

General Election Voter Registration / Turnout Statistics

Year	Number Voting ^[1]	Number Registered ^[2]	Number of Active Registered	Voting Age Population (VAP)	Turnout (% of VAP)
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS					
1948	2,109,609	Not Available	Not Available	4,041,000	52.2
1952	2,798,592	Not Available	Not Available	4,193,000	66.7
1956	3,080,468	3,128,573	Not Available	4,538,000	67.9
1960	3,318,097	3,454,804	Not Available	4,564,000	72.7
1964	3,203,102	3,351,730	Not Available	4,658,000	68.8
1968	3,306,250	4,022,378	Not Available	4,953,000	66.8
1972	3,490,325	4,762,764 ^[3]	Not Available	5,874,000 ^[4]	59.4
1976	3,722,384	5,202,379 ^[5]	Not Available	6,268,000	59.4
1980	3,978,647	5,725,713	Not Available	6,510,000	61.1
1984	3,884,854	5,888,808	Not Available	6,551,000	59.3
1988	3,745,751	5,952,513	Not Available	6,774,000	55.3
1992	4,341,909	6,147,083	Not Available	6,947,000	62.5
1996	3,912,261	6,677,079 ^[6]	Not Available	7,177,000	54.5
2000	4,279,299	6,859,332	Not Available	7,358,000	58.2
2004	4,875,692	7,164,047	Not Available	7,541,000	64.7
2008	5,039,080	7,470,764	Not Available	7,613,000	66.2
2012	4,780,701	7,454,553	Not Available	7,616,490	63.0
2016	4,874,619	7,514,055	6,748,385 ^[9]	7,737,250	63.0
2020	5,579,317	8,105,524 ^[10]	7,151,051 ^[10]	7,914,600	70.5

^[1] As a "poll book total" was not kept prior to 1976, the turnout figures for elections held between 1948 and 1974 are based on the greatest number of votes cast for any office in the election.

^[2] A registration figure for the state was not compiled for elections held prior to 1956.

^[3] The large increase in the number of registered voters in the state from 1970 to 1972 was the result of a March 1972 Michigan Supreme Court ruling which declared that it was unconstitutional to purge the registration of a voter who had not voted over a period of two years as Michigan law then required. In effect, this compelled clerks to reinstate the registrations of "non-voters" who had been purged from the registration rolls since 1968.

^[4] The large increase in the state's voting age population from 1970 to 1972 was the result of Amendment XXVI to the U.S. Constitution which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

^[5] Two events occurred in 1975 which affected the 1976 registration total: (1) the Secretary of State Branch Office Voter Registration Program was put into effect in October and (2) provisions allowing for the creation of "inactive" voter registration files were put into effect. Registration totals listed for 1976 to 1988 reflect only those registrations held in 4-year "active" files.

^[6] The National Voter Registration Act, effective January 1, 1995, eliminated the initiation of any voter registration cancellations for inactivity and introduced several new voter registration programs in the state, including mail-in registration.

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GOVERNATORIAL ELECTION YEARS					
1950	1,879,382	Not Available	Not Available	4,137,000	45.4
1954	2,187,027	Not Available	Not Available	4,342,000	50.4
1958	2,312,184	3,489,626	Not Available	4,623,000	50.0
1962	2,764,839	3,710,798	Not Available	4,605,000	60.0
1966	2,461,909	3,613,463	Not Available	4,718,000	52.2
1970	2,656,162	3,969,807	Not Available	5,148,000	51.6
1974	2,657,017	4,785,689	Not Available	6,037,000	44.0
1978	2,984,829	5,230,345	Not Available	6,405,000	46.6
1982	3,135,978	5,624,573	Not Available	6,554,000	47.8
1986	2,468,009	5,790,753	Not Available	6,675,000	37.0
1990	2,641,649	5,892,001 ^[7]	Not Available	6,851,000	38.6
1994	3,177,740	6,207,662	Not Available	6,983,000	45.5
1998	3,143,432	6,300,000 ^[8]	Not Available	7,227,000	43.5
2002	3,219,864	6,797,293	Not Available	7,400,000	43.5
2006	3,852,008	7,180,778	Not Available	7,597,000	50.7
2010	3,268,217	7,276,237	Not Available	7,620,000	42.9
2014	3,188,956	7,446,280	6,578,733 ^[9]	7,660,000	41.6
2018	4,341,340	7,471,088	6,488,823	7,831,250	55.4

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- [7] Public Act 142 of 1989 authorized city and township clerks to establish a 5-year voter registration file and eliminate their "inactive" files. Registration totals listed for 1990 to 1994 are based on the 5-year voter registration files maintained by the clerks.
- [8] In 1998, approximately 600,000 duplicate voter registration records were purged from the state's registration rolls through the implementation of the Qualified Voter File - a statewide voter registration database mandated under Public Act 441 of 1994.
- [9] An "active" voter registration number has been compiled since 2013 based upon the Inactive Voter file established by Public Act 270 of 2012. Voters may be on the Inactive Voter file because they have not voted for at least 6 years or because election officials received information that the voter may have changed their residence, but the federally required two-election waiting period prior to cancellation has not yet passed.
- [10] The large increase in the number of registered voters in the state followed the passage of Public Act 360 of 2018 authorizing online voter registration, and Proposal 2018-3, approved by the voters on November 6, 2018, establishing automatic voter registration and election-day registration.