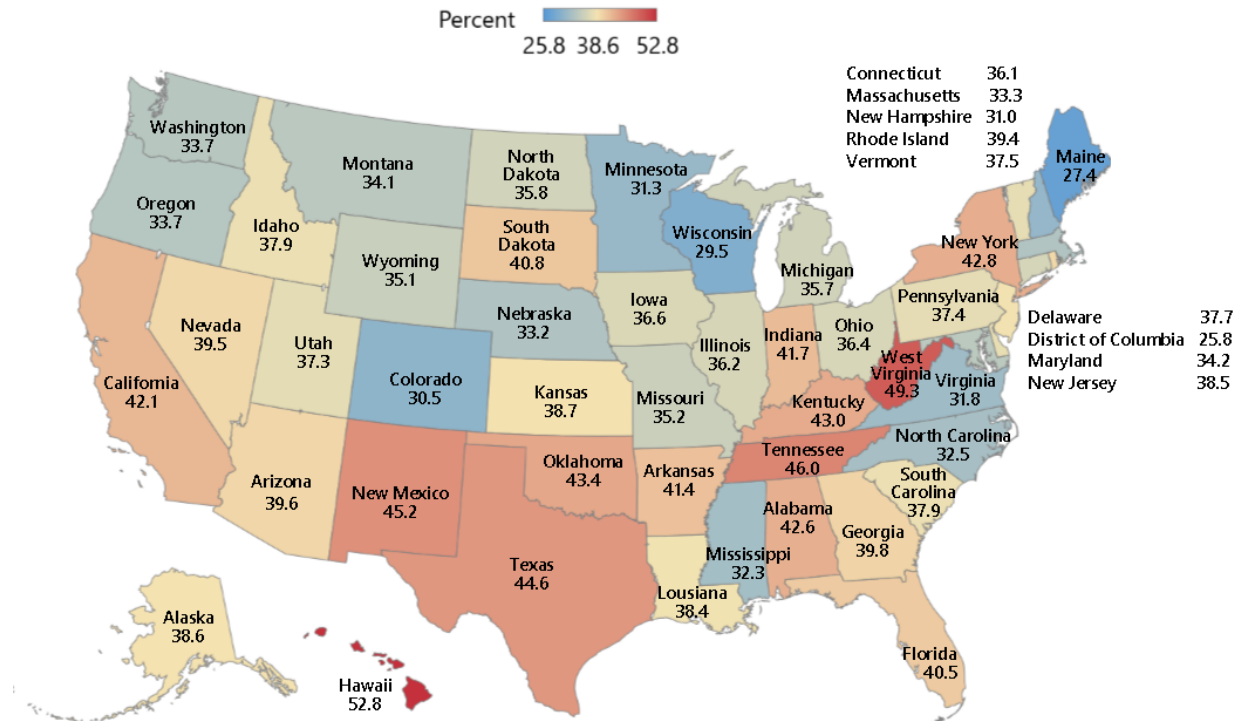


# FACT SHEET: Missing Voters State Map

## Missing Voters by State

Percent of citizens 18+ years who did not vote in 2016



### Average States (Yellow)

In the United States as a whole, 38.6% of adult citizens were missing voters. States with missing voter proportions similar to the national average were found in all regions of the country. Examples include Louisiana (38.4%) and South Carolina (37.9%) in the South, Kansas (38.7%) in the Midwest, New Jersey (38.5%) and Vermont (37.5%) in the Northeast, and Idaho (37.9%) and Alaska (38.6%) in the West (Figure 19).

### Worse than Average States (Red)

Hawaii had the highest proportion (52.8%) of citizens who were missing voters in 2016 (Figure 19). Hawaii's historically low voter participation rates have been attributed to its small population, geographic location, and time zone (3 hours behind the west coast). West Virginia, with only 1.4 million voting age citizens, had the second worst proportion of missing voters (49.3%). The four most populous states in the nation all had missing voter percentages greater than 40%: California (42.1%), Texas (44.6%), Florida (40.5%), and New York (42.8%).

### Better than Average States (Blue)

States for which the missing voter proportion was less than 35% in 2016 were predominantly found in the northern half of the country (Figure 19). The District of Columbia had the lowest percentage of missing voters (25.8%), followed by Maine (27.4%), Wisconsin (29.5%), and Colorado (30.5%). Three states in the South had better than average missing voter proportions: North Carolina (32.5%), Mississippi (32.3%), and Virginia (31.8%).

### Notes

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](http://www.wiise-usa.org/mvp).

