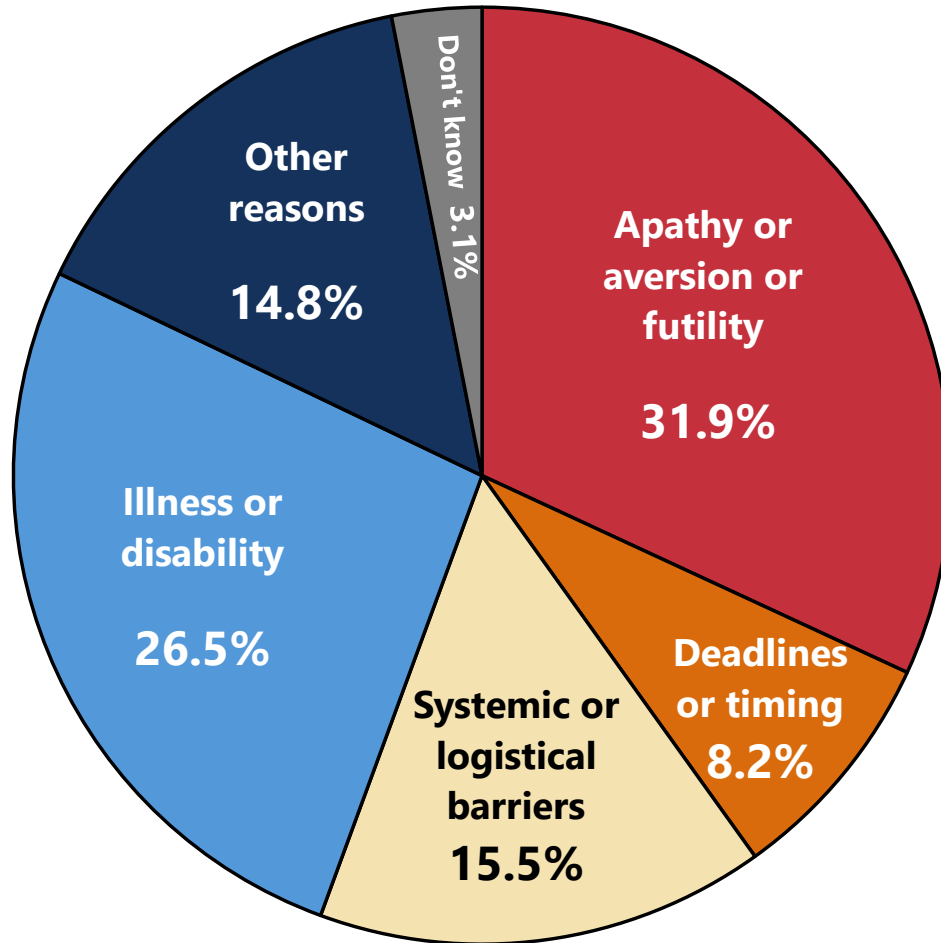


Reasons for Not Voting Among Elders 65+ Years Old

Universe: Citizens (17.0 million) who did not vote



Why Didn't Elders 65+ Years Old Vote in November 2018?

- ◆ **Apathy** ("not interested in the election or politics"), **aversion** ("don't like the candidates or issues"), or **futility** ("my vote doesn't matter") were the top reasons for not voting (31.9%) among elder missing voters in 2018.
- ◆ **Illness or disability** (26.5% of missing voters) affected either the missing voter or a family member who required care.
- ◆ **Systemic or logistical barriers** (15.5% 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 8.2% of elder 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. 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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