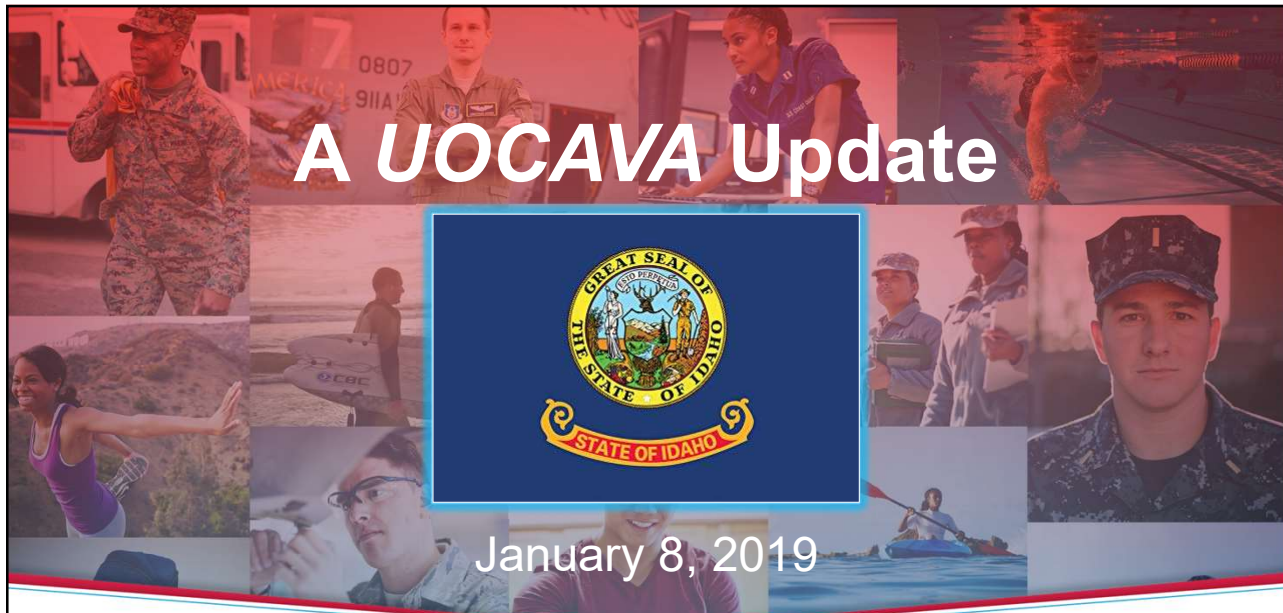



A UOCAVA Update



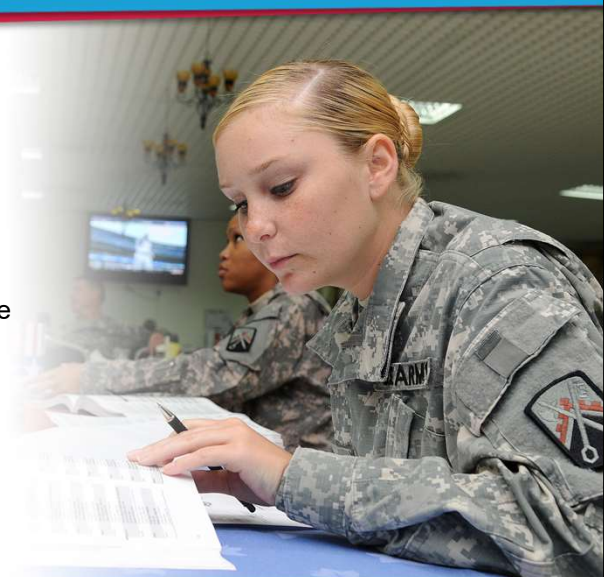
January 8, 2019



Hello Idaho!

Today I'll cover...

- ✓ What is FVAP & UOCAVA
- ✓ Federal Post Card Application
- ✓ Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot
- ✓ How we can help you during the 2020 election cycle



FVAP & UOCAVA



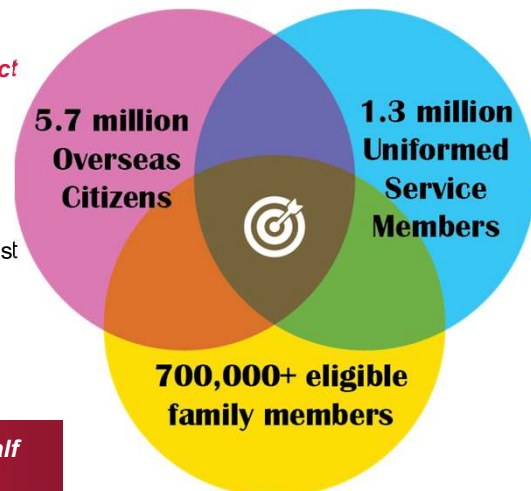
UOCAVA

A brief summary

The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* of 1986, or UOCAVA, allows certain U.S. citizens to apply to register and vote absentee in elections for federal office.

- **HAVA 2002** required states to notify voters the reasons for rejecting a registration application or absentee ballot request
- **MOVE Act 2009** required states to make voter registration and absentee ballot applications available electronically. Additionally required ballots to be sent out 45 days prior to an election.

FVAP administers UOCAVA on behalf of the Secretary of Defense



FVAP Responsibilities



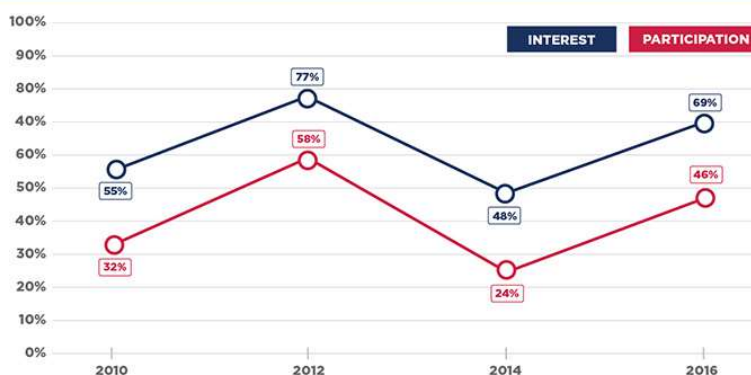
- Training
 - Installation and Unit Voting Action Officers
 - Embassies and Consulates
- Maintain voter resources
 - Voting Assistance Guide
 - Website
 - Online Assistant
- Report to Congress
- DOD Instruction
- Data Collection
- Waiver Requests

Active Duty Military Participation Rates - 2016

Military members' engagement in the 2016 election decreased compared to 2012, the last presidential election year.

- Percentage who said they were interested in the election in 2016 dropped 8 percentage points from 2012
- Registration was down 13 points
- Participation (submitting a ballot) was down 12 percentage points

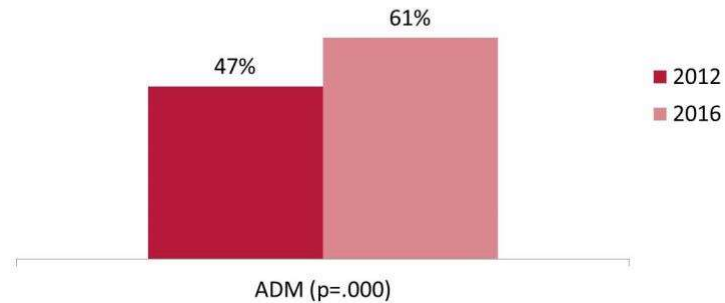
SERVICE MEMBERS' INTEREST IN ELECTIONS AND VOTING PARTICIPATION FLUCTUATE ELECTION TO ELECTION



Less Motivated to Vote

More ADM in 2016 gave motivation-related reasons for not having voted.

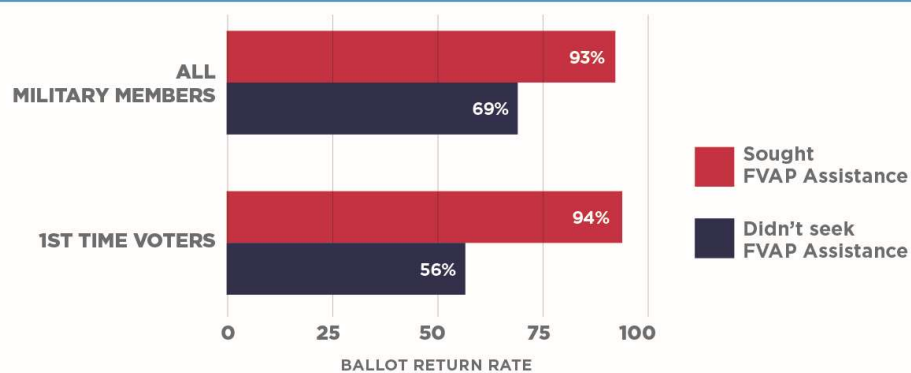
- In 2016, 61% of ADM who did not vote said it was because of lack of motivation, such as saying “I did not want to vote.”



ADM Motivation-Related Reasons for Not Voting Among Non-Voters, 2012-2016

DoD Voting Assistance Works

SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SOUGHT VOTING ASSISTANCE WERE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO RETURN THEIR BALLOT



Information Saturation

Through VAO Workshops, we can train service members on where to find UOCAVA information on:

- ✓ Key state deadlines
- ✓ Changes to election information in particular states, like changes in submission methods or sharing emergency information that impacts elections
- ✓ Participation by state and local election officials
- ✓ Monthly distribution of upcoming elections to all active duty personnel



Resources for the 2020 Election Cycle



FVAP.gov

The screenshot shows the FVAP.gov homepage. At the top, there's a blue header with the FVAP.gov logo and tagline: "Voting assistance for Service members, their families and overseas citizens". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Election Materials, Voting Assistance Guide, FAQs, Links, and Contact. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner with the text "You Can Vote from Anywhere" and "when you're in the military or an American overseas", with a button to "Request an Absentee Ballot". To the left, there's a "Voters Start Here" section with a dropdown menu to "Select a State". Below that is a "Help a Voter" section with links for "Voting Assistance Officers" and "Election Officials". A dark blue bar indicates "80 Days until the November 06 General Election". At the bottom, there are three columns: "Upcoming Election Dates" (listing Wyoming and Alaska primaries), "Quick Links" (State Voting Guidelines, Locate Your Election Official), and "Latest FVAP News" (July 31, Check Out Our Latest SEO Newsletter).

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- ✓ Up for redesign every 2 years
- ✓ Currently on the Federal Register for public comment
- ✓ Previous editions should still be accepted
- ✓ State requirements referenced

Used for both Registration & Ballot Request

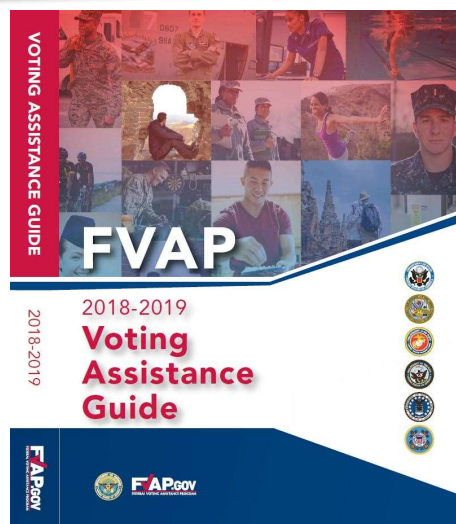
The screenshot shows the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form. The title is "Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request" and "Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)". A red box on the right states: "This form is for absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States. It is used to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and update your contact information. See your State's instructions at FVAP.gov." The form is divided into several sections:

- 1. Who are you? Pick One.** Includes checkboxes for active duty, National Guard member, U.S. citizen living outside the country, and U.S. citizen living outside the country with uncertain return.
- 2. What is your address in the U.S. State or territory where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot?** Includes fields for last name, first name, middle name, birth date, Social Security Number, driver's license or State ID, street address, city, town, village, country, state, and ZIP.
- 3. Where are you now? You must give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.** Includes fields for mailing address and mail forwarding address.
- 4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.** Includes fields for country code, area code, phone number, email, and fax.
- 5. What is your voting preference? Select One.** Includes checkboxes for mail, email, or online, and a field for political party.
- 6. What additional information must you provide?** Includes a section for Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, and Vermont, and a section for witnesses.
- 7. You must read and sign this statement.** Includes a statement of truth and a signature line.

 At the bottom, there is a "Sign here" line with a red X, a "Today's date" field, and a "Printed name" field. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: "This information is for official use only. Any unauthorized release may be punishable by law. Previous editions are obsolete. Standard Form 76 (Rev. 10-2013), OPM No. 0354-0003."

Voting Assistance Guide

- ✓ Requires coordination with all 50 States and territories
- ✓ Distributed to military installations, Consulates, and Embassies worldwide
- ✓ Standardization of the *Voting Assistance Guide* into plain language to better support VAOs in the field and individual voters who visit FVAP.gov: **89% VAOs found it useful.**



FVAP Call Center

Our most popular resource

- ✓ 40,000+ inquiries in 2016
- ✓ Available Monday – Friday
- ✓ 7:30am – 4:00pm Eastern Standard Time
- ✓ **1-800-438-VOTE (8683)**
- ✓ vote@fvap.gov



Call center available to voters and election officials!

Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) Changes

ETS began in the 1992 election to assist Service members deployed for Operation Desert Shield/Storm with transmission of their election materials.

What ETS currently offers:

- FVAP can forward emailed election materials only from voters whose state law allows fax machine, but not email, receipt
- Voters that have the ability to email or fax their election official directly, should do so
- FVAP provides assistance to those voters that have limited access to fax machines, scanners, etc.
- NOTE: FVAP no longer processes direct emailing of materials between voters and local election officials based on state authorization



FVAP Call To Action 2020



Things to consider leading up to an election!

- ✓ Review UOCAVA address formatting for military and overseas citizens
- ✓ Coordinate envelope design, drop-offs and pick-ups with local postal officials
- ✓ Leverage FVAP.gov for your new staff or a refresher for current staff
- ✓ Let FVAP know when your address changes!



Military Voter Example

PFC John Doe
PSC 3 Box 4120
APO AE 09021

Overseas Citizen Example

MR THOMAS CLARK
117 RUSSELL DRIVE
LONDON W1P 6HQ
GREAT BRITAIN

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FVAP Call To Action – Absentee Voting Week First Week of October

Reach out to Military Installations in your area



FVAP Call to Action 2020 Customer Service Recommendations

- ✓ **FPCA has been Accepted!**
- ✓ **How long their FPCA will be good for**
- ✓ **Status Check**
- ✓ **Contact Info**



Howard Sholl <delawarehokie@gmail.com>

TESTING Your FPCA has been accepted!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>
To: delawarehokie@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 3:00 AM

Dear HOWARD GEORGE SHOLL JR:

The Department has accepted your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and will send you a ballot or information of how to access your ballot at least 45 days before each election in which you are eligible to vote. The Department will notify you by email once your ballot has been sent or is available online.

Your FPCA is valid through December 31 the year following the next General Election.

You can check the status of your FPCA and/or your ballot by selecting the appropriate items in the "Voter Portal" at <https://ivote.de.gov>.

Please contact the office if you do not receive your ballot in a timely manner or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office
Carvel State Office Bldg
820 N French St Ste 400
Wilmington DE 19801
Email: absentee@state.de.us
Phone: (302) 577-3464

Transaction ID: 20160322085901444196

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Howard Sholl <delawarehokie@gmail.com>

TESTING Your absentee ballot has been received!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>
To: delawarehokie@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 3:00 AM

Dear HOWARD GEORGE SHOLL JR:

The Department received your absentee ballot on 03/22/2016 for the 04/26/2016 Presidential Primary Election.

You can check the status of your ballot by selecting the appropriate items in the "Voter Portal" at <https://ivote.de.gov>.

The Department will let you know whether or not your ballot was counted following the election. If it was not counted, we will tell you why. Ballots received on time are in most instances counted.

Sincerely,

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office
Carvel State Office Bldg
820 N French St Ste 400
Wilmington DE 19801
Email: absentee@state.de.us
Phone: (302) 577-3464

Transaction ID: 100268808-W-N-212820



Howard Sholl <delawarehokie@gmail.com>

TESTING Your absentee ballot has been counted!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>
To: delawarehokie@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 3:00 AM

Dear MARCIA MARY SHOLL:

The Department has counted your absentee ballot for the 04/26/2016 Presidential Primary Election.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

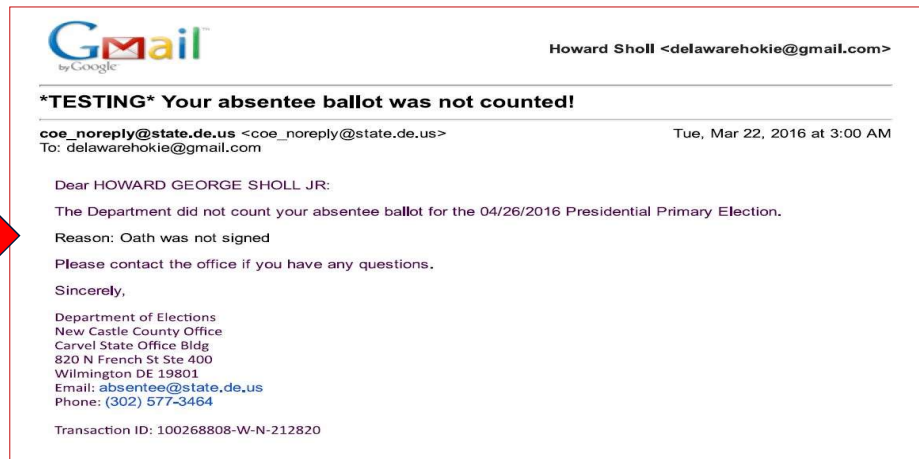
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**Ballot Received
& Ballot Counted!**

FVAP Call to Action 2020 Customer Service Recommendations

✓ Reason
ballot
was not
counted!



FVAP Call to Action 2020 Customer Service Recommendations

Emailing to [.mil] addresses:

- Heightened security concerns
- Hyperlinks disabled
 - Separate links in email body
 - Clearly identify LEO contact information
- Bouncebacks
 - Be aware
 - Ask for private email, if necessary/possible



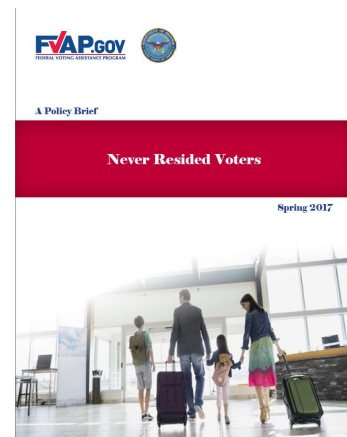
DoD Postal Updates

- Recommended Mailing Dates for voters were published
- USPS/MPSA upgraded Global Business Systems in 2015 to improve service of absentee ballots mailed with the Label 11-DoD
- FVAP/MPSA/USPS 2016 Pilot Project focused on transaction information where balloting materials appear in the USPS/MPSA mail stream



General State Policy Trends

- Voter ID
 - UOCAVA voters are exempt under HAVA
- Online Registration
 - Are UOCAVA protections granted through online registration portals?
- FPCA Section 6 requirements are considered obstacles
 - Oath requirements
 - Employer information
 - Race
 - Previous address
 - State residency requirements
- Witness requirements remain a difficulty for UOCAVA voters to complete
 - Alabama, Virginia
- Never Resided Voters



FVAP Policy Brief

General State Policy Trends



A Policy Brief

Automatic Voter Registration

Fall 2016



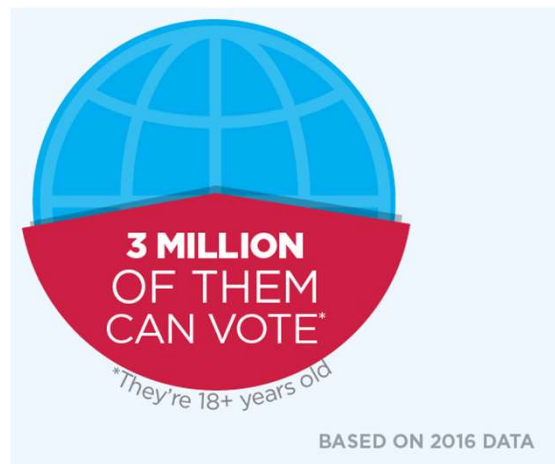
- Residency
- UOCAVA Status
- Tax Implications

Overseas Citizen Population Analysis

2016 Election



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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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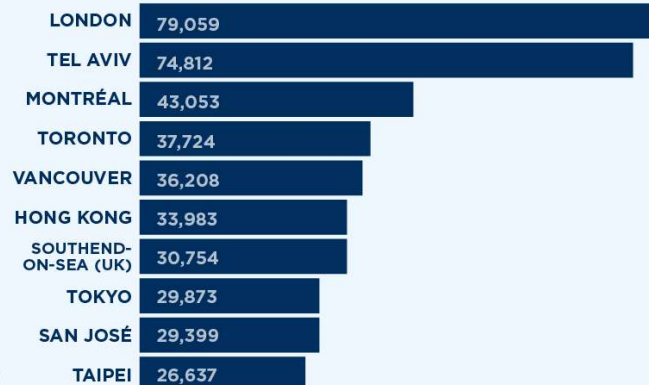
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE VOTING-AGE AMERICANS?



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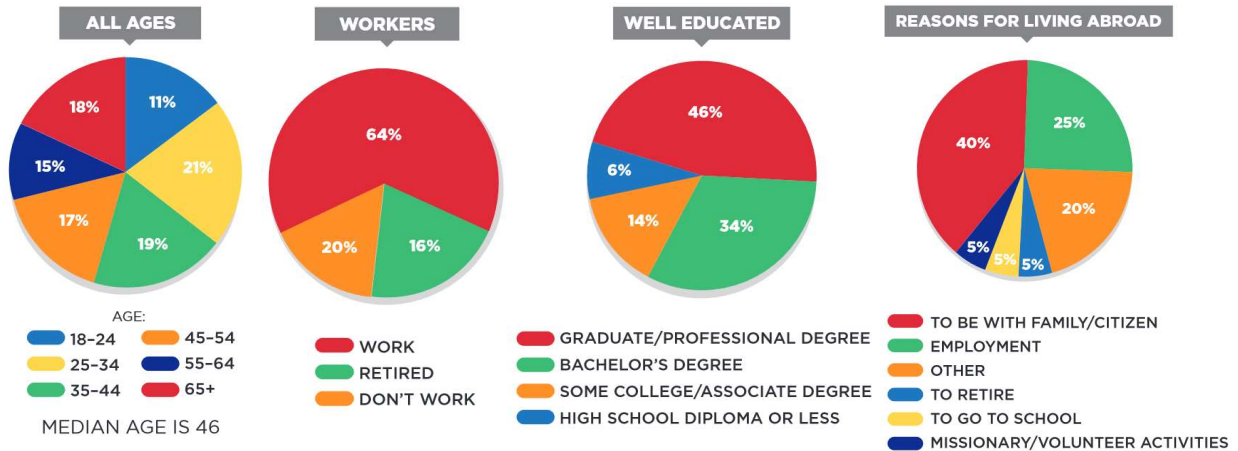
TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL CITIES WITH VOTING-AGE AMERICANS



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PROFILE OF OVERSEAS REGISTERED VOTERS



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44%



NEARLY HALF SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHILE LIVING IN THAT COUNTRY



87%

REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT



91%

RETURNED IT

86%

OF THOSE WHO VOTED WERE CONFIDENT THEIR VOTE WAS COUNTED



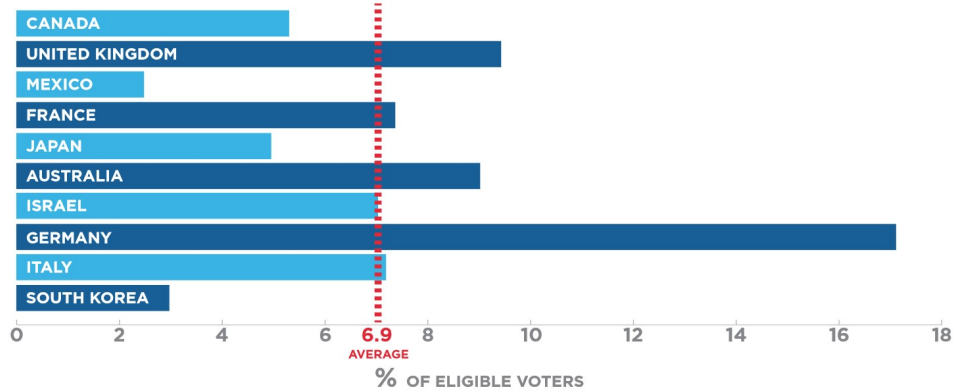
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208,329 BALLOTS FROM OVERSEAS CITIZENS WERE RECEIVED IN 2016.

THAT'S A 6.9% TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

TURNOUT VARIES GREATLY BY COUNTRY, EVEN AMONG THOSE WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

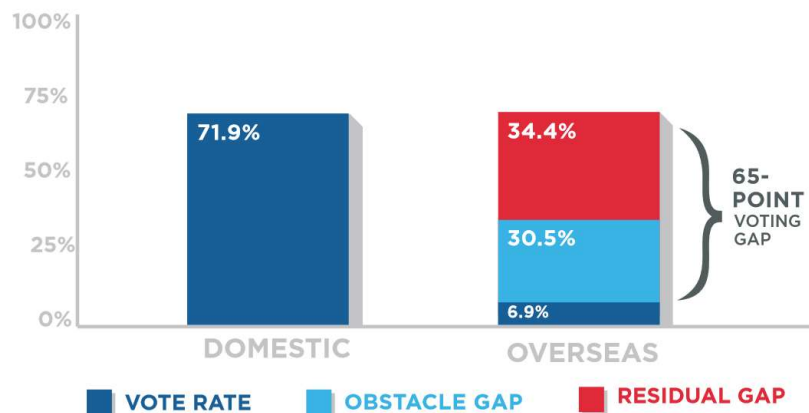


SOURCE: FVAP OVERSEAS CITIZEN POPULATION ANALYSIS OF STATE RECORDS

Overseas Citizen Population Analysis

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COMPONENTS OF THE VOTING GAP

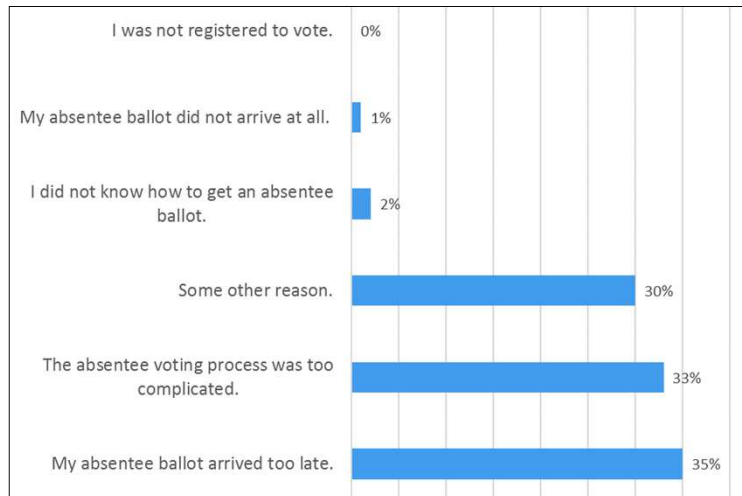


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Why Didn't the Others Vote?



FVAP Cooperative Agreement

- Voter Communication
- Federal Post Card Application
- Online Voter Registration
- Engage Military Installations
- Unreadable / Damaged Ballot Duplication
- Common Access Card / Digital Signature Verification
- Data Standardization / Performance Metrics



Thank You!

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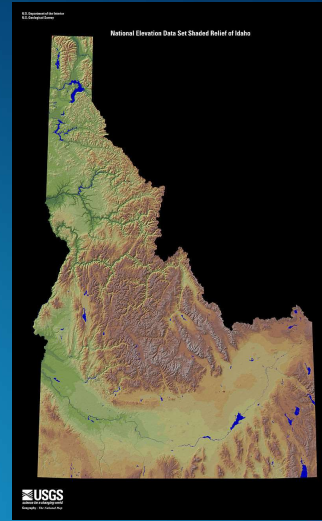
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