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PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR STATES: NOVEMBER 1972

This report presents projections of the population of voting age for States by race and broad age groups for the presidential election of November 1972.[1] Also included are estimates of the proportion casting votes for President or Congress in 1968 and 1970 election years. Appendix tables show current residence requirements and dates of Presidential and Congressional primaries.

As a result of the ratification of the 26th amendment to the United States Constitution, the voting age population in November 1972 will include all persons 18 years old and over. The tables in this report relate to persons 18 years old and over in all States and the District of Columbia, including members of the Armed Forces stationed in each State. They exclude overseas Armed Forces and civilian employees and their dependents who would be eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their home State.

In the 1970 general election, the voting-age population included persons 21 years old and over except in the States of Georgia and Kentucky (18 years old and over), Alaska (19 years old and over) and Hawaii (20 years old and over).

Since 1968, the date of the last presidential election, the population of voting-age showed a net increase of 19.4 million, reaching a total of 140 million persons in November 1972. This represents a 16.1 percent increase in the voting-age population during the 4-year period. This unusually large increase in the voting-age population came about by the addition of nearly 11 million new potential voters as a result of lowering the voting age requirement to age 18 and by the large number of persons reaching their majority since the 1968 election. For the upcoming election, a record number of persons--25 million--will be old enough to vote for President for the first time.

Approximately two-thirds of the total resident population is of voting age. Forty-six percent of these will be 45 years old and over (table 1).

Of all persons of voting age in November 1972, 124 million will be white and 14 million will be black. The black voting-age population, which will comprise 10 percent of the total electorate, will be somewhat younger than the white population of voting age. Some 77 percent of the former will be over 25, compared with 82 percent of the white population. Blacks will be 8 percent or less of the voting-age population in the North and West, but more than double this percentage in the South (table A).

[1]The figures for November 1972 contained in this report are not intended to meet the purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, which requires estimates of the voting age population in the year preceding an election. Estimates for 1971 under the provisions of that law will be published in the Federal Register in April 1972 and such later dates as necessary.

Table A. Negro Population as a Percent of the Voting-Age Population in the United States and Regions, by Age: November 1972

Age	United States	North-east	North-Central	South	West
18 years and over..	10.0	8.5	7.6	16.4	4.6
Under 25 years.....	13.6	11.4	10.1	22.3	6.1
25 to 44 years.....	10.6	10.5	8.4	15.9	5.1
45 to 64 years.....	8.9	7.0	6.7	15.4	4.0
65 years and over.....	7.9	5.1	5.3	15.2	2.8

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Nearly 61 percent or 73 million persons of voting age cast votes for Presidential electors in the November 1968 election and 55 percent cast votes for U.S. Representatives (table 3). If the same percent cast votes for President in 1972 as in 1968 (and those under 21 participate, on the average, the same as those 21 and over), about 85 million voters would be expected to go to the polls this November.

Participation in voting for presidential candidates has been traditionally greater than in voting for U.S. Representatives. In 1968, as in earlier presidential election years, the proportion of the population of voting age casting votes for President was higher than the proportion casting votes for U.S. Representatives.[2]

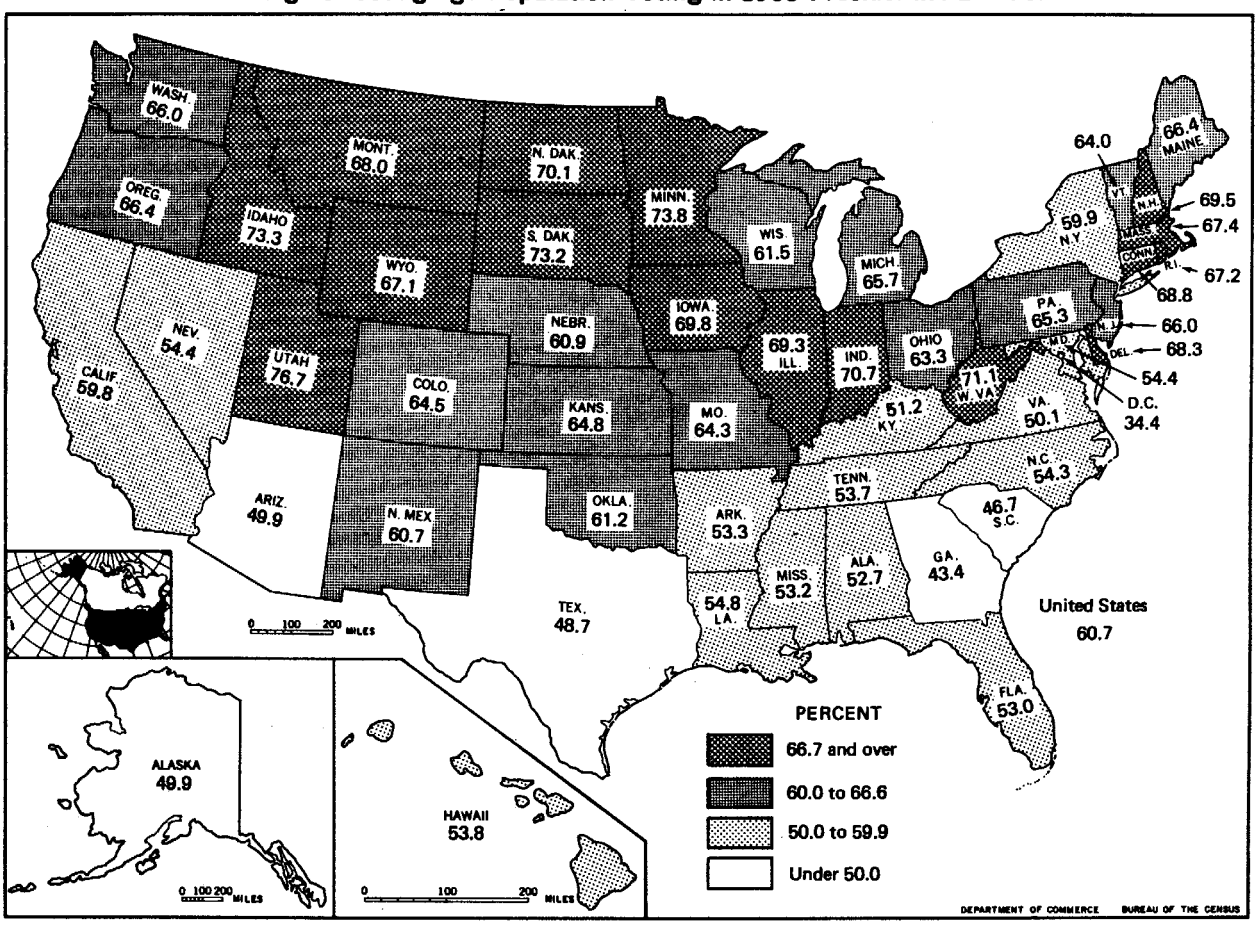
Voting for Congress in nonpresidential elections has been consistently much lighter than for presidential years. In 1970, a nonpresidential election year, 44 percent of the voting-age population cast votes for Representatives--10 percentage points lower than in the 1968 presidential year.

Voter participation in the 1968 presidential election varied widely by region and State (table 3). In five States--Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, and Texas--and the District of Columbia, less than half the voting-age population voted (see map). Seven States on the other hand, had more than 70 percent voting, with Utah highest at 77 percent. In the South 52 percent of the voting-age population voted,[3] compared with 61 percent in the West, 64 percent in the Northeast and 67 percent in the North Central region. Since 1960, however, the level of voter participation has declined nationally and in each region outside the

[2] U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1971 (92nd Annual Edition) p. 364.

[3] By comparison the Current Population Survey shows 60 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population in the South reported they had voted in the 1968 election. See Series P-20, No. 192.

Percentage of Voting-Age Population Voting in 1968 Presidential Election



South, while the proportion voting in the South has risen substantially.

California has the largest voting-age population (13.9 million), followed by New York (12.8 million), Pennsylvania (8.2 million), Texas (7.7 million), Illinois (7.5 million), and Ohio (7.2 million). The State with the smallest voting-age population is Alaska (200,000).

The population of voting age includes a considerable number of persons who meet the age requirement but cannot register to vote. Among these persons are aliens. About 2.7 million persons were registered under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in January 1971. The majority of these were residents of the United States and of voting age. Some others are not permitted to vote because they have been committed to prisons, mental hospitals, and other institutions. Among citizens of voting age, many are unable to vote because they have not satisfied State requirements as to length of residence in their State, county, or election precinct.[4]

It is not possible at this time to prepare satisfactory estimates of the number of persons in most of the categories of persons ineligible to vote. Hence, estimates of the number of persons who will be actually eligible to vote in the 1972 election are not offered here.[5]

In 1970 there were overseas approximately 1,024,000 members of the Armed Forces and 195,000 civilians and dependents of Armed Forces or civilian employees of voting age who are citizens of the United States, many of whom are eligible to vote in their home States. An estimate of the number of such persons in November 1972 is not available. Between the census and December 1971, the overseas Armed Forces have declined by more than 300,000.

METHODOLOGY

The projections of the population of voting age by State for November 1972 by age and race were based on the 1970 census published in 1970 Census of Population, PC(1)-B, and provisional July 1971 estimates of the total resident population of States published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 468. The 1971 State totals were extended to November 1972 by linear extrapolation using the estimated growth rate between 1967 and 1971 and then used as overall controls for the voting-age population.

In developing estimates by age and race, each State's share of the national population by age and race on April 1970 was projected to November 1972 and then adjusted to independent projections of the national population by age and race. As a final step, the estimates were so adjusted that the sum of the estimates by age and race for each State equaled the estimate of the total resident population of voting age for that State.

The estimates of the population of voting age for States for November 1968 and 1970 were based on intercensal estimates of the total resident population published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 460. These estimates, were derived first by developing postcensal estimates of States based on the 1960 census counts; data on births, deaths, and net migration; estimates of net movement of civilians into the Armed Forces between April 1960 and the estimate date; and the number of Armed Forces stationed in each State on the estimate date. These initial estimates were then adjusted to bring them in line with the results of the 1970 census.[6] Then the proportion of each State which was 21 years old or over (18 and over in Kentucky and Georgia; 20 and over in Hawaii and 19 and over in Alaska) in the two consecutive censuses was derived. Linear interpolation and extrapolation between the 1960 and 1970 censuses provided an estimate for each State for 1968 and 1970. These proportions were then applied to the appropriate annual estimates of the total population for States to yield estimates of the voting-age population. As a final step, these estimates were adjusted to add to an independent estimate of the voting-age population for the United States as a whole.

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[4] The Voting Rights Act Amendment of 1970 eliminated the residency requirement as a precondition to voting for President and Vice President of the United States. Further, many States have greatly liberalized their residency requirements for other national, State and local officials. Currently, 25 of the States require a residence in the State of one year; Minnesota requires 30 days and the remaining States require from 3 to 6 months--See appendix table A-1.

[5] For a review of estimates of the population disqualified from voting from one or another of the above conditions in 1968, see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 406. A more detailed discussion of this "Ineligible" population in the 1964 election is contained in Meyer Zitter and Donald E. Starsinic, "Estimates of Eligible Voters in Small Areas: Some First Approximations," American Statistical Association: Proceedings of the Social Statistics Section, 1966.

[6] A more detailed description of the procedure for developing the intercensal estimates of the total population by State is given in the text of Series P-25, No. 460.

RELATED REPORTS

The estimates of the voting-age population for November 1972 are consistent with estimates of the population of States for July 1971 published in Series P-25, No. 468 and with the 1970 census population of voting age for States published in 1970 Census of Population in Series PC(S1)-3. The latter report shows the number of persons of voting age by race, age, and sex, median age of the voting-age population, percent black, percent male, and percent 65 years old and over in April 1970 for regions, divisions, and States.

Estimates of the voting-age population for November 1972 for limited age groups together with detailed information on the characteristics of young potential voters (18 to 24) are published in Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 230.

Data on reported voter participation and registration of the population of voting age, by race and sex for the United States and regions in the November 1970 Congressional election are contained in Series P-20, No. 228.

ROUNDING OF ESTIMATES

The estimates presented in the tables of this report have been rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals which are independently rounded. The percentages are based on unrounded numbers.

Table 1. Summary of Selected Characteristics of the Voting Age Population: November 1972 and April 1970

(Includes persons 18 years old and over in each state)

Region, division, and State	1972 projection						1970 census	
	Percent of total population	Percent of the voting age population					Median age	Percent male
		Under 25 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over	Negro		
United States	66.8	18.4	36.0	30.6	15.0	10.0	43.0	47.5
REGIONS:								
Northeast	68.3	16.7	35.2	32.4	15.7	8.5	44.3	46.6
North Central	66.0	18.2	35.7	30.6	15.5	7.6	43.3	47.5
South	66.3	19.3	36.1	29.9	14.7	16.4	42.3	47.5
West	66.7	19.4	37.5	29.6	13.5	4.6	41.5	48.6
NORTHEAST:								
New England	67.6	18.0	34.6	31.3	16.0	3.1	43.9	46.9
Middle Atlantic	68.5	16.3	35.3	32.7	15.6	10.2	44.5	46.5
NORTH CENTRAL:								
East North Central	65.7	18.2	36.4	30.8	14.6	9.1	42.9	47.5
West North Central	66.5	18.0	33.9	30.2	17.8	4.0	44.3	47.6
SOUTH:								
South Atlantic	67.0	19.2	36.3	29.9	14.5	18.0	42.2	47.6
East South Central	65.8	19.1	35.4	30.3	15.2	16.7	42.8	47.2
West South Central	65.5	19.5	36.3	29.5	14.7	13.6	42.2	47.7
WEST:								
Mountain	64.2	20.1	37.6	29.1	13.2	2.0	41.1	48.7
Pacific	67.5	19.2	37.5	29.7	13.5	5.4	41.7	48.6
NEW ENGLAND:								
Maine	66.4	17.7	33.8	30.9	17.6	0.3	44.5	47.5
New Hampshire	66.6	18.4	35.4	30.1	16.1	0.3	43.2	47.7
Vermont	65.8	19.7	34.6	29.2	16.4	0.2	42.8	47.5
Massachusetts	68.0	18.2	34.0	31.1	16.6	2.9	44.1	46.2
Rhode Island	69.3	19.8	32.6	31.6	16.0	2.6	44.1	48.2
Connecticut	67.3	16.8	36.4	32.4	14.3	5.5	43.7	47.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:								
New York	68.9	16.5	35.7	31.9	15.8	11.6	44.1	46.3
New Jersey	67.7	15.8	36.6	33.0	14.5	9.9	44.1	47.1
Pennsylvania	68.3	16.4	33.9	33.7	16.0	8.1	45.2	46.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Ohio	65.9	18.2	36.4	31.0	14.4	8.7	42.9	47.1
Indiana	65.6	18.7	36.5	30.1	14.7	6.4	42.5	47.5
Illinois	66.9	17.4	36.3	31.4	14.9	11.8	43.3	47.3
Michigan	64.4	19.0	37.1	30.6	13.3	11.0	42.2	47.9
Wisconsin	65.2	18.4	34.5	30.4	16.6	2.6	43.7	47.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Minnesota	64.8	18.5	35.2	29.5	16.8	0.9	43.2	47.8
Iowa	66.5	17.2	33.2	30.7	18.9	1.1	45.1	47.3
Missouri	67.8	17.3	34.0	30.8	17.9	9.3	44.6	46.9
North Dakota	64.4	19.3	33.2	30.6	16.9	0.5	43.9	50.1
South Dakota	64.8	18.3	32.1	30.7	18.9	0.3	45.2	48.8
Nebraska	66.8	18.1	33.5	29.7	18.7	2.4	44.5	47.8
Kansas	67.8	16.9	33.5	29.9	17.7	4.3	44.0	48.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC:								
Delaware	65.1	18.7	38.8	30.1	12.4	12.7	41.4	47.6
Maryland	65.8	18.7	39.3	30.3	11.7	16.4	41.2	47.8
District of Columbia	71.4	21.3	37.1	28.4	13.2	70.0	40.2	45.0
Virginia	66.9	20.8	38.1	29.2	11.9	16.3	40.5	48.7
West Virginia	67.7	17.3	33.0	33.0	16.6	3.3	45.2	47.1
North Carolina	66.4	21.1	37.1	29.4	12.4	19.2	40.8	47.9
South Carolina	64.2	22.2	37.1	29.1	11.6	25.6	40.1	48.1
Georgia	65.3	20.6	36.1	28.8	12.4	22.5	40.4	47.3
Florida	89.9	16.0	32.3	30.8	21.1	12.2	48.5	47.0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Kentucky	66.4	19.3	34.8	30.0	16.0	6.6	43.0	47.9
Tennessee	67.2	18.7	36.2	30.4	14.7	13.8	42.6	47.0
Alabama	65.2	18.9	35.8	30.6	14.7	22.1	42.8	46.8
Mississippi	63.0	19.8	34.0	30.1	16.1	29.6	43.2	47.0
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Arkansas	66.9	17.2	32.6	31.5	18.7	14.6	45.5	47.2
Louisiana	63.0	20.4	36.7	29.4	13.5	26.3	41.5	47.4
Oklahoma	68.3	18.1	34.1	30.5	17.3	5.8	44.2	47.5
Texas	65.3	19.8	37.3	29.1	13.7	11.4	41.4	47.9
MOUNTAIN:								
Montana	64.6	18.0	35.2	31.3	15.5	0.3	43.6	49.4
Idaho	64.1	18.6	35.2	31.2	15.0	0.3	43.2	49.2
Wyoming	64.9	18.0	37.0	30.9	14.2	0.8	42.7	49.6
Colorado	66.0	21.1	38.2	27.7	13.0	3.0	40.2	48.5
New Mexico	61.1	20.4	39.5	28.6	11.5	1.8	40.1	48.4
Arizona	64.7	19.5	36.6	29.7	14.2	2.6	41.9	48.2
Utah	61.1	23.3	37.4	27.2	12.1	0.7	39.2	48.2
Nevada	66.2	17.3	42.2	30.8	9.7	4.9	40.5	50.6
PACIFIC:								
Washington	67.0	19.5	35.9	30.4	14.2	2.0	42.3	49.0
Oregon	67.6	17.7	34.6	31.5	16.2	1.2	44.1	47.9
California	67.8	19.0	37.9	29.6	13.5	6.6	41.6	48.3
Alaska	61.3	26.0	48.2	22.0	3.8	3.2	33.9	56.4
Hawaii	65.4	22.9	41.0	27.3	8.9	1.1	36.3	52.4

Table 2. Projections of the Population of Voting Age, by Race and Age, for States: November 1972

Region, division, and State	All races					
	Total, 18 years and over	18 to 20 years	21 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over
United States	139,642,000	11,462,000	14,213,000	50,283,000	42,804,000	20,881,000
REGIONS:						
Northeast	34,189,000	2,540,000	3,195,000	12,019,000	11,072,000	5,363,000
North Central	38,200,000	3,161,000	3,783,000	13,619,000	11,708,000	5,929,000
South	43,073,000	3,734,000	4,572,000	15,566,000	12,868,000	6,333,000
West	24,181,000	2,027,000	2,662,000	9,080,000	7,156,000	3,256,000
NORTHEAST:						
New England	8,230,000	659,000	824,000	2,849,000	2,579,000	1,318,000
Middle Atlantic	25,958,000	1,881,000	2,371,000	9,170,000	8,492,000	4,045,000
NORTH CENTRAL:						
East North Central	27,065,000	2,230,000	2,709,000	9,842,000	8,342,000	3,942,000
West North Central	11,135,000	930,000	1,074,000	3,777,000	3,367,000	1,987,000
SOUTH:						
South Atlantic	21,335,000	1,820,000	2,292,000	7,753,000	6,376,000	3,094,000
East South Central	8,596,000	762,000	878,000	3,041,000	2,604,000	1,311,000
West South Central	13,142,000	1,153,000	1,402,000	4,771,000	3,888,000	1,928,000
WEST:						
Mountain	5,633,000	505,000	627,000	2,117,000	1,639,000	745,000
Pacific	18,548,000	1,522,000	2,035,000	6,963,000	5,517,000	2,511,000
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine	666,000	54,000	63,000	225,000	206,000	117,000
New Hampshire	521,000	44,000	52,000	184,000	157,000	84,000
Vermont	309,000	29,000	32,000	107,000	90,000	51,000
Massachusetts	3,955,000	321,000	400,000	1,346,000	1,231,000	657,000
Rhode Island	673,000	59,000	75,000	219,000	213,000	108,000
Connecticut	2,106,000	152,000	203,000	767,000	682,000	301,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York	12,773,000	925,000	1,193,000	4,564,000	4,077,000	2,013,000
New Jersey	5,025,000	344,000	450,000	1,840,000	1,661,000	730,000
Pennsylvania	8,161,000	612,000	728,000	2,765,000	2,754,000	1,302,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio	7,185,000	586,000	722,000	2,619,000	2,226,000	1,032,000
Indiana	3,509,000	298,000	360,000	1,281,000	1,056,000	514,000
Illinois	7,542,000	587,000	726,000	2,741,000	2,366,000	1,122,000
Michigan	5,874,000	504,000	612,000	2,181,000	1,795,000	783,000
Wisconsin	2,955,000	255,000	290,000	1,021,000	899,000	491,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota	2,560,000	219,000	256,000	902,000	755,000	430,000
Iowa	1,909,000	158,000	173,000	633,000	585,000	360,000
Missouri	3,266,000	258,000	307,000	1,111,000	1,005,000	584,000
North Dakota	402,000	37,000	41,000	133,000	123,000	68,000
South Dakota	434,000	40,000	40,000	139,000	133,000	82,000
Nebraska	1,022,000	87,000	98,000	342,000	303,000	191,000
Kansas	1,541,000	133,000	159,000	516,000	462,000	272,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware	371,000	30,000	39,000	144,000	112,000	46,000
Maryland	2,688,000	212,000	291,000	1,056,000	814,000	315,000
District of Columbia	518,000	46,000	65,000	192,000	147,000	68,000
Virginia	3,197,000	284,000	381,000	1,219,000	933,000	380,000
West Virginia	1,182,000	98,000	107,000	391,000	390,000	197,000
North Carolina	3,463,000	337,000	393,000	1,286,000	1,018,000	429,000
South Carolina	1,706,000	177,000	202,000	633,000	496,000	198,000
Georgia	3,104,000	277,000	364,000	1,183,000	894,000	385,000
Florida	5,105,000	358,000	450,000	1,651,000	1,571,000	1,075,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky	2,206,000	199,000	227,000	768,000	661,000	352,000
Tennessee	2,713,000	232,000	277,000	981,000	824,000	399,000
Alabama	2,274,000	198,000	231,000	815,000	696,000	334,000
Mississippi	1,403,000	135,000	142,000	477,000	423,000	226,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas	1,310,000	104,000	122,000	427,000	412,000	245,000
Louisiana	2,339,000	224,000	253,000	858,000	687,000	317,000
Oklahoma	1,812,000	147,000	181,000	617,000	553,000	314,000
Texas	7,681,000	678,000	846,000	2,868,000	2,235,000	1,053,000
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana	460,000	39,000	44,000	162,000	144,000	71,000
Idaho	479,000	42,000	47,000	169,000	150,000	72,000
Wyoming	225,000	19,000	22,000	83,000	70,000	32,000
Colorado	1,558,000	145,000	184,000	594,000	432,000	203,000
New Mexico	636,000	58,000	71,000	251,000	182,000	73,000
Arizona	1,239,000	107,000	133,000	454,000	368,000	177,000
Utah	689,000	71,000	89,000	257,000	188,000	83,000
Nevada	348,000	24,000	36,000	147,000	107,000	34,000
PACIFIC:						
Washington	2,371,000	205,000	258,000	851,000	720,000	338,000
Oregon	1,500,000	120,000	146,000	518,000	473,000	243,000
California	13,945,000	1,130,000	1,525,000	5,280,000	4,135,000	1,876,000
Alaska	200,000	19,000	33,000	96,000	44,000	8,000
Hawaii	531,000	48,000	73,000	218,000	145,000	47,000

Table 2. **Projections of the Population of Voting Age, by Race and Age, for States: November 1972**--Continued

Region, division, and State	White				
	Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over
United States	123,743,000	22,106,000	44,067,000	38,515,000	19,055,000
REGIONS:					
Northeast	31,014,000	5,080,000	10,629,000	10,241,000	5,063,000
North Central	35,057,000	6,232,000	12,355,000	10,875,000	5,595,000
South	35,734,000	6,609,000	12,960,000	10,822,000	5,342,000
West	21,939,000	4,185,000	8,123,000	6,576,000	3,055,000
NORTHEAST:					
New England	7,932,000	1,411,000	2,715,000	2,513,000	1,293,000
Middle Atlantic	23,082,000	3,669,000	7,914,000	7,729,000	3,771,000
NORTH CENTRAL:					
East North Central	24,449,000	4,352,000	8,778,000	7,643,000	3,675,000
West North Central	10,608,000	1,880,000	3,577,000	3,232,000	1,919,000
SOUTH:					
South Atlantic	17,382,000	3,184,000	6,290,000	5,274,000	2,635,000
East South Central	7,136,000	1,316,000	2,578,000	2,178,000	1,063,000
West South Central	11,216,000	2,110,000	4,092,000	3,370,000	1,644,000
WEST:					
Mountain	5,348,000	1,057,000	1,995,000	1,575,000	720,000
Pacific	16,591,000	3,128,000	6,127,000	5,001,000	2,335,000
NEW ENGLAND:					
Maine	661,000	116,000	223,000	205,000	117,000
New Hampshire	518,000	95,000	183,000	156,000	84,000
Vermont	308,000	81,000	106,000	90,000	51,000
Massachusetts	3,814,000	687,000	1,284,000	1,200,000	644,000
Rhode Island	651,000	127,000	210,000	208,000	106,000
Connecticut	1,979,000	325,000	708,000	654,000	292,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					
New York	11,121,000	1,788,000	3,815,000	3,647,000	1,872,000
New Jersey	4,493,000	681,000	1,601,000	1,528,000	683,000
Pennsylvania	7,468,000	1,200,000	2,498,000	2,553,000	1,216,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Ohio	6,537,000	1,169,000	2,367,000	2,043,000	957,000
Indiana	3,273,000	604,000	1,189,000	993,000	488,000
Illinois	6,586,000	1,106,000	2,327,000	2,123,000	1,031,000
Michigan	5,194,000	954,000	1,918,000	1,806,000	716,000
Wisconsin	2,859,000	519,000	978,000	879,000	484,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Minnesota	2,517,000	463,000	883,000	745,000	426,000
Iowa	1,882,000	323,000	623,000	579,000	357,000
Missouri	2,948,000	496,000	994,000	919,000	540,000
North Dakota	392,000	75,000	129,000	121,000	87,000
South Dakota	416,000	75,000	132,000	129,000	80,000
Nebraska	991,000	177,000	329,000	296,000	188,000
Kansas	1,462,000	270,000	487,000	443,000	261,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:					
Delaware	321,000	58,000	124,000	98,000	41,000
Maryland	2,228,000	400,000	862,000	694,000	272,000
District of Columbia	148,000	28,000	43,000	41,000	36,000
Virginia	2,656,000	542,000	1,024,000	776,000	314,000
West Virginia	1,141,000	197,000	380,000	377,000	187,000
North Carolina	2,766,000	552,000	1,048,000	821,000	345,000
South Carolina	1,264,000	266,000	482,000	372,000	144,000
Georgia	2,396,000	472,000	929,000	701,000	294,000
Florida	4,463,000	669,000	1,398,000	1,394,000	1,003,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Kentucky	2,054,000	388,000	720,000	618,000	327,000
Tennessee	2,334,000	420,000	856,000	717,000	340,000
Alabama	1,765,000	319,000	655,000	544,000	248,000
Mississippi	982,000	188,000	347,000	299,000	148,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Arkansas	1,115,000	185,000	374,000	355,000	201,000
Louisiana	1,714,000	332,000	639,000	517,000	226,000
Oklahoma	1,639,000	289,000	560,000	505,000	285,000
Texas	6,747,000	1,303,000	2,519,000	1,994,000	931,000
MOUNTAIN:					
Montana	443,000	79,000	155,000	140,000	70,000
Idaho	470,000	87,000	165,000	147,000	71,000
Wyoming	219,000	39,000	81,000	68,000	31,000
Colorado	1,492,000	310,000	566,000	418,000	198,000
New Mexico	582,000	116,000	227,000	170,000	69,000
Arizona	1,147,000	218,000	415,000	346,000	168,000
Utah	672,000	155,000	251,000	184,000	82,000
Nevada	323,000	55,000	135,000	102,000	32,000
PACIFIC:					
Washington	2,267,000	436,000	808,000	693,000	329,000
Oregon	1,460,000	255,000	503,000	463,000	239,000
California	12,486,000	2,331,000	4,644,000	3,762,000	1,748,000
Alaska	165,000	43,000	80,000	36,000	5,000
Hawaii	214,000	64,000	91,000	46,000	14,000

Table 2. **Projections of the Population of Voting Age, by Race and Age, for States: November 1972**--Continued

Region, division, and State	Negro				
	Total, 18 years and over	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over
United States	13,992,000	3,174,000	5,352,000	3,825,000	1,642,000
REGIONS:					
Northeast	2,900,000	604,000	1,253,000	770,000	274,000
North Central	2,908,000	661,000	1,151,000	783,000	312,000
South	7,068,000	1,636,000	2,482,000	1,987,000	963,000
West	1,116,000	272,000	466,000	285,000	92,000
NORTHEAST:					
New England	252,000	63,000	111,000	58,000	20,000
Middle Atlantic	2,648,000	541,000	1,141,000	712,000	253,000
NORTH CENTRAL:					
East North Central	2,465,000	557,000	989,000	666,000	253,000
West North Central	442,000	104,000	162,000	117,000	59,000
SOUTH:					
South Atlantic	3,837,000	902,000	1,405,000	1,081,000	450,000
East South Central	1,440,000	319,000	453,000	422,000	245,000
West South Central	1,792,000	415,000	624,000	484,000	269,000
WEST:					
Mountain	116,000	33,000	47,000	26,000	10,000
Pacific	1,000,000	239,000	420,000	259,000	82,000
NEW ENGLAND:					
Maine	2,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)
New Hampshire	2,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)
Vermont	1,000	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Massachusetts	115,000	29,000	49,000	26,000	10,000
Rhode Island	17,000	5,000	7,000	4,000	2,000
Connecticut	116,000	27,000	54,000	27,000	8,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					
New York	1,486,000	300,000	668,000	392,000	126,000
New Jersey	499,000	107,000	221,000	126,000	44,000
Pennsylvania	664,000	134,000	252,000	195,000	83,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Ohio	623,000	134,000	239,000	177,000	72,000
Indiana	224,000	52,000	87,000	61,000	25,000
Illinois	893,000	195,000	381,000	230,000	87,000
Michigan	647,000	155,000	247,000	181,000	64,000
Wisconsin	77,000	21,000	35,000	17,000	5,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Minnesota	23,000	6,000	9,000	5,000	2,000
Iowa	21,000	6,000	7,000	5,000	2,000
Missouri	304,000	67,000	111,000	84,000	43,000
North Dakota	2,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)
South Dakota	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Nebraska	25,000	7,000	10,000	6,000	3,000
Kansas	67,000	18,000	23,000	17,000	10,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:					
Delaware	47,000	11,000	19,000	13,000	5,000
Maryland	441,000	100,000	182,000	117,000	42,000
District of Columbia	362,000	81,000	145,000	104,000	32,000
Virginia	523,000	119,000	184,000	155,000	65,000
West Virginia	39,000	7,000	9,000	13,000	10,000
North Carolina	665,000	169,000	224,000	191,000	81,000
South Carolina	438,000	112,000	149,000	124,000	53,000
Georgia	700,000	168,000	250,000	192,000	90,000
Florida	621,000	135,000	243,000	173,000	70,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Kentucky	147,000	35,000	45,000	42,000	24,000
Tennessee	373,000	87,000	122,000	106,000	58,000
Alabama	503,000	109,000	158,000	151,000	85,000
Mississippi	416,000	88,000	128,000	122,000	78,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Arkansas	192,000	40,000	52,000	56,000	43,000
Louisiana	616,000	143,000	215,000	168,000	89,000
Oklahoma	105,000	26,000	34,000	28,000	18,000
Texas	879,000	207,000	323,000	231,000	118,000
MOUNTAIN:					
Montana	1,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)
Idaho	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Wyoming	2,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)	(Z)
Colorado	46,000	14,000	19,000	10,000	4,000
New Mexico	11,000	3,000	5,000	2,000	1,000
Arizona	32,000	8,000	12,000	8,000	4,000
Utah	5,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	(Z)
Nevada	17,000	4,000	8,000	4,000	1,000
PACIFIC:					
Washington	48,000	14,000	18,000	12,000	3,000
Oregon	18,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	2,000
California	922,000	214,000	390,000	240,000	77,000
Alaska	6,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	(Z)
Hawaii	6,000	3,000	2,000	(Z)	(Z)

Z Less than 500.

Table 3. Population of Voting Age and Percent Casting Votes for Presidential Electors and U.S. Representatives, for States: November 1968 and 1970

Region, division, and State	Total resident population of voting age[1]		Casting votes for[2]--					
			Presidential Electors, 1968		U.S. Representatives[3]			
					1970		1968	
	1970	1968	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
United States	124,498,000	120,285,000	73,027,000	60.7	54,259,000	43.8	66,109,000	55.2
REGIONS:								
Northeast	30,799,000	30,095,000	19,236,000	63.9	15,040,000	48.8	17,823,000	59.2
North Central	34,039,000	33,100,000	22,205,000	67.1	17,069,000	50.1	21,000,000	63.4
South	38,388,000	36,803,000	19,152,000	52.0	11,436,000	30.2	15,313,000	42.2
West	21,272,000	20,288,000	12,434,000	61.3	10,714,000	50.4	11,972,000	59.0
NORTHEAST:								
New England	7,337,000	7,128,000	4,824,000	67.7	3,881,000	52.9	4,453,000	62.5
Middle Atlantic	23,462,000	22,967,000	14,411,000	62.7	11,160,000	47.6	13,370,000	58.2
NORTH CENTRAL:								
East North Central	24,132,000	23,496,000	15,701,000	66.8	12,143,000	50.3	14,782,000	62.9
West North Central	9,907,000	9,604,000	6,505,000	67.7	4,926,000	49.7	6,218,000	64.7
SOUTH:								
South Atlantic	19,047,000	18,182,000	9,413,000	51.8	5,875,000	31.6	7,942,000	44.9
East South Central	7,841,000	7,610,000	4,009,000	52.7	2,516,000	32.1	3,238,000	42.6
West South Central	11,501,000	11,011,000	5,730,000	52.0	3,045,000	26.5	4,133,000	37.5
WEST:								
Mountain	4,858,000	4,590,000	2,891,000	63.0	2,431,000	50.0	2,777,000	60.5
Pacific	16,414,000	15,698,000	9,543,000	60.8	8,283,000	50.5	9,195,000	58.6
NEW ENGLAND:								
Maine	601,000	592,000	393,000	66.4	318,000	52.9	384,000	64.9
New Hampshire	452,000	427,000	297,000	69.5	214,000	47.4	283,000	66.2
Vermont	265,000	252,000	161,000	64.0	153,000	57.5	157,000	62.3
Massachusetts	3,538,000	3,459,000	2,332,000	67.4	1,800,000	50.9	2,057,000	59.5
Rhode Island	596,000	573,000	385,000	67.2	326,000	54.6	365,000	63.7
Connecticut	1,886,000	1,826,000	1,256,000	68.8	1,071,000	56.8	1,207,000	66.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:								
New York	11,543,000	11,336,000	6,790,000	59.9	5,446,000	47.2	6,094,000	53.8
New Jersey	4,507,000	4,358,000	2,875,000	66.0	2,101,000	46.6	2,698,000	61.9
Pennsylvania	7,412,000	7,273,000	4,746,000	65.3	3,613,000	48.7	4,577,000	62.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Ohio	6,419,000	6,252,000	3,960,000	63.3	3,042,000	47.4	3,636,000	58.2
Indiana	3,104,000	3,003,000	2,124,000	70.7	1,728,000	55.7	2,039,000	67.9
Illinois	6,795,000	6,667,000	4,620,000	69.3	3,485,000	51.3	4,422,000	86.3
Michigan	5,200,000	5,032,000	3,306,000	65.7	2,562,000	49.3	3,044,000	60.5
Wisconsin	2,615,000	2,543,000	1,692,000	66.5	1,326,000	50.7	1,641,000	64.5
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Minnesota	2,248,000	2,154,000	1,589,000	73.8	1,336,000	59.4	1,534,000	71.2
Iowa	1,712,000	1,673,000	1,168,000	69.8	780,000	45.5	1,123,000	67.2
Missouri	2,913,000	2,813,000	1,810,000	64.3	1,197,000	41.1	1,720,000	61.2
North Dakota	360,000	354,000	248,000	70.1	210,000	58.4	229,000	64.8
South Dakota	389,000	384,000	281,000	73.2	235,000	60.4	272,000	70.7
Nebraska	906,000	881,000	537,000	60.9	448,000	49.5	522,000	59.3
Kansas	1,380,000	1,346,000	873,000	64.8	720,000	52.2	817,000	60.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC:								
Delaware	326,000	314,000	214,000	68.3	160,000	49.2	201,000	64.0
Maryland	2,372,000	2,271,000	1,235,000	54.4	886,000	37.3	1,020,000	44.9
District of Columbia	483,000	495,000	171,000	34.4	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,823,000	2,717,000	1,360,000	50.1	904,000	32.0	1,269,000	46.7
West Virginia	1,077,000	1,061,000	754,000	71.1	439,000	40.7	712,000	87.1
North Carolina	3,043,000	2,921,000	1,587,000	54.3	930,000	30.6	1,398,000	47.9
South Carolina	1,487,000	1,427,000	667,000	46.7	427,000	28.7	628,000	44.0
Georgia	2,985,000	2,851,000	1,237,000	43.4	879,000	29.5	945,000	33.1
Florida	4,451,000	4,124,000	2,188,000	53.0	1,250,000	28.1	1,770,000	42.9
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Kentucky	2,136,000	2,063,000	1,056,000	51.2	474,000	22.2	865,000	41.9
Tennessee	2,410,000	2,325,000	1,249,000	53.7	988,000	41.0	1,013,000	43.6
Alabama	2,042,000	1,993,000	1,050,000	52.7	742,000	36.3	911,000	45.7
Mississippi	1,253,000	1,229,000	655,000	53.2	312,000	24.9	449,000	36.5
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Arkansas	1,180,000	1,143,000	610,000	53.3	173,000	14.7	298,000	26.1
Louisiana	2,058,000	2,002,000	1,097,000	54.8	363,000	17.6	629,000	31.4
Oklahoma	1,605,000	1,540,000	943,000	61.2	675,000	42.1	810,000	52.6
Texas	6,658,000	6,327,000	3,079,000	48.7	1,833,000	27.5	2,398,000	37.9
MOUNTAIN:								
Montana	410,000	403,000	274,000	68.0	249,000	60.8	263,000	65.3
Idaho	418,000	397,000	291,000	73.3	234,000	56.0	277,000	69.6
Wyoming	198,000	190,000	127,000	67.1	116,000	58.6	123,000	65.0
Colorado	1,328,000	1,251,000	807,000	64.5	637,000	48.0	780,000	62.4
New Mexico	561,000	539,000	327,000	60.7	281,000	50.2	310,000	57.5
Arizona	1,056,000	975,000	487,000	49.9	402,000	38.1	464,000	47.5
Utah	583,000	551,000	423,000	76.7	373,000	63.9	416,000	75.5
Nevada	303,000	284,000	154,000	54.4	138,000	45.4	144,000	50.9
PACIFIC:								
Washington	2,078,000	1,975,000	1,304,000	66.0	1,022,000	49.2	1,204,000	61.0
Oregon	1,308,000	1,231,000	817,000	66.4	653,000	49.9	787,000	63.9
California	12,376,000	11,885,000	7,103,000	59.8	6,319,000	51.1	6,880,000	57.9
Alaska	178,000	166,000	83,000	49.9	80,000	44.9	80,000	48.3
Hawaii	473,000	439,000	236,000	53.8	208,000	44.0	243,000	55.3

- Represents zero.

[1]Comprises the population 18 years and over in Georgia and Kentucky, 19 years and over in Alaska, 20 years and over in Hawaii, and 21 years and over in all other States. Includes Armed Forces residing in each State.

[2]Total vote cast as a percent of the population of voting age. Based on votes cast as shown in: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election of November 1968 and Statistics of the Congressional Election of November 1970.

[3]Excludes District of Columbia.

APPENDIX

Table A-1. Minimum Length of Residence Requirements for 1972 General Election, by State

(Excluding vote for President and Vice President)

State	Federal, State, and local offices		
	In State	In county	In precinct
Alabama	1 year	6 months	3 months[1]
Alaska	1 year	None	30 days
Arizona	1 year	30 days	None
Arkansas	1 year	6 months	30 days
California	90 days	90 days	54 days[1]
Colorado	3 months	None	32 days
Connecticut	6 months	6 months in town	None
Delaware	1 year	3 months	30 days
District of Columbia	1 year	None	None
Florida	1 year	6 months	None
Georgia	1 year	6 months	None
Hawaii	1 year	None	None
Idaho	6 months	30 days	None
Illinois	6 months	None	30 days
Indiana	6 months	60 days in township	30 days
Iowa	6 months	60 days	10 days for municipal and special election
Kansas	6 months	None	30 days
Kentucky	1 year	6 months	60 days
Louisiana	1 year	6 months	3 months[1]
Maine	6 months	3 months in city or town	None
Maryland	6 months	28 days	28 days
Massachusetts	None	6 months in city or town	None
Michigan	6 months	30 days in city or township[1]	None
Minnesota	None	None	30 days[2]
Mississippi	1 year	1 year	6 months
Missouri	1 year	60 days	None
Montana	1 year	30 days	30 days
Nebraska	6 months	40 days	10 days
Nevada	6 months	30 days	10 days
New Hampshire	6 months	None	None
New Jersey	6 months	40 days	None
New Mexico	1 year	90 days	30 days
New York	3 months	3 months	10 days
North Carolina	1 year	None	30 days[1]
North Dakota	1 year	90 days	30 days
Ohio	6 months	40 days	40 days
Oklahoma	6 months	2 months	20 days
Oregon	6 months	None	None
Pennsylvania	90 days	60 days	60 days in district
Rhode Island	1 year	6 months in town or city	None
South Carolina	1 year	6 months	3 months
South Dakota	180 days	90 days	30 days[1]
Tennessee	1 year	3 months	None
Texas	1 year	6 months	None
Utah	6 months	60 days	None
Vermont	90 days	90 days in town[1]	None
Virginia	1 year	6 months	30 days
Washington	1 year	90 days	30 days
West Virginia	1 year	60 days	None
Wisconsin	6 months	None	10 days[1]
Wyoming	1 year	60 days	10 days[1]

[1] If less may vote in old precinct.
[2] If less may vote in old precinct in same municipality.

Source: Registration and Voting Laws in the 50 States, Youth Citizenship Fund, Inc., Washington, D.C., corrected to June 30, 1971.

Table A-2. **Presidential and Congressional Primaries, by State**

State	Presidential preference primary	Congressional primary	State	Presidential preference primary	Congressional primary
Alabama	May 2	May 2	Missouri	-	August 8
Alaska	-	August 22	Montana	-	June 6
Arizona	-	September 12	Nebraska	May 9	May 9
Arkansas	-	-	Nevada	-	September 5
California	June 6	June 6	New Hampshire	March 7	September 12
Colorado	-	September 12	New Jersey	June 6	June 6
Connecticut	-	-	New Mexico	June 6	June 6
Delaware	-	September 9	New York	June 20	June 20
District of Columbia	May 2	May 2	North Carolina	May 6	May 6
Florida	March 14	September 12	North Dakota	-	September 5
Georgia	-	August 8	Ohio	May 2	May 2
Hawaii	-	October 7	Oklahoma	-	August 22
Idaho	-	August 8	Oregon	May 23	May 23
Illinois	March 21	March 21	Pennsylvania	April 25	April 25
Indiana	May 2	May 2	Rhode Island	May 23	September 12
Iowa	-	June 6	South Carolina	-	June 13
Kansas	-	August 1	South Dakota	June 6	June 6
Kentucky	-	May 23	Tennessee	May 4	August 3
Louisiana	-	August 19	Texas	-	May 6
Maine	-	June 19	Utah	-	September 12
Maryland	May 16	May 16	Vermont	-	September 12
Massachusetts	April 25	September 19	Virginia	-	June 13
Michigan	May 16	August 8	Washington	-	September 19
Minnesota	-	September 12	West Virginia	May 9	May 9
Mississippi	-	June 6	Wisconsin	April 4	September 12
			Wyoming	-	August 22

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