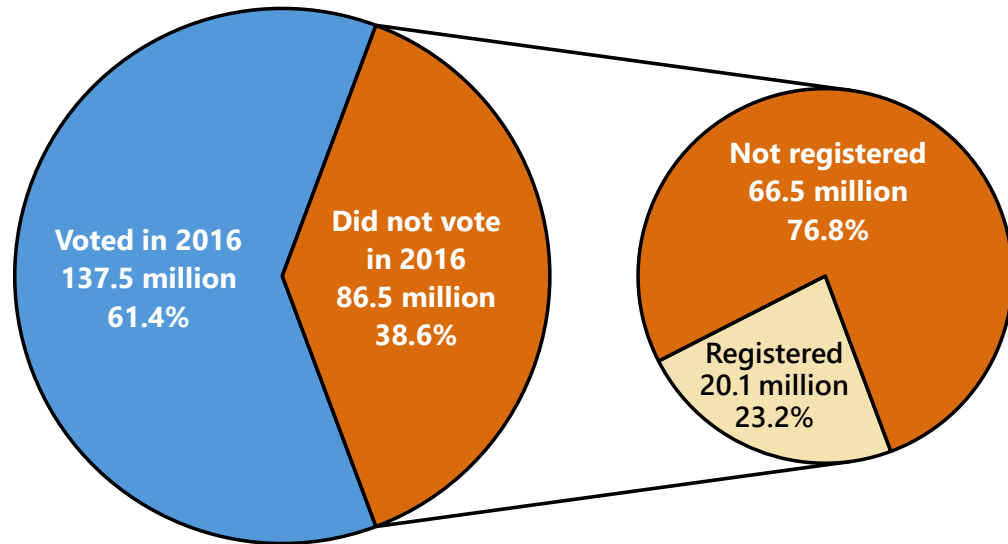


FACT SHEET: Summary of Voting

Voting in the United States

Citizens 18+ years old in 2016
Total = 224 million



Voting in 2016

In 2016, there were approximately 224 million civilian voting age citizens in the United States. The citizen population estimates shown in this report include only the *non-institutionalized* population. This means that prisoners, nursing home residents, and other institutionalized persons are not included in any of the statistics reported here. However, voting age citizens who may be legally ineligible to vote in their state are still included in the estimates in this report. The specific reasons why a citizen may be legally ineligible to vote vary from state to state. For example, some states bar citizens with a previous felony conviction from voting for life.

In November 2016, only 61.4% of voting age citizens reported voting. This resulted in 86.5 million missing voters, 66.5 million of whom (76.8%) were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 1).

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.

