

Black voter turnout highest since 1968

Two-thirds of voting-age Blacks said they registered and 56 percent reported casting ballots in last November's presidential election, according to a survey by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The Black voter registration rate of 66 percent matched previous highs recorded in 1968 and 1972, and the actual turnout was the highest since 1968, when 58 percent reported voting. A total of 12.2 million Blacks reported being registered and 10.3 million said they voted in 1984 compared with a 9.8 million and 8.3 million in 1980.

The 1984 registration rate was 6 percentage points higher than in 1980

and 8 over 1976; the turnout was 5 points higher than in 1980 and 7 over 1976. Young Blacks under 25 made the most dramatic gains, increasing 12 percentage points over 1980 in registration and 10 in turnout, both highs since the voting age was lowered to 18 years. In 1980, the under-25 Black registration was 41.3 percent and turnout 30.1.

In the South, Black voter registration rose 6 percentage points over 1980 to 66 percent and in the North and West combined, it went up from 61 to 67 percent. Black voter turnout in the South rose from 48 to 53 percent. For the rest of the country it grew from 53

to 59 percent.

The White registration in 1984 was 70 percent, or 1 point higher than in both 1980 and 1976. The White voter turnout of 61 percent showed no change from 1980.

Hispanic turnout was 33 percent in 1984, not statistically different from 1980. But the 1984 rate rises to 48 percent when ineligible non-citizens are excluded.

This survey was conducted two weeks after the November 6 election. The percentages and numbers of people reported as voting are considerably higher than the official counts to date, which indicate that 93 million people

voted for President in 1984. Therefore caution should be used in interpreting small differences in the percentages reported voting and registering among different population groups and between different election years.

As in all surveys, the data are subject to sampling variability and errors of response.

Copies of *Voting and Registration in the Election of November, 1984* (Advance Report), P-20, No. 397 (GPO Stock No. 003-001-90796-8), are available for \$1.00 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Lottery retail applications now available

Robert W. Smith today announced that applications for prospective retailers of Oregon State Lottery "instant game" tickets are now available. The application packets contain forms for personal and company information, instructions and a contract.

Smith said applications may be obtained at most Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout the state by February 21, 1985 and at the office of the Oregon State Lottery, 2767 22nd Street S.E., in Salem. They also may be obtained by writing to the Oregon State Lottery, P.O. Box

14125, Salem, OR 97309.

Smith explained that nearly any established business in Oregon could qualify as a retailer as long as it meets "the legal requirements that restrict or prohibit persons convicted of a felony of a gambling-related offense from acting as a retail agent." He noted that all applicants will be subject to background checks by the Lottery's security division. Such checks will be made into a company's past financial and credit performance; an owner-operator's criminal history; a firm's integrity and reputation within a community; previous business practices and experience; and overall security of

the premises.

Smith said successful ticket sales outlets have included supermarkets, convenience stores, food and drink establishments, state liquor and drug and variety stores.

Smith said several hundred applications would be mailed in the next few days in response to inquiries, although not all would necessarily receive ap-

proval and be awarded contracts. Smith said applications would be returned for: incomplete information; failure to enclose \$25 processing fees; indication of felony or gambling-related offense conviction; and failure to sign contract or other forms. Smith added that the goal is to establish a broad base availability for the purchase of lottery tickets.



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