# Table 27. REPORTED REASON NOT VOTING OF PERSONS WHO REPORTED THAT THEY WERE REGISTERED BUT DID NOT VOTE, BY YEAR LAST VOTED AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1974

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

| Year last voted and sex | Total reported registered but not voting | Unable to go to the polls | | | Machines not working, lines too long | Out of town or away from home | Did not know of election | Not interested | Dislikes politics | | | | Other reason | Do not know and not reported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Illness, disability, family emergency | Couldn't leave work, couldn't get to polls | | | | | Total | General dislike | Did not prefer any candidate | Believed vote would not matter | | |
| **Both Sexes** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over | 24,242 | 7,619 | 4,315 | 3,304 | 135 | 3,163 | 228 | 4,493 | 3,083 | 624 | 2,095 | 363 | 3,348 | 2,173 |
| Never voted previously | 2,040 | 422 | 164 | 259 | 4 | 284 | 15 | 517 | 251 | 55 | 174 | 21 | 317 | 231 |
| Voted since 1973 | 9,033 | 3,112 | 1,768 | 1,344 | 67 | 1,475 | 119 | 1,377 | 1,004 | 140 | 709 | 155 | 1,230 | 650 |
| Last voted in 1972 | 10,155 | 3,148 | 1,772 | 1,376 | 57 | 1,107 | 70 | 2,026 | 1,478 | 324 | 1,004 | 150 | 1,454 | 816 |
| 1970-71 | 618 | 241 | 152 | 89 | 3 | 46 | 6 | 119 | 82 | 17 | 56 | 9 | 83 | 37 |
| 1968-69 | 393 | 138 | 86 | 52 | - | 28 | 4 | 94 | 67 | 10 | 48 | 9 | 38 | 26 |
| 1967 or earlier | 1,357 | 444 | 320 | 125 | 5 | 101 | 10 | 273 | 171 | 67 | 85 | 19 | 158 | 194 |
| Did not know or not reported | 646 | 113 | 53 | 61 | - | 121 | 5 | 87 | 31 | 12 | 18 | - | 69 | 220 |
| **Male** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over | 10,793 | 2,985 | 1,254 | 1,731 | 62 | 1,773 | 90 | 1,919 | 1,451 | 312 | 956 | 182 | 1,275 | 1,239 |
| Never voted previously | 845 | 136 | 23 | 113 | - | 138 | 5 | 215 | 103 | 23 | 69 | 11 | 112 | 137 |
| Voted since 1973 | 3,998 | 1,249 | 512 | 737 | 33 | 803 | 42 | 587 | 471 | 75 | 315 | 81 | 452 | 360 |
| Last voted in 1972 | 4,559 | 1,247 | 517 | 730 | 27 | 642 | 27 | 862 | 726 | 160 | 487 | 79 | 569 | 459 |
| 1970-71 | 263 | 77 | 41 | 36 | 2 | 29 | 6 | 55 | 37 | 11 | 21 | 6 | 37 | 21 |
| 1968-69 | 144 | 47 | 20 | 26 | - | 15 | 1 | 28 | 30 | 5 | 24 | 2 | 13 | 10 |
| 1967 or earlier | 601 | 179 | 126 | 53 | - | 72 | 7 | 125 | 64 | 29 | 33 | 3 | 48 | 106 |
| Did not know or not reported | 382 | 50 | 15 | 36 | - | 75 | 2 | 47 | 18 | 11 | 8 | - | 44 | 146 |
| **Female** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over | 13,449 | 4,634 | 3,061 | 1,573 | 73 | 1,389 | 138 | 2,574 | 1,632 | 312 | 1,139 | 181 | 2,073 | 934 |
| Never voted previously | 1,195 | 287 | 141 | 146 | 4 | 146 | 10 | 302 | 148 | 32 | 105 | 10 | 205 | 94 |
| Voted since 1973 | 5,035 | 1,863 | 1,256 | 607 | 33 | 672 | 76 | 789 | 533 | 64 | 395 | 74 | 778 | 290 |
| Last voted in 1972 | 5,596 | 1,900 | 1,255 | 645 | 30 | 465 | 43 | 1,164 | 752 | 164 | 517 | 71 | 885 | 357 |
| 1970-71 | 354 | 165 | 112 | 53 | 2 | 18 | - | 64 | 45 | 6 | 35 | 3 | 46 | 16 |
| 1968-69 | 249 | 91 | 66 | 25 | - | 12 | 3 | 66 | 36 | 5 | 24 | 7 | 25 | 16 |
| 1967 or earlier | 755 | 265 | 194 | 72 | 5 | 29 | 3 | 149 | 107 | 38 | 52 | 16 | 110 | 88 |
| Did not know or not reported | 264 | 63 | 38 | 25 | - | 47 | 3 | 39 | 12 | 2 | 11 | - | 25 | 74 |
| **PERCENT DISTRIBUTION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Both Sexes** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over | 100.0 | 31.4 | 17.8 | 13.6 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 0.9 | 18.5 | 12.7 | 2.6 | 8.6 | 1.5 | 13.8 | 9.0 |
| Never voted previously | 100.0 | 20.7 | 8.0 | 12.7 | 0.2 | 13.9 | 0.7 | 25.4 | 12.3 | 2.7 | 8.5 | 1.0 | 15.6 | 11.3 |
| Voted since 1973 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 19.6 | 14.9 | 0.7 | 16.3 | 1.3 | 15.2 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 7.9 | 1.7 | 13.6 | 7.2 |
| Last voted in 1972 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 17.4 | 13.5 | 0.6 | 10.9 | 0.7 | 20.0 | 14.6 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 1.5 | 14.3 | 8.0 |
| 1970-71 | 100.0 | 39.1 | 24.7 | 14.4 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 19.3 | 13.2 | 2.8 | 9.0 | 1.4 | 13.4 | 6.0 |
| 1968-69 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 21.9 | 13.1 | - | 7.0 | 1.0 | 23.9 | 17.0 | 2.5 | 12.3 | 2.2 | 9.6 | 6.5 |
| 1967 or earlier | 100.0 | 32.8 | 23.6 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 20.2 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 1.4 | 11.6 | 14.3 |
| Did not know or not reported | 100.0 | 17.6 | 8.2 | 9.4 | - | 18.8 | 0.7 | 13.4 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 2.9 | - | 10.6 | 34.1 |
| **Male** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over | 100.0 | 27.7 | 11.6 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 16.4 | 0.8 | 17.8 | 13.4 | 2.9 | 8.9 | 1.7 | 11.8 | 11.5 |
| Never voted previously | 100.0 | 16.0 | 2.7 | 13.4 | - | 16.3 | 0.6 | 25.4 | 12.2 | 2.7 | 8.2 | 1.3 | 13.3 | 16.2 |
| Voted since 1973 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 18.4 | 0.8 | 20.1 | 1.1 | 14.7 | 11.8 | 1.9 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 9.0 |
| Last voted in 1972 | 100.0 | 27.4 | 11.3 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 14.1 | 0.6 | 18.9 | 15.9 | 3.5 | 10.7 | 1.7 | 1.25 | 10.1 |
| 1970-71 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 0.7 | 10.8 | 2.4 | 20.8 | 14.1 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 14.1 | 7.9 |
| 1968-69 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 14.1 | 18.2 | - | 10.6 | 0.7 | 19.3 | 21.1 | 3.3 | 16.6 | 1.2 | 9.2 | 6.8 |
| 1967 or earlier | 100.0 | 29.8 | 21.0 | 8.8 | - | 12.0 | 1.1 | 20.7 | 10.7 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 7.9 | 17.7 |
| Did not know or not reported | 100.0 | 13.1 | 3.8 | 9.3 | - | 19.6 | 0.4 | 12.4 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 2.0 | - | 11.6 | 38.1 |

See footnotes at end of table.

# Table 27. REPORTED REASON NOT VOTING OF PERSONS WHO REPORTED THAT THEY WERE REGISTERED BUT DID NOT VOTE, BY YEAR LAST VOTED AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1974—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

| Year last voted and sex | Total reported registered but not voting | Unable to go to the polls | | | Machines not working, lines too long | Out of town or away from home | Didn't know of election | Not interested | Dislikes politics | | | | Other reason | Do not know and not reported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Illness, disability, family emergency | Couldn't leave work, couldn't get to polls | | | | | Total | General dislike | Did not prefer any candidate | Believed vote would not matter | | |
| PERCENT DISTRIBUTION--Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 18 years and over..... | 100.0 | 34.5 | 22.8 | 11.7 | 0.5 | 10.3 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 12.1 | 2.3 | 8.5 | 1.3 | 15.4 | 6.9 |
| Never voted previously..... | 100.0 | 24.0 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 0.3 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 25.3 | 12.4 | 2.7 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 17.2 | 7.8 |
| Voted since 1973..... | 100.0 | 37.0 | 24.9 | 12.1 | 0.7 | 13.4 | 1.5 | 15.7 | 10.6 | 1.3 | 7.8 | 1.5 | 15.5 | 5.8 |
| Last voted in 1972..... | 100.0 | 34.0 | 22.4 | 11.5 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 20.8 | 13.4 | 2.9 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 15.8 | 6.4 |
| 1970-71..... | 100.0 | 46.4 | 31.5 | 14.9 | 0.4 | 5.0 | - | 18.1 | 12.6 | 1.8 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 12.9 | 4.6 |
| 1968-69..... | 100.0 | 36.5 | 26.4 | 10.1 | - | 4.9 | 1.2 | 26.5 | 14.6 | 2.0 | 9.8 | 2.8 | 9.8 | 6.4 |
| 1967 or earlier..... | 100.0 | 35.1 | 25.6 | 9.5 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 19.7 | 14.1 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 2.1 | 14.6 | 11.6 |
| Did not know or not reported..... | 100.0 | 24.0 | 14.4 | 9.6 | - | 17.7 | 1.2 | 14.9 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 4.1 | - | 9.3 | 28.2 |

- Represents zero.