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National Voter Turnout in Federal Elections: 1960-1996

Year	Voting Age Population	Registration	Turnout	% T/O of VAP
1996	196,511,000	146,211,960	96,456,345	49.08%
1994	193,650,000	130,292,822	75,105,860	38.78%
1992	189,529,000	133,821,178	104,405,155	55.09%
1990	185,812,000	121,105,630	67,859,189	36.52%
1988	182,778,000	126,379,628	91,594,693	50.11%
1986	178,566,000	118,399,984	64,991,128	36.40%
1984	174,466,000	124,150,614	92,652,680	53.11%
1982	169,938,000	110,671,225	67,615,576	39.79%
1980	164,597,000	113,043,734	86,515,221	52.56%
1978	158,373,000	103,291,265	58,917,938	37.21%
1976	152,309,190	105,037,986	81,555,789	53.55%
1974	146,336,000	96,199,020*	55,943,834	38.23%
1972	140,776,000	97,328,541	77,718,554	55.21%
1970	124,498,000	82,496,747#	58,014,338	46.60%
1968	120,328,186	81,658,180	73,211,875	60.84%
1966	116,132,000	76,288,283^	56,188,046	48.39%
1964	114,090,000	73,715,818	70,644,592	61.92%
1962	112,423,000	65,393,751+	53,141,227	47.27%
1960	109,159,000	64,833,096x	68,838,204	63.06%

Definitions: % T/O of VAP=Percent Turnout of Voting Age Population

*Registrations from Iowa not included

#Registrations from Iowa and Missouri not included

[^]Registrations from IA, KS, MS, MO, NE, and WY not included. D.C. had not independent status. +Registrations from AL, AK, DC, IA, KS, KY, MS, MO, NE, NC, ND, SD, TN, WI, and WY not

included

xRegistrations from AL, AK, DC, IA, KS, KY, MS, MO, NE, NM, NC, ND, OK, SD, WI, and WY not included

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