

ELECTIONS

Table 6.8
VOTER TURNOUT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BY REGION: 2000, 2004 AND 2008
(In thousands)

State or other jurisdiction	2008			2004			2000		
	Voting age population (a)	Number registered	Number voting (b)	Voting age population (a)	Number registered	Number voting (b)	Voting age population (a)	Number registered	Number voting (b)
U.S. Total	227,719	189,391	128,628	208,247	170,937	122,501	205,410	156,420	105,587
Eastern Region									
Connecticut.....	2,682	2,210	1,645	2,574	1,823	1,579	2,499	1,874	1,460
Delaware.....	659	602	391	594	554	376	582	505	328
Maine.....	1,037	1,000	731	1,042	957	741	968	882	652
Maryland.....	4,259	3,429	2,632	3,922	3,070	2,396	3,925	2,715	2,024
Massachusetts.....	5,016	4,220	3,103	4,931	3,973	2,927	4,749	4,009	2,734
New Hampshire.....	1,017	864	708	991	856	684	911	857	569
New Jersey.....	6,622	5,379	3,868	6,669	5,009	3,612	6,245	4,711	3,187
New York.....	14,884	12,031	7,675	14,206	11,837	7,448	13,805	11,263	6,960
Pennsylvania.....	9,646	8,730	5,995	9,404	8,367	5,770	9,155	7,782	4,912
Rhode Island.....	824	701	470	803	709	437	753	655	409
Vermont.....	489	454	325	490	445	312	460	427	294
Regional total.....	47,135	39,620	27,543	45,626	37,600	26,282	44,052	35,680	23,529
Midwestern Region									
Illinois.....	9,653	7,790	5,578	9,519	7,499	5,274	8,983	7,129	4,742
Indiana.....	4,758	4,515	2,751	4,420	4,163	2,468	4,448	4,001	2,180
Iowa.....	2,276	2,076	1,537	2,212	2,107	1,522	2,165	1,841	1,314
Kansas.....	2,079	1,750	1,264	2,038	1,694	1,188	1,983	1,624	1,072
Michigan.....	7,624	7,471	5,044	7,541	7,164	4,839	7,358	6,861	4,233
Minnesota.....	3,937	3,200	2,910	3,823	2,977	2,828	3,547	3,265	2,439
Nebraska.....	1,328	1,157	801	1,257	1,160	778	1,234	1,085	697
North Dakota.....	496	(d)	317	487	(d)	316	477	(e)	288
Ohio.....	8,715	8,163	5,698	8,604	7,973	5,426	8,433	7,538	4,702
South Dakota.....	599	508	382	573	502	395	543	471	316
Wisconsin.....	4,280	3,405 (d)	2,983	4,119	2,957 (d)	2,997	3,930	(d)	2,599
Regional total.....	45,745	40,035	24,174	44,593	38,196	28,031	43,101	33,815	24,582
Southern Region									
Alabama.....	3,504	2,841	2,100	3,252	2,597	1,883	3,333	2,529	1,666
Arkansas.....	2,134	1,686	1,087	1,951	1,686	1,055	1,929	1,556	922
Florida.....	14,207	11,248	8,358	12,539	10,301	7,610	11,774	8,753	5,963
Georgia.....	7,013	5,266	3,924	6,080	4,249	3,285	5,893	3,860	2,583
Kentucky.....	3,237	2,907	1,827	3,012	2,819	1,796	2,993	2,557	1,544
Louisiana.....	3,213	2,945	1,961	3,249	2,923	1,957	3,255	2,730	1,766
Mississippi.....	2,150	1,873	1,290	2,014	1,865	1,140	2,047	1,740	994
Missouri.....	4,453	4,181	2,925	4,297	4,194	2,731	4,105	3,861	2,360
North Carolina.....	6,843	6,226	4,311	6,453	5,527	3,501	5,797	5,122	2,915
Oklahoma.....	2,717	2,184	1,463	2,515	2,143	1,464	2,531	2,234	1,234
South Carolina.....	3,347	2,554	1,921	3,214	2,315	1,618	2,977	2,157	1,386
Tennessee.....	4,685	3,978	2,600	4,284	3,532	2,437	4,221	3,181	2,076
Texas.....	17,281	13,575	8,077	16,071	13,098	7,411	14,479	12,365	6,408
Virginia.....	5,885	5,044	3,724	5,194	4,528	3,195	5,263	3,770	2,790
West Virginia.....	1,424	1,212	713	1,406	1,169	744	1,416	1,068	648
Regional total.....	82,093	67,720	46,281	75,531	62,946	41,827	72,013	57,483	35,255
Western Region									
Alaska.....	501	496	326	460	472	313	436	474	286
Arizona.....	4,668	2,987	2,321	3,800	2,643	2,038	3,625	2,173	1,532
California.....	27,169	23,209	13,214	22,075	16,557	12,589	21,461	15,707	11,142
Colorado.....	3,668	3,209	2,401	3,246	2,890	2,130	3,067	2,274	1,741
Hawaii.....	997	691	454	873	647	429	909	637	368
Idaho.....	1,091	862	655	996	798	613	921	728	502
Montana.....	738	668	490	680	596	450	668	698	411
Nevada.....	1,905	1,208	968	1,580	1,094	830	1,390	898	609
New Mexico.....	1,469	1,193	830	1,318	1,105	756	1,263	973	599
Oregon.....	2,884	2,154	1,828	2,665	2,120	1,837	2,530	1,944	1,534
Utah.....	1,828	1,433	905	1,522	1,278	928	1,465	1,123	771
Washington.....	4,932	3,630	3,037	4,596	3,508	2,883	4,368	3,336	2,487
Wyoming.....	397	276	255	370	246	244	358	220	214
Regional total.....	52,247	42,016	30,620	44,181	33,954	26,040	42,461	31,185	22,196
Regional total without California.....	25,078	18,807	17,406	22,106	17,397	13,451	21,000	15,478	11,054
Dist. of Columbia.....	474,572	427	267	435	384	228	411	354	202

Sources: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election, 2004, U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, December 2008, The Council of State Governments' survey of election officials, January 2009. 2000 data provided by the Federal Election Commission.

Key:

- (a) Estimated population, 18 years old and over. Includes armed forces in each state, aliens, and institutional population.
- (b) Number voting is number of ballots cast in presidential race.
- (c) Information not available.
- (d) No statewide registration required. Excluded from totals for persons registered.