

HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION IN STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS 1910-2010

Election Date	Registration					Votes Cast		
	Eligible	Democratic	Republican	Other	Total	Votes	Turnout Registered	Turnout Eligible
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	1,000,997	65.32%	41.36%
Nov. 4, 1924 P	2,754,000	397,962	1,183,672	240,723	1,822,357	1,336,598	73.34%	48.53%
Nov. 2, 1926	2,989,000	410,290	1,298,062	204,510	1,912,862	1,212,452	63.38%	40.56%
Nov. 6, 1928 P	3,240,000	592,161	1,535,751	185,904	2,313,816	1,846,077	79.78%	56.98%
Nov. 4, 1930	3,463,000	456,096	1,638,575	150,557	2,245,228	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	2,330,132	80.65%	65.22%
Nov. 6, 1934	3,674,000	1,555,705	1,430,198	154,211	3,140,114	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	2,712,342	83.36%	70.56%
Nov. 8, 1938	4,035,000	2,144,360	1,293,929	173,127	3,611,416	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	3,300,410	81.44%	78.32%
Nov. 3, 1942	4,693,000	2,300,206	1,370,069	150,491	3,820,776	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	3,566,734	86.13%	65.72%
Nov. 5, 1946	5,800,000	2,541,720	1,637,246	204,997	4,383,963	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	4,076,981	80.54%	66.77%
Nov. 7, 1950	6,458,000	3,062,205	1,944,812	237,820	5,244,837	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	5,209,692	86.85%	74.07%
Nov. 2, 1954	7,565,000	3,266,831	2,415,249	203,157	5,885,237	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	5,547,621	86.56%	67.59%
Nov. 4, 1958	8,909,000	3,875,630	2,676,565	200,226	6,752,421	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	6,592,591	88.32%	68.77%
Nov. 6, 1962	10,305,000	4,289,997	3,002,038	239,176	7,531,211	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	7,233,067	88.38%	66%
Nov. 8, 1966	11,448,000	4,720,597	3,350,990	269,281	8,340,868	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	7,363,711	85.75%	62.34%
Nov. 3, 1970	12,182,000	4,781,282	3,469,046	456,019	8,706,347	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	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	4,329,017	47.62%	32.04%
Nov. 5, 1974	13,703,000	5,623,831	3,574,624	729,909	9,928,364	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	8,137,202	81.53%	57.32%
Nov. 7, 1978	14,781,000	5,729,959	3,465,384	934,643	10,129,986	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	8,621,121	57.59%	41.43%
Nov. 7, 2000 P	21,461,275	7,134,601	5,485,492	3,087,214	15,707,307	11,142,843	70.94%	51.92%
Nov. 5, 2002	21,466,274	6,825,400	5,388,895	3,089,174	15,303,469	7,738,821	50.57%	36.05%
Oct. 7, 2003 S	21,833,141	6,718,111	5,429,256	3,236,059	15,383,526	9,413,494	61.20%	43.12%
Nov. 2, 2004 P	22,075,036	7,120,425	5,745,518	3,691,330	16,557,273	12,589,683	76.04%	57.03%
Nov. 8, 2005 S	22,487,768	6,785,188	5,524,609	3,581,685	15,891,482	7,968,757	50.14%	35.44%
Nov. 7, 2006	22,652,190	6,727,908	5,436,314	3,672,886	15,837,108	8,899,059	56.19%	39.29%
Nov. 4, 2008 P	23,208,710	7,683,495	5,428,052	4,192,544	17,304,091	13,743,177	79.42%	59.22%
May 19, 2009 S	23,385,819	7,642,108	5,325,558	4,185,346	17,153,012	4,871,945	28.40%	20.80%
Nov. 2, 2010	23,551,699	7,620,240	5,361,875	4,303,768	17,285,883	10,300,392	59.59%	43.74%

Notes

* indicates information not available.
P indicates a presidential election year; S indicates a statewide special election.
The first statewide record of party affiliations was reported in 1922.
In 1911, women gained the right to vote in California.
In 1972, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.