

HOW TEXAS GOVERNMENT WORKS

Voter Turnout

Texas has the second largest Hispanic eligible voter population with 4.2 million. Voter turnout in the 2008 and 2010 elections fell below the national average.



Population and Electorate in the United States and Texas

	Total Population	Total Eligible Voter Population	Percent Eligible Voter Population	Percent Who Cast Ballot in: 2008 Election*	2010 Election*
United States	309,350,000	214,972,000	69.5%	53.3%	37.0%
Texas	25,257,000	15,856,000	62.8%	46.1%	26.0%

Characteristics of Eligible Voters

Age

18-29	United States	21.6%
	Texas	23.7%
30-44		24.6%
		26.4%
45-54		19.4%
		19.1%
55-64		16.3%
		15.2%
65 +		18.2%
		15.6%



Gender

Male	United States	48.2%
	Texas	48.6%
Female		51.8%
		51.4%

Type of Citizen

By Birth	United States	92.2%
	Texas	91.9%
Naturalized		7.8%
		8.1%

Source: Pew Hispanic Center, "Latinos in the 2012 Election: Texas," October 1, 2012, www.pewhispanic.org/files/2012/10/TX-election-factsheet.pdf.

* United States Census Bureau, Elections: Voting-Age Population and Voter Participation, Table 398: Resident Population of Voting Age and Percent Casting Votes--States," The 2012 Statistical Abstract, www.census.gov/compendia/statab/cats/elections/voting-age_population_and_voter_participation.html.