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## Record Number of Californians Now Registered to Vote

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**SACRAMENTO** – A record **18,251,826** Californians are registered to vote Secretary of State Alex Padilla reported today. California's record breaking 18.2 million registered voters is greater than the population of all but three other U.S. states—Texas, Florida, and New York. The report is a compilation of voter registration numbers reported by California's 58 county elections offices. [This report](#) reflects registration data as of **September 9, 2016**, and [registration continues to surge](#).

As of September 9, **73.45%** of eligible California citizens were registered to vote.

“This is a major milestone,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. “Over 18.2 million Californians are now registered to vote. The high profile 2016 election cycle, social media networks harnessing the power of online voter registration, and relentless outreach by campaigns, businesses, elections officials, and community groups has led to this record number of voter registrations.”

“If you are not registered to vote, don't be left out—visit [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov) today. Do you know a friend or family member who needs to register or update their registration information? Send them a link to [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov). It only takes a few minutes for eligible Californians to register to vote. The deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information for the upcoming election is October 24,” Padilla added.

[Click here for more information and the complete Report of Registration](#)

### Statewide Voter Registration by Party Preference - September 9, 2016

<u>Political Party</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Democratic	<b>8,251,570</b>	<b>45.21%</b>
Republican	<b>4,888,719</b>	<b>26.78%</b>
American Independent	<b>456,924</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
Green	<b>84,759</b>	<b>0.46%</b>
Libertarian	<b>121,114</b>	<b>0.66%</b>
Peace and Freedom	<b>69,769</b>	<b>0.38%</b>

No Party Preference	<b>4,267,218</b>	<b>23.38%</b>
Other	<b>111,753</b>	<b>0.61%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,251,826</b>	

### **Voter Registration by Age – September 9, 2016**

Age	Total Registered	% of Total
<b>17.5*- 25</b>	<b>2,206,729</b>	<b>12.09%</b>
<b>26 – 35</b>	<b>3,169,211</b>	<b>17.36%</b>
<b>36 – 45</b>	<b>2,746,490</b>	<b>15.05%</b>
<b>46 – 55</b>	<b>3,152,003</b>	<b>17.27%</b>
<b>56 – 65</b>	<b>3,194,522</b>	<b>17.50%</b>
<b>66+</b>	<b>3,782,871</b>	<b>20.73%</b>

\*Includes 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the November 8, 2016, General Election.

### **Counties where young voters age 17.5 – 25 make up highest percentage of total voter registration**

<b>County</b>	<b>% of voters ages 17.5 - 25</b>
Merced	17.47%
Santa Barbara	17.41%
Tulare	15.47%
Yolo	15.30%
San Bernardino	14.66%

### **Trends**

Since the last 60-Day Report of Registration for a general election in a presidential election year (September 7, 2012):

- The total voter registration in the state increased from 17,259,680 to 18,251,826.
- The percentage of the total number of registered voters compared to the number of people who are eligible to register to vote increased from 72.6% to 73.5%.
- The percentage of voters who have no party preference increased from 21.3% to 23.4%.
- The percentage of voters registered with a qualified political party decreased from 77.5% to 76.0%.
- The percentage of voters registered with the Democratic Party increased from 43.3% to 45.2%.
- The percentage of voters registered with the Republican Party decreased from 30.1% to 26.8%.

### **Registration Surge Continues**

Last week, the Secretary of State's office announced over 370,000 online voter registrations or updates of registration information occurred in a five-day period (September 23 – 27). This surge was likely due to reminders from Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Instagram—as well as attention around the first Presidential debate and National Voter Registration Day.

Please note that these figures are not included in this most recent report. The Secretary of State's next report of voter registration will reflect registration data as of October 24, 2016 (the registration deadline for the upcoming election).

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