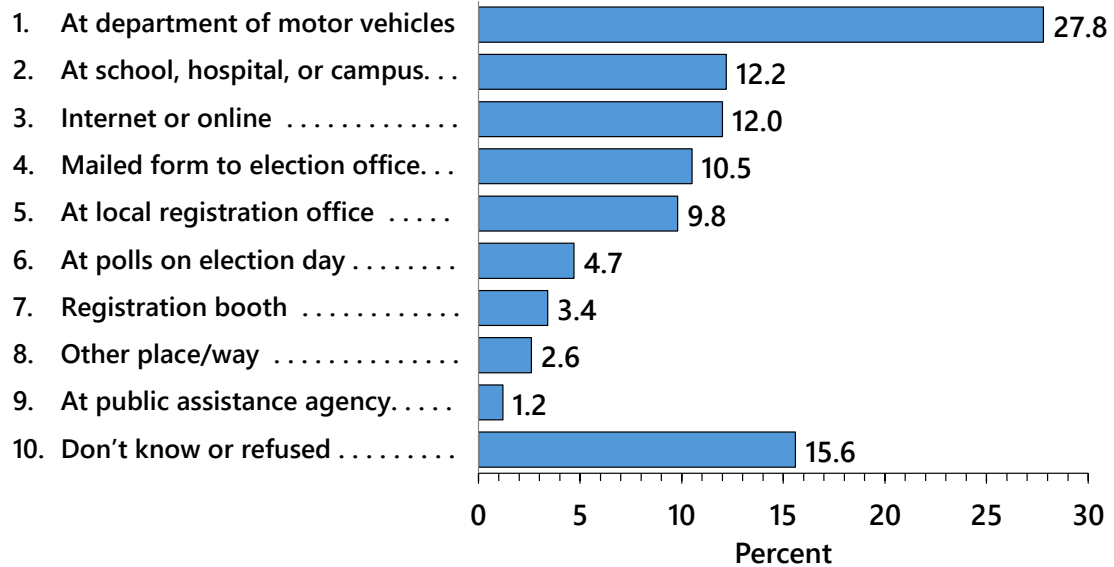


FACT SHEET: Method of Registration

Where did Young Adults Register to Vote? Citizens 18 to 24 years old who were registered to vote in 2016 Total = 14.9 million



What Does this Chart Show About Voter Registration?

Respondents to the Voting Supplement of the Current Population Survey were asked in November 2016 about the method and location of their most recent registration to vote. Only people who said that they were currently registered were asked this question. More than one-sixth of registered young adult citizens (15.6%) did not know or remember how they had registered to vote.

Local Government Offices

Taken together, registration at department of motor vehicles (27.8%), local registration offices (9.8%), and public assistance agencies (1.2%) accounted for 38.8% of young adult voter registrations prior to the November 2016 elections. An additional 10.5% of registered citizens reported that they mailed their voter registration form to a government election office.

Voter Outreach Efforts

In total, 15.6% of registered young adult citizens reported registering at either a school, hospital, or college campus (12.2%) or at an unspecified registration booth (3.4%).

Internet

The internet was the third most common method of voter registration. In November 2016, 12.0% of registered young adult citizens reported that they had registered online. According to a recent federal government report, online voter registration is permitted in only 37 states (www.usa.gov/register-to-vote).

Notes

Please note that some numbers may appear not to add up correctly due to rounding. Voting data are from a special supplement to 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 at <https://www.wiise-usa.org/mvp>.

