5
Vermont	422	428	435	442	448	1.3	48.5	57.7
Massachusetts	4,655	4,621	4,635	4,677	4,731	1.2	42.6	51.5
Rhode Island	778	771	760	754	751	-0.4	45.0	47.7
Connecticut	2,534	2,505	2,484	2,471	2,464	-0.3	43.0	52.4
Middle Atlantic:								
New York	13,719	13,702	13,683	13,610	13,590	-0.1	33.7	40.8
New Jersey	5,931	5,949	5,973	6,023	6,075	0.9	33.6	46.9
Pennsylvania	9,110	9,153	9,169	9,150	9,118	-0.4	36.8	47.2
East North Central:								
Ohio	8,103	8,199	8,262	8,334	8,401	0.8	39.9	52.7
Indiana	4,133	4,217	4,286	4,346	4,410	1.5	36.1	48.4
Illinois	8,518	8,597	8,654	8,703	8,755	0.6	35.2	47.4
Michigan	6,866	6,941	6,986	7,177	7,266	1.2	43.0	51.6
Wisconsin	3,613	3,686	3,756	3,819	3,877	1.5	38.8	56.3
West North Central:								
Minnesota	3,221	3,280	3,352	3,417	3,483	1.9	52.2	62.7
Iowa	2,063	2,091	2,112	2,135	2,157	1.0	46.3	56.3
Missouri	3,817	3,857	3,916	3,981	4,042	1.5	45.1	53.2
North Dakota	465	465	470	475	476	0.1	50.0	55.4
South Dakota	499	507	520	533	538	1.0	58.8	60.6
Nebraska	1,154	1,173	1,190	1,211	1,231	1.6	48.0	54.7
Kansas	1,820	1,842	1,868	1,896	1,925	1.5	43.8	55.3
South Atlantic:								
Delaware	506	521	535	551	568	3.0	36.5	48.5
Maryland	3,633	3,697	3,752	3,786	3,824	1.0	35.8	43.3
District of Columbia	488	470	450	428	414	-3.3	(NA)	(NA)
Virginia	4,713	4,850	4,967	5,058	5,165	2.1	38.4	43.5
West Virginia	1,359	1,380	1,396	1,401	1,406	0.3	29.1	37.3
North Carolina	5,058	5,191	5,346	5,512	5,685	3.1	29.7	45.6
South Carolina	2,596	2,672	2,710	2,792	2,886	3.4	32.0	37.9
Georgia	4,794	4,998	5,216	5,432	5,678	4.5	28.7	39.8
Florida	10,106	10,444	10,729	11,055	11,383	3.0	26.6	42.4
East South Central:								
Kentucky	2,755	2,809	2,866	2,926	2,990	2.2	27.4	42.3
Tennessee	3,689	3,790	3,901	4,009	4,120	2.8	36.3	44.5
Alabama	3,011	3,087	3,150	3,221	3,293	2.2	35.4	45.6
Mississippi	1,849	1,876	1,922	1,966	2,014	2.4	32.3	46.0

Table 3. **Estimates of the Voting-Age Population, November 1, 1990 to 1996 and Percent Casting Votes for U.S. Representatives, by State: November 1994 and 1996—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands]

Region, division, and state	Population 18 years and over						Percent casting votes for U.S. Representative	
	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	Percent change 1996 to 1998	1994	1996
West South Central:								
Arkansas.....	1,739	1,774	1,819	1,854	1,882	1.5	39.0	46.5
Louisiana.....	3,013	3,054	3,091	3,117	3,149	1.0	(X)	21.2
Oklahoma.....	2,311	2,357	2,389	2,423	2,463	1.7	40.6	48.7
Texas.....	12,226	12,712	13,243	13,748	14,299	4.0	31.1	38.0
Mountain:								
Montana.....	579	599	627	647	658	1.6	56.1	62.4
Idaho.....	707	753	805	847	888	4.9	48.8	58.3
Wyoming.....	319	330	341	348	354	1.6	57.4	60.3
Colorado.....	2,440	2,570	2,724	2,841	2,961	4.2	38.8	51.4
New Mexico.....	1,075	1,122	1,177	1,216	1,250	2.8	39.3	45.1
Arizona.....	2,690	2,810	3,035	3,321	3,547	6.8	36.2	40.8
Utah.....	1,113	1,177	1,254	1,347	1,432	6.3	40.2	49.3
Nevada.....	922	1,008	1,103	1,204	1,314	9.2	34.1	37.4
Pacific:								
Washington.....	3,633	3,821	3,978	4,112	4,257	3.5	42.4	52.9
Oregon.....	2,135	2,231	2,323	2,404	2,484	3.3	51.4	55.5
California.....	22,032	22,571	22,737	23,095	23,665	2.5	36.7	41.1
Alaska.....	380	405	414	423	437	3.4	50.2	55.3
Hawaii.....	837	858	871	875	878	0.4	40.3	40.3

NA Not available. X Not applicable. - Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Notes: In Louisiana, Congressional seats are determined by open primaries held earlier in the election year. Only in the case where no single candidate receives a majority of the votes is a run-off election held in November between the two top finishers.

Sources: Estimates of the voting-age population are derived from Hollmann, Kuzmeskus, Perkins, and Weber, "U.S. Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 1997," U.S. Bureau of the Census, PPL-91, and Estimates of the Population of the U.S., Regions, and States, ST-96-10, Product Announcement CB97-64, April 21, 1997, US Bureau of the Census. Percent casting votes from Congressional Quarterly, Inc. Washington, DC, America Votes, biennial (copyright).