



ELECTION DAY FACTS



Potential Voters in Indiana

4.7 million

Number of Hoosiers 18 or older. This means that three out of four Hoosiers are age-eligible for voting.

4.5 million

Number of registered voters in Indiana as of October 2008.¹

1.725 million

Hoosier votes in the 2008 primaries (a 40 percent turnout).

The 2004 Presidential Election

4.5 million

Hoosier population above the age of 18 in 2004. Of these, 66.8 percent reported to a census survey that they were registered to vote. Across the nation, 65.9 percent of the eligible population registered.

57.3 Percent

Percent of Indiana's population 18 and older who actually voted in the 2004 election. This was below the national number of 58.3 percent. Minnesota had the highest percent of population 18 and older who voted (76.7 percent), while Hawaii had the lowest turnout (46.2 percent).

65-to-74 Age Group

The age group with the highest percent of registered voters who actually voted. In 2004, 91.2 percent of registered voters age 65 to 74 actually voted. Young registered voters—those age 18 to 24—had the lowest turnout, with 78.4 percent casting a ballot.

Gender Wasn't a Deciding Factor in Indiana

57.1 Percent

Hoosier males who voted in 2004. The national figure for males was 56.3 percent.

57.4 Percent

Hoosier females who voted in 2004. For the entire United States, 60.1 percent of eligible women voted.

¹ Keep in mind that while this number is very close to the entire number of 18-and-older population in Indiana, the voter rolls are likely to include duplicates, the deceased, and folks who have moved and not notified their county voter registration board.

Why Didn't U.S. Citizens Vote?

Females Were Too Ill

19.8 percent of females who did not vote cited illness as their reason. The next most popular reasons for females were that they were too busy or had a conflicting schedule.

Males Were Too Busy

22.5 percent of males who did not vote cited that they were too busy or had a conflicting schedule (the most common reason across the entire national population). The next most common reason males gave for not voting was that they were out of town.

Additional Information

- 2008 Primary Election Statistics:
www.in.gov/sos/elections/voters/2008_Primary_Election_Turnout.pdf
- 2008 Registration Tally (daily updates): www.in.gov/sos
- 2004 Voting Statistics: www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting/cps2004.html
- Census Bureau Facts for Features: www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/010725.html