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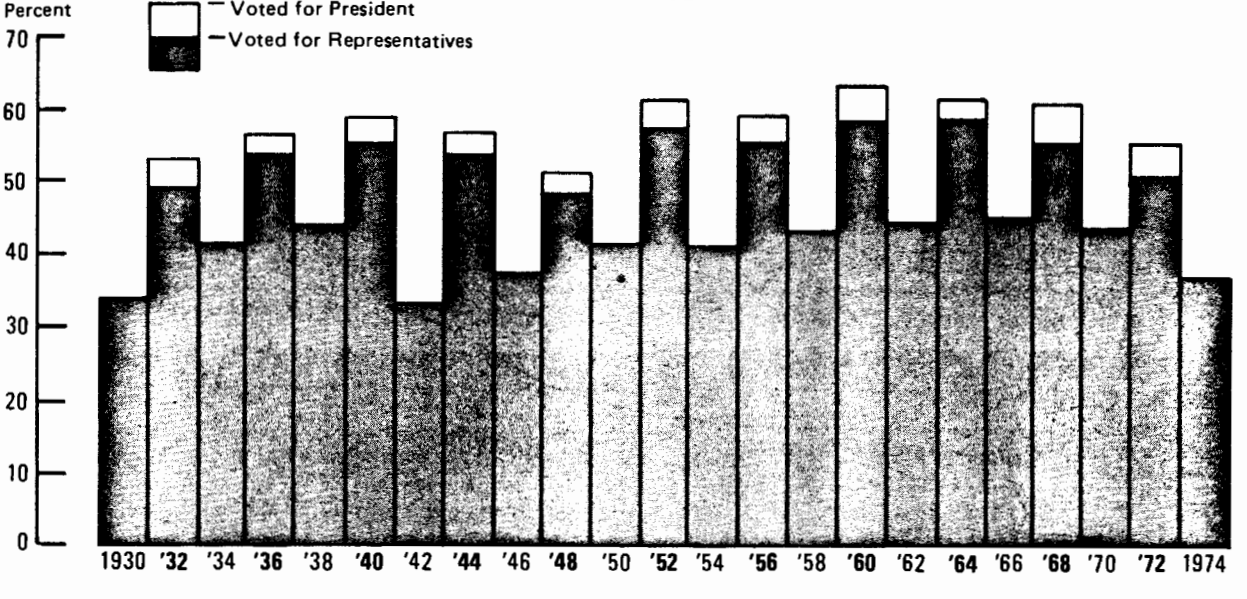
PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR STATES: NOVEMBER 1976

This report presents projections of the November 1976 population of voting age for States by race and broad age groups as a reference for the upcoming Presidential election. Included are estimates of the population of voting age and percent casting votes in Presidential and Congressional election years in each State since 1960 and in the United States since 1930. The information on number of votes cast for both Presidential and Congressional election years is published biennially by the U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House in either **Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Elections** or **Statistics of the Congressional Elections.** Statistics on persons registered to vote are shown for 1972 in table 1 for those States where the information is available.[1] Also, an attempt is made to identify those components of the national voting-age population who are ineligible to vote and to illustrate their impact on voter participation rates in November 1972, the last Presidential election. Appendix tables show current residence requirements and selected voter information.

[1] Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Registration data are shown in table 1 for comparison with data on the voting age population and number of voters. The Bureau of the Census does not normally maintain an inventory of registration data as part of its estimates program.

Figure 1. **Percent Casting Votes for President and U.S. Representatives: 1930 to 1974**



Source: *Table 6.*

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Beginning in November 1972, the population of voting age includes all persons 18 years old and over as a result of the ratification of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution. The data shown in the tables of this report for November 1972 and 1974, 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 population overseas—currently about 500,000 Armed Forces and 50,000 civilian employees, plus their dependents of voting age—who would be eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their home State. All States and the District of Columbia permit members of the Armed Forces to register and vote by the absentee process. In 1968, the Congress amended the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 to permit all other U.S. citizens temporarily residing overseas to register or vote. Thirty-seven States now permit these individuals to vote by absentee ballot.[2]

For elections prior to 1972, the voting-age population included persons 21 years old and over, except in Georgia and Kentucky (18 years old and over), Alaska (19 years old and over), and Hawaii (20 years old and over).

FINDINGS

There are now 150 million persons of voting age in the United States. Since the last Presidential election in 1972 the nation's potential electorate has increased by nearly 10 million persons. This is only half the increase that occurred between the 1968 and 1972 Presidential elections when the voting-age population grew some 20 million persons. Much of the growth during the earlier period, however, was attributed to the lowering of the voting age requirement to age 18. Also contributing was the large number of persons born during the postwar years who reached the age of majority.

Differential patterns of growth between 1972 and 1976 in the voting-age population by age and region can be noted in table A. Although 44 percent of the voting age population is 45 years old or older, this proportion is declining. The middle-aged population (45 to 64) is now growing quite slowly compared with younger adults and the elderly. This group will continue to lag behind the growth of other ages for some years to come as it absorbs the small population cohort born during the 1930's. The number of persons 25 to 44 is now mushrooming as the post-war baby boom cohort begins to feed into this age group, and it can be expected to continue to grow quite rapidly.

Rates of growth for young people of voting-age (under 25) are still high nationally and are highest in the West. Older populations are showing substantial growth in the South and West, reflecting the traditional shift of older people to these regions of the country.

The black population of voting age is expected to number 15 million in November 1976 (table 2), an increase of 10 percent over the last Presidential election. The black population, which comprises 10 percent of the total electorate (table B) is considerably younger than the white population of voting age, due in large part to higher fertility rates among blacks.

In November 1976, a larger proportion of blacks of voting age (23 percent) will be under 25 years old compared with whites (18 percent). The black population constitutes a larger proportion of the South's population of voting age than any other region. In the District of Columbia, blacks are a majority of the electorate. In Mississippi, South Carolina, and Louisiana, they represent somewhat more than one-quarter of the voting-age population (table 3).

[2] See **Federal Voting Assistance Program**, 10th Report, September 1975, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

Table A. Percent Change in the Population of Voting Age by Region, by Age: 1972 to 1976

Age	United States	Northeast	North Central	South	West
All ages	7.1	3.4	4.3	10.5	10.8
Under 25 years	8.9	5.4	9.6	9.0	12.1
25 to 44 years	9.8	5.2	7.9	13.1	13.1
45 to 64 years	1.7	-1.0	-1.7	4.5	6.4
65 years and over	9.4	5.0	4.5	15.6	13.4

Table B. Blacks and Other Major Racial or Language Groups as a Percent of the Voting-Age Population by Region: November 1, 1976 and April 1, 1970

Race	United States	North-east	North Central	South	West
1976					
Blacks	10.3	9.0	7.8	16.4	4.8
Other races	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.7	5.1
1970					
Blacks	9.8	7.8	7.2	16.6	4.4
Other races	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	4.3
American Indian	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9
Asian American	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	3.0
Spanish heritage	3.8	2.0	1.2	3.9	10.6

Other racial minorities (mostly American Indians and Asian Americans) comprise a very small proportion of the voting-age population of the country. The greatest proportion of American Indians and Asian Americans is found in the West, where they constituted, respectively, 1 percent and 3 percent of the voting-age population in 1970. Half of Hawaii's population 18 and over was Asian American in 1970. The largest proportion of American Indians in the voting-age population of any State was 5.7 percent in New Mexico.

Persons of Spanish heritage are concentrated in the West and South, where in 1970 they constituted more than 35 percent of the voting-age population in New Mexico and about 10 to 15 percent in Arizona, Texas, California, and Colorado.

An analysis of voting statistics has shown a great decline in voter participation since 1960, with voting in Presidential elections down from 63 percent in 1960 to 55 percent in November 1972. The Presidential election year of 1960 showed the highest participation rate recorded in the last 46 years (figure 1 and table 6).

Falling voter participation rates are evident throughout the United States since 1960, although there was a smaller decline in voter participation rates in the South than in any other region during the last four Presidential election years. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 encourages greater voting participation in the South, and its peak participation rates occurred in 1968. Voter participation is still well below the national average in most Southern States, however.

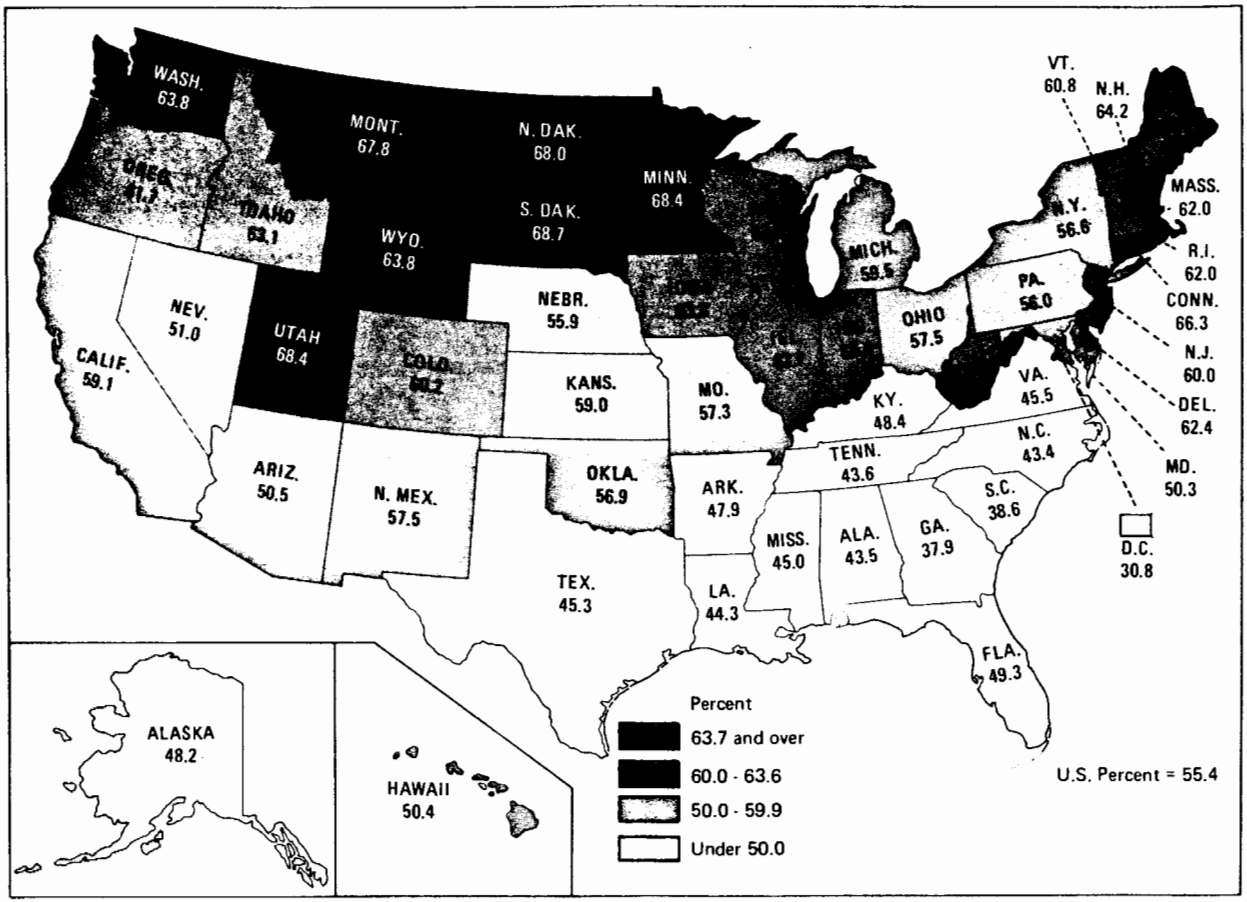
In the Presidential election of 1972, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, and Utah had the highest voter participation, with more than 67 percent of the voting-age population voting, more than 12 percentage points above the national average. At the other extreme, less than 31 percent voted in the District of Columbia, 38 percent in Georgia, and 39 percent in South Carolina. (See map).

The population of voting age includes a number of persons who meet the age requirement but cannot vote, although the number is appreciably smaller than in past elections. Aliens are the principle group of ineligible voting-age population. It is estimated that about 2.3 percent of the population residing in the United States in November 1976 will be aliens (table 1). In addition somewhat more than 500,000 persons will be disenfranchised because they have been committed to prisons, mental hospitals, and other institutions.

On a State-by-State basis, aliens are highly concentrated, and are found in appreciable numbers in only a few States. More than a quarter of the alien population is estimated to reside in California (918,000). Combined with New York (629,000), Florida (273,000), Texas (249,000), Illinois (229,000), and New Jersey (170,000), these six States account for 70 percent of the alien population in the United States.[3]

[3] The estimates for November 1972 of the citizen population of voting age for States contained in this report were not used for purposes of the 1975 Amendments to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Public Law 94-73). Estimates of the citizen population of voting age for States and Political Subdivisions covered under the Act Amendments for November 1972 will be published in **Current Population Report**, Series P-25, No. 627.

Figure 2. **Percent of the Voting - Age Population Voting in 1972 Presidential Election**



The length of residence required by all States to establish eligibility in general elections, which at one time was as much as two years in Mississippi, is no longer a legal requirement.[4] Currently, States require a residence from 30 to 60 days to complete whatever administrative tasks are necessary to prevent election fraud. See appendix table A-1 for current State residence qualifications.

METHODOLOGY

The projections of the population of voting age by State for November 1976 by age and race were based on 1970 population counts by age and race published in table 19 of the **1970 Census of Population, Characteristics of the Population,** for each State, and provisional July 1, 1975 estimates of the resident population by age, for States, published in **Current Population Reports**, Series P-25, No. 619. The census counts were adjusted slightly to agree with national and State totals used for apportionment purposes (U.S. total 203,235,298), and to correct for the overstatement of the "other races" population and for centenarians in the census.

The projections of the voting-age population for States, by age, for November 1976 were derived by extending the trend in the July 1, 1974 and 1975 estimates for one year and four months. The projections, by age, for States, obtained in this manner were adjusted to add to a national projection of the population by age.

The 1976 estimates by race for each State were based on July 1, 1973 estimates of the population by race, of which data for selected States were published in **Current**

[4] In March 1972, in the case of Dunn V. Blumstein, 405 U.S. 330, the United States Supreme Court abolished such requirements in State and local elections when it struck down Tennessee's one-year State and 3 month county requirements as unconstitutional. 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. See appendix table A-1.

Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 54, "The Social and Economic Status of the Black Population in the United States, 1974." To estimate the black population of each State in the above mentioned report, a component procedure was used, with each of the components of population change (births, deaths, and net migration) estimated separately. The migration component was estimated from the Social Security's One Percent Continuous Work History Sample.

The projections of the population, by race, were developed by extending the April 1, 1970 and July 1, 1973 estimated racial proportion to November 1976 on the assumption that the patterns of population change would continue into the decade.

The estimates of the resident population of voting age for each State for elections prior to November 1970, were based on intercensal estimates of the resident population of States published in **Current Population Reports**, Series P-25, No. 460. The proportion of the population of each State, which was 21 years and over (18 years and over in Kentucky and Georgia; 20 years and over in Hawaii; and 19 years and over in Alaska) in the two consecutive censuses, was derived. Linear interpolation between the 1960 and 1970 census proportions provided an estimate for each State for each of the election years. These proportions were then applied to the appropriate annual estimates of the intercensal population for States to yield estimates of the voting-age population. As a final step, these estimates were adjusted to an independent estimate of the voting-age population for the United States as a whole.

LIMITATION OF ESTIMATES

The procedure for developing the age estimates involves a short-term extrapolation of age trends beyond the estimates for July 1, 1975. The method used to develop the projections by race are substantially weaker than those used to prepare the overall age detail. The 1973 estimates of the total black population from which the projections are derived were based on experimental techniques and are subject to a yet untested level of error. The data are subject to revision pending completion of current research. The figures are designed primarily to provide very rough approximations of growth patterns and levels of the voting-age population by race. Small differences between figures as well as small changes over time, should be interpreted cautiously.

RELATED REPORTS

The estimates of the voting-age population for November 1976 are consistent with estimates of the population of States by age for July 1, 1975, published in **Current Population Reports**, Series P-25, No. 619. Related data from the Current Population Survey on reported voter registration in the election of November 1974, are published in **Current Population Reports**, Series P-20, No. 275.

ROUNDING OF ESTIMATES

The estimates presented in the tables for 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. PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE BY STATE, NOVEMBER 1, 1976, AND PERCENT REGISTERED AND VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, NOVEMBER 1, 1972

(Population 18 years old and over. Includes Armed Forces in each state)

Region, division, and State	1976 voting-age population					1972 voting-age population				Persons registered, 1972[1]	Persons voting, 1972[2]
	Total	Aliens	Citizens	Number reaching voting age since 1972	Percent change since 1972	Number	Percent citizens	Percent registered	Percent voting		
United States	150,041,000	3,468,000	146,573,000	16,669,000	7.1	140,068,000	97.7	(NA)	55.4	(NA)	77,625,152
REGIONS:											
Northeast	35,178,000	1,119,000	34,060,000	3,655,000	3.2	34,090,000	96.7	74.0	58.5	25,229,514	19,947,437
North Central	39,968,000	498,000	39,469,000	4,599,000	4.7	38,163,000	98.7	(NA)	60.7	(NA)	23,182,546
South	47,923,000	698,000	47,225,000	5,395,000	10.2	43,507,000	98.7	(NA)	46.1	(NA)	20,043,869
West	26,972,000	1,153,000	25,819,000	3,021,000	11.0	24,308,000	95.6	(NA)	59.4	(NA)	14,451,300
NORTHEAST:											
New England	8,674,000	241,000	8,432,000	943,000	5.3	8,237,000	96.8	78.6	63.1	6,477,643	5,196,273
Middle Atlantic	26,504,000	877,000	25,627,000	2,713,000	2.5	25,853,000	96.7	72.5	57.1	18,751,871	14,751,164
NORTH CENTRAL:											
East North Central	28,297,000	443,000	27,854,000	3,266,000	4.8	27,010,000	98.4	(NA)	60.3	(NA)	16,284,288
West North Central	11,671,000	55,000	11,615,000	1,333,000	4.6	11,153,000	99.5	(NA)	61.8	(NA)	6,898,258
SOUTH:											
South Atlantic	24,070,000	398,000	23,672,000	2,656,000	11.4	21,605,000	98.5	67.5	45.9	14,593,799	9,922,794
East South Central	9,377,000	23,000	9,354,000	1,070,000	7.6	8,711,000	99.8	(NA)	45.0	(NA)	3,920,737
West South Central	14,475,000	277,000	14,199,000	1,669,000	9.7	13,191,000	98.1	(NA)	47.0	(NA)	6,200,338
WEST:											
Mountain	6,659,000	108,000	6,551,000	807,000	14.9	5,797,000	98.4	(NA)	59.1	(NA)	3,427,114
Pacific	20,313,000	1,045,000	19,268,000	2,213,000	9.7	18,511,000	94.7	76.3	59.6	14,125,537	11,024,186
NEW ENGLAND:											
Maine	741,000	8,000	733,000	83,000	8.5	683,000	97.8	90.1	61.1	615,546	417,042
New Hampshire	574,000	8,000	566,000	61,000	10.4	520,000	98.0	86.5	64.2	449,714	334,055
Vermont	327,000	4,000	322,000	39,000	6.9	306,000	98.0	89.2	60.8	273,056	186,366
Massachusetts	4,173,000	129,000	4,044,000	458,000	5.2	3,968,000	96.7	78.1	62.0	3,099,877	2,458,756
Rhode Island	648,000	22,000	626,000	70,000	-3.4	671,000	96.8	79.3	62.0	531,847	415,757
Connecticut	2,211,000	70,000	2,141,000	232,000	5.8	2,089,000	96.3	72.2	66.3	1,507,603	1,384,277
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:											
New York	12,910,000	629,000	12,281,000	1,304,000	2.0	12,663,000	95.3	72.7	56.6	9,207,363	7,161,830
New Jersey	5,154,000	170,000	4,984,000	524,000	3.1	4,997,000	96.4	73.5	60.0	3,672,606	2,997,229
Pennsylvania	8,441,000	78,000	8,362,000	884,000	3.0	8,193,000	99.0	71.7	56.0	5,871,902	4,592,105
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Ohio	7,459,000	65,000	7,394,000	861,000	4.7	7,123,000	99.0	(3)	57.5	(3)	4,094,787
Indiana	3,640,000	23,000	3,616,000	422,000	4.1	3,496,000	99.4	86.3	60.8	3,018,578	2,125,529
Illinois	7,718,000	229,000	7,489,000	854,000	2.5	7,532,000	97.2	82.5	62.7	6,215,331	4,721,355
Michigan	6,268,000	101,000	6,167,000	756,000	6.8	5,868,000	98.2	81.2	59.5	4,762,764	3,489,727
Wisconsin	3,211,000	24,000	3,188,000	373,000	7.4	2,991,000	99.2	(3)	62.0	(3)	1,852,890
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Minnesota	2,721,000	16,000	2,705,000	320,000	6.9	2,546,000	99.3	(3)	68.4	(3)	1,741,002
Iowa	2,010,000	7,000	2,003,000	222,000	3.8	1,936,000	99.7	(3)	63.3	(3)	1,225,944
Missouri	3,348,000	17,000	3,331,000	370,000	3.7	3,228,000	99.5	(3)	57.3	(3)	1,850,999
North Dakota	432,000	2,000	431,000	55,000	4.6	413,000	99.6	(3)	68.0	(3)	280,514
South Dakota	469,000	1,000	468,000	58,000	4.9	447,000	99.7	87.8	68.7	392,256	307,415
Nebraska	1,080,000	6,000	1,074,000	123,000	4.9	1,030,000	99.5	78.4	55.9	807,267	576,289
Kansas	1,610,000	6,000	1,604,000	185,000	3.7	1,553,000	99.5	68.6	59.0	1,065,730	916,095
SOUTH ATLANTIC:											
Delaware	403,000	4,000	399,000	49,000	6.6	378,000	98.8	77.7	62.4	293,078	235,516
Maryland	2,863,000	40,000	2,822,000	329,000	6.4	2,690,000	98.5	67.5	50.3	1,815,784	1,353,812
District of Columbia	514,000	5,000	510,000	56,000	-3.0	530,000	97.7	57.6	30.8	305,072	163,421
Virginia	3,528,000	32,000	3,496,000	418,000	10.2	3,202,000	99.2	65.8	45.5	2,107,367	1,457,019
West Virginia	1,281,000	4,000	1,278,000	132,000	4.9	1,221,000	99.7	87.0	62.4	1,062,519	762,399
North Carolina	3,847,000	15,000	3,832,000	444,000	10.0	3,496,000	99.7	67.4	43.4	2,357,645	1,518,612
South Carolina	1,933,000	9,000	1,924,000	241,000	10.6	1,748,000	99.7	59.1	38.6	1,033,688	673,960
Georgia	3,375,000	15,000	3,360,000	394,000	8.9	3,098,000	99.6	68.8	37.9	2,131,188	1,174,772
Florida	6,326,000	273,000	6,052,000	593,000	20.7	5,242,000	96.2	66.5	49.3	3,487,458	2,583,283
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Kentucky	2,374,000	6,000	2,369,000	268,000	7.7	2,204,000	99.7	(NA)	48.4	(NA)	1,067,499
Tennessee	2,958,000	8,000	2,950,000	318,000	7.3	2,758,000	99.8	72.2	43.6	1,990,026	1,201,182
Alabama	2,501,000	7,000	2,494,000	288,000	8.1	2,314,000	99.8	76.2	43.5	1,763,845	1,006,093
Mississippi	1,544,000	3,000	1,541,000	195,000	7.6	1,435,000	99.8	(NA)	45.0	(NA)	645,963
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Arkansas	1,503,000	4,000	1,499,000	157,000	11.0	1,354,000	99.8	74.6	47.9	1,010,396	647,666
Louisiana	2,532,000	16,000	2,517,000	317,000	6.7	2,373,000	99.4	75.2	44.3	1,784,890	1,051,491
Oklahoma	1,937,000	8,000	1,929,000	209,000	7.1	1,809,000	99.6	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	1,029,900
Texas	8,503,000	249,000	8,254,000	985,000	11.1	7,655,000	97.1	68.3	45.3	5,230,521	3,471,281
MOUNTAIN:											
Montana	518,000	3,000	515,000	61,000	10.4	469,000	99.4	82.5	67.8	386,867	317,603
Idaho	567,000	4,000	563,000	68,000	15.5	491,000	99.1	80.9	63.1	397,019	310,379
Wyoming	266,000	2,000	264,000	31,000	16.2	229,000	99.4	(NA)	63.8	(NA)	145,570
Colorado	1,773,000	25,000	1,748,000	215,000	11.8	1,586,000	98.9	76.9	60.2	1,219,591	953,884
New Mexico	771,000	12,000	760,000	100,000	14.9	671,000	98.4	75.3	57.5	505,432	385,931
Arizona	1,555,000	43,000	1,512,000	177,000	20.1	1,295,000	96.9	66.5	50.5	861,812	653,505
Utah	783,000	9,000	775,000	110,000	12.0	699,000	98.7	88.8	68.4	621,014	478,476
Nevada	424,000	10,000	414,000	45,000	18.8	357,000	97.7	64.7	51.0	231,045	181,766
PACIFIC:											
Washington	2,536,000	50,000	2,486,000	282,000	10.0	2,306,000	98.1	85.6	63.8	1,974,849	1,470,847
Oregon	1,653,000	21,000	1,632,000	174,000	10.0	1,503,000	98.7	79.7	61.7	1,197,676	927,946
California	15,294,000	918,000	14,376,000	1,645,000	9.5	13,969,000	93.8	74.9	59.1	10,466,215	8,259,900
Alaska	231,000	3,000	227,000	35,000	17.3	197,000	98.7	75.6	48.2	148,960	95,219
Hawaii	600,000	53,000	547,000	78,000	11.9	536,000	90.8	63.0	50.4	337,837	270,274

NA Not available. [1]Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. [2]U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election. Because of disqualification of some ballots, a better count of Arizona voters is 622,926 as reported by Scammon, Richard M., America Votes 10, Government Affairs Institute, Election Research Center, Washington, D.C. [3]No Statewide registration.

Table 2. PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE, BY AGE AND RACE FOR STATES: NOVEMBER 1976

(In thousands. Population 18 years old and over. Includes Armed Forces in each State)

Region, division, and State	Population of voting age	Age				Race	
		18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over	White	Black
United States	150,041	28,055	55,403	43,664	22,918	132,307	15,398
REGIONS:							
Northeast	35,178	6,024	12,612	10,926	5,617	31,774	3,151
North Central	39,968	7,601	14,681	11,496	6,190	36,373	3,115
South	47,923	9,147	17,788	13,589	7,399	39,913	7,836
West	26,972	5,283	10,323	7,653	3,713	24,248	1,296
NORTHEAST:							
New England	8,674	1,567	3,144	2,573	1,391	8,310	285
Middle Atlantic	26,504	4,458	9,458	8,353	4,226	23,463	2,865
NORTH CENTRAL:							
East North Central	28,297	5,417	10,531	8,223	4,127	25,328	2,652
West North Central	11,671	2,184	4,150	3,273	2,063	11,045	463
SOUTH:							
South Atlantic	24,070	4,562	8,866	6,889	3,753	19,686	4,247
East South Central	9,377	1,755	3,476	2,668	1,479	7,816	1,589
West South Central	14,475	2,830	5,446	4,032	2,167	12,411	2,000
WEST:							
Mountain	6,659	1,376	2,545	1,855	883	6,306	135
Pacific	20,313	3,906	7,779	5,799	2,830	17,942	1,161
NEW ENGLAND:							
Maine	741	132	263	218	128	737	(S)
New Hampshire	574	101	223	161	89	573	(S)
Vermont	327	61	127	86	53	325	(S)
Massachusetts	4,173	771	1,498	1,225	679	3,985	146
Rhode Island	648	112	220	201	115	634	18
Connecticut	2,211	388	814	682	328	2,056	115
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:							
New York	12,910	2,175	4,709	3,982	2,043	11,212	1,622
New Jersey	5,154	853	1,862	1,657	783	4,559	555
Pennsylvania	8,441	1,430	2,897	2,714	1,400	7,693	688
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:							
Ohio	7,459	1,417	2,769	2,195	1,078	6,718	664
Indiana	3,640	695	1,368	1,038	538	3,379	242
Illinois	7,718	1,427	2,845	2,282	1,163	6,718	953
Michigan	6,268	1,260	2,385	1,795	828	5,450	709
Wisconsin	3,211	617	1,163	911	519	3,064	85
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:							
Minnesota	2,721	534	1,011	730	446	2,624	24
Iowa	2,010	355	707	582	366	1,970	26
Missouri	3,348	607	1,190	943	608	3,031	311
North Dakota	432	86	147	125	74	413	(S)
South Dakota	469	91	154	138	86	441	(S)
Nebraska	1,080	204	380	300	196	1,042	32
Kansas	1,610	307	561	455	287	1,524	66
SOUTH ATLANTIC:							
Delaware	403	84	153	115	52	337	55
Maryland	2,863	563	1,121	831	348	2,263	523
District of Columbia	514	102	202	139	71	165	348
Virginia	3,528	738	1,356	998	436	2,910	580
West Virginia	1,281	209	452	406	214	1,245	43
North Carolina	3,847	764	1,480	1,091	512	3,087	722
South Carolina	1,933	411	750	533	239	1,419	504
Georgia	3,375	672	1,343	914	445	2,584	800
Florida	6,326	1,020	2,008	1,861	1,436	5,675	671
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Kentucky	2,374	445	875	679	375	2,227	160
Tennessee	2,958	532	1,122	850	455	2,560	408
Alabama	2,501	470	922	720	390	1,946	550
Mississippi	1,544	308	557	420	260	1,083	471
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Arkansas	1,503	257	534	434	278	1,306	217
Louisiana	2,532	522	958	697	355	1,843	668
Oklahoma	1,937	348	697	553	340	1,750	129
Texas	8,503	1,702	3,257	2,349	1,195	7,512	985
MOUNTAIN:							
Montana	518	98	188	156	76	492	(S)
Idaho	567	110	210	165	82	561	(S)
Wyoming	266	53	99	80	34	258	(S)
Colorado	1,773	380	711	467	215	1,689	54
New Mexico	771	166	294	216	95	694	14
Arizona	1,555	301	575	441	238	1,445	33
Utah	783	190	299	200	94	774	(S)
Nevada	424	78	169	130	48	392	24
PACIFIC:							
Washington	2,536	485	975	700	375	2,412	47
Oregon	1,653	295	613	478	266	1,602	18
California	15,294	2,918	5,856	4,400	2,119	13,504	1,079
Alaska	231	65	104	52	9	192	(S)
Hawaii	600	142	230	168	61	232	(S)

S Numbers not shown where less than 10,000 blacks living in State.

Table 3. SUMMARY OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VOTING-AGE POPULATION: NOVEMBER 1, 1976 AND APRIL 1, 1970

(Population 18 years old and over. Includes Armed Forces in each State)

Region, division, and State	1976 projection						1970 census				
	Voting age population as percent of total population	Percent of voting-age population					Percent of voting-age population				Median age
		Under 25 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over	Black	Persons of Spanish heritage[1]	Asian Americans[2]	American Indians	Female	
United States	69.7	18.7	36.9	29.1	15.3	10.3	3.8	0.7	0.3	52.5	43.0
REGIONS:											
Northeast	71.1	17.1	35.9	31.1	16.0	9.0	2.0	0.4	0.1	53.4	44.3
North Central	69.2	19.0	36.7	28.8	15.5	7.8	1.2	0.2	0.2	52.5	43.3
South	69.1	19.1	37.1	28.4	15.4	16.4	3.9	0.2	0.3	52.5	42.3
West	69.8	19.6	38.3	28.4	13.8	4.8	10.6	3.0	0.9	51.4	41.5
NORTHEAST:											
New England	70.8	18.1	36.2	29.7	16.0	3.3	1.1	0.3	0.1	53.1	43.9
Middle Atlantic	71.2	16.8	35.7	31.5	15.9	10.8	2.3	0.5	0.1	53.5	44.5
NORTH CENTRAL:											
East North Central	69.0	19.1	37.2	29.1	14.6	9.4	1.4	0.3	0.1	52.5	42.9
West North Central	69.8	18.7	35.6	28.0	17.7	4.0	0.8	0.2	0.4	52.4	44.3
SOUTH:											
South Atlantic	70.1	19.0	36.8	28.6	15.6	17.6	2.0	0.2	0.2	52.4	42.2
East South Central	68.4	18.7	37.1	28.4	15.8	16.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	52.8	42.8
West South Central	68.1	19.5	37.6	27.9	15.0	13.8	9.2	0.2	0.6	52.3	42.2
WEST:											
Mountain	67.2	20.7	38.2	27.9	13.3	2.0	11.6	0.5	2.2	51.3	41.1
Pacific	70.7	19.2	38.3	28.5	13.9	5.7	10.3	3.7	0.5	51.4	41.7
NEW ENGLAND:											
Maine	69.1	17.8	35.5	29.5	17.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	52.4	44.5
New Hampshire	69.2	17.6	38.8	28.0	15.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	52.3	43.2
Vermont	68.9	18.8	38.8	26.4	16.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	52.5	42.8
Massachusetts	71.2	18.5	35.9	29.4	16.3	3.5	0.9	0.4	0.1	53.8	44.1
Rhode Island	71.2	17.3	33.9	31.0	17.8	2.8	0.6	0.4	0.1	51.7	44.1
Connecticut	71.2	17.6	36.8	30.8	14.8	5.2	2.0	0.2	0.1	52.7	43.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:											
New York	71.2	16.8	36.5	30.8	15.8	12.6	3.9	0.7	0.1	53.7	44.1
New Jersey	70.6	16.5	36.1	32.1	15.2	10.8	1.5	0.3	0.1	52.9	44.1
Pennsylvania	71.6	16.9	34.3	32.2	16.6	8.1	0.3	0.2	(Z)	53.4	45.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Ohio	69.3	19.0	37.1	29.4	14.5	8.9	0.7	0.2	0.1	52.9	42.9
Indiana	68.6	19.1	37.6	28.5	14.8	6.6	1.0	0.1	0.1	52.5	42.5
Illinois	69.5	18.5	36.9	29.6	15.1	12.3	2.7	0.5	0.1	52.7	43.3
Michigan	68.1	20.1	38.0	28.6	13.2	11.3	1.1	0.2	0.2	52.1	42.2
Wisconsin	69.0	19.2	36.2	28.4	16.2	2.6	0.7	0.2	0.3	52.1	43.7
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Minnesota	68.9	19.6	37.2	26.8	16.4	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	52.2	43.2
Iowa	69.7	17.7	35.2	29.0	18.2	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	52.7	45.1
Missouri	70.6	18.1	35.5	28.2	18.2	9.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	53.1	44.6
North Dakota	68.4	20.0	33.9	28.9	17.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	1.6	49.9	43.9
South Dakota	68.5	19.4	32.8	29.5	18.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	3.5	51.1	45.2
Nebraska	69.6	18.9	35.2	27.8	18.2	3.0	1.1	0.2	0.4	52.3	44.5
Kansas	71.1	19.1	34.8	28.2	17.8	4.1	1.7	0.2	0.4	51.9	44.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC:											
Delaware	69.4	20.7	38.0	28.4	12.8	13.6	0.9	0.3	0.1	52.5	41.4
Maryland	69.7	19.7	39.2	29.0	12.1	18.3	1.2	0.5	0.1	52.2	41.2
District of Columbia	72.6	19.8	39.4	27.0	13.9	67.6	2.1	0.8	0.1	55.1	40.2
Virginia	70.1	20.9	38.4	28.3	12.4	16.5	0.9	0.4	0.1	51.4	40.5
West Virginia	70.2	16.3	35.3	31.7	16.7	3.4	0.3	0.1	(Z)	52.9	45.2
North Carolina	69.4	19.9	38.5	28.4	13.3	18.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	52.1	40.8
South Carolina	67.3	21.3	38.8	27.6	12.4	26.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	51.9	40.1
Georgia	67.7	19.9	39.8	27.1	13.2	23.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	52.7	40.4
Florida	72.8	16.1	31.7	29.4	22.7	10.6	6.3	0.2	0.1	53.0	46.5
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Kentucky	68.9	18.8	36.9	28.6	15.8	6.7	0.3	0.1	(Z)	52.1	43.0
Tennessee	69.8	18.0	37.9	28.7	15.4	13.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	53.0	42.6
Alabama	68.3	18.8	36.8	28.8	15.6	22.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	53.2	42.8
Mississippi	65.5	19.9	36.0	27.2	16.8	30.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	53.0	43.2
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Arkansas	69.0	17.1	35.5	28.9	18.5	14.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	52.8	45.5
Louisiana	66.2	20.6	37.8	27.5	14.0	26.4	1.8	0.1	0.1	52.6	41.5
Oklahoma	70.5	18.0	36.0	28.5	17.5	6.7	1.1	0.2	3.3	52.5	44.2
Texas	68.0	20.0	38.3	27.6	14.0	11.6	15.0	0.2	0.2	52.1	41.4
MOUNTAIN:											
Montana	68.1	18.9	36.2	30.1	14.8	0.4	0.9	0.2	2.9	50.6	43.6
Idaho	66.7	19.4	37.1	29.1	14.4	0.3	2.0	0.5	0.8	50.8	43.2
Wyoming	68.3	19.8	37.1	30.2	12.9	0.8	4.4	0.3	1.2	50.4	42.7
Colorado	69.4	21.4	40.1	26.3	12.1	3.0	10.6	0.6	0.4	51.5	40.2
New Mexico	65.3	21.6	38.1	28.0	12.3	1.8	35.7	0.3	5.7	51.6	40.1
Arizona	67.4	19.3	37.0	28.4	15.3	2.1	15.6	0.5	4.1	51.7	41.9
Utah	63.1	24.3	38.1	25.6	12.0	0.6	3.4	0.7	0.8	51.8	39.2
Nevada	68.9	18.4	39.8	30.5	11.3	5.6	4.8	0.7	1.4	49.4	40.5
PACIFIC:											
Washington	70.3	19.1	38.5	27.6	14.8	1.9	1.7	1.3	0.8	51.1	42.3
Oregon	70.9	17.9	37.1	28.9	16.1	1.1	1.3	0.7	0.5	52.1	44.1
California	70.9	19.1	38.3	28.8	13.9	7.1	13.1	2.8	0.4	51.7	41.6
Alaska	63.1	28.4	45.2	22.6	3.9	3.3	2.0	1.0	4.5	43.2	33.9
Hawaii	68.4	23.6	38.3	27.9	10.2	1.5	2.7	49.8	0.2	47.6	38.3

Z Less than 0.05 percent.

[1]In five southwestern States (Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas) persons of Spanish heritage comprise persons of Spanish language or surname. In New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania it covers persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage; and in the remaining 42 States and the District of Columbia it constitutes persons of Spanish language. [2]Includes persons indicating their race as Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino.

Table 4. ESTIMATES OF THE PERCENT CASTING VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, BY STATES: NOVEMBER 1960 TO 1974

(Total votes cast as a percent of the population of voting age--18 and over beginning 1972; 21 and over prior to 1972 except Georgia and Kentucky (18 and over), Alaska (19 and over), and Hawaii (20 and over))

Region, division, and State	Percent casting votes for Presidential electors[1]				Percent casting votes for U.S. Representatives[1]							
	1972	1968	1964	1960	1974	1972	1970	1968	1966	1964	1962	1960
United States	55.4	60.7	61.8	63.1	36.1	50.9	43.8	55.2	45.4	57.8	46.3	58.7
REGIONS:												
Northeast	58.5	63.9	67.3	70.4	41.0	54.9	48.8	59.2	52.2	63.5	54.1	67.7
North Central	60.7	67.1	70.0	73.4	41.7	58.0	50.1	63.4	50.9	67.6	53.7	70.5
South	46.1	52.0	47.6	44.7	24.6	38.2	30.2	42.2	29.9	40.8	26.1	32.5
West	59.4	61.3	65.0	66.6	41.7	57.1	50.4	59.0	54.0	63.2	52.5	63.5
NORTHEAST:												
New England	63.1	67.7	70.0	75.4	45.0	58.4	52.9	62.5	54.8	66.3	58.2	71.6
Middle Atlantic	57.1	62.7	66.5	68.9	39.7	53.8	47.6	58.2	51.3	62.8	52.8	66.4
NORTH CENTRAL:												
East North Central	60.3	66.8	70.0	73.3	40.6	57.0	50.3	62.9	51.2	67.4	55.1	70.5
West North Central	61.8	67.7	70.1	73.6	44.3	60.4	49.7	64.7	50.0	68.0	50.3	70.6
SOUTH:												
South Atlantic	45.9	51.8	48.3	44.9	25.6	38.9	31.6	44.9	30.5	41.2	26.5	39.6
East South Central	45.0	52.7	45.0	44.1	27.0	41.9	32.1	42.6	34.5	40.6	25.6	32.6
West South Central	47.0	52.0	48.4	45.0	21.5	34.6	26.5	37.5	25.8	40.4	25.9	35.0
WEST:												
Mountain	59.1	63.0	66.0	67.0	45.6	57.4	50.0	60.5	53.2	65.1	53.6	66.6
Pacific	59.6	60.8	64.7	66.5	40.4	57.0	50.5	58.6	54.2	62.7	52.1	63.1
NEW ENGLAND:												
Maine	61.1	66.4	65.1	71.7	49.5	60.5	52.9	64.9	53.1	63.2	48.0	69.5
New Hampshire	64.2	69.5	71.8	78.7	39.8	60.6	47.4	66.2	56.1	70.1	56.5	75.7
Vermont	60.8	64.0	70.4	72.4	44.5	60.8	57.5	62.3	56.7	70.5	52.0	71.8
Massachusetts	62.0	67.4	70.0	75.6	41.9	54.4	50.9	59.5	53.4	63.0	59.1	69.2
Rhode Island	62.0	67.2	71.6	75.2	46.5	57.8	54.6	63.7	57.9	68.5	58.1	72.7
Connecticut	66.3	68.8	70.7	76.1	50.2	64.7	56.8	66.1	56.6	70.2	61.5	75.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:												
New York	56.6	59.9	64.8	67.3	38.5	52.2	47.2	53.8	49.3	61.1	49.4	64.0
New Jersey	60.0	66.0	68.7	70.8	41.1	56.7	46.6	61.9	49.6	65.7	47.9	67.8
Pennsylvania	56.0	65.3	67.9	70.3	40.6	54.5	48.7	62.9	55.4	63.7	61.0	69.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:												
Ohio	57.5	63.3	66.6	70.7	40.4	53.9	47.4	58.2	46.0	62.6	50.1	65.3
Indiana	60.8	70.7	73.5	76.3	48.4	60.4	55.7	67.9	57.9	72.9	63.2	75.8
Illinois	62.7	69.3	73.2	75.5	37.3	58.2	51.3	66.3	57.1	71.2	55.9	73.1
Michigan	59.5	65.7	67.9	72.2	41.5	55.8	49.3	60.5	48.5	64.8	57.3	70.1
Wisconsin	62.0	66.5	69.5	72.9	38.7	60.2	50.7	64.5	46.5	67.7	51.3	70.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:												
Minnesota	68.4	73.8	75.8	76.4	46.3	66.4	59.4	71.2	58.6	74.2	58.4	75.1
Iowa	63.3	69.8	72.9	76.5	46.1	61.8	45.5	67.2	53.6	70.3	48.3	73.6
Missouri	57.3	64.3	67.1	71.5	36.6	56.8	41.1	61.2	38.0	65.6	44.5	68.1
North Dakota	68.0	70.1	71.4	77.9	54.9	65.1	58.4	64.8	55.0	68.8	60.3	71.8
South Dakota	68.7	73.2	74.1	77.6	59.4	67.3	60.4	70.7	58.4	72.8	62.3	76.3
Nebraska	55.9	60.9	66.4	70.6	42.4	55.2	49.5	59.3	54.6	63.8	49.9	66.9
Kansas	59.0	64.8	65.1	69.7	49.0	56.5	52.2	60.7	50.2	61.7	46.3	65.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC:												
Delaware	62.4	68.3	69.0	72.2	41.1	59.8	49.2	64.0	54.2	68.1	54.0	71.7
Maryland	50.3	54.4	54.1	56.5	31.4	45.3	37.3	44.9	35.2	49.0	36.6	52.5
District of Columbia	30.8	34.4	38.7	-	21.0	29.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	45.5	50.1	41.1	32.8	27.4	39.7	32.0	46.7	26.2	36.6	18.2	27.2
West Virginia	62.4	71.1	75.5	78.0	33.5	59.0	40.7	67.1	47.1	73.4	58.4	76.3
North Carolina	43.4	54.3	52.3	52.9	26.9	38.6	30.6	47.9	32.7	47.9	30.9	50.4
South Carolina	38.6	46.7	39.4	30.4	28.1	36.1	28.7	44.0	26.5	32.9	20.3	25.8
Georgia	37.9	43.4	43.3	29.2	25.3	28.8	29.5	33.1	31.3	31.7	13.1	22.9
Florida	49.3	53.0	51.2	48.6	18.1	36.9	28.1	42.9	27.5	39.1	27.3	39.3
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:												
Kentucky	48.4	51.2	53.3	57.6	29.7	44.7	22.2	41.9	33.9	48.6	32.4	46.8
Tennessee	43.6	53.7	51.7	49.8	31.5	40.0	41.0	43.6	35.5	46.8	28.0	30.5
Alabama	43.5	52.7	35.9	30.8	23.4	42.0	36.3	45.7	35.8	32.2	23.8	23.7
Mississippi	45.0	53.2	33.9	25.3	20.3	41.0	24.9	36.5	31.6	29.9	13.4	21.9
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:												
Arkansas	47.9	53.3	50.6	40.8	29.8	13.8	14.7	26.1	26.1	11.7	16.7	36.0
Louisiana	44.3	54.8	47.3	44.6	22.4	28.6	17.6	31.4	28.0	31.7	18.6	28.7
Oklahoma	56.9	61.2	63.4	63.1	27.0	45.2	42.1	52.6	42.7	57.1	42.3	58.6
Texas	45.3	48.7	44.6	41.2	18.4	37.7	27.5	37.9	20.8	44.4	25.8	36.4
MOUNTAIN:												
Montana	67.8	68.0	69.4	70.3	51.4	67.2	60.8	65.3	64.2	68.9	61.7	69.0
Idaho	63.1	73.3	77.2	79.7	47.4	61.5	56.0	69.6	65.6	75.1	66.1	77.0
Wyoming	63.8	67.1	74.2	72.7	51.7	63.8	58.6	65.0	64.7	72.4	60.5	69.8
Colorado	60.2	64.5	68.0	69.7	45.9	57.6	48.0	62.4	54.7	66.3	53.1	67.7
New Mexico	57.5	60.7	61.9	61.7	44.1	55.7	50.2	57.5	49.8	65.9	52.1	59.8
Arizona	50.5	49.9	54.8	52.4	37.7	45.9	38.1	47.5	39.7	52.5	41.7	49.6
Utah	68.4	76.7	78.2	78.2	55.8	71.7	63.9	75.5	57.9	77.3	62.7	77.1
Nevada	51.0	54.4	52.1	58.3	43.1	50.4	45.4	50.9	47.8	50.3	41.3	56.3
PACIFIC:												
Washington	63.8	66.0	71.7	71.9	40.6	56.5	49.2	61.0	51.2	68.2	49.7	65.1
Oregon	61.7	66.4	68.9	71.8	47.6	57.9	49.9	63.9	56.1	67.3	56.8	70.6
California	59.1	59.8	63.9	65.8	39.4	57.3	51.1	57.9	54.8	61.8	52.3	62.7
Alaska	48.2	49.9	43.9	43.7	45.1	48.2	44.9	48.3	41.8	43.9	40.9	42.5
Hawaii	50.4	53.8	51.3	49.7	45.2	51.3	44.0	55.3	49.9	56.9	49.9	49.2

- Represents zero.

[1]Based on votes cast as shown in: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election and Statistics of the Congressional Election.

Table 5. ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE BY STATES: NOVEMBER 1960 TO 1976

(For years prior to 1972, population of voting age includes persons 18 years old and over in Georgia and Kentucky, 19 and over in Alaska, 20 and over in Hawaii, and 21 and over in all other States. Beginning 1972 comprises persons 18 years old and over in each State. Includes Armed Forces stationed in each State)

Region, division, and State	1976	1974	1972	1970	1968	1966	1964	1962	1960
United States	150,041,000	145,035,000	140,068,000	124,498,000	120,285,000	116,638,000	114,085,000	112,958,000	109,674,000
REGIONS:									
Northeast	35,178,000	34,522,000	34,090,000	30,799,000	30,095,000	29,521,000	29,141,000	29,251,000	28,616,000
North Central	39,968,000	39,069,000	38,163,000	34,039,000	33,100,000	32,299,000	31,720,000	31,805,000	31,297,000
South	47,923,000	45,793,000	43,507,000	38,388,000	36,803,000	35,389,000	34,435,000	33,662,000	32,601,000
West	26,972,000	25,652,000	24,308,000	21,272,000	20,288,000	19,429,000	18,794,000	18,234,000	17,158,000
NORTHEAST:									
New England	8,674,000	8,438,000	8,237,000	7,337,000	7,128,000	6,955,000	6,833,000	6,781,000	6,609,000
Middle Atlantic	26,504,000	26,083,000	25,853,000	23,462,000	22,967,000	22,566,000	22,308,000	22,470,000	22,007,000
NORTH CENTRAL:									
East North Central	28,297,000	27,653,000	27,010,000	24,132,000	23,496,000	22,903,000	22,382,000	22,347,000	21,955,000
West North Central	11,671,000	11,416,000	11,153,000	9,907,000	9,604,000	9,396,000	9,338,000	9,458,000	9,342,000
SOUTH:									
South Atlantic	24,070,000	22,930,000	21,605,000	19,047,000	18,182,000	17,365,000	16,771,000	15,995,000	15,616,000
East South Central	9,377,000	9,052,000	8,711,000	7,841,000	7,610,000	7,431,000	7,302,000	7,033,000	7,087,000
West South Central	14,475,000	13,810,000	13,191,000	11,501,000	11,011,000	10,593,000	10,362,000	10,256,000	9,898,000
WEST:									
Mountain	6,659,000	6,270,000	5,797,000	4,858,000	4,590,000	4,388,000	4,295,000	4,189,000	3,947,000
Pacific	20,313,000	19,381,000	18,511,000	16,414,000	15,698,000	15,041,000	14,499,000	14,045,000	13,211,000
NEW ENGLAND:									
Maine	741,000	714,000	683,000	601,000	592,000	589,000	585,000	595,000	588,000
New Hampshire	574,000	551,000	520,000	452,000	427,000	408,000	398,000	391,000	376,000
Vermont	327,000	316,000	306,000	265,000	252,000	240,000	232,000	233,000	231,000
Massachusetts	4,173,000	4,054,000	3,968,000	3,538,000	3,459,000	3,391,000	3,349,000	3,333,000	3,266,000
Rhode Island	648,000	654,000	671,000	596,000	573,000	554,000	545,000	548,000	540,000
Connecticut	2,211,000	2,149,000	2,089,000	1,886,000	1,826,000	1,773,000	1,724,000	1,679,000	1,608,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:									
New York	12,910,000	12,701,000	12,663,000	11,543,000	11,336,000	11,175,000	11,066,000	11,247,000	10,965,000
New Jersey	5,154,000	5,070,000	4,997,000	4,507,000	4,358,000	4,232,000	4,142,000	4,089,000	3,919,000
Pennsylvania	8,441,000	8,312,000	8,193,000	7,412,000	7,273,000	7,159,000	7,100,000	7,135,000	7,122,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Ohio	7,459,000	7,296,000	7,123,000	6,419,000	6,252,000	6,080,000	5,962,000	5,989,000	5,888,000
Indiana	3,640,000	3,577,000	3,496,000	3,104,000	3,003,000	2,915,000	2,845,000	2,836,000	2,799,000
Illinois	7,718,000	7,612,000	7,532,000	6,795,000	6,667,000	6,542,000	6,422,000	6,430,000	6,298,000
Michigan	6,268,000	6,077,000	5,868,000	5,200,000	5,032,000	4,885,000	4,719,000	4,665,000	4,598,000
Wisconsin	3,211,000	3,090,000	2,991,000	2,615,000	2,543,000	2,481,000	2,434,000	2,426,000	2,372,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Minnesota	2,721,000	2,631,000	2,546,000	2,248,000	2,154,000	2,082,000	2,050,000	2,062,000	2,017,000
Iowa	2,010,000	1,958,000	1,936,000	1,712,000	1,673,000	1,641,000	1,625,000	1,661,000	1,666,000
Missouri	3,348,000	3,306,000	3,228,000	2,913,000	2,813,000	2,751,000	2,709,000	2,726,000	2,706,000
North Dakota	432,000	425,000	413,000	360,000	354,000	358,000	362,000	359,000	357,000
South Dakota	469,000	459,000	447,000	389,000	384,000	385,000	395,000	406,000	395,000
Nebraska	1,080,000	1,056,000	1,030,000	906,000	881,000	863,000	879,000	893,000	868,000
Kansas	1,610,000	1,581,000	1,553,000	1,380,000	1,346,000	1,316,000	1,318,000	1,352,000	1,334,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:									
Delaware	403,000	390,000	378,000	326,000	314,000	301,000	292,000	284,000	272,000
Maryland	2,863,000	2,783,000	2,690,000	2,372,000	2,271,000	2,174,000	2,065,000	1,966,000	1,867,000
District of Columbia	514,000	515,000	530,000	483,000	495,000	506,000	513,000	527,000	513,000
Virginia	3,528,000	3,375,000	3,202,000	2,823,000	2,717,000	2,608,000	2,539,000	2,456,000	2,349,000
West Virginia	1,281,000	1,240,000	1,221,000	1,077,000	1,061,000	1,049,000	1,049,000	1,051,000	1,075,000
North Carolina	3,847,000	3,677,000	3,496,000	3,043,000	2,921,000	2,798,000	2,723,000	2,647,000	2,585,000
South Carolina	1,933,000	1,842,000	1,748,000	1,487,000	1,427,000	1,373,000	1,333,000	1,293,000	1,272,000
Georgia	3,375,000	3,251,000	3,098,000	2,985,000	2,851,000	2,717,000	2,634,000	2,546,000	2,507,000
Florida	6,326,000	5,856,000	5,242,000	4,451,000	4,124,000	3,839,000	3,623,000	3,442,000	3,176,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
Kentucky	2,374,000	2,284,000	2,204,000	2,136,000	2,063,000	1,996,000	1,964,000	1,950,000	1,950,000
Tennessee	2,958,000	2,859,000	2,758,000	2,410,000	2,325,000	2,254,000	2,212,000	2,165,000	2,110,000
Alabama	2,501,000	2,404,000	2,314,000	2,042,000	1,993,000	1,968,000	1,919,000	1,874,000	1,850,000
Mississippi	1,544,000	1,505,000	1,435,000	1,253,000	1,229,000	1,213,000	1,207,000	1,205,000	1,177,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
Arkansas	1,503,000	1,420,000	1,354,000	1,180,000	1,143,000	1,119,000	1,108,000	1,086,000	1,049,000
Louisiana	2,532,000	2,443,000	2,373,000	2,058,000	2,002,000	1,950,000	1,894,000	1,859,000	1,813,000
Oklahoma	1,937,000	1,872,000	1,809,000	1,605,000	1,540,000	1,489,000	1,471,000	1,478,000	1,431,000
Texas	8,503,000	8,095,000	7,655,000	6,658,000	6,327,000	6,035,000	5,889,000	5,832,000	5,605,000
MOUNTAIN:									
Montana	518,000	494,000	469,000	410,000	403,000	402,000	402,000	403,000	395,000
Idaho	567,000	528,000	491,000	418,000	397,000	384,000	379,000	385,000	377,000
Wyoming	266,000	245,000	229,000	198,000	190,000	184,000	192,000	193,000	192,000
Colorado	1,773,000	1,710,000	1,586,000	1,328,000	1,251,000	1,171,000	1,142,000	1,124,000	1,056,000
New Mexico	771,000	717,000	671,000	561,000	539,000	532,000	530,000	517,000	504,000
Arizona	1,555,000	1,444,000	1,295,000	1,056,000	975,000	917,000	878,000	836,000	760,000
Utah	783,000	741,000	699,000	583,000	551,000	530,000	512,000	506,000	479,000
Nevada	424,000	390,000	357,000	303,000	284,000	268,000	260,000	226,000	184,000
PACIFIC:									
Washington	2,536,000	2,419,000	2,306,000	2,078,000	1,975,000	1,833,000	1,754,000	1,774,000	1,727,000
Oregon	1,653,000	1,581,000	1,503,000	1,308,000	1,231,000	1,185,000	1,141,000	1,111,000	1,079,000
California	15,294,000	14,595,000	13,969,000	12,376,000	11,885,000	11,448,000	11,047,000	10,622,000	9,895,000
Alaska	231,000	213,000	197,000	178,000	166,000	158,000	153,000	148,000	139,000
Hawaii	600,000	574,000	536,000	473,000	439,000	417,000	404,000	390,000	371,000

Table 6. PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES: 1930 TO 1974

(Numbers in thousands. As of November 1. Includes Armed Forces. Prior to 1960, excludea Alaska and Hawaii)

Year	Population of voting age[1]	Vote cast				Year	Population of voting age[1]	Vote cast			
		For President	Percent of voting-age population	For U.S. Representatives	Percent of voting-age population			For President	Percent of voting-age population	For U.S. Representatives	Percent of voting-age population
1930	73,623	(X)	(X)	24,777	33.7	1952	99,929	61,551	61.6	57,571	57.6
1932	75,768	30,732	52.4	37,657	49.7	1954	102,075	(X)	(X)	42,580	41.7
1934	77,997	(X)	(X)	32,256	41.4	1956	104,515	62,027	59.3	58,428	55.9
1936	80,174	45,643	56.9	42,886	53.5	1958	106,447	(X)	(X)	45,818	43.0
1938	82,354	(X)	(X)	36,236	44.0	1960	109,674	68,838	63.1	64,133	58.7
1940	84,728	49,900	58.9	46,951	55.4	1962	112,958	(X)	(X)	51,261	46.3
						1964	114,085	70,645	61.8	65,886	57.8
1942	86,465	(X)	(X)	28,074	32.5	1966	116,638	(X)	(X)	52,900	45.4
1944	85,654	47,977	56.0	45,103	52.7	1968	120,285	73,212	60.7	66,109	55.2
1946	92,659	(X)	(X)	34,398	37.1	1970	124,498	(X)	(X)	54,173	43.8
1948	95,573	48,794	51.1	45,933	48.1	1972	140,068	77,625	55.4	71,188	50.9
1950	98,134	(X)	(X)	40,342	41.1	1974	145,035	(X)	(X)	52,397	36.1

X Not applicable. [1]Population 18 and over beginning 1972; prior to 1972 population 21 and over except population 18 and over in Georgia since 1944, 18 and over in Kentucky since 1956, 19 and over in Alaska, and 20 and over in Hawaii.

Source: For voting data: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election and Statistics of the Congressional Election; and Electiona Research Center, Washington, D.C., America Votes (copyright).

APPENDIX

Table A-1. MINIMUM LENGTH OF RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1976 GENERAL ELECTION, BY STATE

(Excluding vote for President and Vice President)

State	Federal, State, and local offices		
	In State	In county	In precinct
Alabama	30 days	30 days	30 days
Alaska	30 days	None	30 days
Arizona	30 days	30 days	30 days
Arkansas	30 days	30 days	30 days
California	30 days	30 days	30 days
Colorado	30 days	None	30 days[1]
Connecticut	30 days	None	30 days
Delaware	30 days	30 days	30 days
District of Columbia	30 days	None	None
Florida	30 days	30 days	None
Georgia	30 days	30 days	None
Hawaii	30 days	30 days	30 days
Idaho	30 days	30 days	30 days (for county seat election)
Illinois	30 days	30 days	30 days
Indiana	30 days	30 days (in townships)	30 days
Iowa	30 days	30 days	10 days (municipal and special)
Kansas	30 days	None	30 days
Kentucky	30 days	30 days	30 days
Louisiana	30 days	30 days (in parish)	30 days
Maine	30 days	30 days (city town)	None
Maryland	30 days	30 days	30 days[2]
Massachusetts	30 days	30 days	None
Michigan	30 days	30 days	None
Minnesota	30 days	None	30 days[3]
Mississippi	30 days	30 days	30 days
Missouri	30 days	30 days	None
Montana	30 days	30 days	None
Nebraska	30 days	30 days	10 days
Nevada	30 days	30 days	10 days
New Hampshire	30 days	30 days[4]	None
New Jersey	30 days	30 days	None
New Mexico	30 days	30 days	30 days
New York	30 days	30 days	30 days
North Carolina	30 days	None	30 days (may vote old precinct)
North Dakota	30 days	30 days	30 days
Ohio	30 days	30 days	30 days
Oklahoma	30 days	30 days	20 days
Oregon	30 days	30 days	30 days
Pennsylvania	30 days	None	30 days (in district)
Rhode Island	30 days	30 days	None
South Carolina	30 days	None	30 days
South Dakota	30 days	30 days	30 days[2]
Tennessee	30 days	30 days	None
Texas	30 days	30 days	None
Utah	30 days	30 days	30 days
Vermont	30 days	30 days[5]	None
Virginia	30 days	30 days	30 days
Washington	30 days	30 days	30 days
West Virginia	30 days	30 days	None
Wisconsin	30 days	None	10 days[2]
Wyoming	30 days	30 days	10 days[2]

[1]If moved to another county (within 90 days of election may vote absentee in old county).
[2]If less vote in old precinct.
[3]If less vote in old precinct, if in same municipality.
[4]In town (if less may vote in old district).
[5]In town (if less may vote in old county).

Source: Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Table A-2. PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES, BY STATE

State	Presidential preference primary	Congressional primary	State	Presidential preference primary	Congressional primary
Alabama	May 4	May 4	Missouri	(X)	August 3
Alaska	(X)	August 24	Montana	June 1	June 1
Arizona	(X)	September 7	Nebraska	May 11	May 11
Arkansas	May 25	May 25	Nevada	May 25	September 14
California	June 8	June 8	New Hampshire	Feb. 24	September 14
Colorado	(X)	September 14	New Jersey	June 8	June 8
Connecticut	(X)	September 7	New Mexico	(X)	June 1
Delaware	(X)	September 11	New York	April 6	September 14
District of Columbia	May 4	May 4	North Carolina	March 23	August 17
Florida	March 9	September 7	North Dakota	(X)	September 7
Georgia	May 4	August 10	Ohio	June 8	June 8
Hawaii	(X)	October 2	Oklahoma	(X)	August 24
Idaho	May 25	August 3	Oregon	May 25	May 25
Illinois	March 16	March 16	Pennsylvania	April 27	April 27
Indiana	May 4	May 4	Rhode Island	June 1	September 14
Iowa	(X)	June 8	South Carolina	(X)	June 8
Kansas	(X)	August 3	South Dakota	June 1	June 1
Kentucky	May 25	May 25	Tennessee	May 6	August 5
Louisiana	(X)	August 14	Texas	May 1	May 1
Maine	(X)	June 8	Utah	(X)	September 14
Maryland	May 18	May 18	Vermont	March 2	September 14
Massachusetts	March 2	September 14	Virginia	(X)	June 8
Michigan	May 18	August 3	Washington	(X)	September 21
Minnesota	(X)	September 14	West Virginia	May 11	May 11
Mississippi	June 1	June 1	Wisconsin	April 6	September 14
			Wyoming	(X)	September 14

X Not applicable.

Source: United States Senate, Hupman, Richard D. and Thornton, Robert L. Nomination and Election of the President and Vice President of the United States 1976.

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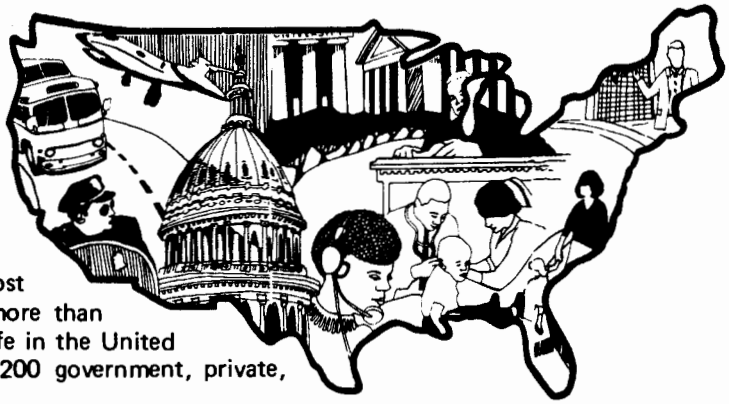

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