

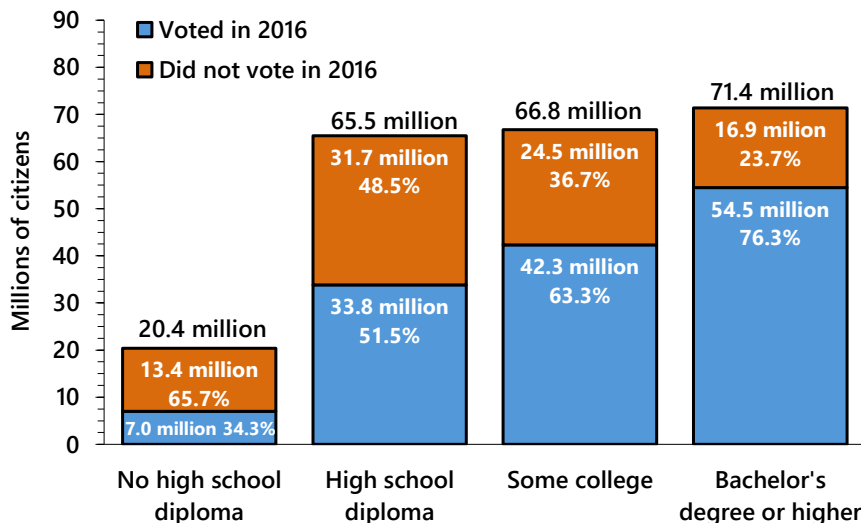
FACT SHEET: Voting by Education

College Grads Most Likely to Vote; 45.1 Million Missing Voters Did Not Attend College

Voting participation varied dramatically by educational attainment in 2016. Among the 20.4 million citizens who had not graduated from high school, only 34.3% voted (Figure 9). More than half (51.5%) of citizens with a high school diploma voted, while 63.3% of those with some college voted. The highest voting participation (76.3%) was found among the largest group of citizens – those with a bachelor's degree or higher. Adults with a high school diploma were the largest group (31.7 million) of missing voters (Figure 10).

Voting by Education

Citizens 18+ years old in 2016
Total = 224 million



No Diploma

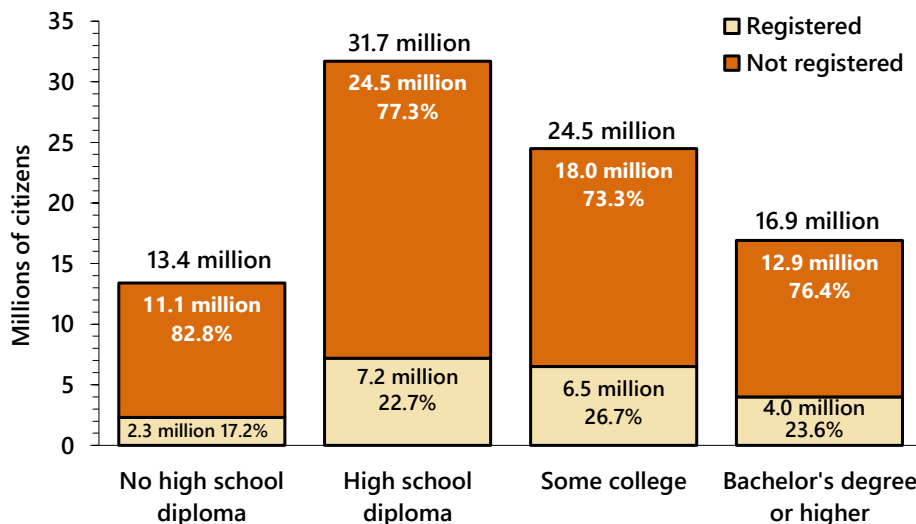
Only 34.3% of the 20.4 million citizens with no high school diploma voted in 2016 (Figure 9). This resulted in 13.4 million missing voters, 11.1 million of whom (82.8%) were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 10).

High School Diploma

Slightly more than half (51.5%) of adults with no more than a high school diploma voted in 2016 (Figure 9). This resulted in 31.7 million missing voters (Figure 10), of whom 24.5 million (77.3%) were not registered to vote before the election.

Missing Voters by Education

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



Some College

The majority (63.3%) of citizens with some college education voted in 2016 (Figure 9). There were 24.5 million missing voters, including 18.0 million (73.3%) who were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 10).

Bachelor's or Higher

The largest number of voting age citizens had college degrees (71.4 million) and 76.3% reported voting in 2016 (Figure 9). There were 16.9 million missing voters, and only 23.6% were registered to vote before the election (Figure 10).

Notes

Some college includes people with Associates degrees. 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.

