

Comparative Voter Registration and Voter Participation Statistics for Statewide General Elections -- 1910 through 1998

General Date	Voting Age Population	Registration				VAP Percent	Votes Cast		Turnout of VAP *
		Democratic	Republican	Other	Total		Total Votes	Turnout of Registered	
Nov. 8, 1910	725,000						393,893		54.33
Nov. 5, 1912 P	1,569,000				987,368		707,776	71.68	45.11
Nov. 3, 1914	1,726,000				1,219,345		961,868	78.88	55.73
Nov. 7, 1916 P	1,806,000				1,314,446		1,045,858	79.57	57.91
Nov. 5, 1918	1,918,000				1,203,898		714,525	59.35	37.25
Nov. 2, 1920 P	2,090,000				1,374,184		987,632	71.87	47.26
Nov. 7, 1922	2,420,000	319,107	968,429	244,848	1,532,384	63.32	1,000,997	65.32	41.36
Nov. 4, 1924 P	2,754,000	397,962	1,183,672	240,723	1,822,357	66.17	1,336,598	73.34	48.53
Nov. 2, 1926	2,989,000	410,290	1,298,062	204,510	1,912,862	64.00	1,212,452	63.38	40.56
Nov. 6, 1928 P	3,240,000	592,161	1,535,751	185,904	2,313,816	71.41	1,846,077	79.78	56.98
Nov. 4, 1930	3,463,000	456,096	1,638,575	150,557	2,245,228	64.83	1,444,872	64.35	41.72
Nov. 8, 1932 P	3,573,000	1,161,482	1,565,264	162,267	2,889,013	80.86	2,330,132	80.65	65.22
Nov. 6, 1934	3,674,000	1,555,705	1,430,198	154,211	3,140,114	85.47	2,360,916	75.19	64.26
Nov. 3, 1936 P	3,844,000	1,882,014	1,244,507	127,300	3,253,821	84.65	2,712,342	83.36	70.56
Nov. 8, 1938	4,035,000	2,144,360	1,293,929	173,127	3,611,416	89.50	2,695,904	74.65	66.81
Nov. 5, 1940 P	4,214,000	2,419,628	1,458,373	174,394	4,052,395	96.17	3,300,410	81.44	78.32
Nov. 3, 1942	4,693,000	2,300,206	1,370,069	150,491	3,820,776	81.41	2,264,288	59.26	48.25
Nov. 7, 1944 P	5,427,000	2,418,965	1,548,395	173,971	4,141,331	76.31	3,566,734	86.13	65.72
Nov. 5, 1946	5,800,000	2,541,720	1,637,246	204,997	4,383,963	75.59	2,759,641	62.95	47.58
Nov. 2, 1948 P	6,106,000	2,892,222	1,908,170	261,605	5,061,997	82.90	4,076,981	80.54	66.77
Nov. 7, 1950	6,458,000	3,062,205	1,944,812	237,820	5,244,837	81.21	3,845,757	73.32	59.55
Nov. 4, 1952 P	7,033,000	3,312,668	2,455,713	229,919	5,998,300	85.29	5,209,692	86.85	74.07
Nov. 2, 1954	7,565,000	3,266,831	2,415,249	203,157	5,885,237	77.80	4,101,692	69.69	54.22
Nov. 6, 1956 P	8,208,000	3,575,635	2,646,249	186,937	6,408,821	78.08	5,547,621	86.56	67.59
Nov. 4, 1958	8,909,000	3,875,630	2,676,565	200,226	6,752,421	75.79	5,366,053	79.47	60.23
Nov. 8, 1960 P	9,587,000	4,295,330	2,926,408	242,888	7,464,626	77.86	6,592,591	88.32	68.77
Nov. 6, 1962	10,305,000	4,289,997	3,002,038	239,176	7,531,211	73.08	5,929,602	78.73	57.54
Nov. 3, 1964 P	10,959,000	4,737,886	3,181,272	264,985	8,184,143	74.68	7,233,067	88.38	66.00
Nov. 8, 1966	11,448,000	4,720,597	3,350,990	269,281	8,340,868	72.86	6,605,866	79.20	57.70
Nov. 5, 1968 P	11,813,000	4,682,661	3,462,131	442,881	8,587,673	72.70	7,363,711	85.75	62.34
Nov. 3, 1970	12,182,000	4,781,282	3,469,046	456,019	8,706,347	71.47	6,633,400	76.19	54.45
Nov. 7, 1972 P	13,322,000	5,864,745	3,840,620	760,850	10,466,215	78.56	8,595,950	82.13	64.52
Nov. 6, 1973 S	13,512,000	5,049,959	3,422,291	617,569	9,089,819	67.07	4,329,017	47.62	32.04
Nov. 5, 1974	13,703,000	5,623,831	3,574,624	729,909	9,928,364	72.45	6,364,597	64.11	46.45
Nov. 2, 1976 P	14,196,000	5,725,718	3,468,439	786,331	9,980,488	70.30	8,137,202	81.53	57.32
Nov. 7, 1978	14,781,000	5,729,959	3,465,384	934,643	10,129,986	68.53	7,132,210	70.41	48.25
Nov. 6, 1979 S	15,083,000	5,594,018	3,406,854	1,006,085	10,006,957	66.35	3,740,800	37.38	24.80
Nov. 4, 1980 P	15,384,000	6,043,262	3,942,768	1,375,593	11,361,623	73.85	8,775,459	77.24	57.04
Nov. 2, 1982	15,984,000	6,150,716	4,029,684	1,378,699	11,559,099	72.32	8,064,314	69.78	50.45
Nov. 6, 1984 P	16,582,000	6,804,263	4,769,129	1,500,238	13,073,630	78.84	9,796,375	74.93	59.08
Nov. 4, 1986	17,561,000	6,524,496	4,912,581	1,396,843	12,833,920	73.08	7,617,142	59.35	43.38
Nov. 8, 1988 P	19,052,000	7,052,368	5,406,127	1,546,378	14,004,873	73.51	10,194,539	72.81	53.51
Nov. 6, 1990	19,245,000	6,671,747	5,290,202	1,516,078	13,478,027	70.03	7,899,131	58.61	41.05
Nov. 3, 1992 P	20,864,000	7,410,914	5,593,555	2,097,004	15,101,473	72.38	11,374,565	75.32	54.52
Nov. 2, 1993 S	20,797,000	7,110,142	5,389,313	2,043,168	14,524,623	68.01	5,282,443	36.37	27.73
Nov. 8, 1994	18,946,000	7,219,635	5,472,391	2,031,758	14,723,784	77.71	8,900,593	60.45	46.98
Nov. 5, 1996 P	19,526,991	7,387,504	5,704,536	2,570,035	15,662,075	80.21	10,263,490	65.53	52.56
Nov. 3, 1998	20,806,462	6,989,006	5,314,912	2,665,267	14,969,185	71.94	8,617,649	57.57	41.42

Note 1: P indicates a presidential election year.

Note 2: In 1911 women were given the franchise.

Note 3: 1972 was the first year that 18- to 21-year-olds were eligible to register and vote in a general election. The registration period was also extended that year by reducing the 54-day pre-election cut-off period to 30 days.

Note 4: In 1975, the cut-off period for registering to vote was reduced by the Legislature to 29 days prior to the election.

* VAP = Voting Age Population