

**Source Appendix to *Age Discrimination In Voting At Home***  
**<http://voteathome26.us>**

**2018 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration  
Supplement Sample Methodology**

- Footnote:
  - Current Population Survey (CPS) 2018 Voting and Registration Supplement Sample Notes.  
[https://cps.ipums.org/cps/voter\\_sample\\_notes.shtml](https://cps.ipums.org/cps/voter_sample_notes.shtml)
  
- Description from Source:
  - “The Voting and Registration Supplement for the Current Population Survey has been included biennially in the November basic monthly survey for every Congressional and Presidential election year since 1964. The supplement gathers information about voting and registration behaviors, namely whether or not they voted or registered, and by what means they voted or registered. The survey has never included questions regarding partisan affiliation. The structure of the supplement format has remained basically the same since 1996. However, prior to 1996, the supplement in certain years also included questions about media exposure, time of day they voted, or the last election in which they voted.

The universe for this supplement is United States citizens age 18 and older. Users should note that there are a non-negligible number of individuals who are above the age of 18 and are citizens, but are considered Not in Universe. The reason they are ineligible to vote is unknown.

On average, 57 percent of responses were self-reported, while the remaining responses were provided by a proxy. Refusal to answer, no response, and "don't know" were options for most questions. "Don't know" responses were more common when answered by a proxy. The lowest level of geography available is state, due to the small sample size. Differences in official ballot counts and CPS estimates might be a result of official counts not reporting mismarked, unreadable, and blank ballots. Additionally, a respondent might have voted for only particular office, instead of filling the entire ballot.

VOSUPPWT is the Voter supplement weight. This weight is identical to the basic survey sample weights for the samples IPUMS supports.”

- Additional Description of CPS for White Paper Analysis

- The CPS 2018 Voting and Registration Supplement Sample Data initially includes 143,050 respondents. However, with missingness in responses for age, a variable necessary to determine the Voting Eligible Population, this analysis was restricted to those with an age provided who were 18 or older (95,603 respondents), then further subset to those who were eligible to vote in the 2018 General Midterm Election (55,191 respondents). The breakdown of the Voting Eligible Population in the CPS data ranged from 483 to 3,683 respondents per state. [Table of Voting Eligible Respondents per State Provided]. This analysis examines states in 2018 that required voters to have an excuse to access a mail ballot. These states are broken down into those that did not require an excuse for anyone 65 years or older, and those that required an excuse for everyone, regardless of age.
- Disclaimer for the tables: Weighted cross tabulations that result in estimates of zero do not necessarily mean that there is nobody in the state that fits that criteria, and it is likely the result of missingness in the data. This is more likely to occur for smaller states.