

FACT SHEET: Labor Force Status

Missing Voters Split Between Private Industry Employment and Not in the Labor Force

The majority (61%) of voting age citizens were employed in 2016, and government workers had the highest voting rate (74.4%), following by self-employed workers (66.8%), and citizens employed in private industry (61.4%) (Figure 15). Citizens not in the labor force (see notes) had a lower rate of voting (58.4%), and only half of unemployed workers reported voting. The largest number of missing voters were employed in private industry (41.6 million), followed by those not in the labor force (33.7 million) (Figure 16).

Employed in Private Industry

The majority (61.4%) of private employees voted in 2016 (Figure 15). There were 41.6 million missing voters, with 31.4 million (75.4%) not registered to vote before the election (Figure 16).

Employed in Government

Government workers had the highest voting rate (74.4%) in 2016 (Figure 15). There were 5.3 million missing voters, including 3.9 million who were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 16).

Self-Employed

Only 8.6 million voting age citizens reported being self-employed and 66.8% voted in 2016 (Figure 15). There were 2.9 million missing voters, most of whom (79.4%) were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 16).

Not in the Labor Force

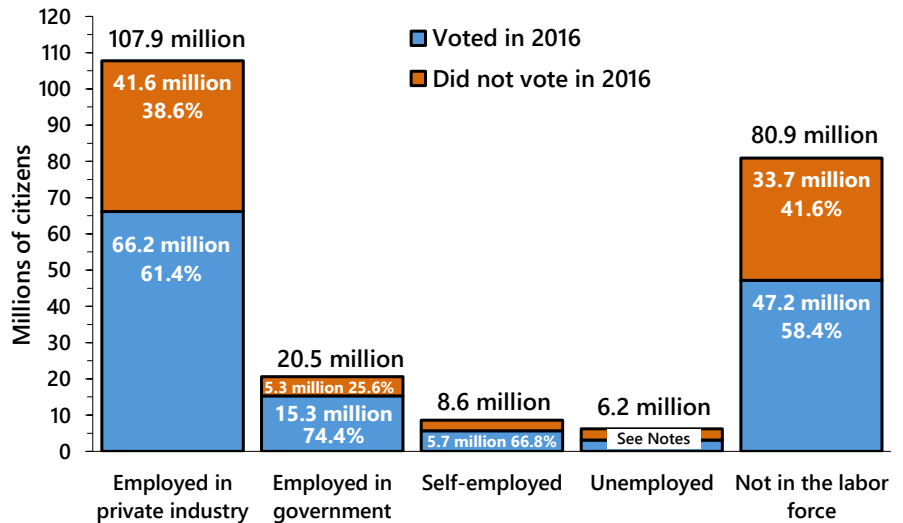
More than half (58.4%) of citizens not in the labor force voted in 2016 (Figure 15), resulting in 33.7 million missing voters. There were 26.6 million missing voters who were not registered to vote before the election (Figure 16).

Notes

Not in the labor force includes full-time students, homemakers, retired, and discouraged workers who were not actively seeking employment. For unemployed in Figure 15, 3.1 million citizens voted and 3.1 million citizens did not vote. 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.

Voting by Labor Force Status

Citizens 18+ years old in 2016
Total = 224 million



Missing Voters by Labor Force Status

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

