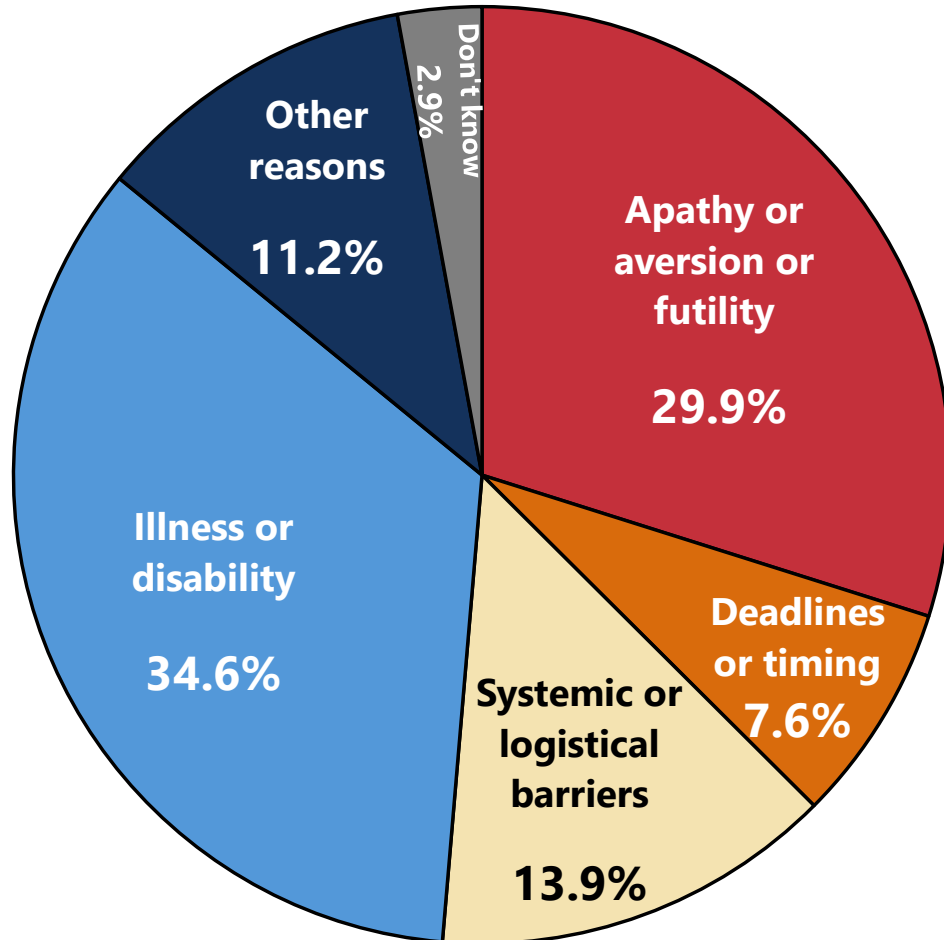


Reasons for Not Voting Among Adults Unable to Work

Universe: Missing voters (8.0 million citizens who did not vote)



Why Didn't Adults Unable to Work Vote in November 2018?

- ◆ **Illness or disability** affected either the missing voter or a family member who required care, and was the top reason for not voting (34.6%) among adults unable to work in 2018.
- ◆ **Apathy** ("not interested in the election or politics"), **aversion** ("don't like the candidates or issues"), or **futility** ("my vote doesn't matter") prevented voting by 29.9% of missing voters who were unable to work.
- ◆ **Systemic or logistical barriers** (13.9% of missing voters) included the following: "did not know where or how to register;" "did not meet residency requirements;" "registration or absentee ballot problems;" "inconvenient polling place, hours, or lines;" "out of town;" "not eligible to vote;" "difficulty with English;" "transportation problems;" and "bad weather conditions."
- ◆ **Deadlines or timing** ("missed registration deadline;" "forgot to vote;" "too busy;" or "conflicting schedule") prevented voting by 7.6% of missing voters.

Please note that some numbers may appear not to add up correctly due to rounding. Citizens include civilian, non-military, non-institutionalized persons. Women were 50.4% of this group. Voting data are from the Current Population Survey (November 2018). Reasons for not voting were compiled from two questions, and responses imputed for persons with missing data.

Data in this fact sheet are from the new report "**Missing Voters Project: United States 2018**" which can be downloaded free of charge from <https://www.wiise-usa.org/mvp/mvp-2018-reports>.



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