



Wrapping Up the 2022 EAVS and What to Expect in the Future

Thank you for another successful edition of the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS)! The U.S. 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 2022 general election. The data that have been collected play an important role in understanding the landscape of American elections and making improvements.

If you have not yet submitted the final data for your state or territory, please submit it as soon as possible, as the 2022 EAVS data will be locked on March 30, 2023. Any data updates or changes received after that date will not be included in the 2022 EAVS comprehensive report to Congress or in the initial public data release. For more information on data updates or changes after the comprehensive report is released, see the Post-Reporting Matters section of [A Guide to the Election Administration and Voting Survey](#).

In addition, if your state or territory has certified its EAVS and Policy Survey data submission as final, please don't forget to complete the customer satisfaction survey that you received by email. Although this survey is not required, any feedback you share will help the EAVS project team assess what worked well for the 2022 EAVS, what didn't work, and what can be improved in the future.

Coming This June: The EAVS Comprehensive Report and Data

Once the 2022 EAVS data are locked, the EAVS project team will begin analyzing the data and writing the 2022 EAVS comprehensive report to Congress, which will highlight trends in election administration and voting for the November 8, 2022, 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 rates (in total and by mode), registration rates, the number of precincts and poll workers, drop box use, provisional balloting, and use of election technology;
- A report on the Policy Survey, including policies on voter registration and list maintenance; mail voting; in-person voting before Election Day; Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voting; provisional voting; election technology, election certification, recounts, and audits; voter identification; and how a criminal conviction affects voter registration;
- A report on the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) voter registration activities during the previous 2-year election cycle, including the total number of registered voters, the modes by which the 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 UOCAVA voting, 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; and



- A report on the methodology of the Policy Survey and the 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 comprehensive report to the U.S. Congress and will publish the report, the 2022 EAVS and Policy Survey data sets, and the data codebooks on its website no later than June 30, 2023. To be notified of the exact release date, follow 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 when they are available.

Once the 2022 EAVS report and data have been published, the EAC plans to release additional visualizations and reports using the EAVS and Policy Survey data later this year. Those additional research products will be announced through the EAC's social media channels as well.

What's Next for the EAVS? 2022 After-Action and Preparations for 2024

Although the 2022 EAVS will be winding down over the next few months, the work on this project is ongoing. In late summer and early fall 2023, the EAVS project team will undertake a systematic assessment of the 2022 EAVS to identify ways to improve the project in 2024 and beyond.

Post-2022 Needs Assessment

The first part of this after-action effort will be to engage in needs assessment conversations with state and territory EAVS points of contact (POC). Our team will invite POCs to participate in a phone or video call to discuss their state or territory's EAVS experience in 2022, including further discussion of the feedback shared in the post-certification customer satisfaction survey (if a state or territory POC completed the survey). POCs can expect these invitations to be sent by email in September or October 2023. POCs are also invited to submit written feedback to the EAVS project team at any time via email at eavs@forsmarsh.com. We appreciate all feedback and advice on how we can make the EAVS easier for election officials to complete, either at the state/territory level or the jurisdiction level.

Files on the EAVS Portal

To prevent unauthorized access to the information and EAVS data on the EAVS Portal, the EAVS project team plans to disable access to the [State Files page](#) on Monday, April 17, 2023. Before the access restriction takes place, we will notify POCs by email and encourage them to download any files to their local computer to which they wish to maintain access. The files on the Downloads and Resources pages of the EAVS Portal will remain available.

2024 EAVS and Policy Survey Questionnaires

The EAVS project team will also begin working on the survey questionnaires for the 2024 EAVS and the Policy Survey. We may eliminate survey 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 the EAVS and Policy Survey questions to the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review before the survey questions are finalized, a process that takes approximately 6 months. Links to the draft survey questions will be published to 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, [subscribe to updates through the Federal Register](#). The EAVS project team anticipates that the 2024 survey questions will be finalized in spring 2024 and they will be posted on [the EAC's website](#) when they are available.

Planned Changes to Section A for the 2024 EAVS

In addition to the OMB approval process for the 2024 EAVS questionnaires, the EAC plans to propose significant changes to Section A of the EAVS, which collects data on voter registration and list maintenance, to better align the questions with current registration practices. These proposed changes are the result of the EAC's consultations with state and local election officials in late 2021 and early 2022. The report [Planned Changes to Section A of the 2024 Election Administration and Voting Survey \(EAVS\)](#) includes a copy of the questions that will be proposed and the EAC's reasoning behind making these changes. We encourage POCs to review this report and to share it with data vendors, IT staff, local election officials, and others who will be involved in providing voter registration data for the 2024 EAVS.

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, election officials can always get in touch with the EAVS project team by email at eavs@forsmarsh.com; we monitor the inbox year-round and will always respond to questions, concerns, and feedback about the EAVS project.