



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS
SURVEY OF VOTING PATTERNS AMONG TEXAS WOMEN

Studies have been done about voting patterns with one finding that Texas ranks 49th in the U.S. for women voters and 43rd for registered women voters. Is this true for you? Please fill out the following survey so we can have our own snap shot.

(Source: Texas Women's Coalition document "Civil Rights: Voter and Voter Education" 2004)

1. **How frequently do you vote?** (check one)

- every election
- every presidential election
- some elections
- never

2. **What factors prevent you from voting?** (check all that apply)

- no interest in politics
- my vote will not make a difference in my quality of life
- too busy – not enough hours in the day
- issues that matter to me aren't addressed by the candidates
- lack of information about the issues
- inconvenient voting locations & times
- unaware of when elections occur
- unsure of how to utilize voting equipment
- other (please elaborate): _____

3. **What factors encourage you to vote?** (check all that apply)

- high level of interest on issues
- high level of information on issues
- convenient voting locations & times
- knowledge that peers have voted
- confidence that my vote matters
- other (please elaborate) _____

4. **Which suggestions would encourage women to vote in larger numbers?** (check all that apply)

- more convenient voting locations
- unrestricted voting by mail
- online voting
- make election day a holiday
- hold all elections on weekends
- educate women on issues important in their lives
- ensure more women run for office
- other (please elaborate): _____

Demographic Information (check one)

Age: 18-25 25-35 35-45 45-55 55-65 over 65

Ethnicity: African-American Asian-American Caucasian Hispanic
 Native American Bicultural Other

Highest educational level achieved: GED High School degree 2-year degree
 4-year degree Graduate degree

Family Income: under \$20,000 \$20,000 - \$40,000 \$40,000 - \$60,000
 \$60,000 - \$80,000 over \$80,000

Marital Status: Single, never married Married Divorced Widowed

Employment: Working full-time Working part-time Full-time homemaker Retired

Are you currently registered to vote? Yes No

Have you ever been registered to vote? Yes No

Would you register if asked? Yes No No, I'm not a U.S. citizen

Percent of Women Who Voted in 1998 and 2000

Based on information from the Institute for Women's Policy Research Fact Sheet, #297, November, 2004.

States where more than 55% of women voted

	RANK	
1. Minnesota	67.9%	Same-day voter registration
2. North Dakota	63.3%	No Voter Registration required
3. Alaska	60.5%	60.5%
4. Wyoming	60.3%	Same-day voter registration
5. Wisconsin	60.2%	60.2%
6. Maine	60.1%	Same-day voter registration
7. Vermont	60.1%	60.1%
8. Iowa	59.6%	59.6%
9. Montana	59.4%	59.4%
10. Missouri	56.5%	56.5%
11. Michigan	56.3%	56.3%
12. ALABAMA	55.8%	55.8%
13. Oregon	55.6%	Vote by Mail
14. SOUTH CAROLINA	55.6	55.6

Other States in our Region

18. Colorado	53.8%
27. Louisiana & New Mexico	51.7%
35. Oklahoma	48.1%
36. Arkansas	47.5%

Bottom 10 States for Women Voters

40. FLORIDA	46.9%
41. New Jersey	45.3%
42. Tennessee	44.7%
43. West Virginia	44.4%
44. CALIFORNIA	44.3%
45. Virginia	44.3%
46. Hawaii	43.9%
47. Georgia	43.7%
48. Nevada	41.8%
49. TEXAS	41.7%
50. Arizona	41.4%

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