



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC) 2026 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS)

Improving the United States' election systems relies in part on having accurate data about the way Americans cast their ballots. In 2002, Congress established the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to collect and disseminate this information to policymakers, advocates, scholars, journalists, and the public. Since 2004, the EAC has conducted a survey every two years to gather this data.

We are pleased to present the 2026 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS), and we ask for your help in making it the most complete and accurate survey yet.

This survey requests information about ballots cast, voter registration, overseas and military voting, mail voting, Election Day activities, voting technology, and other key topics.

The EAC recognizes that answering this survey adds significant work for state and local election officials, and we have worked to minimize that burden as much as possible.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to supporting you and answering any questions you might have.

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Note: The EAC is also required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) to collect information from states about the impact of the NVRA on the administration of federal elections. The EAC is required to use this information in a report to Congress and make recommendations for the improvement of federal and state procedures, forms, and other NVRA-related matters. **States that answer all voter registration-related questions in this survey on time will meet their NVRA reporting requirements under 52 U.S.C. § 20508 and EAC regulations.**

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) section serves as the EAC's standard format for states to report information about voting by military and overseas civilians, as required by 52 U.S.C. § 20302. **States that complete and submit this section on time will meet their UOCAVA reporting requirement under 52 U.S.C § 20302(c).**

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Instructions for Completing the 2026 Election Administration and Voting Survey

By filling out this survey, you are helping your office meet federal requirements and providing valuable data to help improve how elections are run nationwide.

Please read these instructions before you begin:

- **Who Should Report Data?**
 - Report all data at the local jurisdiction level (e.g., your county or city).
 - If your state or territory prefers, the state-level election office can fill out some or all of the survey for local offices under its authority.
- **Do not Leave Anything Blank**
 - Please provide an answer to every question. If you do not have data or are not sure, use one of these responses:
 - “Does not apply” – if your office does not have the relevant policy or procedure in effect.
 - “Data not available” – if you do not track or cannot provide the requested data.
 - “Other” – if you have additional information that does not fit the listed categories.
- **Pre-populated Answers**
 - Some questions may already have answers filled in based on your state’s Policy Survey.
 - If you would like a copy of your state’s Policy Survey for reference, please email research@eac.gov.
- **Use Comment Boxes for Clarity**
 - Use comment boxes to provide explanations, context, or details about your data. Comments help the EAC accurately analyze and present your information. Examples of when to provide comments include:
 - Why a number is unusually high or low
 - If you combined data in categories
 - If you had trouble tracking a specific data point
- **Comments Are Public**
 - All comments will be made public when survey data is released and may be published in EAC reports.
 - **Do not include sensitive or personally identifiable information (PII) in your comments.**

Section A: Voter Registration

Why We Ask for This Information

This section asks about how individuals registered to vote in your jurisdiction between the November 2024 general election and the November 2026 general election, as well as the actions taken to remove individuals who should no longer be registered. By completing Section A, you are meeting your reporting requirements under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), giving insight into registration trends and challenges, and contributing to a nationwide overview of voter registration.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section A

It will be helpful to gather the following information before answering the following questions:

- ☐ Voter Registration Totals
 - Number of people registered to vote (active, inactive, pre-registered, any other types of registered voters or transactions tracked in your jurisdiction)
 - Number of same-day or Election Day registrations, if applicable
- ☐ Registration Transactions
 - Number of registration transactions processed (new, updates, duplicates, removals)
 - The source of each transaction (mail, in-person, online, agency, etc.)
- ☐ Confirmation Notices
 - Number of confirmation notices sent to voters
 - Reasons for sending confirmation notices (moved, not voted, criminal conviction, etc.)
 - Number of voters removed from the voter list and reasons for removal
- ☐ Comments & Explanations
 - Notes on missing data, special circumstances, or additional context

Voter Registration Across All Types: Questions A1 & A2

These questions only pertain to voter registration — not ballots or votes.

A1. All Registered and Eligible Voters: Active and Inactive

To answer this question: Enter the total number of all people who were registered and eligible to vote during the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not assign inactive status to voters, enter “Does not apply” as the response to A1c.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not have data to report for one or more of the different types of registered voters, enter “Data Not Available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** to report other registered and eligible voters who did not fall under active or inactive status (such as provisionally registered voters, voters with pending status, or registered voters who participate in an address confidentiality program).
- **Balance your numbers.** The sum of A1b through A1d should equal A1a.

A1. Type of Registered and Eligible Voter	Number
A1a. Total number of ALL registered and eligible voters: <i>How many voters were registered and eligible to vote in your jurisdiction in the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: • Voters who registered through Same-Day Registration or Election Day Registration, and • Both active and inactive voters Do not include: • Those who registered to vote after the 2026 deadline, • Individuals whose registration was not received in time for them to vote in the November 2026 general election, or • Those who registered through a pre-registration program but were not yet eligible to vote in the November 2026 general election	
A1b. Number of ACTIVE voters: <i>Of the total in A1a, how many registered voters were considered active and fully eligible to vote during the November 2026 general election?</i>	
A1c. Number of INACTIVE voters: <i>Of the total in A1a, how many registered voters were eligible but were considered inactive and/or required address verification before voting?</i>	
A1d. Number of OTHER registered and eligible voters (please describe): _____ <i>Of the total in A1a, how many registered and eligible voters were in other categories besides “active” and “inactive”? For example, provisionally registered voters, voters whose registration status is pending, or registered voters who participate in an address confidentiality program. Report 0 if your office has no such voters to report.</i>	
A1 Comments:	

A2. Same-Day and Election Day Voter Registrations

To answer this question: Enter the number of people who registered to vote through same-day registration or Election Day registration for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not offer same-day registration (SDR) or Election Day registration (EDR), enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track same-day or Election Day registration, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers.** The sum of items A2b through A2c should equal A1a. The data reported in A2 should also be included in the totals reported in question A1.

A2. Type of Same-Day Registration	Number
A2a. Total number of ALL same-day and/or Election Day registrations received: <i>How many same-day or Election Day registrations were received and processed by your office during the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: • Voters who registered and voted in-person on the same day • Voters who registered in-person (either at an election office or at a voting location) and received a mail ballot on the same day they registered • Voters who registered and voted on the same day due to special provisions in your state law (e.g., individuals who voted for federal offices only, or individuals who moved between states after a registration deadline in a presidential election year)	
A2b. Number of same-day registrations received on Election Day: <i>Of the total in A2a, how many were received ON Election Day?</i>	
A2c. Number of same-day registrations received before Election Day: <i>Of the total in A2a, how many were received BEFORE Election Day?</i>	
A2 Comments:	

Registration Transactions Processed: Questions A3–A10

These questions ask for the number of registration transactions processed in your jurisdiction from the close of registration for the November 2024 general election through the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

How to Count Transactions:

- **If your state has a registration deadline**, your count should begin the day after the deadline for the November 2024 general election. For example, if the deadline is 15 days before Election Day, include registrations received from 14 days before the November 2024 general election through 15 days before the November 2026 general election.
- **If your state allows same-day registration or Election Day registration**, count registrations received after polls closed on the November 2024 general election through the close of polls on Election Day of the November 2026 general election.

Definitions

- **Transaction:** Any change to a voter's registration record, including:
 - Adding a new voter
 - Updating details like name, contact info, or address
 - When a voter moves to a new jurisdiction
- **Automatic Registration:** When a voter is registered (or their record is updated) automatically when they interact with certain government agencies, like the Department of Motor Vehicles. In some states, this may occur electronically during those interactions.

A3. Registration Transactions Received: 2024 to 2026

To answer this question: Enter the number of voter registration transactions your jurisdiction received from all sources between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not offer any of the registration types below, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track any of the registration types below, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **If multiple changes were made to a registration record in the same day or session, report this as one single registration transaction.** Changes to a registration record conducted at different times should be counted as separate registration transactions.

- **If a voter moves into your jurisdiction who was previously registered somewhere else**, that is considered a new, valid registration for this question. Include those transactions in A3b.
- **If a voter moves out of your jurisdiction to another jurisdiction** (either within your state or to a different state), and you updated their registration status (e.g., cancelled, inactive, etc.), include them in A3e.
- **Balance your numbers.** The sum of items A3b through A3i should equal A3a.

A3. Type of Registration Transaction Received	Number
A3a. Total of ALL registration transactions received: <i>How many total voter registration transactions were received between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election in your jurisdiction?</i> Include all types of registration transactions: New registrations, changes to name, political party, or address, duplicates, pre-registrations, and cancellations.	
A3b. New valid registrations (EXCLUDING pre-registrations of people under the age of 18): <i>Of the total in A3a, how many registration transactions were received and entered as new valid registrations?</i> Do not include transactions that were: • Pre-registration transaction from people too young to vote in the November 2026 general election • Ultimately invalidated or rejected, or • Identified as duplicates or updates to existing registrations in your jurisdiction.	
A3c. New valid pre-registrations of people under the age of 18: <i>Of the total in A3a, how many registration transactions were from people who signed up through pre-registration programs and were too young to vote in the November 2026 general election under your state's law?</i> Do not include: • Pre-registration transactions from people who became eligible to vote any time before the close of registration for the November 2026 general election. These transactions should be reported as new valid registrations in A3b.	
A3d. Duplicates of existing valid registrations: <i>Of the total in A3a, how many registration transactions were from people who were already registered to vote in your jurisdiction that did not make any changes to their existing record of any kind?</i>	

A3. Type of Registration Transaction Received	Number
A3e. Updates to existing valid registrations: <i>Of the total in A3a, how many transactions were updates to voter registration records for people who were already registered in your jurisdiction?</i> Examples of updates include: • A change to a person's name, contact details, or address • A change to their political party • Any update to the voter's status, including if it was changed to cancelled or inactive	
A3f. Invalid or rejected transactions (other than duplicates): <i>Of the total in A3a, how many registration transactions did not meet eligibility requirements because they were incomplete, or the individual was not eligible to register to vote in your jurisdiction?</i>	
A3g. Other: _____ <i>Use lines A3g - A3i to add additional types of voter registration transactions if applicable in your state.</i>	
A3h. Other: _____	
A3i. Other: _____	
A3 Comments:	

A4–A10. Total Registration Transactions Processed by Source

To answer these questions: Enter the number of voter registration transactions your jurisdiction received, broken down by source, between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Split Totals into Subcategories**
 - Question A4: Start with the total number of transactions (from A3a) and split them by source (items a–n).
 - Questions A5–A9: Do the same for each type:
 - A5: New valid registrations
 - A6: Duplicates of existing valid registrations
 - A7: Updates to existing valid registrations
 - A8: Invalid or rejected registrations
 - A9: Other types of registrations

- **Count Each Transaction Once**
 - Each registration should be reported in one category only.
 - Example: If a voter registered in person using the National Mail Voter Registration Form, count it only under item l.
- **Registration Source**
 - Report transactions by - the origin of the registration.
 - Example: If a voter registered online through the official election office site, count it under item c. If they registered online through a public assistance office, count it under item f.
- **Do not Leave Anything Blank**
 - Please provide an answer to every question. If you do not have data or are not sure, use one of these responses:
 - “Does not apply” – if your office does not offer a type of registration.
 - “Data not available” – if your office does not track or cannot provide the data.
 - “Other” – if you have additional information that does not fit the listed categories.
- **Same-Day Registration or Election Day Registration**
 - Report the transaction by where the registration occurred.
 - Example: If a voter registered on Election Day at an election office, count it under item b. If they registered on Election Day at a voting location, count it under item k.
- **Automatic Voter Registration Transactions**
 - In 10a, report the number of automatic voter registration transactions (regardless of source) followed by type:
 - A10b: New valid registrations
 - A10c: Duplicates of existing valid registrations
 - A10d: Updates to existing valid registrations
 - A10e: Invalid or rejected registrations
 - A10f: Other

	A4. Total registration transactions	A5. New valid registrations	A6. Duplicates of existing valid registrations	A7. Updates to existing valid registrations	A8. Invalid or rejected registrations	A9. Other types of registrations
Registration Source	Total of A4 items should sum to A3a	Total of A5 items should sum to A3b + A3c	Total of A6 items should sum to A3d	Total of A7 items should sum to A3e	Total of A8 items should sum to A3f	Total of A9 items should sum to A3g + A3h + A3i
a. Mail, fax, or email						
b. In person at the election or voter registrar's office						
c. Online through a system run by the state or jurisdiction election office (not through online systems run by other government agencies listed below)						
d. Automatic registration program <i>Data for this question will now be reported in A10a.</i> [Removed for 2026]						
e. Motor vehicles office or other office that issues driver's licenses						
f. Public assistance offices required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) to offer voter registration						
g. State-funded agencies that mainly serve people with disabilities						
h. Armed forces recruitment offices						

	A4. Total registration transactions	A5. New valid registrations	A6. Duplicates of existing valid registrations	A7. Updates to existing valid registrations	A8. Invalid or rejected registrations	A9. Other types of registrations
Registration Source	Total of A4 items should sum to A3a	Total of A5 items should sum to A3b + A3c	Total of A6 items should sum to A3d	Total of A7 items should sum to A3e	Total of A8 items should sum to A3f	Total of A9 items should sum to A3g + A3h + A3i
i. Other agencies designated by the state <i>not required by the NVRA</i>						
j. Registration drives from advocacy groups or political parties						
k. Polling places and voting locations where voters would otherwise not be able to register to vote, either during early or Election Day voting						
l. Using the National Mail Voter Registration Form <i>NEW: This category was added in 2026</i>						
m. Other: _____ Use lines A4–A9 items m and n to add additional sources, if applicable in your state.						
n. Other: _____						
A4–A9 Comments:						

A10. Automatic Voter Registration Transactions Received	Number
A10a. Total number of automatic voter registration transactions received: <i>Of the registration transactions reported in A4a-n, how many automatic voter registration transactions did your state or jurisdiction receive (regardless of the source) between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
A10b. New valid automatic voter registration transactions: <i>Of the total in A9.5a, how many automatic transactions were new valid registrations?</i>	
A10c. Duplicates of existing valid registrations: <i>Of the total in A9.5a, how many automatic transactions were duplicates of existing registrations?</i>	
A10d. Updates to existing valid registrations: <i>Of the total in A9.5a, how many automatic transactions were updates to existing registrations?</i>	
A10e. Invalid or rejected registrations: <i>Of the total in A9.5a, how many automatic transactions were invalid or rejected registrations?</i>	
A10f. Other: _____ <i>Of the total in A9.5a, how many automatic transactions were other types of registrations?</i>	
A10 Comments:	

Voter Registration List Maintenance: Questions A11–A14

These questions ask about efforts made to keep voter registration up-to-date by removing people who were no longer eligible to vote between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

Definitions:

- **Confirmation Notice** - For EAVS, a confirmation notice is a letter, postcard, or other printed document that is mailed to a voter to confirm changes to their voter registration. It may ask the voter to verify the accuracy of the information. Some notices are required by NVRA Section 8(d)(1)(B) and Section 8(d)(2). States exempt from the NVRA (Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, and all territories) may still send these notices for other reasons, and some states may have additional notification programs required by state law.

Some states call these "removal notices," but you should only report them if they meet the definition above.

Examples of when confirmation notices may be sent:

- When it is believed that the voter may have moved out of the jurisdiction.
- The voter has not voted in a federal election for several cycles.
- When it is believed that the voter may have a criminal conviction that makes them ineligible under state law.
- *Important:* Opt-out mailers for voters automatically registered through an automatic registration program do not count as confirmation notices for EAVS.

A11. Total Confirmation Notices Sent to Voters

To answer this question: Enter the total number of confirmation notices sent to voters between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Include confirmation notices sent for any reason**, whether required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), state law, or because your state participated in an interstate data-sharing program.

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your state is NVRA-exempt (Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, and all territories) AND does not use a process equivalent to confirmation notices, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your state or jurisdiction does not track data for any of the categories below, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for notices that cannot be placed into any of the other categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items A11b–A11i should equal A11a.

A11. Outcome of Confirmation Notices Sent to Voters	Number
A11a. Total number of confirmation notices sent to registered voters: <i>How many confirmation notices did your state or jurisdiction send to voters between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
A11b. Notices received from voters confirming their registration: <i>Of the total in A10a, how many notices did voters return confirming they are still eligible (either at the address listed in their voter record or at an updated address within your jurisdiction)?</i>	
Formerly A10c. Notices received from voters confirming registration with an updated address [Removed for 2026] <i>Answers formerly reported in A10c are now reported in A11b.</i>	
A11d. Notices received from voters confirming their registration should be invalidated or canceled: <i>Of the total in A10a, how many notices did voters return confirming they are no longer eligible to vote in your jurisdiction or no longer want to be registered?</i>	
A11e. Notices returned as undeliverable: <i>Of the total in A10a, how many notices were returned because the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) could not deliver them to voters?</i>	
A11f. Unreturned confirmation notices: <i>Of the total in A10a, how many notices sent to voters were never returned (neither received from voters nor returned as undeliverable)?</i>	
A11g. Other: _____ <i>Use lines A11 items g, - i to add additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
A11h. Other: _____	
A11i. Other: _____	

A11. Outcome of Confirmation Notices Sent to Voters	Number
A11 Comments:	

A12. Reasons for Sending Confirmation Notices to Voters

To answer this question: Enter the number of confirmation notices sent to voters, categorized according to the primary reason the confirmation notice was sent, between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election (as reported in A11a).

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your state is NVRA-exempt (Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, and all territories) AND does not use a process equivalent to confirmation notices, enter “Does not apply” for those categories. Or if your office does not use a notice category, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track data for any of the categories below, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for notices that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items A12a – A12n should equal A11a.

A12. Reason for Sending Confirmation Notice to Voters	Number
A12a. Mail sent to the voter by the election office was returned as undeliverable by the USPS. <i>Of the total you entered for A11a, how many notices were sent because mail previously sent to the voter was returned as undeliverable?</i>	
A12b. Voter may have moved from the address listed in their voter record. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i> Include: All notices sent to voters who might have moved out of your jurisdiction, including those identified by National Change of Address (NCOA) reports or any other reason.	
A12c. Voter failed to vote during the two most recent federal general elections. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12d. Voter may have been convicted of a crime or incarcerated in a manner that disqualified them from voting under state law. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	

A12. Reason for Sending Confirmation Notice to Voters	Number
A12e. Voter requested to be removed from the registration rolls. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12f. Voter may have been declared incompetent and disqualified from voting under state law. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12g. Voter may be deceased. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12h. Notice that voter surrendered their state driver's license and obtained a new license in a different state. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12i. Voter had not made contact with the election office within the time period defined by state law. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
A12j. Confirmation notice was sent as part of a routine mailing to all registered voters. <i>Of the total in A11a, how many notices were sent for this reason?</i>	
Formerly A11k. Voter may have a duplicate voter registration record [REMOVED in 2026]	
A12l. Other: _____ <i>Use lines A12 items l - n to add additional categories, if applicable in your state</i>	
A12m. Other: _____	
A12n. Other: _____	
A12 Comments:	

Formerly A13. Voter Registration Records Merged or Linked [REMOVED in 2026]

A14. Total Voters Removed from the Voter List

To answer this question: Enter the total number of voter registration records removed from the voter list in your jurisdiction between the close of registration for the November 2024 general election and the close of registration for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if a voter registration removal category is not in effect in your office, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office or jurisdiction does not track data for any of the categories below, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for notices that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items A14b–A14k should equal A14a.

A14. Reason for Removal from the Voter List	Number
A14a. Total number of voter registration records removed from the registration list: <i>How many voter registration records were completely removed from the list of registered voters in your jurisdiction (not moved to an inactive list)?</i>	
A14b. Voter moved outside of your jurisdiction. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14c. Voter is deceased. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14d. Voter disqualified due to a criminal conviction or incarceration under state law. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14e. Voter failed to respond to a confirmation notice and failed to vote in the two most recent federal elections. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14f. Voter was declared incompetent to vote under state law. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14g. Voter requested to be removed from the registration list for reasons other than those listed above. <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed for this reason?</i>	
A14h. Duplicate voter registration record <i>Of the total in A14a, how many records were removed because they were duplicates?</i> Include: those merged with another registration record to ensure that each voter only has one active registration.	
A14i. Other: _____ <i>Use lines A14 items i - k to add additional categories, if applicable in your state</i>	
A14j. Other: _____	
A14k. Other: _____	
A14 Comments:	

Section B: Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

Why We Ask for This Information

This section asks questions about how voters covered under UOCAVA participated in federal elections in your jurisdiction. By completing this section, you help ensure compliance with your reporting requirements under UOCAVA and provide valuable insights to improve election processes for those serving abroad or living outside the United States.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section B

- ☐ UOCAVA Voter Registration Data
 - Total number of registered and eligible UOCAVA voters
 - Breakdown by Uniformed Services voters and non-military/civilian overseas voters
- ☐ Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Totals
 - FPCAs received, accepted, and rejected
 - Reasons for FPCA rejection (including late submissions)
- ☐ UOCAVA Ballot Totals
 - Ballots transmitted to UOCAVA voters
 - Breakdown by transmission method: mail, email, online portal, other
 - Ballots returned by UOCAVA voters
 - Breakdown by return method: mail, email, online portal, other
 - Ballots sent to UOCAVA voters returned as undeliverable
 - Ballots counted and rejected from UOCAVA voters
 - Returned ballots counted by method and voter type
 - Returned ballots rejected by reason and voter type
- ☐ Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) Totals
 - FWABs received, counted, and rejected
 - Reasons for FWAB rejection (e.g., late receipt, duplicate ballot received)
- ☐ Comments & Explanations
 - Notes on missing data, special circumstances, or additional context (e.g., if FWAB totals cannot be separated from regular UOCAVA ballots, or if state definitions differ)

Definitions: Types of UOCAVA Voters

States define UOCAVA status differently, so use your state’s rules when reporting items in Section B.

UOCAVA voters typically fall into two main categories:

- **Uniformed Services voters (domestic or foreign)**
 - A member of the Uniformed Services
 - A U.S. Merchant Marine on active duty
 - An eligible spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services
 - *Important:* Spouses and dependents of military members or Merchant Marine members count as Uniformed Services voters—not as civilian overseas voters.
- **Non-military/civilian overseas voter**
 - A U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. who intends to return
 - A U.S. citizen living outside of the U.S. with no certain return date
 - A U.S. citizen who has never lived in the United States

Note: Voters with disabilities, emergency workers, voters displaced by natural disasters, or others who are eligible to receive remote ballots, if allowable by state law (e.g., via fax, email, or online portals), are not UOCAVA voters and should not be counted in Section B.

Registered and Eligible UOCAVA Voters: Question B1

This question asks about the number of registered voters with UOCAVA status for the November 2026 general election in your jurisdiction. Because states define UOCAVA status differently, use your state’s definition when reporting.

B1. Total Registered and Eligible UOCAVA Voters

To answer this question: Enter the total number of registered and eligible UOCAVA voters in your jurisdiction in the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not track a category or if you are unable to separate UOCAVA voter types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B1b–B1c should equal B1a.

- **If your state allows an FPCA to stay valid for multiple elections**, include all FPCAs received by your office for the November 2026 general election, including those who retained a valid FPCA status from previous elections.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track this data, or you cannot distinguish between UOCAVA application types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B2b – B2c should equal B2a.

B2. FPCAs Received	Number
B2a. Total Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from UOCAVA voters: <i>How many FPCAs were received by your office for the November 2026 general election (including those who retained a valid FPCA status from previous elections)?</i> Do not include Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWABs).	
B2b. FPCAs from Uniformed Services voters – domestic or foreign: <i>Of the total in B2a, how many were members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible dependents (both domestic and foreign)?</i>	
B2c. FPCAs from non-military/civilian overseas voters: <i>Of the total in B2a, how many were non-military/civilian overseas voters?</i>	
B2 Comments:	

B3. Federal Post Card Applications Rejected

To answer this question: Enter the total number of FPCAs rejected by your office for the November 2026 general election. This number should include all FPCAs that did not meet the requirements to register to vote or send a ballot in your jurisdiction, for any reason.

Additional instructions:

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track or if you are unable to distinguish between different UOCAVA application types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B3b–B3c should equal B3a.

B3. FPCAs Rejected	Number
B3a. Total rejected Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) from all UOCAVA voters: <i>How many FPCAs were rejected for the November 2026 general election (including those who retained a valid FPCA status from previous elections)?</i> Do not include Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWABs).	
B3b. Rejected FPCAs from Uniformed Services voters – domestic or foreign: <i>Of the total in B3a, how many were members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible dependents (both domestic and foreign)?</i>	
B3c. Rejected FPCAs from non-military/civilian overseas voters: <i>Of the total in B3a, how many were non-military/civilian overseas voters?</i>	
B3 Comments:	

B4. Federal Post Card Applications Rejected Because They Were Received Late

To answer this question: Enter the number of FPCAs that were rejected because they arrived after the deadline for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Include both uses of the FPCA:**
 - When an FPCA was used as a voter registration request
 - When it was used as a mail or absentee ballot request
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not track this data or cannot separate rejection reasons, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Check your numbers:** The amounts you enter in B4a–B4b should also be included in B3a.

B4. Reason for FPCA Rejection	Number
B4a. Total FPCA voter registration requests rejected as late: <i>How many FPCAs used for voter registration were rejected because they were received after the voter registration deadline for the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: All rejected FPCAs, both new registrations and updates to existing registrations.	

B4. Reason for FPCA Rejection	Number
B4b. Total FPCA absentee ballot requests rejected as late: <i>How many FPCAs used as absentee ballot requests were rejected because they were received after the deadline to request a ballot for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
B4 Comments:	

UOCAVA Ballots Transmitted: Questions B5–B10

Report all ballots sent by your office to voters with UOCAVA status in the November 2026 general election, including ballots sent by mail, email, fax, or other methods.

Do not include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs) in this section. FWABs are not ballots transmitted by your office to UOCAVA voters. Instead, these ballots were sent directly to you by the voter and are reported separately later in the survey.

B5–B10. UOCAVA Ballots Transmitted to Voters: Postal Mail, Email, Fax, Online, or Other Mode

To answer these questions: Enter the total number of ballots your office sent to voters with UOCAVA status for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your state does not transmit UOCAVA ballots by one or more of the listed methods, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not track or if you are unable to distinguish between different UOCAVA voter types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for modes that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B5b–B5c should equal B5a. The sum of items B6a–B10a should also equal B5a. And for each additional question, the sum of item b and c should equal a.

B5–B10: UOCAVA Ballots Transmitted to Voters			
Mode of Transmission	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B5. Total ballots transmitted to: <i>All UOCAVA voters (B5a), members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible dependents – domestic or foreign (B5b), and non-military civilian overseas voters (B5c) for the November 2026 general election?</i> Do not include FWABs in these numbers.			
B6. Mail: <i>Of the total in B5a-c, how many were sent to voters by postal mail, using USPS or any private shipping services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, DHL).</i>			
B7. Email: <i>Of the total in B5a-c, how many were sent to voters via email?</i>			
B8. Fax: <i>Of the total in B5a-c, how many were sent to voters via fax?</i>			
B9. Online: <i>Of the total in B5a-c, how many were sent to voters via an online delivery portal?</i>			
B10. Other mode: _____ <i>Of the total in B5a-c, how many were sent to voters via other methods?</i>			
B5–B10 Comments:			

UOCAVA Ballots Returned: Questions B11–B17

B11–B16. UOCAVA Ballots Returned by Voters: Mail, Email, Fax, Online, or Other Mode

To answer these questions: Enter the number of UOCAVA ballots that were returned out of the total UOCAVA ballots your office sent for the November 2026 general election, whether those ballots were ultimately counted or not. **Do not include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs)** because these are backup ballots sent directly by voters, not transmitted by your office, and they are reported separately later in the survey.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not accept returned UOCAVA ballots by one or more of the methods, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track or if you are unable to distinguish between different UOCAVA voter types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for modes that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of B11b and B11c should equal B11a. The sum of B12a–B16a should also equal B11a. And for each additional question, the sum of items b and c should equal a.

B11–B16: Ballots Returned by UOCAVA Voters			
Mode of Return	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B11. Total UOCAVA ballots returned: <i>How many ballots were returned out of all the UOCAVA ballots your office sent, as reported in B11a, for the November 2026 general election?</i> Do not include FWABs in these numbers.			

B11–B16: Ballots Returned by UOCAVA Voters			
Mode of Return	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B12. Mail: <i>Of the total in B11a-c, how many were returned by voters by mail, using USPS or any private shipping services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, DHL)?</i>			
B13. Email: <i>Of the total in B11a-c, how many were returned by voters via email?</i>			
B14. Fax: <i>Of the total in B11a-c, how many were sent via fax?</i>			
B15. Online: <i>Of the total in B11a-c, how many were returned by voters via an online delivery portal?</i>			
B16. Other mode: _____ <i>Of the total in B11a-c, how many were sent to voters via other methods?</i>			
B11–B16 Comments			

B17: UOCAVA Ballots Returned as Undeliverable

To answer this question: Of the UOCAVA ballots your office sent to voters (as reported in B5a), report how many were returned as undeliverable. **Do not include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs)** because these are backup ballots sent directly by voters, not transmitted by your office, and they are reported separately later in the survey.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not transmit UOCAVA ballots by one or more of the listed methods, enter “Does not apply” for those methods.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track the different ways undeliverable ballots are returned, enter “Data not available” for those categories.

- **Use the “Other” category** for modes that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B17b–B17f should equal B17a.

B17. UOCAVA Ballots Returned as Undeliverable	Number
B17a. Total UOCAVA ballots returned as undeliverable: <i>Of the total number of UOCAVA ballots transmitted to voters by your office, as reported in B5a, how many were returned undeliverable, no matter how they were sent, for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
B17b. Mail undeliverable: <i>Of the total number of UOCAVA ballots mailed to voters by your office, as reported in B6a, how many were returned as undeliverable?</i>	
B17c. Email undeliverable: <i>Of all the UOCAVA ballots your office sent by email, as reported in B7a, how many emails failed to deliver and bounced back?</i>	
Formerly B17d. Fax Undeliverable [REMOVED in 2026]	
Formerly B17e. Online Undeliverable [REMOVED in 2026]	
B17f. Other mode undeliverable: _____ <i>Of the total number of UOCAVA ballots sent to voters by your office, as reported in B10a, how many could not be delivered using any transmission method other than mail or email (e.g., fax, secure portal, courier)?</i>	
B17 Comments:	

UOCAVA Ballots that were Returned and Counted: Questions B18–B23

B18–B23. UOCAVA Ballots Returned and Counted

To answer these questions: Of the number of ballots sent by your office to voters with UOCAVA status, enter the number that were returned and counted in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election, grouped by how the voter sent them back. **Do not include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs)** because these are backup ballots sent directly by voters, not transmitted by your office, and they are reported separately later in the survey.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your state does not allow UOCAVA ballots to be returned by one or more of the listed methods, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not track, or if you are unable to distinguish between different UOCAVA return methods, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for modes that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B18b and B18c should equal B18a. B19a–B23a should also equal B18a. And for each additional question, the sum of item b and c should equal a.

B18–B23: UOCAVA Ballots Returned and Counted			
Mode of Return	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B18. Total: <i>How many ballots were returned and counted by: all UOCAVA voters (B18a), members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible dependents – domestic or foreign (B18b), and non-military civilian overseas voters (B18c) for the November 2026 general election?</i> Do not include FWABs in these numbers.			
B19. Mail: <i>Of the total in B18a-c, how many were returned by voters via postal mail, using USPS or any private shipping services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, DHL)?</i>			
B20. Email: <i>Of the total in B18a-c, how many were returned by email?</i> Include: All ballots that you received via email attachment from a voter.			

B18–B23: UOCAVA Ballots Returned and Counted			
Mode of Return	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B21. Fax: <i>Of the total in B18a-c, how many were returned by fax?</i>			
B22. Online: <i>Of the total in B18a-c, how many were returned online via a ballot delivery portal?</i>			
B23. Other mode: _____ <i>Of the total in B18a-c, how many were returned through other methods?</i>			
B18–B23 Comments: 			

UOCAVA Ballots Rejected: Questions B24–B28

B24–B28. UOCAVA Ballots Rejected and Reasons for Rejection

To answer this question: Enter the total number of UOCAVA ballots that voters returned but were rejected for the November 2026 general election, by reason for rejection. **Do not include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs)** because these are backup ballots sent directly by voters, not transmitted by your office, and they are reported separately later in the survey.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not reject UOCAVA ballots for one or more of the listed rejected reasons, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track or if you are unable to distinguish between different UOCAVA voter types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for reasons that cannot be placed into any of the categories.

- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B24b and B24c should equal B24a. The sum of B25a–B28a should also equal B24a. And for each additional question, the sum of item b and c should equal a.

B24–B27. UOCAVA Ballots Rejected			
Reason for Rejection	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B24. Total ballots rejected: <i>How many ballots were rejected, including any ballot that was not counted regardless of the reason, by: all UOCAVA voters (B24a), members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible dependents – domestic or foreign (B24b), and non-military civilian overseas voters (B24c) for the November 2026 general election?</i> Do not include FWABs in these numbers.			
B25. Ballots rejected for being received late: <i>Of the total in B24a-c, how many were rejected because they were received after the deadline for counting them?</i>			
B26. Ballots rejected for problem with voter signature: <i>Of the total in B24a-c, how many were rejected because of a voter signature issue, such as a missing signature or a signature that did not match the one on file?</i>			
B27. Ballots rejected for lacking a postmark: <i>Of the total in B24a-c, how many were rejected because the ballots lacked a postmark?</i>			
B28. Other: _____ <i>Of the total in B24a-c, how many were rejected for another reason?</i>			

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs) or cannot separate different UOCAVA voter types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for reasons that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of items B29b and B29c should equal B29a. B30a–B33a should also equal B29a. And for each additional question, the sum of item b and c should equal a.

B29–B33: Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWABs)			
FWAB Outcome	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B29. Total number of FWABs returned by UOCAVA voters: <i>How many FWABs were returned by UOCAVA voters, whether or not they were ultimately counted?</i>			
B30. FWABs counted: <i>Of the total in B28a-c, how many FWABS were accepted as valid and counted?</i>			
B31. FWABs rejected because received late <i>Of the total in B28a-c, how many FWABs were rejected because they were received after the deadline?</i>			
B32. FWABs rejected because voter’s “regular” absentee ballot was received and counted: <i>Of the total in B28a-c, how many FWABs were rejected because the voter also returned an absentee ballot that you counted instead?</i>			
B33. FWABs rejected for other reasons (please describe): <i>Of the total in B28a-c, how many FWABs were rejected for other reasons?</i>			

B29–B33: Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWABs)			
FWAB Outcome	a. All UOCAVA voters (b. + c.)	b. Uniformed Services voters & eligible dependents	c. Non-military / civilian overseas voters
B29–B33 Comments:			

Section C: Mail Voting

Why We Ask for This Information

This section asks about how mail voting was conducted in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election. It covers ballots sent and returned by mail, as well as other remote voting methods. By completing this section, you help meet your reporting requirements under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and provide Congress and the EAC with accurate, nationwide data on key aspects of mail voting.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section C

- ☐ Mail Ballots – Total Counts:
 - Mail ballots transmitted to voters
 - Mail ballots returned by voters
 - Returned as undeliverable
 - Surrendered, spoiled, or replaced
 - Unreturned mail ballots
- ☐ Permanent Mail Voters – Total Counts:
 - Mail ballots sent to voters with permanent mail voting status, if applicable
- ☐ Mail Ballot Drop Boxes – Total Counts:
 - Drop boxes used on Election Day, if applicable
 - Drop boxes used during early voting, if applicable
 - Number of mail ballots returned via drop boxes, if applicable
- ☐ Mail Ballot Curing – Total Counts:
 - Mail ballots that entered the cure process (ballots with errors or missing information), if applicable
 - Mail ballots successfully cured by the voter, if applicable
 - Mail ballots not cured and rejected, if applicable
- ☐ Mail Ballots Counted and Rejected – Total Counts
 - Number of mail ballots returned and counted
 - Number of mail ballots returned and rejected
 - Reasons for mail ballot rejection (e.g., missed deadline, missing signature, issue with envelope, voter ineligible, etc.)
- ☐ Comments & Explanations
 - Notes on missing data, special circumstances, or additional context (e.g., if duplicate transmissions or returns cannot be tracked)

Definitions

- **Mail Voting:** Any ballot sent to a voter by mail (or sometimes picked up at an election office, accessed through a web portal, or sent by fax with a mail ballot return envelope) and returned by mail, in a drop box, or in person at a voting location or election office in a mail ballot envelope. Note: EAVS uses “mail voting” instead of “absentee voting” because most states no longer require voters to be away from home to vote by mail.
- **Drop Box:** A secure container where voters can return their completed mail ballots. Drop boxes can be staffed or unstaffed, but election officials are always responsible for managing them. This can include secure containers at vote centers or voting locations if the election office tracks them as drop boxes. Some states use different names, such as “place of deposit” or “secure ballot intake station.”
- **Cured Ballot:** The process for fixing problems with a mail ballot so it can be counted. If a ballot is rejected due to an error – such as a missing or mismatched signature – some states allow election offices to notify the voter and provide an opportunity to correct it. For EAVS, if the voter resolves the issue and the ballot is counted, it is considered a “cured ballot.”

Instructions for States with All-Mail Elections

If your office automatically mails a ballot to every registered voter, report all mail ballots your office sent to voters in Section C—except those sent to UOCAVA voters (UOCAVA ballots are reported in Section B).

- **For transmitted ballots:** Count all ballots you sent to voters, including those sent by email, fax, or other remote methods, if permitted in your state (such as for voters with disabilities or emergency workers).
- **For returned ballots:** Count all mail ballots that were returned to your office in a sealed envelope, regardless of how they were returned (drop box, mail, fax, or other methods).
- **Permanent mail voters:** For question C2, enter “Does not apply.”

Transmitted Mail Ballots: Questions C1–C2

These are ballots your office sent to voters by mail, email, fax, online ballot delivery portals, or other methods. **Do not include ballots mailed to UOCAVA voters** — those should be reported in Section B.

C1. Mail Ballots Transmitted and Returned

To answer this question: Enter the total number of mail ballots transmitted and returned for the November 2026 general election. **Include all mail ballots transmitted and returned, except for UOCAVA ballots.**

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not mail ballots by one or more of the methods, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track or if you are unable to distinguish between different mail ballot types, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for modes that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of C1b–C1i should equal C1a.

C1. Mail Ballots Transmitted and Returned	Number
C1a. Total mail ballots transmitted: <i>How many mail ballots did your office send to voters for the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: Replacement and duplicate mail ballots. Do NOT include: • UOCAVA ballots • “In-person absentee ballots” that are tallied and reported with in-person election results.	
C1b. Returned by voters: <i>Of the total in C1a, how many were sent back by voters for counting?</i> Include: All mail ballots returned to your office by the voter, regardless of whether the ballot was counted, challenged, or rejected. Do NOT include mail ballots that were surrendered, spoiled, or replaced/voided.	
C1c. Returned as undeliverable: <i>Of the total in C1a, how many were returned as undeliverable by USPS or other mail carriers?</i>	

C1. Mail Ballots Transmitted and Returned	Number
C1d. Surrendered, spoiled, or replaced/voided ballots: <i>Of the total in C1a, how many were:</i> - Surrendered by a voter because they chose to vote in person instead - Spoiled, or - Voided and replaced with another ballot. Add all three of these types together and enter one total number.	
Formerly, C1e. Mail voters who voted in person with a provisional ballot [REMOVED in 2026] <i>Answers formerly reported in C1e are now included in C1d.</i>	
C1f. Unreturned mail ballots: <i>Of the total in C1a, how many were not returned to your office? For example, ballots that were neither voted, spoiled, returned undeliverable, surrendered, nor replaced by another ballot.</i>	
C1g. Other: _____ <i>Use lines C1 items g - i to add additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
C1h. Other: _____	
C1i. Other: _____	
C1 Comments:	

C2. Ballots Sent to Permanent Mail Voters

To answer this question: Enter the total number of ballots sent to voters with permanent mail voting status for the November 2026 general election. These are voters who signed up to automatically receive a mail ballot for every election. For example, in some states, voters who are permanently ill or disabled can apply once and then receive a mail ballot for all future elections without needing to reapply. In other states, any voter can request permanent mail voter status.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your state does not allow permanent mail voting, or if your office conducts elections entirely by mail, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if you do not track mail ballots sent to voters on a permanent mail voting list separately from ballots sent to other voters, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Check your numbers:** The totals reported in C2a should also be included in the totals reported in C1a.

C2. Ballots Sent to Permanent Mail Voters	Number
C2a. Total number of mail ballots sent to voters on a permanent mail ballot list. <i>Of the total in C1a, how many mail ballots were sent to permanent mail voters for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
C2 Comments: 	

Mail Ballots Returned by Voters: Questions C3–C9

C3–C5. Mail Ballot Drop Boxes

To answer these questions: Enter the total number of drop boxes your jurisdiction used for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Count all mail ballots that were returned using a secured container,** whether staffed or unstaffed, including if your office uses drop boxes at vote centers.
- **Count each individual drop box only once.**
- **For questions C4 and C5:** Enter separate totals for the number of drop boxes used on Election Day (C4) and during early voting (C5).
- **If a drop box was used for both early voting and on Election Day,** count it in both C4 and C5. Because of this, the totals in C4a + C5a may not equal C3a.
- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not use drop boxes, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of C4b and C4c should equal C4a for both Election Day and early voting columns, if applicable.

C3. Mail Ballot Drop Boxes	Number
C3a. Total number of drop boxes: <i>How many mail ballot drop boxes were used by your office during the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: Drop boxes used for either Election Day or early voting. Each drop box should be counted only once in this question, regardless of the number of voting days for which it was used.	
C3 Comments:	

Mail Ballot Drop Box Locations	C4. Number used for Election Day voting	C5. Number used for early voting
a. Total drop boxes used <i>How many total mail ballot drop boxes were used for Election Day voting (C4) and early voting (C5) during the November 2026 general election?</i>		
b. Drop boxes located at election offices <i>Of the numbers in C4a and C5a, how many were located at election offices for Election Day voting (C4b) and for early voting (C5b) during the November 2026 general election?</i>		
c. Drop boxes located at non-election office locations <i>Of the numbers in C4a and C5a, how many were at non-election office locations for Election Day voting (C4c) and for early voting (C5c) during the November 2026 general election?</i>		
C4–C5 Comments:		

C6. Mail Ballots Returned via Drop Boxes

To answer this question: Enter the total number of mail ballots that voters returned using drop boxes.

Additional instructions:

- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if you do not track mail ballots returned via drop box separately from other mail ballots, enter “Data not available” for those categories.

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not use drop boxes, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **Check your numbers:** The total number of mail ballots reported in C6a should also be included in the total number of mail ballots returned in C1b.

C6. Mail Ballots Returned via Drop Boxes	Number
C6a. Total number of mail ballots returned via drop boxes: <i>Of the total reported in C1b, how many mail ballots were returned using drop boxes for the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: All mail ballots, whether they were counted or not.	
C6 Comments:	

C7. Mail Ballot Curing

To answer this question: enter the total number of mail ballots in the November 2026 general election that went through the cure process in your jurisdiction. This means the ballot could not be counted initially because the envelope contained an error or was missing information, and the voter was contacted to correct the issue. Some election offices refer to these as “challenged” ballots.

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not allow voters to cure errors or missing information on their mail ballots, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track this data, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of C7b and C7c should equal C7a.

C7. Mail Ballot Curing	Number
C7a. Total number of mail ballots that entered the cure process: <i>How many mail ballots entered the cure process because they had errors or missing information on the ballot envelope, and the voter was contacted to fix the problem?</i>	
C7b. Mail ballots that the voter successfully cured: <i>Of the total in C7a, how many mail ballots that entered the cure process were ultimately counted after the voter corrected the problem?</i> Do not include: Mail ballots that were initially challenged by election staff for a second review but ultimately counted without requiring the voter to correct the issue.	
C7c. Total number of mail ballots not successfully cured by the voter: <i>Of the total in C7a, how many mail ballots were not counted because the voter did not fix the issue after they were contacted?</i>	
C7 Comments: 	

C8. Mail Ballots Returned and Counted

To answer this question: Enter the total number of mail ballots returned by voters that were counted.

- **Check your numbers:** The totals reported in C8a should also be included in the total in C1b.

C8. Mail Ballots Returned and Counted	Number
C8a. Total number of mail ballots returned and counted: <i>Of the totals reported in C1b, how many mail ballots were processed, counted, and included in the official election results?</i>	
C8 Comments: 	

C9. Mail Ballots Rejected by Reason

To answer this question: Enter the total number of mail ballots that voters returned but were not counted (rejected).

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not reject ballots for a listed reason, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track this data, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for rejections that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of C9b through C9t should equal C9a.

C9. Mail Ballots Rejected by Reason	Number
C9a. Total number of mail ballots rejected: <i>How many mail ballots were returned by voters but rejected for counting (for any reason)?</i>	
C9b. Ballot was not received on time/missed the deadline: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because they were received late?</i>	
C9c. Ballot envelope was missing a voter signature: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter did not sign the return ballot envelope?</i>	
C9d. Ballot envelope did not have a witness signature: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because there was no witness signature on the return ballot envelope, if applicable?</i>	
C9e. Ballot envelope had a non-matching signature: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter’s signature on the return ballot envelope did not match their official record?</i>	
C9f. Ballot was returned in an unofficial envelope: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the ballot was returned in an unofficial envelope?</i>	
C9g. Ballot was missing from the envelope: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the ballot was missing from the envelope?.</i>	
C9h. Ballot was not placed in a required secrecy envelope: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the ballot was not placed in a required secrecy envelope?</i>	
C9i. Multiple ballots were returned in one envelope: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because multiple ballots were returned in one envelope?</i>	

C9. Mail Ballots Rejected by Reason	Number
C9j. Envelope was not sealed: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the envelope was not sealed?</i>	
C9k. Returned ballot did not have required postmark: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the returned ballot did not have required postmark?</i>	
C9l. No resident address was on the envelope: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because there was no resident address on the envelope?</i>	
C9m. Voter was deceased: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter died?</i>	
C9n. Voter submitted another ballot that was accepted: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter had already submitted another ballot that was accepted for counting?</i>	
C9o. Voter did not provide the required documentation: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter did not provide the required documentation, or the documentation was incomplete? For example, identification, an affidavit, or a statement.</i>	
C9p. Voter was not eligible to vote in the jurisdiction: <i>Of the total in C9a, how many were rejected because the voter was not eligible to vote in the jurisdiction? For example, because voters moved to a different jurisdiction after a ballot was sent to or received from them.</i>	
Formerly C9q. No ballot application on record [REMOVED in 2026]	
C9r. Other: _____ <i>Use lines C9 items r - t to add additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
C9s. Other: _____	
C9t. Other: _____	
C9 Comments:	

Section D: In-Person Voting Operations

Why We Ask for This Information

The goal of this section is to understand in-person voting in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election. It asks for details about precincts, voting locations, poll workers, and related activities. Completing Section D meets a key Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirement to give Congress and the EAC accurate nationwide data on election administration. Your responses help identify trends, challenges, and best practices for in-person voting, contributing to a comprehensive national understanding of in-person voting in federal elections.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section D

- ☐ Precincts and Voting Location Totals
 - Total number of voting precincts in your jurisdiction
 - Total number of physical voting locations (including vote centers)
 - Those used for Election Day voting
 - Those used for early voting
- ☐ Poll Worker Totals
 - Total number of poll workers
 - Worked on Election Day
 - Worked during early voting
 - By age group
 - New poll workers
- ☐ Ease or difficulty of recruiting poll workers
- ☐ Comments & Explanations
 - Notes on missing data, special circumstances, or additional context (e.g., if certain locations or poll worker roles cannot be tracked separately)

Definitions

- **Precinct:** A geographic area where voters are assigned based on their address. This is an administrative division of a county or city for voting purposes. Your jurisdiction might call it a “ward” or “voting district.” If your office combines smaller precincts into larger ones for reporting results, report the number of combined precincts for the November 2026 general election.
- **Voting location:** Also known as a “polling place”. This is a physical place where people can cast a ballot directly into a ballot box or tabulator. This includes vote

centers, mobile voting sites, and other locations used for early voting or on Election Day.

- **Poll workers:** People who assist voters on Election Day or during in-person early voting. They may also be called election judges, inspectors, booth workers, wardens, or commissioners. Their duties include checking voter ID, helping voters sign the poll book, issuing ballots, setting up voting machines, and other tasks required by state law. **They do not include** observers, regular office staff who didn't serve as poll workers, or staff who processed ballots after voting.
- **Early voting:** Voting that occurs in person before Election Day at a voting location or election office where election staff are available to assist. Some states use different names, such as "in-person absentee voting" or "advance voting".

Instructions for States With All-Mail Elections

If your state or jurisdiction primarily conducts all-mail elections, *please report any in-person voting options* for voters – like vote centers or voting at election offices – and any temporary poll workers (not permanent staff) who helped with in-person services such as ballot drop-off or voter assistance. Enter "Does Not Apply" when appropriate.

- **Precincts:** Precincts are the administrative divisions used for assigning ballots and reporting vote totals (not physical locations). Even if you do not have in-person voting locations, please still report the number of precincts your jurisdiction used in the November 2026 general election.
- **Voting locations:** Count vote centers and election offices as voting locations only if voters can cast a ballot at that location and have it directly placed into a ballot box or tabulator for counting.
- **Poll workers:** Do not include regular office staff who assisted voters. Only report temporary election workers who are hired specifically to help voters cast a ballot.

Precincts and Voting Locations: Questions D1–D4

For this section, precincts are administrative units, while voting locations are physical places where voters cast ballots. One voting location or vote center may serve multiple precincts.

D1. Number of Precincts

To answer this question: Enter the total number of voting precincts in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Consolidated precincts:** If your office combines regular or census precincts into larger consolidated precincts for reporting vote totals, report the number of consolidated precincts for the November 2026 general election.
- **Do not report the number of vote centers or voting locations in D1a.** Only report the number of voting precincts (the geographic areas assigned to voters based on their home address) for this question.

D1. Precincts in Jurisdiction	Number
D1a. Total number of precincts in your jurisdiction: <i>How many precincts were there in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election? Precincts are geographic areas assigned to voters based on their address, not the number of physical locations where ballots are cast.</i>	
D1 Comments:	

D2–D4. Number of Voting Locations

To answer these questions: Enter the total number of physical voting locations (including voting locations and vote centers) your jurisdiction used for the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **If your jurisdiction uses vote centers,** count each vote center as a single voting location.
- **If multiple precincts shared a single voting location,** count that as a single voting location.
- **If your jurisdiction used a mobile voting location** that moved to different sites during early voting or on Election Day, count each mobile voting location only once, no matter how many sites it visited.
- **If a location was used for both early voting and Election Day,** report it in both D3a and D4a.
- **Check your numbers:** The sum of D3a and D4a might not equal D2a. That is OK.

D2-D4. Voting Locations in Jurisdiction	Number
D2a. Total number of physical voting locations used for the November 2026 general election: <i>How many physical voting locations were used in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: Both voting locations used for early voting and Election Day voting. Count each voting location only once , even if voting happens there on multiple days or if more than one precinct shares a location.	
D3a. Election Day voting locations <i>Of the total in D2, how many locations were used for Election Day?</i>	
D4a. Early voting locations <i>Of the total in D2, how many locations were used for early voting?</i>	
Formerly D3b. Physical polling places other than election offices (e.g., libraries, schools, mobile voting location) & D3c. Election offices [REMOVED in 2026]	
Formerly D4b. Physical polling places other than election offices (e.g., libraries, schools, mobile voting location) & D4c. Election offices [REMOVED in 2026]	
D2–D4 Comments:	

Poll Workers: Questions D5–D9

These questions ask about poll workers who served during the November 2026 general election. Your jurisdiction may use a different term for poll workers, such as election judges, booth workers, wardens, commissioners, inspectors, or others. Do not include regular office staff who assisted voters or processed ballots. Only report temporary election workers who are hired specifically to help voters cast a ballot.

D5–D6. Election Day and Early Voting Poll Workers

To answer these questions: Enter the total number of poll workers who served in your jurisdiction for Election Day voting and early voting during the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Count each poll worker only once**, even if they worked multiple shifts.
- **If a poll worker worked both on Election Day and early voting**, report them in both categories.
- **If your office conducts elections entirely by mail**, enter “Does not apply” unless temporary poll workers (not permanent office staff) were used for in-person services such as ballot drop-off or voter assistance.

D5-D6. Election Day and Early Voting Poll Workers	Number
D5a. Total number of Election Day poll workers: <i>How many poll workers served on Election Day for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
D6a. Total number of early voting poll workers: <i>How many poll workers served during early voting for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
D5-D6 Comments:	

D7. Total Number of Poll Workers and Ages of the Poll Workers

To answer this question: Enter the total number of poll workers who assisted voters during the November 2026 general election.

For questions D7b–g, report the total number of poll workers in each age group. You may be able to find this information from sources such as voter registration records, payroll records, or the forms people complete when signing up to be poll workers.

Additional instructions:

- **Count each poll worker only once**, even if they worked multiple shifts.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track data on any or all age categories, enter “Data not available” for those categories. However, please still provide a response in D7a for the total number of poll workers.
- **If your office conducts elections entirely by mail**, enter “Does not apply” unless temporary poll workers (not permanent office staff) were used for in-person services such as ballot drop-off or voter assistance.
- **Balance your numbers:** the sum of D7b–D7g should equal D7a. However, the totals reported throughout D7 may not equal the total reported in D5a and D6a—that is OK.

D7. Poll Workers by Age Group	Number
D7a. Total number of poll workers: <i>How many total poll workers served during the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: Both poll workers that served on Election Day and during early voting. Count poll workers only once, regardless of the number of shifts they worked.	
D7b. Under 18 years old <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were under the age of 18?</i>	
D7c. 18 to 25 <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were between the ages of 18 and 25?</i>	
D7d. 26 to 40 <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were between the ages of 26 and 40?</i>	
D7e. 41 to 60 <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were between the ages of 41 and 60?</i>	
D7f. 61 to 70 <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were between the ages of 61 and 70?</i>	
D7g. 71 years old and over <i>Of the total in D7a, how many were age 71 and older?</i>	
D7 Comments:	

D8. Ease of Recruiting Poll Workers

To answer this question: Enter how easy or hard it was for your office to recruit enough poll workers for the November 2026 general election. Use the D8 Comments box to share more details about your experience recruiting poll workers for this election.

- ☐ Very difficult
- ☐ Somewhat difficult
- ☐ Neither difficult nor easy
- ☐ Somewhat easy
- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Not enough information to answer

D8 Comments:

D9. New Poll Workers

To answer this question: Enter how many poll workers served for the first time in your jurisdiction during the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **If your office conducts elections entirely by mail**, enter “Does not apply” unless temporary poll workers (not permanent office staff) were used for in-person services such as ballot drop-off or voter assistance.

D9. New Poll Workers	Number
D9. Total number of new poll workers: <i>How many poll workers served for the first time in your jurisdiction during the November 2026 general election?</i> Count poll workers only once, regardless of the number of shifts they worked. <i>Include only those serving as a poll worker for the first time in your jurisdiction during this election.</i>	
D9 Comments:	

Section E: Provisional Ballots Cast

Why We Ask for This Information

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires state to offer provisional ballots in federal elections when their names do not appear on the registration list or their eligibility is challenged. Provisional ballots must also be provided if a judge extends polling hours. Some states have additional reasons for issuing provisional ballots, beyond the reasons outlined in HAVA.

Five states (Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Wyoming) and all territories are exempt from HAVA's provisional ballot requirements because these states allowed Same Day Registration when HAVA was enacted. North Dakota is also exempt because it does not require citizens to register to vote. These states may still choose to use provisional ballots.

The goal of this section is to better understand how many voters needed to use a provisional ballot in your jurisdiction, why these ballots were issued, and what happened to them (counted, partially counted, or rejected). Completing Section E meets a key HAVA requirement to provide Congress and the EAC with accurate national data to improve federal elections.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section E

- ☐ Total provisional ballots cast:
 - The number of voters who used a provisional ballot in the November 2026 general election.
 - Outcomes, such as how many provisional ballots were counted in full, counted in part, or rejected for counting.
- ☐ Reasons that provisional ballots were issued:
 - For example:
 - Voter not on the registration list
 - Missing ID
 - Eligibility challenges
 - Same-day registration
 - Other reasons
- ☐ Reasons that provisional ballots were rejected:
 - For example:
 - Voter not registered
 - Voted in the wrong precinct

- Missing signature
 - Other reasons
- ☐ Comments or notes:
- Any special circumstances, missing data, or additional context that may help explain your numbers.

Provisional Ballots Cast: Questions E1–E2

These questions ask about the total number of provisional ballots cast in the November 2026 general election, how they were adjudicated (i.e., whether they were counted in full, partially counted, or rejected), and the reasons they were issued.

E1. Total Provisional Ballots Cast and Their Outcomes

To answer this question: Enter the total number of voters who cast a provisional ballot in the November 2026 general election.

Additional instructions:

- **Report all provisional ballots casts for any reason.** This may include provisional ballots cast because there is a question regarding the eligibility of the voter, or provisional ballots given to same day-registered voters in states or jurisdictions that require them to cast a provisional ballot while their eligibility to register is confirmed.
- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office is NVRA-exempt and does not offer provisional voting or an equivalent process, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track data on one or more of those categories, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” category** for additional statuses that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of E1b through E1e should equal E1a.

E1. Provisional Ballots Cast & Their Outcomes	Number
E1a. Total number of voters who cast a provisional ballot: <i>How many voters cast a provisional ballot during the November 2026 general election?</i> Include: All provisional ballots, regardless of whether they were counted in full, partially counted, or rejected.	

E1. Provisional Ballots Cast & Their Outcomes	Number
E1b. Provisional ballots counted in full: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many were counted in full?</i>	
E1c. Provisional ballots partially counted: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many were partially counted? For example, if a voter was eligible to vote for federal offices but not for local contests, and only the federal races on their ballot were counted.</i>	
E1d. Provisional ballots rejected: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many were not counted?</i>	
E1e. Other: _____ <i>Use this line to report additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
E1 Comments:	

E2. Reasons for Issuing Provisional Ballots

To answer this question: Enter the total number of provisional ballots (as reported in E1a) broken down by the reason they were issued to a voter. Not all categories may apply to your jurisdiction.

Additional instructions:

- **If a provisional ballot was cast for more than one reason**, select the primary reason.
- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not offer provisional ballots for one or more of the reasons listed below, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track data on one or more of those categories, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for additional reasons that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of E2a through E2m should equal E1a.

E2. Reason Provisional Ballot Was Issued	Number
E2a. Voter did not appear on the official list of eligible voters: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued because the voter was not registered in your jurisdiction?</i>	
E2b. Voter did not have proper identification: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued because the voter failed to present required identification (when ID is required)?</i>	
E2c. An election official determined the voter was not eligible to vote a regular ballot: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued because an election official (or poll worker) determined a “regular” ballot could not be issued? For example, the voter was registered, but not at the correct address, the voter attempted to vote in the wrong precinct, or for another reason.</i>	
E2d. Another person (not an election official) challenged the voter’s eligibility: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued because someone other than an election official or poll worker challenged a voter’s eligibility?</i>	
Formerly E2e–E2g [REMOVED in 2026] <i>Answers formerly reported in E2e–E2g (eligibility issues) are now reported in E2c.</i>	
E2h. A federal or state judge extended the voting location hours for the election <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued for this reason?</i>	
E2i. Voter was issued a same-day registration provisional ballot: <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued to voters who registered to vote on the same day they cast their ballot, but their eligibility could not be confirmed before they voted?</i> <i>This category applies only in jurisdictions where state law or policy defines a specific process that allows voters to register and vote provisionally on the same day but requires their eligibility to be verified before their ballot can be counted. Some states refer to this as “conditional” voting.</i>	
E2j. Poll book indicates the voter was already issued a ballot <i>Of the total in E1a, how many provisional ballots were issued to voters who were marked in the poll book as already having been issued a ballot, either by mail or in person?</i> NEW: This category was added in 2026.	
E2k. Other: _____ <i>Use lines E2k–E2m to add additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
E2l. Other: _____	
E2m. Other: _____	

E2. Reason Provisional Ballot Was Issued	Number
E2 Comments:	

Provisional Ballots Rejected: Question E3

E3. Reasons for Provisional Ballot Rejections

To answer this question: Enter the total number of provisional ballots that were rejected for counting in the November 2026 general election (as reported in E1d), broken down by the reason for rejection.

Additional instructions:

- **If a provisional ballot was rejected for more than one reason**, select the primary reason.
- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your jurisdiction does not reject provisional ballots for one or more of the reasons listed below, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track data on the reasons why provisional ballots were rejected, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for additional reasons that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of E3b through E3m should equal E3a.

E3. Reason for Provisional Ballot Rejection	Number
E3a. Total number of provisional ballots that were rejected in your jurisdiction: <i>How many provisional ballots were rejected for any reason in your jurisdiction for the November 2026 general election?</i>	
E3b. Voter was NOT registered to vote in your jurisdiction: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the voter was not registered to vote in your jurisdiction?</i>	
Formerly E3c. Voter was registered in the state but attempted to vote in the wrong jurisdiction. [REMOVED in 2026]	
E3d. Voter was registered but attempted to vote in the wrong precinct: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the voter attempted to vote in the wrong precinct?</i>	

E3. Reason for Provisional Ballot Rejection	Number
E3e. Voter failed to provide required identification: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the voter failed to provide the required identification?</i>	
E3f. Ballot envelope was incomplete and/or illegible: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the provisional ballot envelope was incomplete, or the writing was unclear, so you could not read it to confirm if the voter was eligible?</i>	
Formerly E3g. Ballot was missing from the envelope. [REMOVED in 2026]	
E3h. Ballot did not have a signature: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the ballot did not have a signature?</i>	
E3i. Ballot had a non-matching signature: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the ballot had a non-matching signature?</i>	
E3j. Voter already voted: <i>Of the total in E3a, how many were rejected because the voter cast another ballot that was counted in the election?</i>	
E3k. Other: _____ <i>Use lines E3k-E3m to add additional categories, if applicable in your state.</i>	
E3l. Other: _____	
E3m. Other: _____	
E3 Comments:	

Section F: Voter Participation and Election Technologies

Why We Ask for This Information

These questions ask how voters cast their ballots in your jurisdiction during the November 2026 general election, including the types of voting machines or technologies used to mark and count ballots. Completing Section F meets a key Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirement to provide Congress and the EAC with accurate nationwide data on voter participation and election technology.

Checklist: What You Will Need to Complete Section F:

- ☐ Total number of voters whose ballots were counted
 - By voting method (Election Day in-person, mail, provisional, early voting, UOCAVA/FWAB, other types)
- ☐ Details about the voting equipment used
 - Type of equipment (e.g., touchscreen machines, ballot marking devices, scanners/tabulators, hand-counted paper ballots, electronic poll books, paper poll books, ballot-on-demand systems)
 - Manufacturer and model names
 - Number of each type deployed
 - What each piece of equipment was used for (marking ballots, counting votes, checking in voters, etc.)
- ☐ Location where votes were tallied
 - For each voting method, note if votes were counted at a central location, at the precinct/voting location, or both
- ☐ Comments & Explanations
 - Any notes about missing data, special circumstances, or additional context (e.g., if certain equipment was used only for accessibility, or if some data is not available)

Participation in the November 2026 General Election: Question F1

This question asks for the total number of voters whose ballots were counted in the November 2026 general election. Include all voters and all types of ballots, such as in-person, mail, and provisional.

F1. Total Participation in the 2026 November General Election

To answer this question: Enter the total number of voters whose ballots were counted in the 2026 general election, broken down by how they voted.

Although other items in the survey have reported some of this data, *only voters whose ballots were counted should be reported in this set of questions.*

Additional instructions:

- **“Does not apply” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not offer a specific method of voting, enter “Does not apply” for those categories.
- **“Data not available” is a valid response.** For example, if your office does not track some or all of this data, enter “Data not available” for those categories.
- **Use the “Other” categories** for additional methods that cannot be placed into any of the categories.
- **Balance your numbers:** The sum of F1b through F1h should equal F1a.

F1. Participation and Voting Methods	Number
F1a. Total number of voters who cast a ballot that was counted: <i>How many voters cast a ballot in the November 2026 general election, including all categories of voters listed below?</i>	
F1b. Voters who cast a ballot in person at a voting location on Election Day and whose ballot was counted: <i>Of the total in F1a, how many voters cast a ballot in person on Election Day, not including provisional ballots or mail ballots dropped off at the polls?</i>	
F1c. UOCAVA voters who cast an absentee ballot or FWAB and ballot was counted: <i>Of the total in F1a, how many were UOCAVA voters who submitted an absentee ballot or a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?</i> This should equal the total entered in B18a and B29a.	
F1d. Voters who cast a mail ballot and whose ballot was counted: <i>Of the total in F1a, how many voted using a mail ballot, including in jurisdictions that conduct elections primarily or entirely by mail?</i> This should equal the total entered in C8a.	
F1e. Voters who cast a provisional ballot and whose ballot was counted: <i>Of the total in F1a, how many were voters who cast a provisional ballot that was counted, either partially or in full?</i> This should equal the total entered in E1b and E1c.	
F1f. Voters who cast a ballot in person at a voting location before Election Day and whose ballot was counted: <i>Of the total in F1a, how many were voters who cast a ballot early in-person before Election Day?</i>	

F1. Participation and Voting Methods	Number
Formerly F1g. Voters who cast a mail ballot in a jurisdiction that conducts elections by mail and whose ballot was counted [REMOVED in 2026] <i>Answers formerly reported in F1g are now included in F1d.</i>	
F1h. Other: _____ <i>Use this line to add an additional category, if applicable in your state.</i>	
F1 Comments:	

Formerly F2. Source of Data for Total Participation in the 2024 General Election [REMOVED in 2026]

Election Technologies: Questions F3–F10

There are various technologies and resources available to assist voters in casting their ballots and checking in at in-person voting sites, as well as used by election officials to count ballots. The goal of this section is to provide the most complete picture possible of the technology that supported the November 2026 general election.

F3–F10. Election Equipment Used

These questions ask about the equipment your jurisdiction used for the November 2026 general election, including:

- **Type of equipment:**
 - **Direct recording electronic (DRE) machines without voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT):** Touchscreen voting machines that **do not** produce a paper record.
 - **DRE machines with VVPAT:** Touchscreen voting machines that **do** produce a paper record for voters to verify.
 - **Ballot marking devices (BMD):** Machines that help voters mark a paper ballot but **do not** count votes.
 - **Scanners:** Machines that scan and count paper ballots (marked by hand or with a BMD).
 - **Hand-counted paper ballots:** Ballots counted by hand (not scanned).
 - **Electronic poll books:** Digital lists of registered voters used to check in voters (not voting machines).
 - **Paper poll books:** Paper lists of registered voters used to check in voters.

- **Ballot-on-demand (BOD) systems:** Equipment that prints a ballot for a voter when they check in.
- **Manufacturer and model:** List the name of the equipment (e.g., ES&S ExpressVote® or Dominion ImageCast® Evolution). You can list up to three makes/models for each type.
- **Equipment used in the election:** Only include machines that were actually used in the November 2026 election.
- **Purpose:** Show what each piece of equipment was used for:
 - For voting equipment: Was it used for marking ballots or counting votes?
 - For poll books: Was it used to check in voters?
- **Comments (F3–F10 box):** Add any extra details about how the equipment was used or mention any other equipment not listed in the survey.

Election Equipment Type	a. In use in your jurisdiction	b. Manufacturer/equipment name	c. Number deployed	d. Voting or election activities this equipment/counting method supported (Select all that apply.)
F3. DRE machines without VVPAT	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ In-precinct Election Day regular ballot marking and/or counting (used by all voters)
				☐ In-precinct accessible voting primarily for voters with disabilities
				☐ Provisional ballot marking and/or counting ☐ In-person early voting ballot marking and/or counting
F4. DRE machines with VVPAT	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ In-precinct Election Day regular ballot marking and/or counting (used by all voters)
				☐ In-precinct accessible voting primarily for voters with disabilities
				☐ Provisional ballot marking and/or counting ☐ In-person early voting ballot marking and/or counting
F5. Ballot marking devices (BMD)	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ In-precinct Election Day regular ballot marking and/or counting (used by all voters)
				☐ In-precinct accessible voting primarily for voters with disabilities
				☐ Provisional ballot marking and/or counting ☐ In-person early voting ballot marking and/or counting ☐ Mail ballot counting

Election Equipment Type	a. In use in your jurisdiction	b. Manufacturer/equipment name	c. Number deployed	d. Voting or election activities this equipment/counting method supported (Select all that apply.)
F6. Scanners	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ In-precinct Election Day regular ballot marking and/or counting (used by all voters)
				☐ In-precinct accessible voting primarily for voters with disabilities ☐ Provisional ballot marking and/or counting
				☐ In-person early voting ballot marking and/or counting ☐ Mail ballot counting
F7. No equipment (hand count)	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ In-precinct Election Day regular ballot marking and/or counting (used by all voters) ☐ In-precinct accessible voting primarily for voters with disabilities ☐ Provisional ballot marking and/or counting ☐ In-person early voting ballot marking and/or counting ☐ Mail ballot counting

Election Equipment Type	a. In use in your jurisdiction	b. Manufacturer/equipment name	c. Number deployed	d. Voting or election activities this equipment/counting method supported (Select all that apply.)
F8. Electronic poll books	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ Check in voters during in-person voting before Election Day ☐ Check in voters during in-person voting on Election Day ☐ Voter eligibility verification/sorting before check in ☐ Assist with same-day or Election Day registration ☐ Transmit preliminary election results ☐ Assign voters the correct ballot style ☐ Capture and/or verify signatures ☐ Connect with other poll books in real time ☐ Connect with the state's voter registration system in real time ☐ Other: _____
F9. Paper poll books	☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ Check in voters during in-person voting before Election Day ☐ Check in voters during in-person voting on Election Day ☐ Voter eligibility verification/sorting before check in ☐ Assist with same-day or Election Day registration ☐ Assign voters the correct ballot style ☐ Capture and/or verify signatures ☐ Other: _____
F10. Ballot-on-demand (BOD) system NEW: This category was added in 2026.	☐ Yes ☐ No			

Election Equipment Type	a. In use in your jurisdiction	b. Manufacturer/equipment name	c. Number deployed	d. Voting or election activities this equipment/counting method supported (Select all that apply.)
F3-F10 Comments:				

Formerly F11. Use of Voter Registration Systems [REMOVED in 2026]

Location of Vote Tally: Question F12

F12. Location of Where Votes Were Tallied

For each type of the following uses of voting equipment in your jurisdiction used in the November 2026 general election, report where the votes were tallied.

F12. Location of Vote Tally for:	Select One Response
F12a. Ballots cast in person on Election Day	☐ Central location ☐ Precinct or polling location ☐ Both central and precinct location ☐ Does not apply ☐ Data not available
F12b. Ballots cast on accessible equipment for voters with disabilities	☐ Central location ☐ Precinct or polling location ☐ Both central and precinct location ☐ Does not apply ☐ Data not available
F12c. Provisional ballots	☐ Central location ☐ Precinct or polling location ☐ Both central and precinct location ☐ Does not apply ☐ Data not available
F12d. Ballots cast in person before Election Day	☐ Central location ☐ Precinct or polling location ☐ Both central and precinct location ☐ Does not apply ☐ Data not available
F12e. Mail ballots	☐ Central location ☐ Precinct or polling location ☐ Both central and precinct location ☐ Does not apply ☐ Data not available
F12 Comments:	

F13. General Comments

The EAC welcomes any general feedback about your experiences administering the November 2026 general election, such as problems with voting system anomalies,* recounts, staffing, challenges to eligibility, long lines, or noteworthy successes or challenges overcome. **Please note that your comments will be published as part of the survey data.**

*An anomaly is an irregular or inconsistent action or response from the voting system or system component, resulting in some disruption to the election process. Incidents resulting from administrator error or procedural deficiencies are not considered anomalies for purposes of this survey question (see the [EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual](#)).

F13 Comments:

END OF SURVEY

Thank you for responding to the survey!

This information collection is required for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to meet its statutory requirements under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901), the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA; 52 U.S.C. 20502 et seq.), and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voters Act (UOCAVA; 52 U.S.C. 20302). Respondent's obligation to reply to this information collection is mandatory as required under NVRA (52 U.S.C. 20502 et seq.) and UOCAVA (52 U.S.C. 20302); respondents include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. This information will be made publicly available on the EAC website (<https://www.eac.gov>). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1994, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB Control No. 3265-0006 (expires 08/31/2029). The annualized time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 83 hours per state response. This estimate includes the time for reviewing the instructions, gathering information, and completing the form. Comments regarding this burden estimate should be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission: 2026 Election Administration and Voting Survey, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.