



Wrapping Up the 2020 EAVS and What to Expect in the Future

Thank you for another successful edition of the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS)! The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the EAVS project team appreciate the work that you and your jurisdictions have done to provide EAVS data for the 2020 General Election.

If you have not yet submitted the final data for your state or territory, please do that as soon as possible. The data will be locked on March 30. Any data updates or changes received after that date will not be included in the EAVS Comprehensive Report or in the initial public data release.

Coming This June: The EAVS Comprehensive Report and Public Data Release

Once the 2020 EAVS data are locked, the project team will begin analyzing the data and writing the 2020 EAVS Comprehensive Report, which will highlight trends in election administration and voting for the November 3, 2020 General Election. We anticipate that the report will cover the following topics:

- An overview of election administration and election activities, including the total number of votes cast, turnout (in total and by mode), registration rates, the number of precincts and poll workers, provisional balloting, and use of election technology;
- A report on National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) voter registration activities in the previous two-year election cycle, including the total number of registered voters, the modes by which registrations were submitted, the types of registrations submitted, use of same-day voter registration, removal or confirmation notices sent to voters, and the number of voters removed from registration lists;
- A report on data related to voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), including the total number of registered and eligible UOCAVA voters; the number of Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) received, accepted, and rejected; the total number of UOCAVA absentee ballots transmitted, returned, cast, and counted; the number of UOCAVA absentee ballots not counted and the reason for rejection; and the number of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWAB) returned and cast by UOCAVA voters;
- A report on the Policy Survey, including policies on voter registration and list maintenance; by-mail voting; in-person voting before Election Day; vote centers; UOCAVA voting; provisional voting; election technology, election certification, recounts, and audits; voter identification; and how criminal convictions affect voter registration; and
- A report on the methodology of the Policy Survey and EAVS, including an overview of the project timeline, how the data were collected and analyzed, and technical assistance and other support provided to states and territories.

The EAC will deliver this report to the U.S. Congress and will publish the report, the 2020 EAVS and Policy Survey data sets, and data codebooks on its website no later than June 30, 2021. To be notified of the exact release date, please keep an eye on the EAC's social media channels on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). The report and data will be posted on the [Surveys and Data page](#) of the EAC's website.



Once the EAVS Comprehensive Report and data have been published, the EAC plans to release additional data visualizations and reports using EAVS and Policy Survey data later in 2021. Once again, keep an eye on the EAC's social media channels to learn more about these additional research products.

What's Next for EAVS? 2020 After-Action and Preparations for 2022

Even though the 2020 EAVS is wrapping up in a few months, the work on this project is ongoing. In the late Summer and early Fall of 2021, the project team will undertake a systematic assessment of the 2020 EAVS to identify ways to improve the project in 2022 and beyond.

The first part of this after-action effort will be needs assessment conversations with state and territory EAVS points of contact (POC). Our team will invite you to participate in a 45-minute phone or video call to discuss your state or territory's EAVS experience in 2020, including what worked well, what didn't work well, and how the project can be improved in the future. You can expect these invitations to be sent by email in September or October 2021. You may also submit written feedback to our team at any time via email at eavs@forsmarshgroup.com. We appreciate all feedback and advice on how we can make EAVS easier for you to complete, either at the state/territory level or the jurisdiction level.

To prevent unauthorized access to the information on the EAVS Portal, the project team plans to disable access to the [State Files page](#) on July 16, 2021. Before that takes place, we will notify you by email and encourage you to download any files to your local computer that you want to maintain access to. The files on the Downloads and Resources pages of the EAVS Portal will remain available.

We will also begin working on the survey questionnaires for the 2022 EAVS and Policy Survey. We may eliminate questions that are no longer relevant, revise questions to better reflect current election practices, or add new questions. The EAC is statutorily required to submit both sets of survey questions to the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review before the survey questions are finalized, a process that takes approximately six months. Links to the draft survey questions will be published in the Federal Register for public comment twice, first for 60 days and second for 30 days. To be notified when the public comment periods are active, please [subscribe to updates through the Federal Register](#). We anticipate that the 2022 survey questions will be finalized in the Spring of 2022 and will be posted on [the EAC's website](#) when available.

Lastly, the EAC plans to reconvene the Section A Working Group in late 2021 to consider enhancements to Section A of EAVS. This group, composed mostly of state and local election officials, met in April 2019 to discuss overarching changes that need to be made to Section A to ensure it reflects current election practices and policies and in August 2019 to review proposed changes to the 2020 EAVS and Policy Survey questions. At the conclusion of this working group, the EAC plans to release a report of the group's work and the changes it recommends to EAVS questions.

Contacting the EAVS Project Team

Our technical assistance help desk and telephone support line will be discontinued after the EAVS data are locked on March 30. However, you can always get in touch with the EAVS project team by email at



eavs@forsmarshgroup.com; we monitor that inbox year-round and will always respond to questions, concerns, and feedback that you have about the EAVS project.