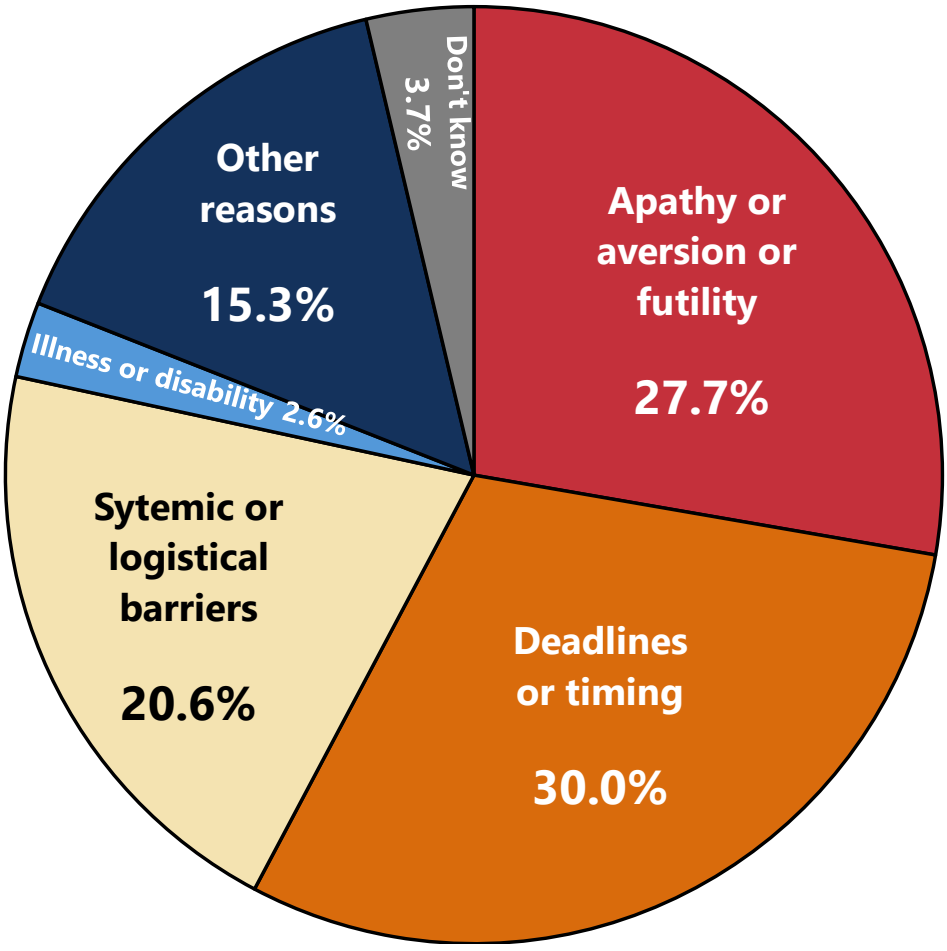
MISSING VOTERS PROJECT: United States 2018

FACT SHEET No. 18-004

Reasons for Not Voting Among Managers and Professionals

Universe: Missing voters (22.4 million citizens who did not vote)



Why Didn't Managers and Professionals Vote in November 2018?

- **Deadlines or timing** (*"missed registration deadline;" "forgot to vote;" "too busy;" or "conflicting schedule"*) were the top reasons for not voting (30.0%) among manager and professional missing voters in 2018.
- **Apathy** (*"not interested in the election or politics"*), **aversion** (*"don't like the candidates or issues"*), **or futility** (*"my vote doesn't matter"*) prevented voting by 27.7% of manager and professional missing voters.
- **Systemic or logistical barriers** (20.6% 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."*
- **Illness or disability** (2.6%) affected either the missing voter or a family member who required care.

Please note that some numbers may appear not to add up correctly due to rounding. Citizens include civilian, non-military, non-institutionalized persons. Unemployed workers were grouped based on their most recent occupation. Women were 50.4% of this group. 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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