



## VOTING IN AMERICA:

### NEW YORK IS A LAGGARD, NOT A LEADER

New York has a miserable voter participation rate, ranking near the nation's bottom. The governor and state lawmakers should be a leader in fixing its broken system, not continue to be a laggard.<sup>1</sup>

	VEP Total Ballots Counted	VEP Highest Office	VAP Highest Office
<b>United States</b>	36.6%	35.9%	33.2%
Alabama	33.2%	32.9%	31.5%
Alaska	54.4%	53.8%	51.0%
Arizona	34.1%	33.4%	29.5%
Arkansas	40.1%	40.0%	37.5%
California	30.8%	30.0%	24.7%
Colorado	54.5%	53.4%	49.4%
Connecticut	42.5%	42.3%	38.5%
Delaware	35.0%	34.4%	31.8%
District of Columbia	35.8%	35.4%	32.0%
Florida	43.3%	42.7%	37.6%
Georgia	38.5%	38.1%	33.8%
Hawaii	36.5%	36.2%	32.9%
Idaho	39.6%	39.1%	36.5%
Illinois	40.9%	40.4%	36.6%
Indiana	28.8%	27.8%	26.7%
Iowa	50.2%	49.7%	47.3%
Kansas	43.4%	42.5%	39.8%
Kentucky	44.8%	44.0%	42.2%
Louisiana	44.8%	43.8%	41.5%
Maine	58.5%	58.0%	57.0%
Maryland	41.8%	41.5%	37.3%
Massachusetts	44.6%	44.0%	40.2%
Michigan	43.2%	42.7%	41.0%
Minnesota	50.5%	50.2%	47.2%

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Mississippi		28.9%	27.9%
Missouri	33.6%	31.8%	30.5%
Montana	47.3%	46.8%	46.1%
Nebraska	41.5%	40.6%	38.0%
Nevada	29.3%	29.0%	25.2%
New Hampshire	48.4%	47.6%	46.0%
New Jersey	32.5%	31.1%	27.0%
New Mexico		35.7%	32.3%
<b>New York</b>	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>
North Carolina	41.2%	40.9%	37.9%
North Dakota	45.0%	43.8%	42.7%
Ohio	36.2%	35.1%	34.1%
Oklahoma	29.8%	29.8%	28.1%
Oregon	53.5%	51.0%	47.2%
Pennsylvania	36.4%	36.0%	34.6%
Rhode Island	42.2%	41.6%	38.5%
South Carolina	35.2%	34.8%	33.1%
South Dakota	44.9%	44.5%	43.1%
Tennessee	29.7%	28.6%	27.2%
Texas		28.3%	23.8%
Utah	30.2%	29.6%	27.5%
Vermont	40.7%	38.8%	38.1%
Virginia	36.6%	36.5%	33.7%
Washington	43.1%	41.2%	37.1%
West Virginia	32.0%	31.2%	30.7%
Wisconsin	56.8%	56.5%	53.9%
Wyoming	39.3%	38.7%	37.3%

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<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Elections Project, “2014 November General Election Turnout Rates,” see: <http://www.electproject.org/2014g>. The voting-age population, known by the acronym VAP, is defined by the Bureau of the Census as everyone residing in the United States, age 18 and older.

The voting-eligible population, or VEP, describes the population that is eligible to vote. Counted among the voting-age population are persons who are ineligible to vote, such as non-citizens, felons (depending on state law), and mentally incapacitated persons. Not counted are persons in the military or civilians living overseas.