

# National Voter Turnout in Presidential Elections: 1960-2004

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A	B	C	D	E	F
Year	Voting Age Population	Registered Voters	% of Voting Age Population that is Registered	Turnout	% of Voting Age Population that Turned Out to Vote
2004	221,256,931	174,256,931		122,294,978	55.3%
2000	205,815,000	156,421,311	76%	105,586,274	51.3%
1996	196,511,000	146,211,960		96,456,345	49.1%
1992	189,529,000	133,821,178		104,405,155	55.1%
1988	182,778,000	126,379,628	69.1%	91,594,693	50.1%
1984	174,466,000	124,150,614		92,652,680	53.1%
1980	164,597,000	113,043,734		86,515,221	52.6%
1976	152,309,000	105,037,986		81,555,221	53.6%
1972	140,776,000	97,328,541		77,718,554	55.2%
1968	120,328,000	81,658,180	67.8%	73,211,875	60.8%
1964	114,090,000	73,715,818		70,644,592	61.9%
1960	109,159,000	64,833,096		68,838,204	63.1%

Source: Federal Election Commission

## Math Questions

1. What happened to the voting rate between 1960 and 2004?
2. Do you think the percent of voting age population that is registered was higher in 2004 than it was in 2000? Why? How would you find out?
3. Calculate the missing percentages in Column D.
4. Compare the percentages in Column D with the percentages in Column F. What do you notice?
5. In how many years between 1960 and 2004 did the voting rate increase from the year before? In how many years did it decrease?
7. Choose two years and compare the number of people that voted. Write your answer as a complete statement.
8. What does the chart tell you about the general voting trend in the United States? Why do you think that is? What could be done about it?
9. Write a math question that you'd ask about this chart. Show how you would answer it.
10. Was voter participation in your community higher or lower than the national average?

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