

Table 5. Participation in Elections for President and U.S. Representatives: 1930 to 1980

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

Year	Popula- tion of voting age ¹	Vote cast				Year	Popula- tion of voting age ¹	Vote cast			
		For Presi- dent	Percent of voting- age pop- ulation	For U.S. Repre- senta- tives	Percent of voting- age pop- ulation			For Presi- dent	Percent of voting- age pop- ulation	For U.S. Repre- senta- tives ²	Percent of voting- age pop- ulation
1930.....	73,623	(X)	(X)	24,777	33.7	1956.....	104,515	62,027	59.3	58,428	55.9
1932.....	75,768	39,732	52.4	37,657	49.7	1958.....	106,447	(X)	(X)	45,818	43.0
1934.....	77,997	(X)	(X)	32,256	41.4						
1936.....	80,174	45,643	56.9	42,886	53.5	1960.....	109,672	68,838	63.1	64,133	58.7
1938.....	82,354	(X)	(X)	36,236	44.0	1962.....	112,952	(X)	(X)	51,261	46.3
						1964.....	114,090	70,645	61.8	65,886	57.8
1940.....	84,728	49,900	58.9	46,951	55.4	1966.....	116,638	(X)	(X)	52,900	45.4
1942.....	86,465	(X)	(X)	28,074	32.5	1968.....	120,285	73,212	60.7	66,109	55.2
1944.....	85,654	47,977	56.0	45,103	52.7	1970.....	124,498	(X)	(X)	54,173	43.8
1946.....	92,659	(X)	(X)	34,398	37.1	1972.....	140,777	77,625	55.1	71,348	50.7
1948.....	95,573	48,794	51.1	45,933	48.1	1974.....	146,338	(X)	(X)	52,418	35.8
						1976.....	152,308	81,603	53.6	74,419	48.9
1950.....	98,134	(X)	(X)	40,342	41.1	1978.....	158,369	(X)	(X)	54,680	34.5
1952.....	99,929	61,551	61.6	57,571	57.6	1980.....	164,381	86,497	52.6	78,025	47.5
1954.....	102,075	(X)	(X)	42,580	41.7						

X Not applicable.

¹Population 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.²Beginning 1972 includes votes cast for delegate in the District of Columbia.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 Elections Research Center, Washington, D.C., America Votes (copyright).