# 60-DAY REPORT OF REGISTRATION April 6, 2012, for the June 5, 2012, Presidential Primary Election

# HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS FOR 60-DAY CLOSE FOR STATEWIDE PRIMARIES IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS

### **TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION**

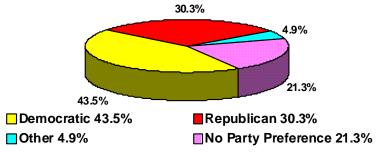
| Report Date                   | Eligible Voters <sup>1</sup> | Registered Voters | Percent |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| April 6, 2012                 | 23,704,446                   | 17,037,414        | 71.87%  |
| April 4, 2008 <sup>2</sup>    | 23,000,295                   | 15,895,942        | 69.11%  |
| December 7, 2007 <sup>2</sup> | 22,987,562                   | 15,468,551        | 67.29%  |
| January 2, 2004 <sup>3</sup>  | 21,843,202                   | 14,945,031        | 68.42%  |
| January 7, 2000 <sup>3</sup>  | 21,190,865                   | 14,676,174        | 69.26%  |
| January 26, 1996 <sup>3</sup> | 19,298,379                   | 14,314,658        | 74.18%  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The figures given are unofficial but are based on U.S. Census data, as adjusted by information from the California Department of Finance and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Presidential primary and statewide direct primary elections were held on the same day in March in 1996, 2000, and 2004.

| REGISTRATION BY POLITICAL PARTY |            |            |              |                               |                      |                               |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Report Date                     | <u>Dem</u> | <u>Rep</u> | <u>Other</u> | No Party<br><u>Preference</u> | Counties w<br>of Dem | ith Majority<br><u>of Rep</u> |
| April 6, 2012                   | 43.5%      | 30.3%      | 4.9%         | 21.3%                         | 28                   | 30                            |
| April 4, 2008                   | 43.5%      | 32.8%      | 4.4%         | 19.3%                         | 25                   | 33                            |
| December 7, 2007                | 42.7%      | 33.6%      | 4.4%         | 19.3%                         | 23                   | 35                            |
| January 2, 2004                 | 43.2%      | 35.7%      | 4.9%         | 16.2%                         | 21                   | 37                            |
| January 7, 2000                 | 46.2%      | 34.9%      | 5.2%         | 13.7%                         | 29                   | 29                            |
| January 26, 1996                | 47.4%      | 36.8%      | 5.2%         | 10.6%                         | 37                   | 21                            |

## **Political Party Registration Percentages**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The presidential and statewide direct primaries were split in 2008. The presidential primary election was held on February 5, and the statewide direct primary election was held on June 3. Therefore, by law, two 60-day reports were published.

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#### **TRENDS**

Since the last 60-Day Report of Registration in a presidential election year (April 4, 2008):

- The total voter registration in the state increased from 15,895,942 to 17,037,414.
- The percentage of the total number of registered voters compared to the number of people who are eligible to register to vote increased from 69.1% to 71.9%.
- The percentage of voters who have no party preference increased from 19.3% to 21.3%.
- The percentage of people registered with a qualified political party decreased from 80.1% to 77.9%.
- The percentage of voters registered with the Democratic Party remained unchanged at 43.5%.
- The percentage of voters registered with the Republican Party decreased from 32.8% to 30.3%.

### POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS

The counties with the 10 highest percentages of Democratic Party, Republican Party, and No Party Preference registered voters are:

| <b>Democratic Party</b> |        | Republican Party |        | No Party Preference |        |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Alameda                 | 56.37% | Modoc            | 49.83% | San Francisco       | 30.54% |
| San Francisco           | 55.62% | Lassen           | 48.41% | Santa Clara         | 28.03% |
| Marin                   | 54.45% | Placer           | 48.22% | Alpine              | 25.83% |
| Santa Cruz              | 54.00% | Shasta           | 47.12% | San Mateo           | 24.73% |
| Monterey                | 52.37% | Colusa           | 46.15% | San Diego           | 24.56% |
| Sonoma                  | 51.45% | Madera           | 45.69% | Lake                | 24.37% |
| San Mateo               | 51.14% | Amador           | 45.61% | Mono                | 24.35% |
| Imperial                | 50.94% | Sutter           | 45.55% | Humboldt            | 22.81% |
| Los Angeles             | 50.78% | Glenn            | 45.38% | Mendocino           | 22.33% |
| Contra Costa            | 49.32% | Kings            | 45.23% | Marin               | 22.19% |

The counties with the three highest percentages of American Independent Party, Americans Elect Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party, and Peace and Freedom Party registered voters are:

| American Independent Party |                         | Green Party                         |                         | Peace and F                           | Peace and Freedom Party |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Sierra<br>Lassen<br>Tehama | 5.31%<br>5.19%<br>4.93% | Mendocino<br>Humboldt<br>Santa Cruz | 3.92%<br>3.83%<br>2.09% | Mendocino<br>Los Angeles<br>Del Norte | 0.56%<br>0.52%<br>0.45% |  |
| Americans E                | lect Party              | Libertarian Party                   | <u>L</u>                |                                       |                         |  |
|                            |                         |                                     |                         |                                       |                         |  |