

# FACT SHEET: Type of Housing

## Majority of Voting Age Citizens Resided in Owner-Occupied Housing Units

Voting participation varied markedly by type of housing in 2016. The majority (66.9%) of voting age citizens who resided in owner-occupied housing units voted (Figure 11). In contrast, fewer than half (48.8%) of citizens who resided in rental units voted. Nonetheless, because the majority of citizens resided in owner-occupied housing, the majority of missing voters (51.8 million) also resided in owner-occupied housing. Residents of rental housing comprised 40% of all missing voters (Figure 12).

## Who Resides in Owner-Occupied Housing?

Readers should keep in mind that not every adult who resides in an owner-occupied housing unit is a home owner. For example, a 19-year old student who lives with homeowner parents is not a home owner, but resides in an owner unit.

## Residents of Owner-Occupied Housing

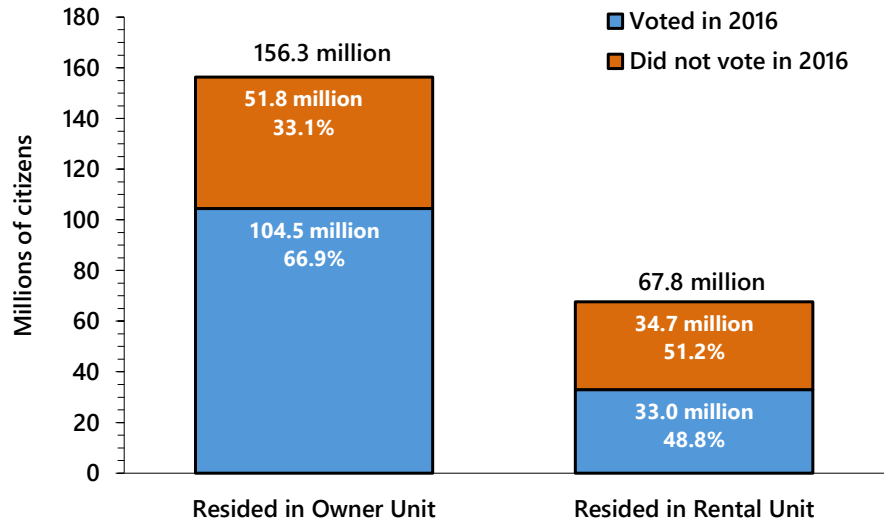
The majority (66.9%) of owner-occupied housing residents voted in 2016 (Figure 11). There were 51.8 million missing voters, including 40.0 million (77.1%) who were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 12).

## Residents of Rental Housing Units

There were 67.8 million voting age citizens residing in rental housing in 2016 (Figure 11). Fewer than half (48.8%) of these citizens voted, resulting in 34.7 million missing voters. The majority of missing voters (26.5 million, 76.4%) were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 12).

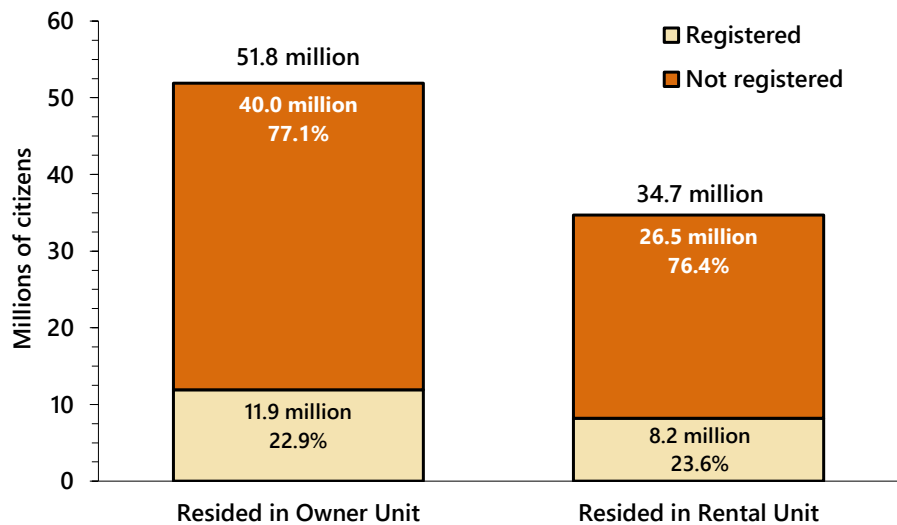
## Voting by Type of Housing

Citizens 18+ years old in 2016  
Total = 224 million



## Missing Voters by Type of Housing

Citizens 18+ years old who did not vote in 2016  
Total = 86.5 million



## Notes

Please note that some numbers may appear not to add up correctly due to rounding. Voting data are from the Current Population Survey (November 2016). Population counts and percentages in this report are statistically-weighted estimates derived by the Bureau of the Census from a national sample of over 90,000 respondents in 54,000 households. Full technical details for the Missing Voters Project, links to the original census data, and other valuable resources are available at [www.wiise-usa.org/mvp](http://www.wiise-usa.org/mvp).

