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Introduction

New Motor Voter Program

Since 1993, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), often known as the Motor Voter law, has helped millions of people register to vote or update their voter information during a driver's license or identification (ID) card transaction at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

On October 10, 2015, Assembly Bill (AB) 1461 was signed into law, which became effective on January 1, 2016, requiring the California Secretary of State (SOS) and the DMV to implement automatic voter registration for eligible voters. This system, known as the California New Motor Voter Program, was deployed at DMV field offices on April 23, 2018.

The California New Motor Voter Program has made registering to vote at the DMV more convenient. California applicants who are age 16 or above, who indicate that they are a US citizen, are not currently serving a state or federal prison term, and not currently found mentally incompetent by the courts, are eligible and will be automatically registered to vote by the California SOS upon registration, unless they choose to opt out¹ of the automatic voter registration process. Eligible applicants can register to vote at the DMV when completing an application for a driver's license, ID card, or change of address transaction online, by mail, or in person. Updating registrations is also an important component of the program, especially now that all registered voters in California are mailed ballots before elections. The program is a valuable tool to keep voters who may move often, informed, and updated with voting materials and ballots for upcoming elections.

For the fiscal year 2025-26, the DMV was provided with \$2.0M in ongoing funding for continued support of the Motor Voter program from AB 796 through budget change proposal, of which \$1.5M is for the Identify Management Software and \$500K is for IT Maintenance and change requests.

For fiscal year 2024-25, the DMV was provided with \$4.7M for continued implementation activities to comply with AB 796. Of the \$4.7M, \$4.6M is a one-time funding for Personal Services and Operation Expenses/Equipment and \$198K for ongoing costs.

For fiscal year 2023-24, the DMV and SOS were provided funding for continued support of the Motor Voter program from AB 1461 and AB 796 through approved budget change proposals. The DMV was provided with a one-time funding of \$1.4M and ongoing resource funding of \$203K, while the SOS was provided with a one-time resource cost of \$481K and ongoing resource costs of \$466K for continued support of the program.



Footnote:

¹Opt out: The California New Motor Voter Program allows DMV applicants who indicate their eligibility to vote, to opt out of voter registration to avoid becoming registered or having their registration updated. The term “opt out” as used in this report does not include persons who do not register because they did not affirmatively indicate their eligibility to vote. Applicants may opt out while they are completing their driver’s license/ID form by mail, online, or at a DMV field office.

AB 1461 allows the SOS to continue providing accurate voter registration data to counties and continue to review and verify the integrity of the voter registration data from the DMV that is processed through the California voter registration database.

There is also a no-cost interagency agreement between the DMV and SOS for the electronic transfer of voter registration information. Implementation, operation, and resource costs are not tracked specifically to the California New Motor Voter Program, separate from overall DMV operational costs.

Motor Voter Task Force

On September 27, 2021, AB 796 was signed into law, which became effective on January 1, 2022, adding Section 2275 to the Elections Code that required the SOS to establish a Motor Voter Task Force to consult with the SOS and the DMV on the development of an annual review and to advise on the effective implementation of the California New Motor Voter Program.

On September 22, 2024, Assembly Bill 2127 was signed into law. This bill amended Elections Code section 2275, extending the operation of the Motor Voter Task Force established under the California New Motor Voter Program from January 1, 2025, until January 1, 2030.

Elections Code section 2276 requires that the SOS, in consultation with the DMV and the Motor Voter Task Force, annually review the effectiveness of the California New Motor Voter Program and draft a written report. The written report shall, at a minimum, include information about trends of voters registering through the California New Motor Voter Program and an analysis of the information described in Elections Code section 2274 regarding the timeliness of California New Motor Voter Program transmissions and any system irregularities for the preceding year.

The SOS, DMV, and the Motor Voter Task Force are pleased to present the fourth annual report for the California New Motor Voter Program for 2025, in compliance with Elections Code section 2276. The report highlights statistics for the California New Motor Voter Program throughout the year.



This report relies on data provided by the DMV and VoteCal, California's centralized voter registration database.

Voter Registration Statistics

The information for Voter Registration Statistics is derived from the Report of Registrations from 2018 to 2025. The SOS is required by law to produce the Report of Registration, detailing voter registration levels throughout California at specific times prior to each statewide election and once during odd-numbered years.

Figure 1 shows the statistics from 2018 to 2025. The total number of Eligible Voters ranged from 24,819,858 to 27,211,051. The total number of Registered Voters ranged from 18,854,829 to 23,093,274. The total number of Eligible Unregistered Voters ranged from 2,756,653 to 6,276,562. The percentage of those Eligible Unregistered Voters ranged from 11.1% to 25.0%.

As of October 20, 2025, the Secretary of State's office estimates that there are 27,211,051 Eligible Voters in California, with 23,093,274 (or 84.9%) of those being Registered Voters, and 4,117,777 (or 15.1%) of those being Eligible Unregistered.

The totals for Eligible Voters are unofficial but are based on U.S. Census data, as adjusted by information from the California Department of Finance and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Eligible, Registered, and Eligible Unregistered Statistics 8-Year Trend, 2018-2025

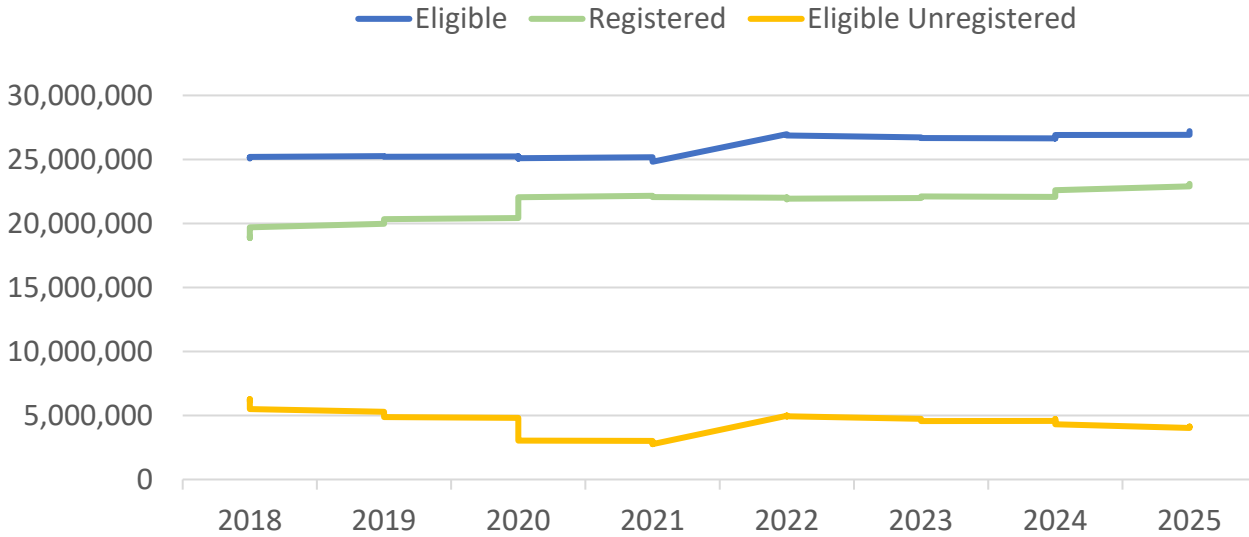


Figure 1

Voter Registration Methods

Californians may register to vote through various methods. These methods include the following:

- California New Motor Voter Program: Automatic voter registration by eligible applicants completing an application for a driver’s license, ID card, or change of address transaction online, by mail, or in person at the DMV, unless they choose to opt out of automatic voter registration.
- California Online Voter Registration (COVR): Online voter registration through the SOS public website.
- Paper: Paper voter registration through paper registration cards submitted to the counties or SOS.

Figure 2 showed that in 2025, there were a total of 5,759,095 registrations from the three methods, of which New Motor Voter accounted for 5,130,745 (89.1%), followed by COVR at 318,824 (5.5%), and Paper at 309,526 (5.4%).

Voter Registrations by Method in 2025

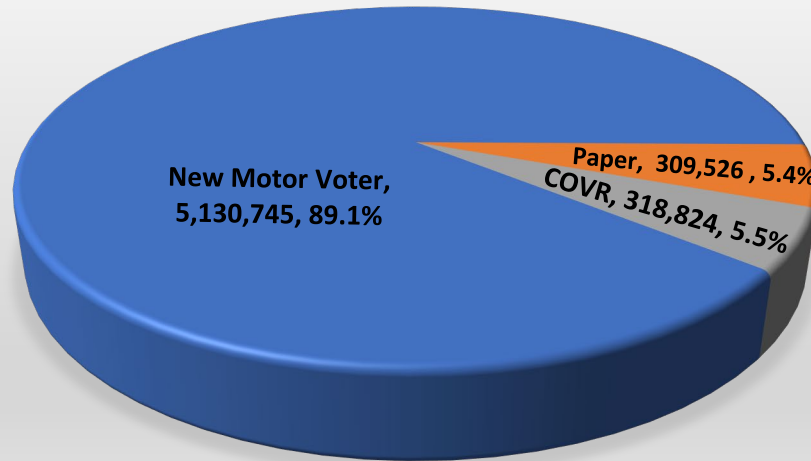


Figure 2

Motor Voter Registrations 8-Year Trend, 2018 to 2025

The California New Motor Voter Program was implemented on April 23, 2018.

The New Motor Voter Program captures registration data in three categories:

- (1) Pre-Registrations: DMV voter registrations from applicants under the age of 18.
- (2) New Registrations: DMV registrations that did not flag as potential matches to existing voters during VoteCal's DMV Motor Voter processing, regardless of whether counties later confirm these potential matches with county voter records.
- (3) Updated Registrations: High confidence matches to existing voters made at the time that VoteCal processes the DMV Motor Voter transactions.

Figure 3 shows the eight-year trend for total motor voter registrations from 2018 to 2025. The total motor voter registrations for each year include Pre-registrations, New Registrations, and Updated Registrations. From 2024 to 2025, there was an increase of 434,662, or 10.9% in total motor voter registrations. The registrations in 2018 were significantly lower compared to 2019 through 2025 because the program began in late April of 2018 and therefore does not capture registration counts for the entire year of 2018.

Motor Voter Registrations 8-Year Trend, 2018-2025

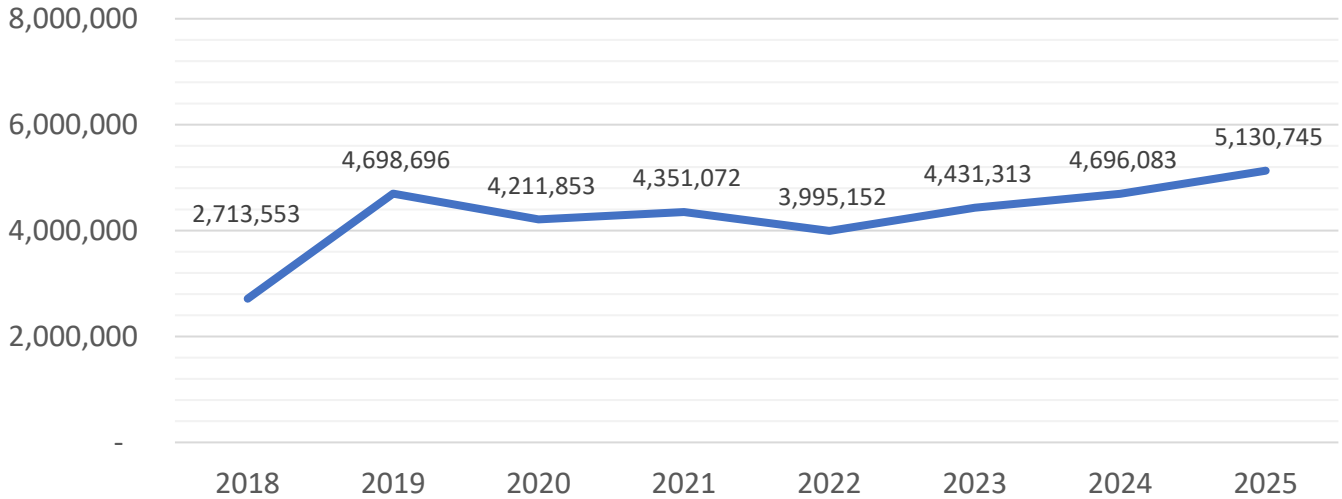


Figure 3

Figure 4 shows the eight-year motor voter registrations trend based on the categories: (1) New Pre-registrations; (2) New Registrations; and (3) Updated Registrations. The total for Updated Registrations is significantly higher, ranging from 1,947,614 to 4,323,164 registrations from 2018 to 2025, as compared to New Registrations and New Pre-registrations. In any given year from 2018 through 2025, the Updated Registrations account for a range of 71.8% to 84.2% of total registrations through the New Motor Voter Program. New Registrations and New Pre-registrations combined account for a range of 15.7% to 28.2% of total registrations through the New Motor Voter Program.

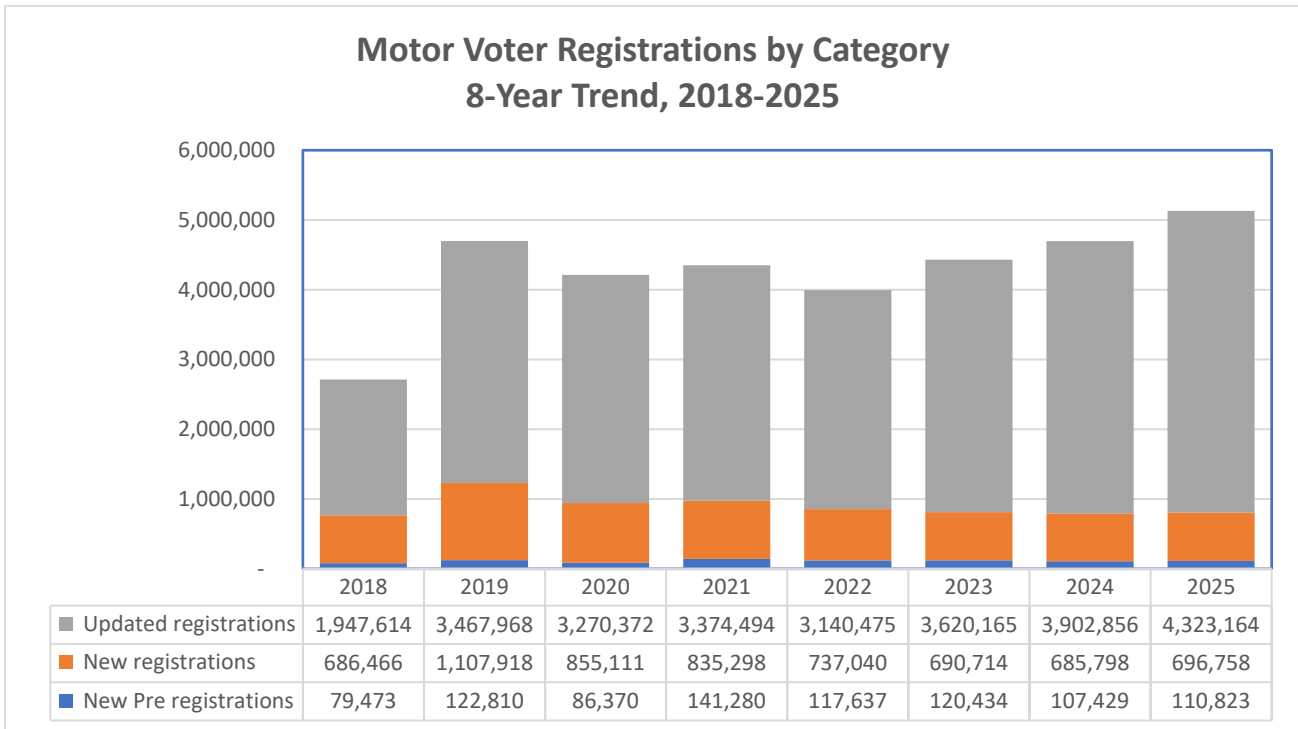


Figure 4

Motor Voter Registrations for 2025

Figure 5 and Figure 6 show that in 2025 there were a total of 5,130,745 Motor Voter registrations, of which, Updated Registrations accounted for 4,323,164 (84.3%), followed by New Registrations at 696,758 (13.6%), and New Pre-registrations at 110,823 (2.2%).

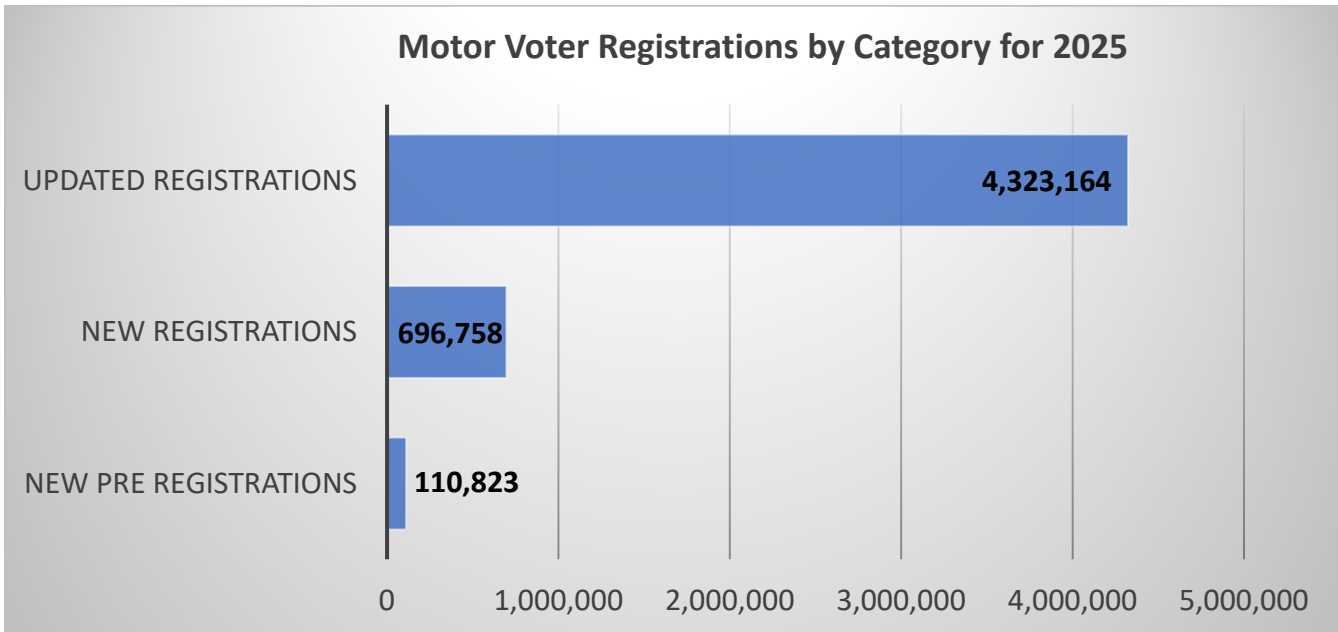


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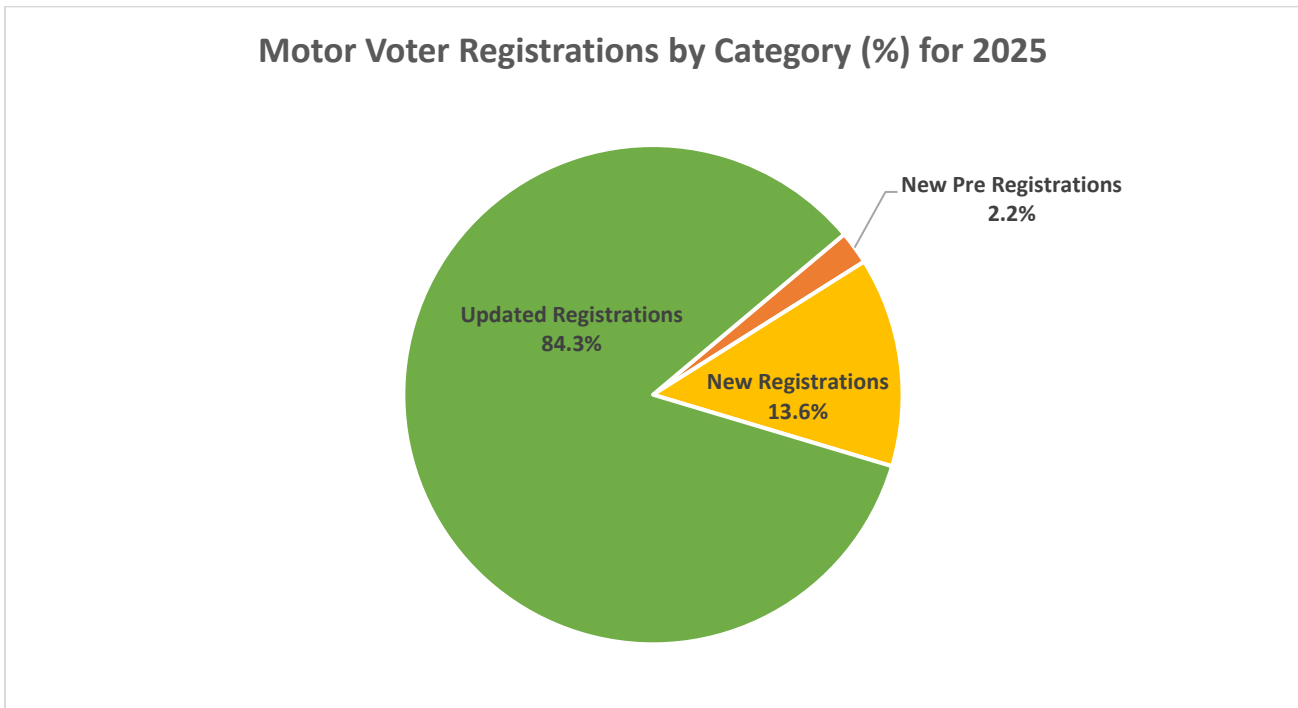


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Motor Voter Registration by Party Preference for 2025

Applicants at the DMV field offices are provided with the opportunity to select party preference upon registering to vote.

The nine party preference categories that can be transmitted from the DMV to the SOS are:

1. American Independent
2. Democratic
3. Green
4. Libertarian
5. Peace and Freedom
6. Republican
7. No Party Preference
8. Other: This means the applicant selected “Other” and then had the opportunity to write in free text to define their political preference.
9. Null: This means that party preference was not recorded by the DMV field office. This occurs with paper sources (paper voter registrations applications) where the applicant may not have written anything in the field or provided more than one party preference. Electronic DMV sources require the applicant to provide a response to these fields and only allow the applicant the ability to choose one.

Figure 7 shows that the preference for the Democratic Party totaled the highest, at 2,309,323 (45.0%) of the total motor voter registrations in 2025. The least number of registrations are individuals not selecting a political party, at 18,473 (0.4%) in which the party preference was not recorded by DMV field offices.

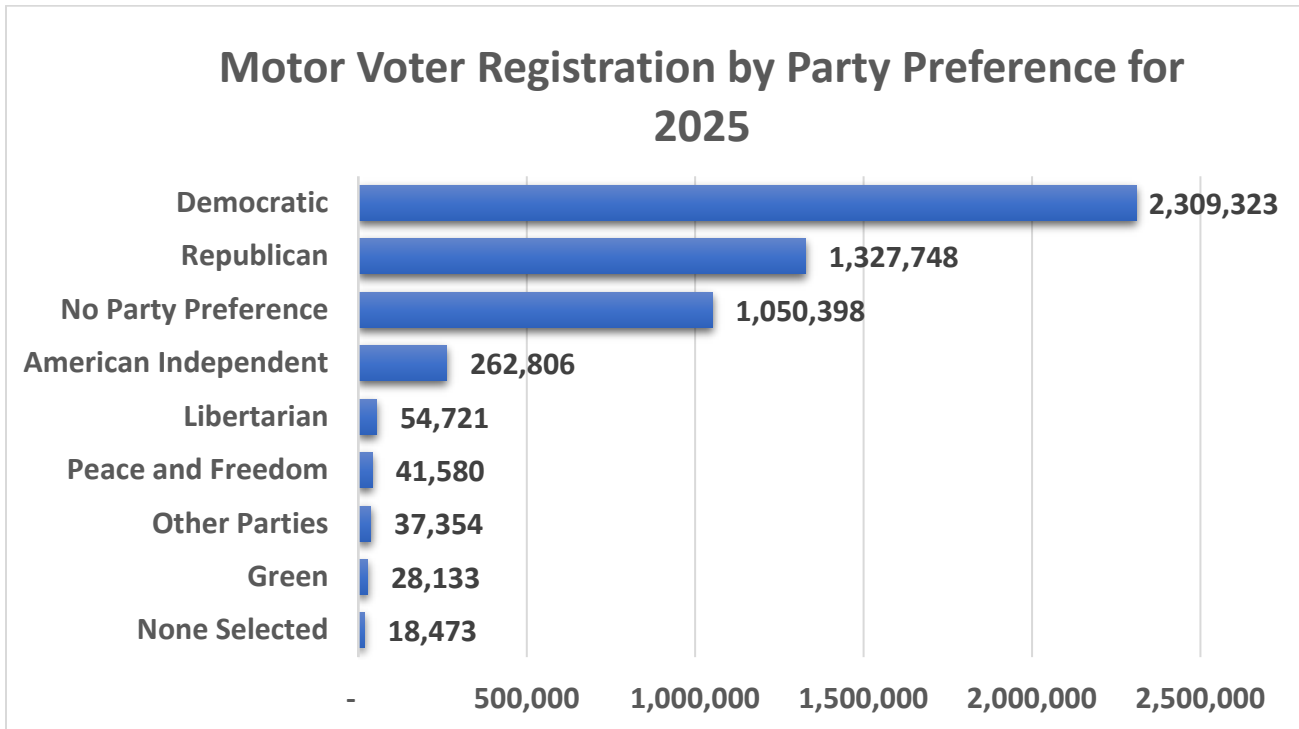


Figure 7

Figure 8 compares the three sources of registrations and party preference category. In 2025, of the 5,130,536 total New Motor Voter registrations, 45.0% of registrants selected Democratic, followed by 25.9% Republican and 20.5% No Party Preference. Of the 309,526 total Paper registrations, 43.5% selected Democratic, followed by 30.4% No Party Preference, and 17.3% Republican. Of the total 318,824 COVR registrations, 46.3% selected Democratic, followed by 30.0% No Party Preference, and 15.0% Republican.

REGISTRATION BY SOURCE AND PARTY PREFERENCE (%) FOR 2025

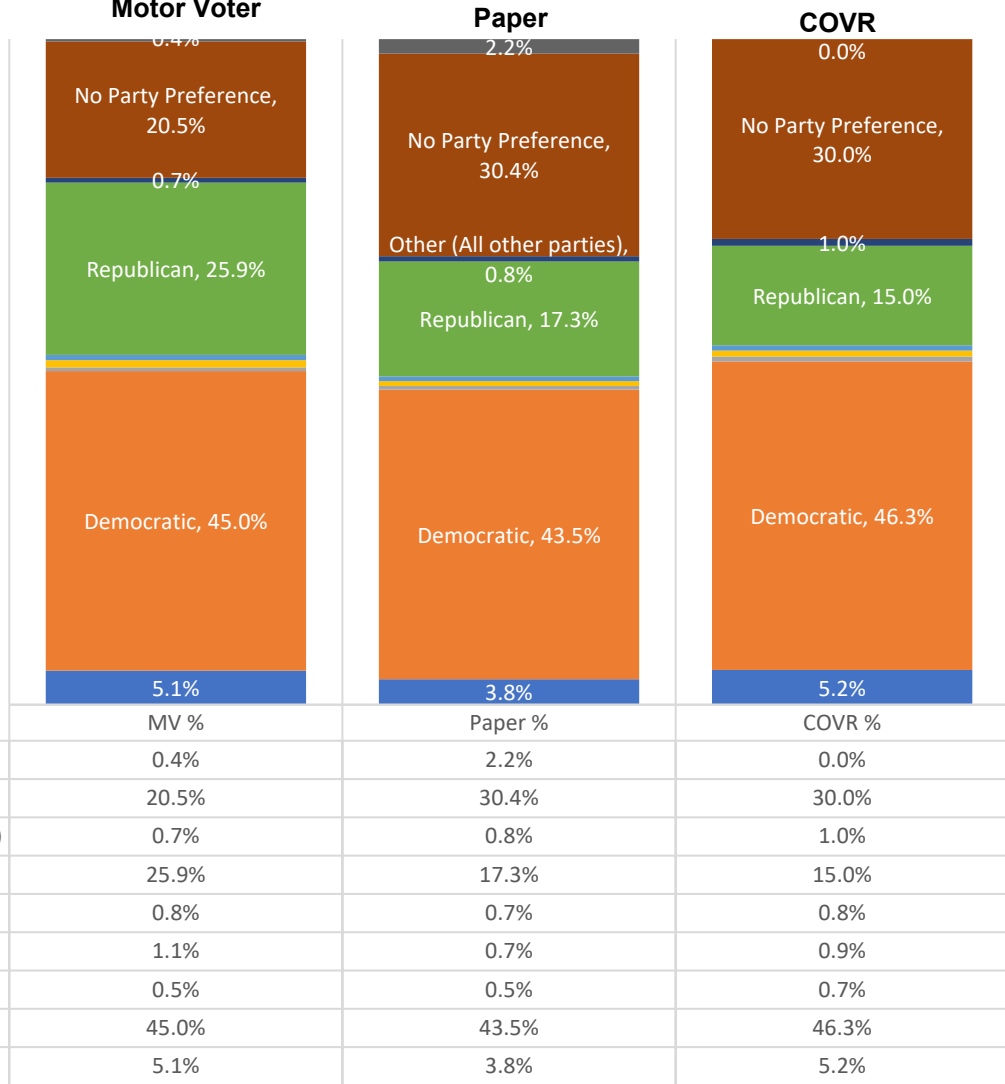


Figure 8

Motor Voter Registration by Age Groups for 2025

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show the total of New Motor Voter registrations in 2025, by nine different age groups, ranging from 16-17 to 80 and above. The 31-40 age group has the highest number of registrations, at 959,723 (18.7%), and the fewest is in the 16-17 age group at 124,344 (2.4%) of the 2025 total registrations.

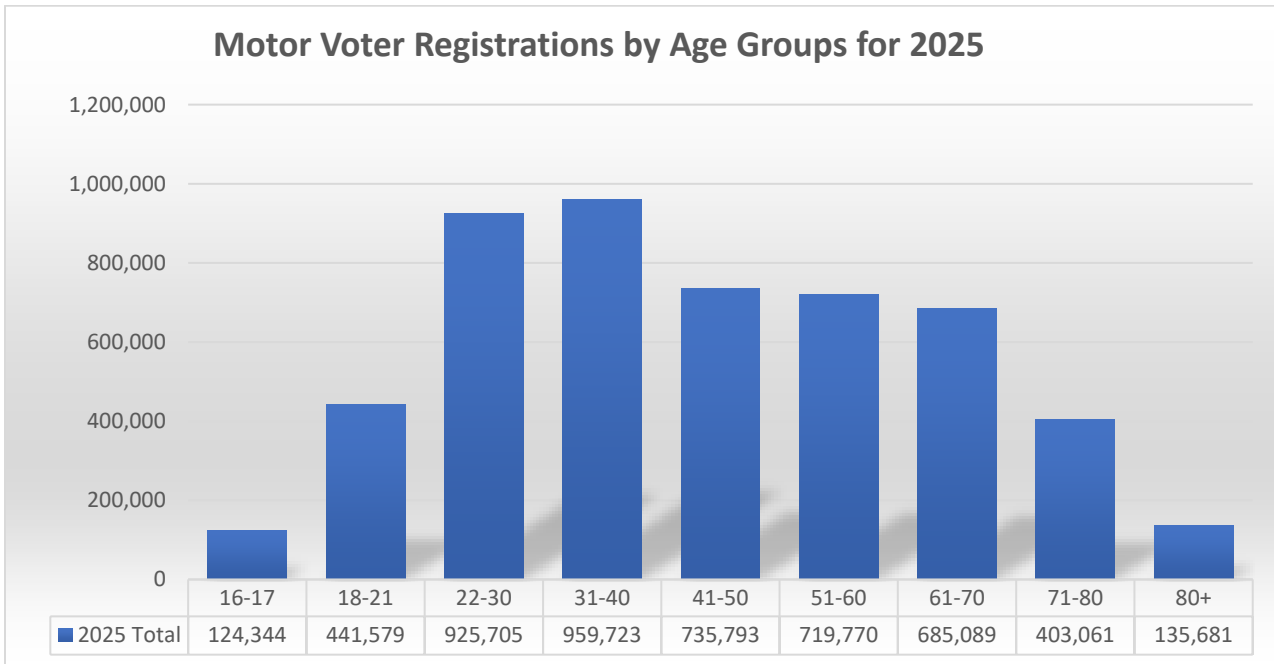


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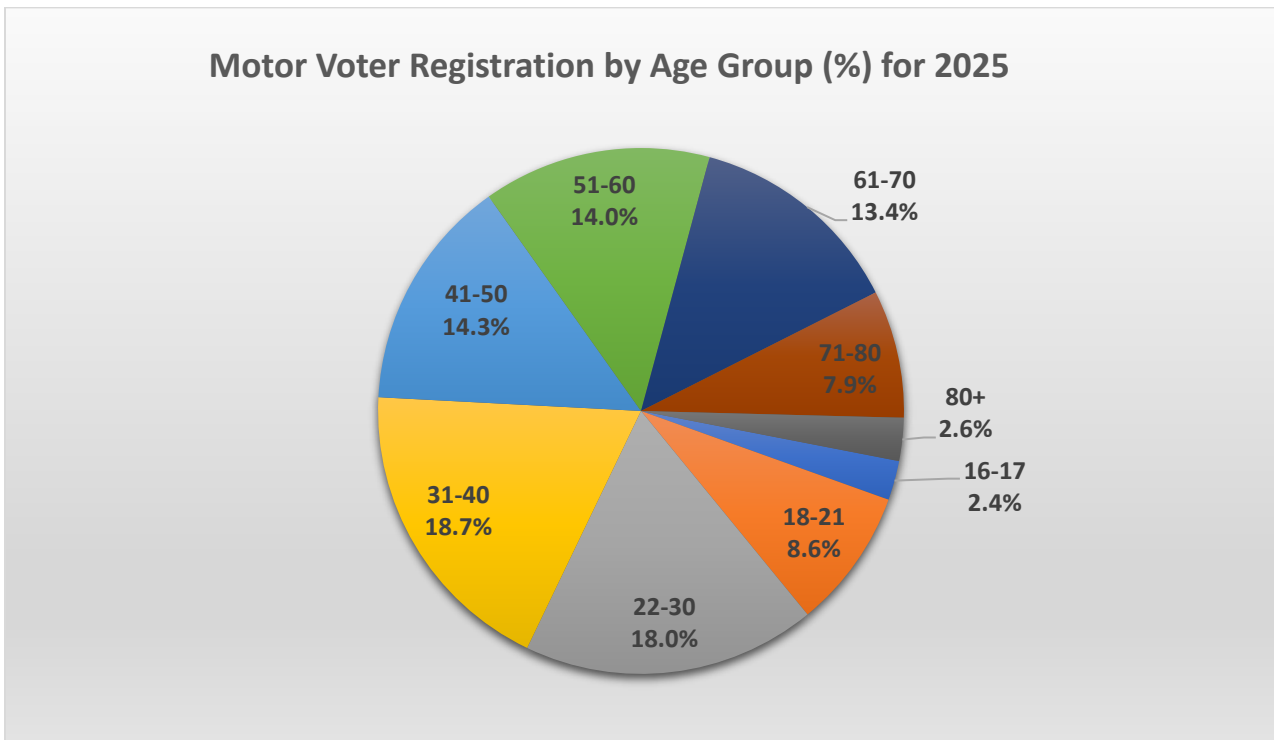


Figure 10

DMV Sources Processed

The DMV provides ten sources of transaction records to the SOS for all people eligible to register to vote and who do not opt out of registration during their DMV transaction.

Sources:

1. Electronic DL 44 (FO/eDL44): Includes the following: (a) people who complete their applications through the Electronic Driver's License process at the DMV, (b) people who begin their applications online and then come into the field office to complete them, and (c) people who complete an application on the Touchscreen Terminals (TSTs) located inside of DMV field office locations. This also includes the small number of paper applications received in field offices.
2. DLIR: Driver's License Internet Renewal.
3. ICA: Internet Change of Address.
4. RBM: Renewal by Mail initiated by the DMV.
5. 410: User initiated Renewal by Mail.
6. COA: Change of Address through paper.
7. ODDL: Online Duplicate Driver's License. Allow customers to apply for a duplicate license.
8. KDDL: Kiosk Duplicate Driver's License and Identification (ID) Card. Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for a duplicate driver's license/ID.
9. KDLR: Kiosk Driver's License Renewal. Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for driver's license renewal.
10. KIDR: Kiosk Identification Renewal. Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for Identification Card renewal.

The SOS receives registration records from all DMV sources daily and processes them to county elections offices. The records go through the SOS's and county elections officials' list maintenance process, which looks for matches and potential matches to merge new voter records with existing records for the same voter, as needed.

Figure 11 and Figure 12 show that in 2025, there were 9,514,546 total records processed by the SOS from all DMV sources. The largest source was electronic application forms (eDL44s). EDL44s accounted for 4,717,279 (49.6%) of total records. Together, online changes of address, online renewals, online duplicate license requests, and all kiosks' sources accounted for another 46.5% of total records. This means that more than 96.1% of all registration records transmitted to the SOS from the DMV in 2025 were completed by customers in electronic format.

Kiosk sources, which include KDDL, KDLRs and KIDRs were rolled out in March of 2024, but discontinued on June 30, 2025. They were re-implemented as of December 17, 2025.

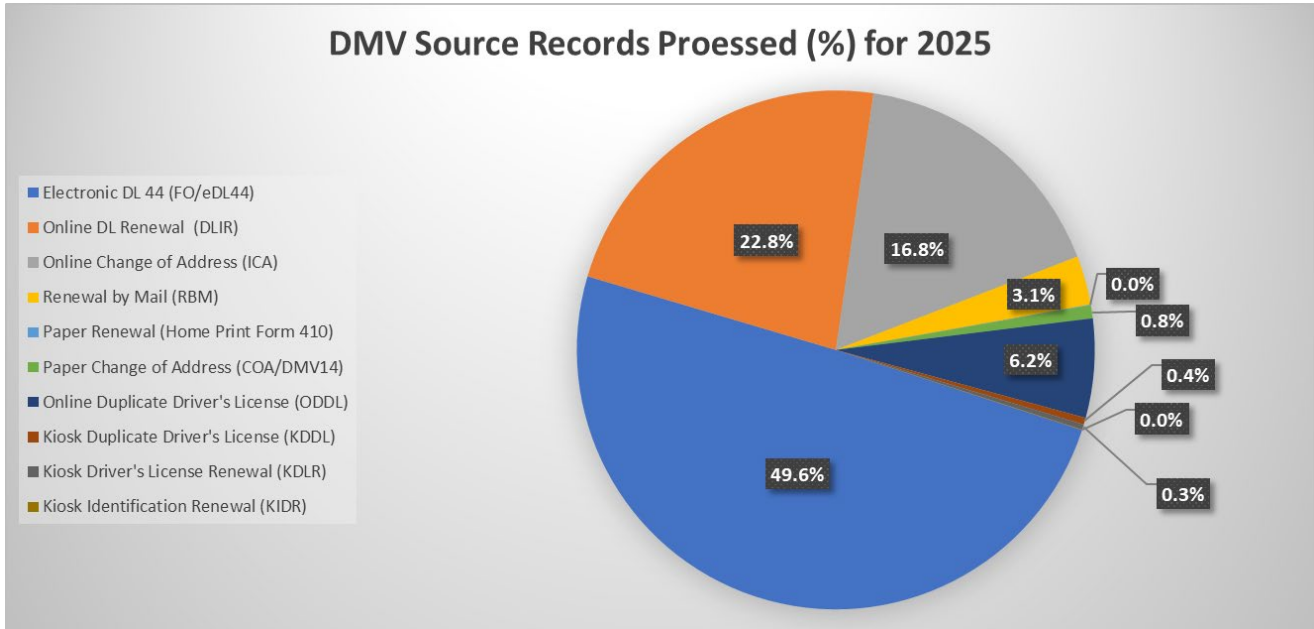


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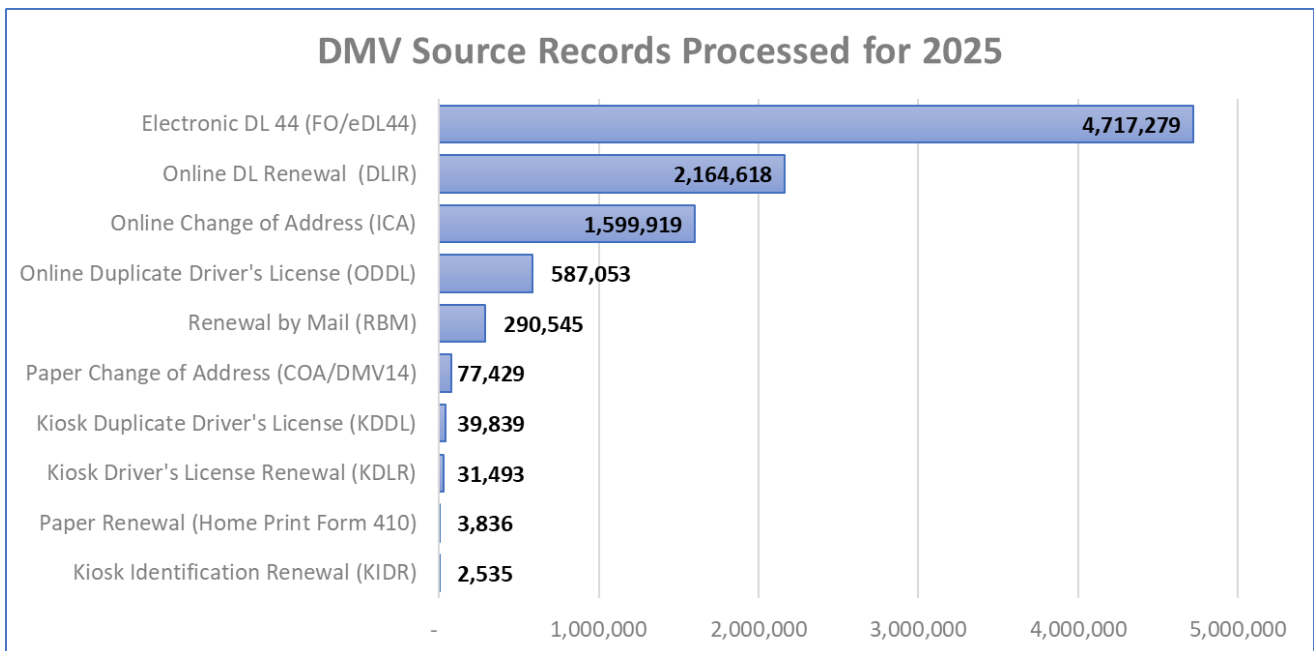


Figure 12

There are also applicants who do not indicate their eligibility to vote because they checked “no” or “decline to state” in response to New Motor Voter questions about their voter eligibility and/or US citizenship. These transactions are not transmitted to the SOS under the California New Motor Voter Program. For these applicants, the registration process ends, and their transaction is not tracked as an “opt-out.”

In 2025, the number of New Motor Voter transactions completed on paper forms in which the applicant left all voter registration questions blank was 39,631.

Opt-Outs of Motor Voter Registration

The California New Motor Voter Program allows DMV applicants who indicate their eligibility to vote the opportunity to opt out of voter registration in order to avoid becoming registered or having their registration updated. The term “opt out” as used in this report does not include persons who do not register because they did not affirmatively indicate their eligibility to vote. Applicants may opt out while they are completing their driver’s license/ID form by mail, online, or at a DMV field office.

Applicants who indicate their eligibility and choose to opt out of registration are not required or asked by the system to provide an explanation on why they chose to opt out. Therefore, the only information provided is that the applicant has chosen to opt out. There is no information provided for further analysis on reasoning for the opt out.

Opt-Outs of Motor Voter Registration – 8-Year Trend, 2018-2025

There are two types of opt-outs for motor voter registration: (1) opt-outs by eligible but already registered people and (2) opt-outs by eligible and not registered people.

An “opt-out, eligible but already registered” transaction means that the SOS has made a match of the DMV opt-out record with an already registered voter through the VoteCal data validation process.

An “opt-out, eligible and not registered” transaction means that the SOS has not made a match with an existing voter in VoteCal. Therefore, these DMV customers are considered unregistered potential voters who opted out of New Motor Voter registration. However, it is possible that a small number of these individuals may already be registered, but that insufficient information is available for the SOS to make a match.

Figure 13 shows the number of “opt-out, eligible but already registered” transactions and the number of “opt-out of eligible and not registered” transactions compared with the total

number of New Motor Voter transactions processed from 2018 to 2025. “Opt-out, eligible but already registered” transactions ranged from 1,219,134 (24.5% of total DMV Transactions) in 2018 to 3,273,078 (34.4% of total DMV Transactions) in 2025. “Opt-out, eligible and not registered” transactions ranged from 772,343 (15.5% of total DMV transactions) in 2018 to 1,486,195 (15.4% of total DMV transactions) in 2019. From 2018 through 2025, on average, more than two out of every three opt-outs (69.1% of total opt-outs) were by voters who were already registered at the time they interacted with the New Motor Voter system.

The total number of “Opt-out, eligible but already registered” transactions and “Opt-out, eligible and not registered” transactions reported for 2018 is significantly less as compared to the subsequent years because the program began in April of 2018, and therefore Figure 13 does not capture opt out registration data for the entire 2018 year.

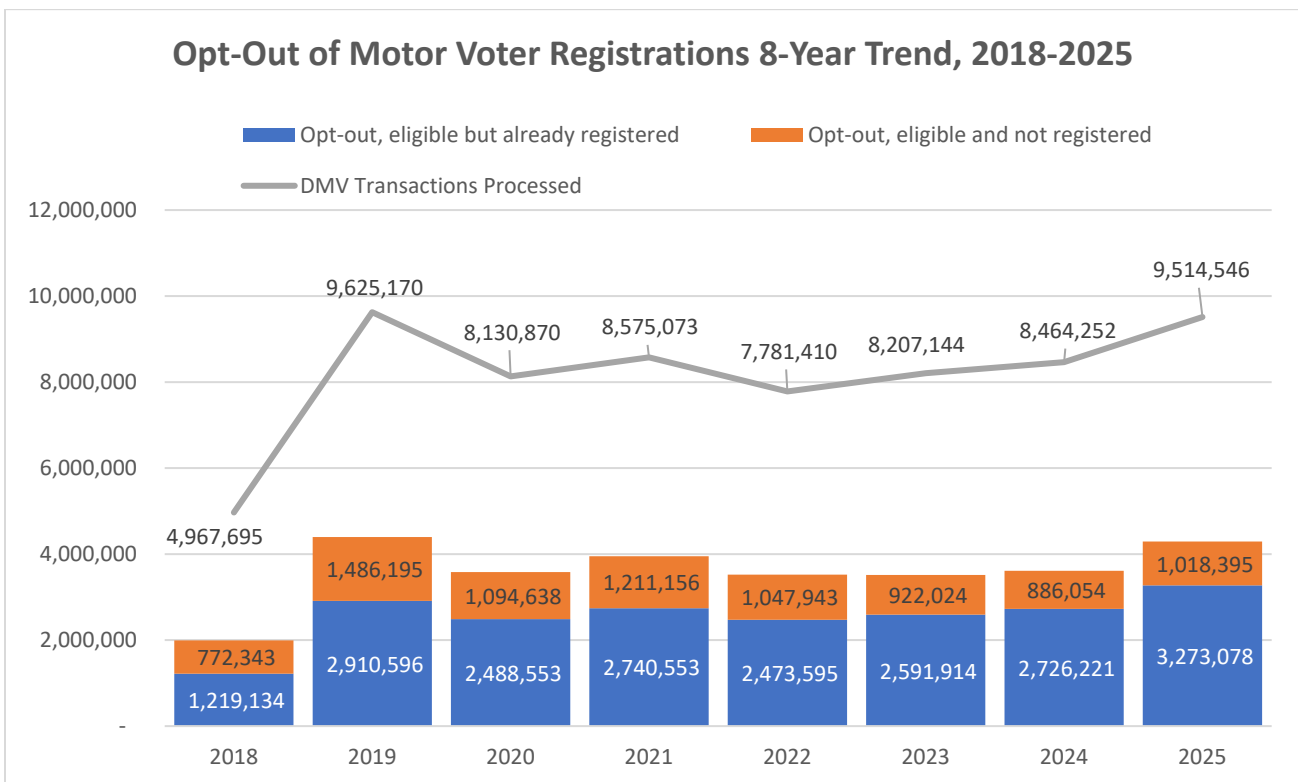


Figure 13 (Please note: While the information provided is not specifically required by the Elections Code, the SOS, DMV, and Task Force worked collaboratively to provide this information.)

Table 1 compares opt-outs to new registrations and pre-registrations among the eligible unregistered population. Table 1 identifies the share of the eligible unregistered population that is choosing to register and the share that is declining to register.

Eligible Unregistered Population	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New Registrations & Pre-Registrations	765,939	1,230,728	941,481	976,578	854,677	811,148	793,223	807,581
Opt-out by Eligible Unregistered	772,343	1,486,195	1,094,638	1,211,156	1,047,943	922,024	886,054	1,018,395
% Registering or Pre-Registering	49.79%	45.30%	46.24%	44.64%	44.92%	46.80%	47.24%	44.23%
% Opting-Out	50.21%	54.70%	53.76%	55.36%	55.08%	53.20%	52.76%	55.77%

Table 1

Similarly, Table 2 compares opt-outs to registration updates among the eligible but already registered population. Table 2 identifies the share of the eligible but already registered population that is choosing to update registration and the share that is declining to update registration.

Eligible Already Registered Population	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Updated Registrations	1,947,614	3,467,968	3,270,372	3,374,494	3,140,475	3,620,165	3,902,856	4,323,164
Opt-out of eligible but already registered	1,219,134	2,910,596	2,488,553	2,740,553	2,473,595	2,591,914	2,726,221	3,273,078
% Updating	61.50%	54.37%	56.79%	55.18%	55.94%	58.28%	58.87%	56.91%
% Opting-Out	38.50%	45.63%	43.21%	44.82%	44.06%	41.72%	41.13%	43.09%

Table 2

Opt-Outs of Motor Voter Registration for 2025

Figure 14 shows the number of opt-out, eligible but already registered transactions and the number of “opt-out, eligible and not registered” transactions as compared to the total number of New Motor Voter transactions processed for 2025. The “opt-out, eligible but already registered” transactions ranged from 209,181 (34.4% of total DMV transactions) in November 2025 to 339,521 (35.7% of total DMV transactions) in April 2025. The “opt-out, eligible and not registered” transactions ranged from 61,952 (10.2% of total DMV transactions) in November 2025 to 101,654 (10.7% of total DMV transactions) in April 2025. Again, the number of “opt-out, eligible but already registered” transactions is significantly higher than the number of “opt-out, eligible and not registered” transactions.

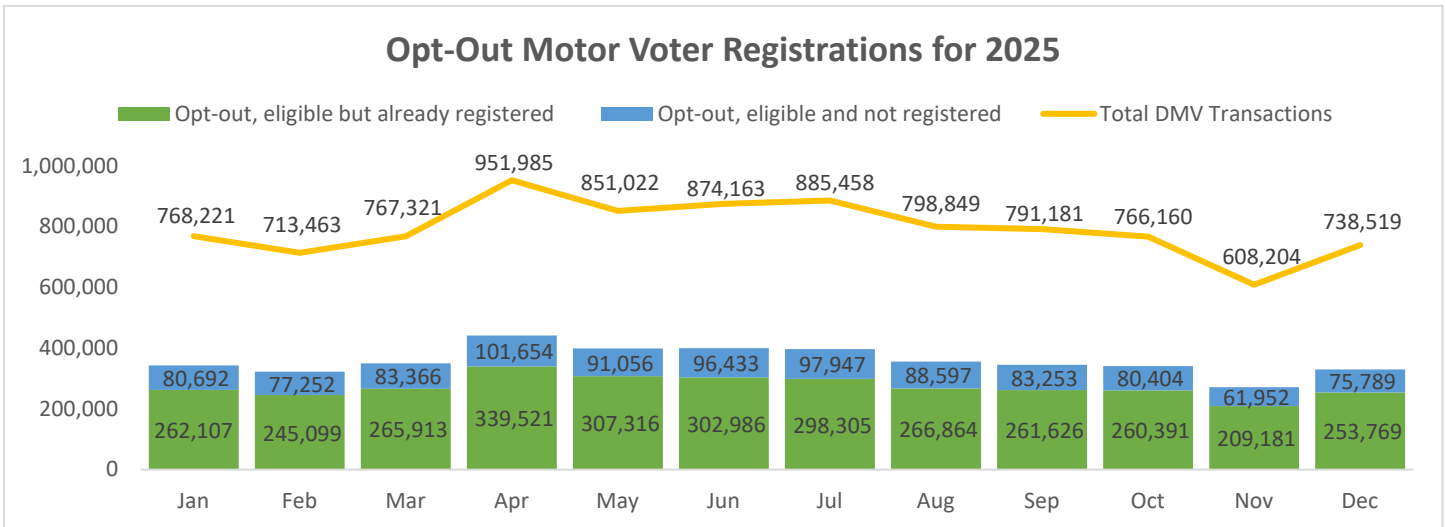


Figure 14

Eligible Voters Opt-Out Method

In 2025, the total number of those completing a DMV transaction who indicated their voter eligibility and opted out of voter registration or updating their voter registration are as follows, sorted by transaction type:

1. Checked “I do not want to register to vote or update my voter registration information” is 3,273,883 from DMV field offices and online sources.
2. Checked “I am eligible, but I do not want to register to vote or update my voter registration information” is 193,283 from renewals by mail, change of address, and paper renewal sources.

Motor Voter Pre-Registration Opt-Outs

In 2025, there were 203,827 electronic Driver’s License or ID Card applications from eligible DMV customers aged 16-17. This total consists of only sources from online and field office applications. Of these 203,827 total electronic transactions by eligible people, 79,618 (39.1%) were opt-outs of voter pre-registration.

Assembly Bill 796

Assembly Bill 796 added Elections Code section 2274, which requires the DMV, in consultation with the SOS, to monitor the timeliness of DMV transmittals on voter registrations to the SOS.

The DMV is required to provide the following information on voter registration to the SOS by the 10th day of each calendar month:

1. The number of completed voter registration applications transmitted to the SOS after the specified deadlines.
2. The number of notices sent to voters when there has been a delay in processing their completed voter registration applications.
3. The reasons for any irregularities in the processing of voter registration records or in the transmittal of any completed voter registration applications after the specified deadlines.

Table 3 shows the total number of records delivered to the SOS in 2025. The Total Records Delivered to the SOS is the number of completed voter registration applications transmitted to the SOS by the deadline and those transmitted after the deadline.

In 2025, the total number of New Motor Voter records delivered each month ranged from 612,368 in November to 957,923 in April. The number of letters sent to customers because their records could not be delivered to the SOS within 10 days after their acceptance by DMV ranged from 30 in November to 155 in May.

The number of letters sent is higher because customers are provided with a letter before the 10-day mark to ensure that they are properly notified. Customers who are sent a letter may be included in one month's data and then cleared as over 11 days on another month's data.

Records Delivered to SOS in 2025				
Month	Total Records Delivered to SOS	Records delivered 10+ days after Acceptance	Letters sent because records could not be processed/delivered within 10 days	System Irregularities
Jan	772,418	109	114	1
Feb	717,555	49	107	1
Mar	771,431	111	118	2
Apr	957,923	60	140	2
May	857,640	34	155	1
Jun	880,783	35	120	1
Jul	892,168	65	125	1
Aug	805,092	78	92	1
Sep	797,122	61	107	1
Oct	771,797	65	88	2
Nov	612,368	46	30	2
Dec	743,601	42	101	1

Table 3

Records Delivered More than 10 days after Acceptance

Figure 15 shows the number of records delivered to the SOS more than 10 days after their acceptance by the DMV in 2025. There was a total of 755 records delivered more than 10 days after their acceptance, ranging from 34 to 111 each month.

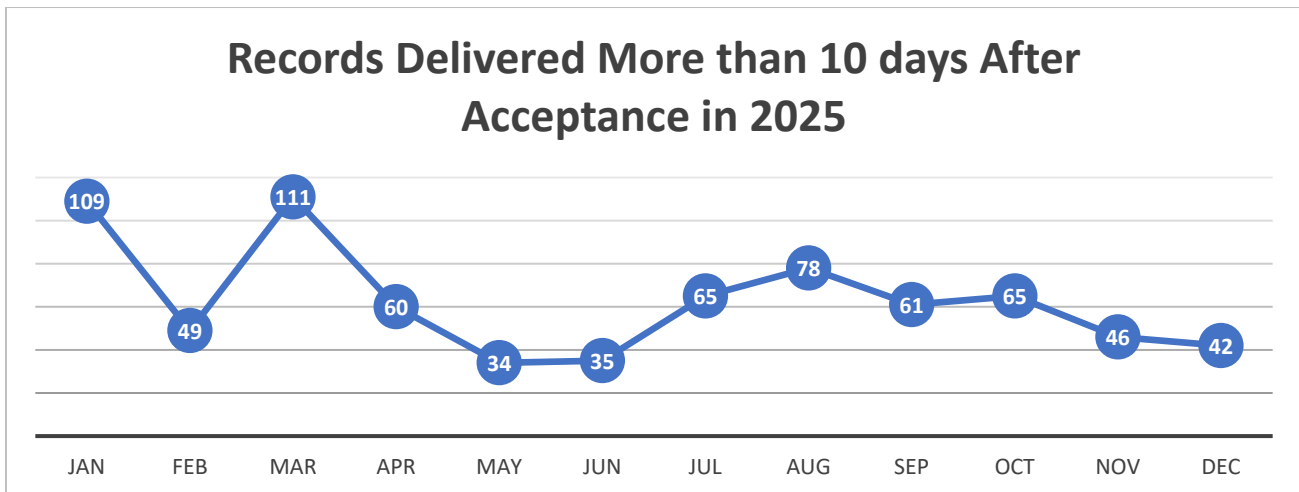


Figure 15

DMV Letters Sent

Figure 16 shows the total number of DMV Letters sent in 2025. There was a total of 1,297 DMV Letters sent, ranging from 30 to 155 each month.

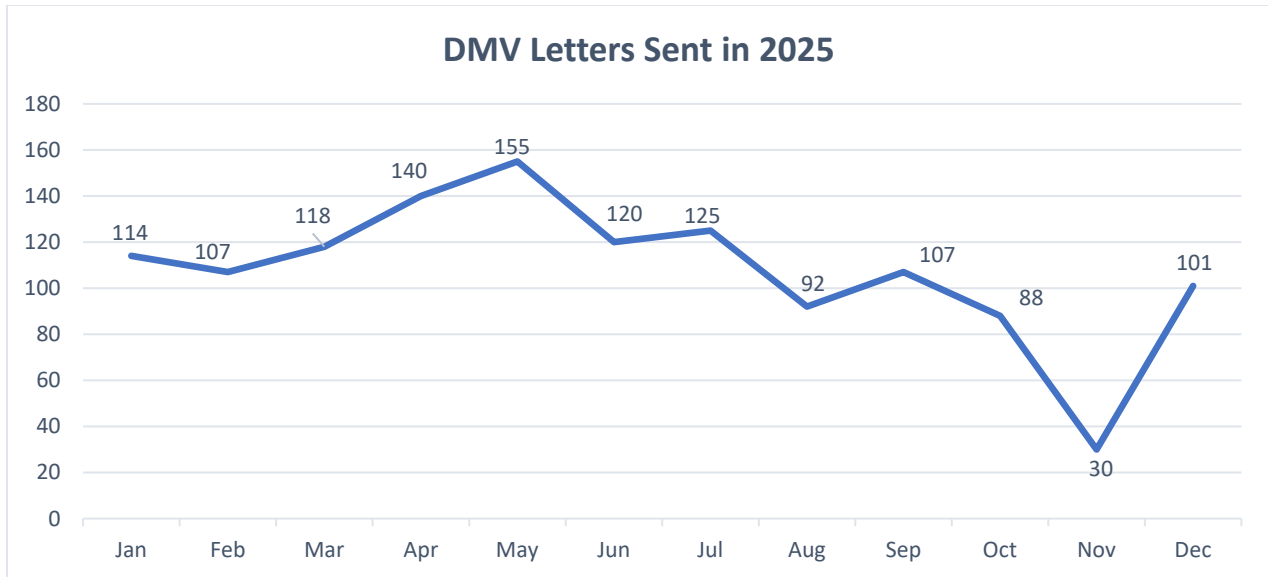


Figure 16

System Irregularities

The DMV is required to provide the reasons for any irregularities in the processing of records or in the transmittal of any completed voter registration applications after the specified deadlines.

There were 16 system irregularities reported in 2025. Of the 16 system irregularities, 12 are attributed to DMV-14 forms that were received late from DMV field office locations to DMV headquarters for processing. DMV has deployed a process that enables Field Offices (F/O) to scan the DMV-14 forms and sends the scanned images to DMV headquarters for processing. This has significantly reduced DMV processing times due to not having to send shipments of paper forms. This process led to an overall decrease in the number of irregularities. The ongoing errors in processing are the majority reason for DMV-14 late arrivals forms.

System Irregularities		
Months	# of Irregularities	Description
Jan	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMV-14 forms that are sent late from DMV field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were six late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in January.
Feb	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were four late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in February.
Mar	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were four late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in March. DMV encountered a record copy condition due to a network loss of connectivity during an automated job that resulted in 65 records (included in the 11+ days from acceptance) to be transmitted late, on day 11. Fifty-six of the 65 records were registration opt-outs that did not wish to register to vote. The issue was a single-time event and has been remedied.

Apr	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were eight late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in April. During the first attempt to deploy AB796 to the field offices, there was an inadvertent update that resulted in a table being cleared and transactions being lost. DMV worked to recreate these transactions, but unfortunately, 37 that were originals could not be recovered. The affected customers were notified by Motor Voter and were offered priority to return to the office to complete their transactions.
May	1	DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were three late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in May.
Jun	1	DMV continues to monitor the late arrivals of DMV-14 Change of Address forms after the implementation of a new procedure in the month of December. Late arrivals are accounted for as part of the 11+ days from acceptance count. There was one late arrival of a DMV-14 form reported in June.
Jul	1	DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were four late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in July.
Aug	1	DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were two late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in August.
Sep	1	DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were two late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in September.
Oct	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were six late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in October.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven records were improperly withheld from release beyond the 10-day window required by the NVRA due to an employee error related to the new requirements under AB796. Retraining has been conducted and no further errors have been reported.
Nov	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were six late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in November. • Ten records were improperly withheld from release beyond the 10-day window required by the NVRA due to an employee error related to the new requirements under AB796. Retraining has been conducted and no further errors have been reported.
Dec	1	DMV-14 forms that are sent late from field office locations and arrive/are processed in Headquarters on or after the 10-day window provided in NVRA. There were five late arrivals of DMV-14 forms reported in December.

Language Preference

Applicants may choose to complete their DMV transactions in any of the ten available languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. If the applicant selects “English” or does not select any language on the paper form, the default language is English. During the course of their registration, an eligible applicant may also select a language preference in which to receive voter materials.

Figure 17 shows the total number of DMV transactions completed in the ten available languages and the total number of completed voter registration applications in which the applicant selected a language preference for voter materials. Applicants may complete a New Motor Voter transaction in a language that is different from their selected language of preference for voter materials.

The total number of DMV transactions represented in Figure 17 and Table 4 includes ineligible transactions not transmitted to the SOS.

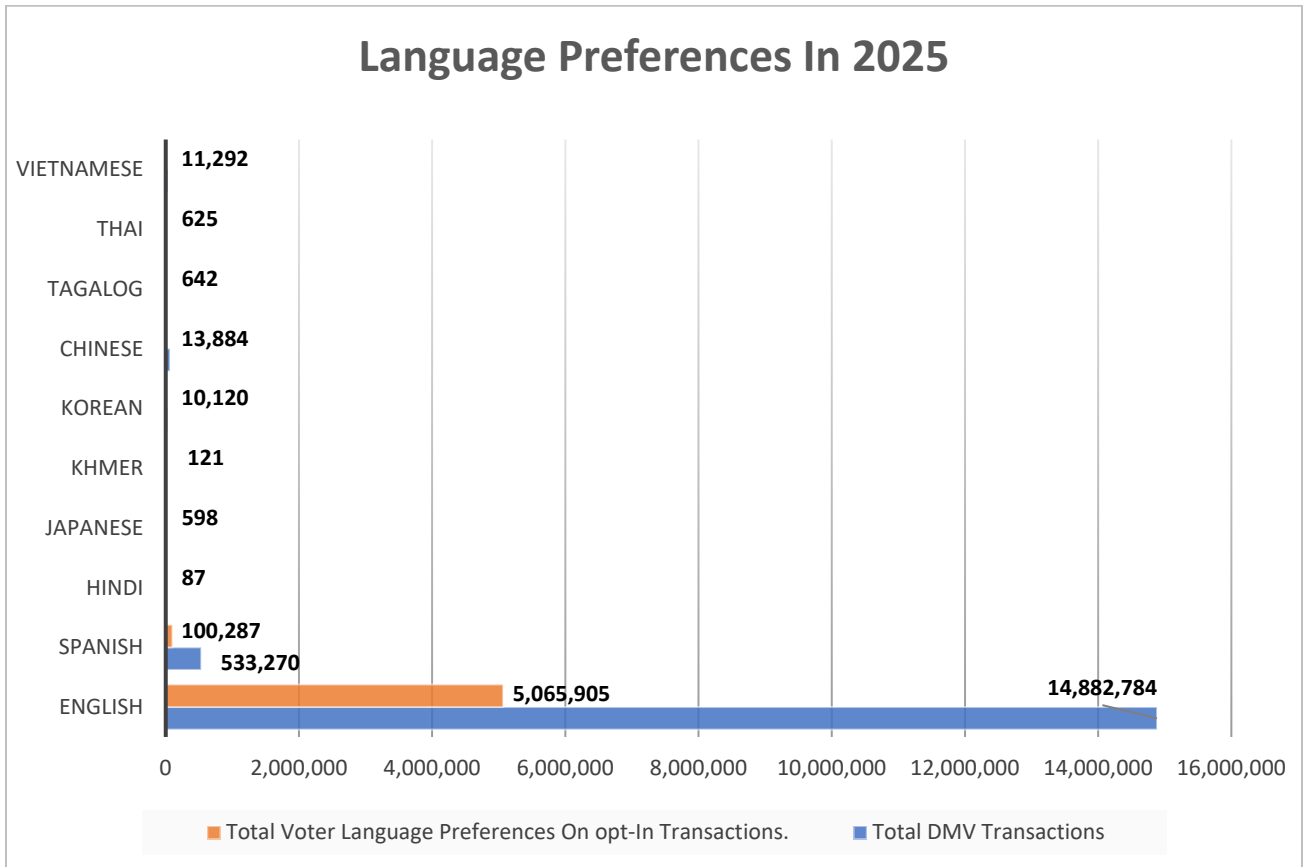


Figure 17

Language	Total DMV Transactions (*includes Ineligible)	Language Preference for Voter Materials
English	14,882,784	5,065,905
Spanish	533,270	100,287
Hindi	1,246	87
Japanese	3,104	598
Khmer	476	121
Korean	26,804	10,120
Chinese	64,171	13,884
Tagalog	1,962	642
Thai	1,725	625
Vietnamese	32,361	11,292
Total	15,547,903	5,203,561

Table 4

Secretary of State Outreach

The SOS currently sends postcards to reach out to certain individuals who complete their applications in paper form: (1) Registration Opportunity Postcard and the (2) Voter Preference Postcard.

In June 2018, the SOS also began mailing opt-out postcards to DMV customers who indicated that they were eligible to vote but chose to opt out of voter registration. This was discontinued after September 26, 2018, due to costs and potential ineffectiveness because there is no mechanism in the system to track voter registrations attributed to post card mailings. During this period, a total of 511,661 opt-out postcards were mailed at a cost of \$30,641.

Registration Opportunity Postcards

The Registration Opportunity Postcard is mailed to DMV applicants who renewed or applied for a DL/ID card or changed their address, but the SOS is unable to determine if they want to register or update their voter registration. Examples include checking both the “yes” and “no” box for eligibility on a paper form, not selecting a political party, or not selecting a ballot material language preference. Generally, people who receive these postcards submitted some form of paper documentation or performed an electronic transaction with the DMV



that is missing voter registration information. Individuals receiving this postcard were not registered and/or did not have their voter registration record altered.

This postcard informs the applicants that the voter registration information they provided at the DMV was either incomplete or unclear and SOS could not process their voter registration applications. If they are an already registered voter, they are advised to check their voter registration status at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. Or, if they are not registered and meet the eligibility requirements to vote or would like to update their current voter registration, they are directed to the RegisterToVote.ca.gov website.

Voter Preferences Postcards

The Voter Preferences Postcard is mailed to DMV registrants who did not select a political party preference or ballot material language preference for receiving elections materials. People receiving this postcard were registered or had their voter registration updated.

This postcard informs the applicants that they did not include additional important voter information, such as their political party preference or language for receiving election materials. The applicants are provided with instructions to update their voter registration through re-registration online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or complete and return a paper voter registration form.

From 2018 to 2025, the SOS mailed 557,756 Voter Registration Opportunity Postcards and 522,267 Voter Preference Postcards at a total of 1,080,023 postcards.

Figure 18 shows the total number of Voter Registration Opportunity Postcards and Voter Preferences Postcards mailed in 2025. There was a total of 13,557 Voter Registration Opportunity Postcards mailed, ranging from 781 to 1,597 each month. There was a total of 26,147 Voter Preferences postcards mailed, ranging from 1,621 to 2,807 each month. In total, 39,704 postcards were mailed.

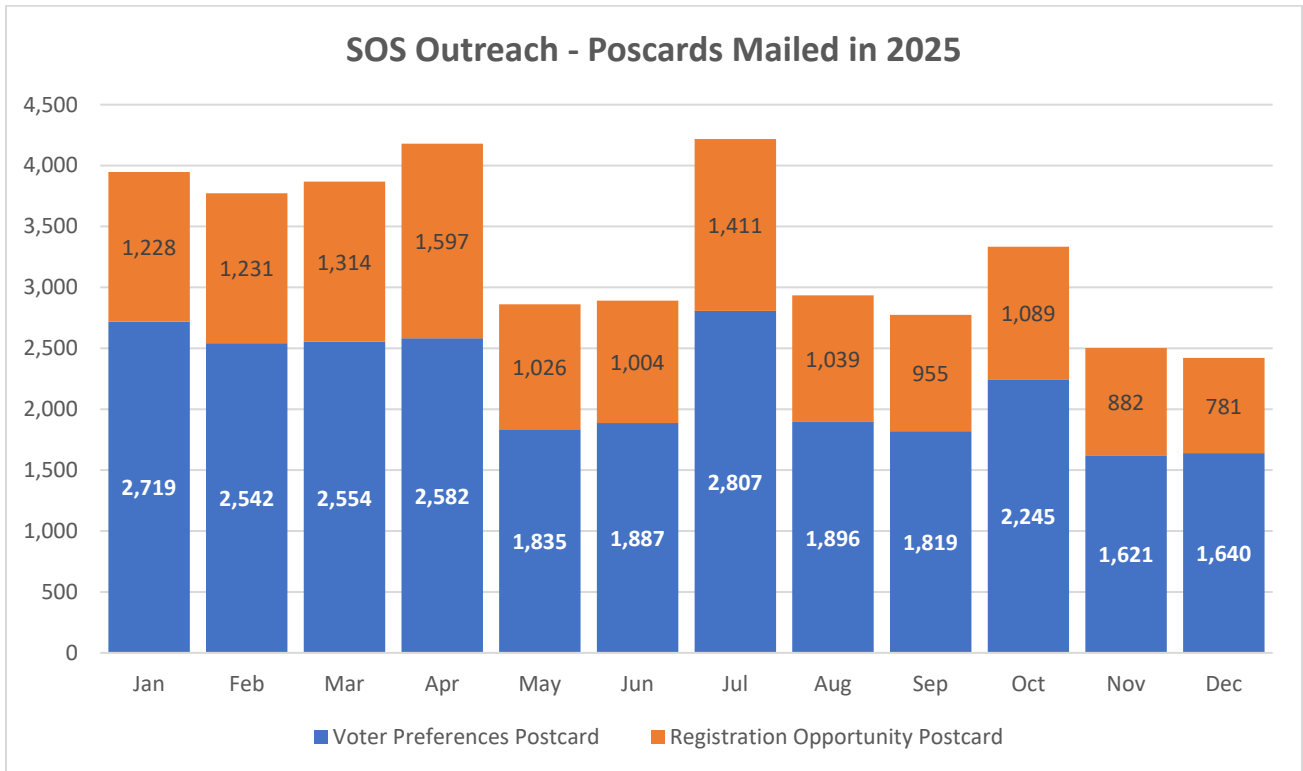


Figure 18

Supplemental Information

Persons with Disabilities:

DMV provides equitable access to all services, including the California New Motor Voter Program, for individuals with disabilities. In field offices, the DMV provides specialized assistance through Americans with Disabilities Act terminals. These accessible kiosks are equipped with screen reader software, tactile keypads, and other adaptive technologies to facilitate independent usage by customers with varying disabilities. These terminals support voter registration processes, but also ensure that customers with disabilities access DMV services with privacy and independence.

Online, the DMV's portal has been designed with accessibility in mind, adhering to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. This makes the website compatible with a broad range of customer-provided screen readers and other assistive technologies, enabling users with disabilities to access information, complete forms, and register to vote from their homes. The DMV website provides information on its "People with Disabilities" page about the accessibility options for customers.

DMV technicians receive specialized training to assist customers with disabilities effectively, ensuring they can navigate both the voter registration process and other DMV services with ease. At DMV field offices, they offer priority service that includes specialty lines and appointments that assist in minimizing wait times. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and other accommodations are available upon request to ensure effective communication and a seamless experience for all customers.

Non-Citizens:

Applicants who selected "no" or "decline to provide an answer" on whether they are a U.S. citizen will not be able to register to vote. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the applicable response on questions regarding U.S. citizenship.

Elections Code section 2268 states that if a person who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of the California New Motor Voter Program in the absence of a violation by that person of Section 18100, then that person's voter registration shall be presumed to have been affected with official authorization and not the fault of that person.

Additionally, Elections Code section 2269 states that if a person who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of the California New Motor Voter Program and votes or attempts to vote in an election held after the effective date of the



person's voter registration, then that person shall be presumed to have acted with official authorization and shall not be guilty of fraudulently voting or attempting to vote pursuant to Section 18560, unless that person willfully votes or attempts to vote knowing that they are not entitled to vote.

Persons with Criminal Records:

DMV does not request that applicants provide information on whether they have criminal records, beyond requiring registrants to attest to their eligibility. DMV participates in multiple outreach opportunities each year, such as Veterans Standdown, homeless outreach, disaster recovery centers, State Fair, etc. All of these forms of outreach potentially reach people impacted by the criminal legal system, including those on parole who have regained the right to vote after completing a prison term in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Additionally, CDCR participates in a program to provide Cal-ID cards to people as they exit prison, and customers are permitted to provide voter registration information through that program if they qualify. Cal-ID applicants use a private version of the server limited only to CDCR use. The CAL-ID program entitles people in state correctional facilities to a photo identification card upon release to expedite and ease their reintroduction into society. The CAL-ID program also now allows CDCR facilities to access a digital private portal, offering the same functional experience as the public electronic DL44 form, but guided by a CDCR employee. This portal allows CDCR and DMV to work collaboratively towards implementing the requirements of AB 1329 (Stats. 2023) which permits issuance of driver's licenses and identification cards to eligible incarcerated people. Both paper applications and the new digital experience provide incarcerated people with the same questions regarding eligibility to register to vote. Once submitted, these forms are processed in the same fashion as other inbound forms and therefore are not accounted for separately. The program also operates at the county level. All Cal-ID customers are provided with application forms that list all voter eligibility criteria. DMV forms and systems all accurately display the language "Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony" as one of the qualifying standards to which customers answer "yes" to when registering.

2025 Task Force Discussed Topics

The Motor Voter Task Force was established pursuant to Elections Code section 2275 to advise the SOS and the DMV on the effectiveness of California's New Motor Voter Program and provide consultation to the SOS and the DMV on the annual report produced by SOS. The Motor Voter Task Force is required to convene at least quarterly.

The Motor Voter Task Force held its first meeting on August 10, 2022, and have since met quarterly in January, April, July, and October in both 2023 and 2024. In 2025, the July meeting was rescheduled to August due to scheduling conflicts.

In 2025, the following topics were discussed:

- **AB 796 Monthly Statistics**
 - The Task Force requested that AB 796 statistics be shared in every Task Force meeting.
 - The SOS shares the monthly statistics, and DMV provides high-level descriptions and explanations for the system irregularities.

- **DMV Customer's Moving Out of State**
 - The Task Force inquired on whether DMV can provide data for customers moving out of the state. This data may be used for list maintenance processes/verification of registered voter, similar to how the counties use the National Change of Address (NCOA) out of state move information.
 - DMV informed the Task Force that the NCOA may be the better indicator of out-of-state moves for registered voters versus DMV's records, given that there are a large number of circumstances in which the DMV doesn't receive any data, nor are California citizens obligated to inform the DMV that they have moved out of state.

- **Gender Markers for Identification Documentation**
 - It was brought to SOS and DMV's attention that the Federal administration has blocked the Social Security Administration (SSA) for processing gender markers and the Task Force questioned whether DMV requires a match for gender markers from SSA data. If so, how can this be resolved for CA DMV customers?
 - The DMV utilizes the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) for all SSA checks.
 - DMV confirmed they process SSA checks against Name and Date of Birth (DOB) checks for voter record verification/confirmation and that gender is not factored into the voter record confirmation checks with the DMV. However, this does not mean the Federal government would not implement this requirement at a later date.
 - SOS has not seen any impact on Federal funding related to this topic. The DMV does not expect to see any impact in the future.

- **Party Preferences Null and No Party Values**
 - A concern was raised about whether there may be a write-over issue for individuals who updated their voter registration but did not indicate a party preference for paper applications at the DMV.
 - DMV provided clarification that NULL entries are paper applications where customers don't select a party preference, whereas No Party Preference is a choice selection made by customers.
 - The SOS confirmed that for an individual that does not enter anything for party preference on paper form but did so on prior voter registration, their current record would be carried over, inheriting the party preference from a previous selection.

- **Updates to DMV's AB 796 Upgrade**
 - All AB 796 implementations were completed by July 1, 2025.
 - The DMV states that the kiosks used for voter registration inside DMV field offices will be re-implemented sometime before the end of December 2025. The DMV Kiosks were re-implemented as of December 17, 2025.

- **Save Act**
 - The Task Force inquired about any updates to the Save Act. There has not been any action on the Save Act. DMV and SOS continue to monitor.

- **Potential Federal Impacts to DMV/SOS on Voter Registration**
 - The Task Force inquired on any potential federal impacts to DMV and SOS on voter registrations. The SOS and DMV shared that there may be ongoing audits and litigations that could have potential federal impacts on voter registrations, but the DMV and SOS are unable to disclose any additional information.

- **eDL44 Analysis on Option 2 and Option 3 Selections**
 - The Task Force inquired about the following two issues:

First, what is the data on the number of DMV customers who selected to update their voter registration information, but who actually did not update any of their voter registration information.

The SOS analyzed the number of motor voter records in 2025 in which a customer selected to update their voter registration but did not actually update any of their voter information via the motor voter registration sources: electronic driver's license or ID application (eDL44), Internet Change of Address (ICA), and Driver's License Internet Renewal (DLIR).

Figure A shows that for eDL44, there was a range of 143,925 to 238,720 opt-in registrant counts that totaled 2,314,363 records analyzed for customers who selected the option to update their voter registration. Of these records, there was an average of 17% (33,713) of customers per month who did not update any of their voter registration information.

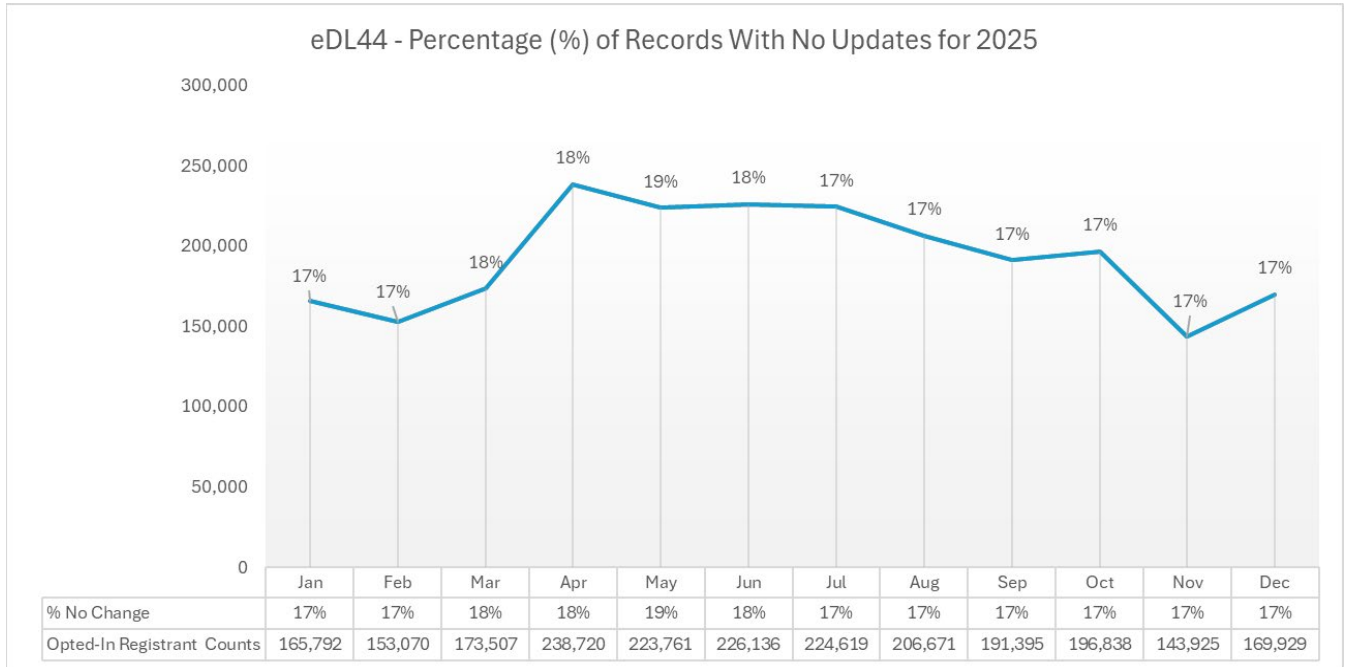


Figure A

Figure B shows that for DLIR, there was a range of 83,953 to 116,791 of opt-in registrant counts that totaled 1,237,931 records analyzed for customers who selected the option to update their voter registration. Of these records, there was an average of 0.26% (270) of customers per month who did not update any of their voter registration information.

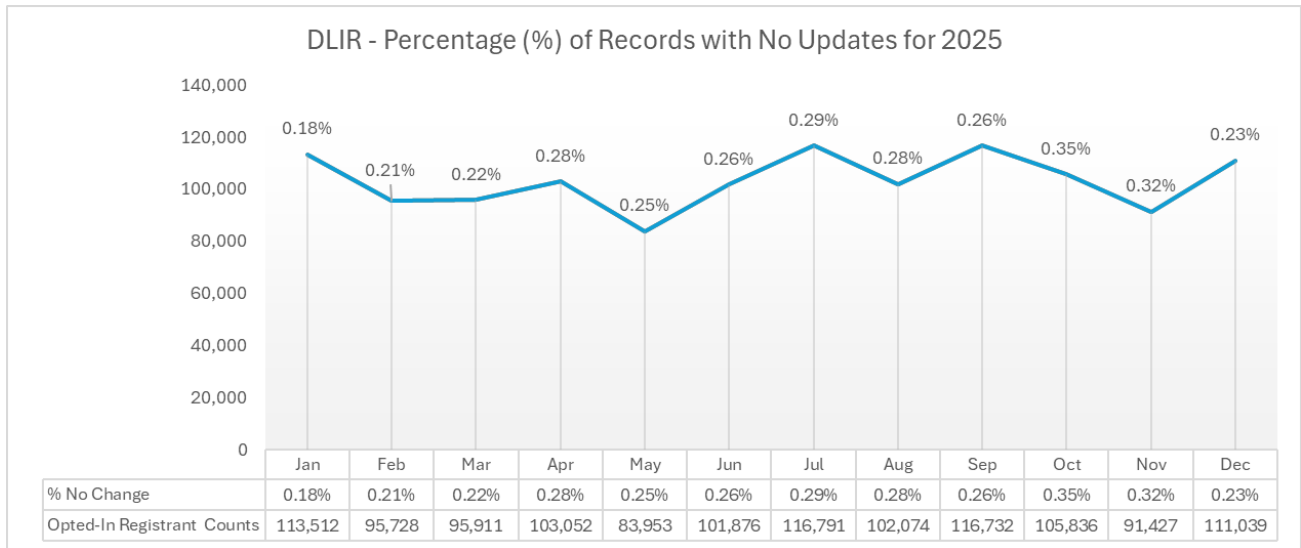


Figure B

Figure C shows that for ICA, there was a range of 60,310 to 109,315 of opt-in registrant counts that totaled 1,032,281 records analyzed for customers who selected to update their voter registration. Of these records, there was an average of 4% (159) of customers per month who did not update any of their voter registration information.

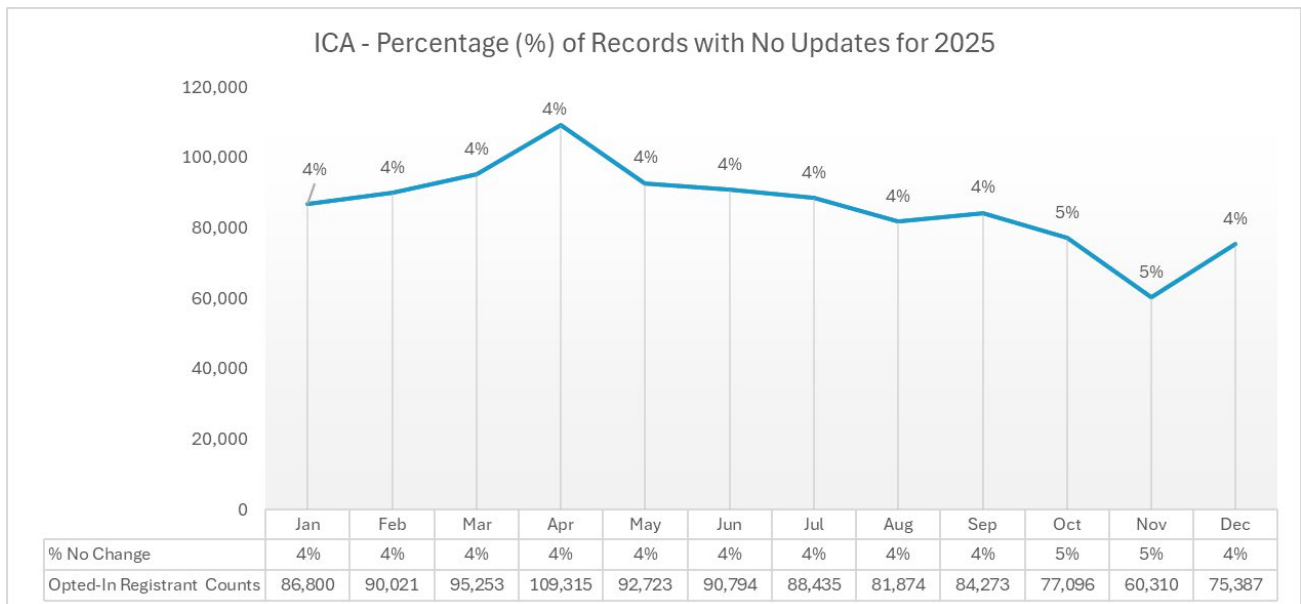


Figure C

Second, the Task Force also inquired about data for those who indicated during their DMV transaction that they do not want to register to vote or update their voter registration information, but then register or update their voter registration information

through another voter registration source, such as COVR, within 14 days of opting out through the DMV.

The SOS has analyzed the number of transactions for 2025, in which customers selected to opt out of the eDL44 voter registration process, but then later registered or updated their voter information through another voter registration source one to fourteen days after opting out of eDL44.

Figure D shows the percentage of records for which customers updated or provided new voter registration information from any voter registration source within fourteen days of opting out of an eDL44 transaction.

There was a range of 145,833 to 260,697 of eDL44 opt out transactions that totaled 2,401,914 DMV transactions for which customers opted out of the eDL44 voter registration process in 2025. Of this total, an average of 0.48% (960) of customers registered new or updated voter registration information one to fourteen days after opting out of the eDL44 voter registration process. This means an average of 99.52% of customers who opted out of the eDL44 voter registration process in 2025 did not register new or updated voter information one to fourteen days after opting out through the eDL44 process.

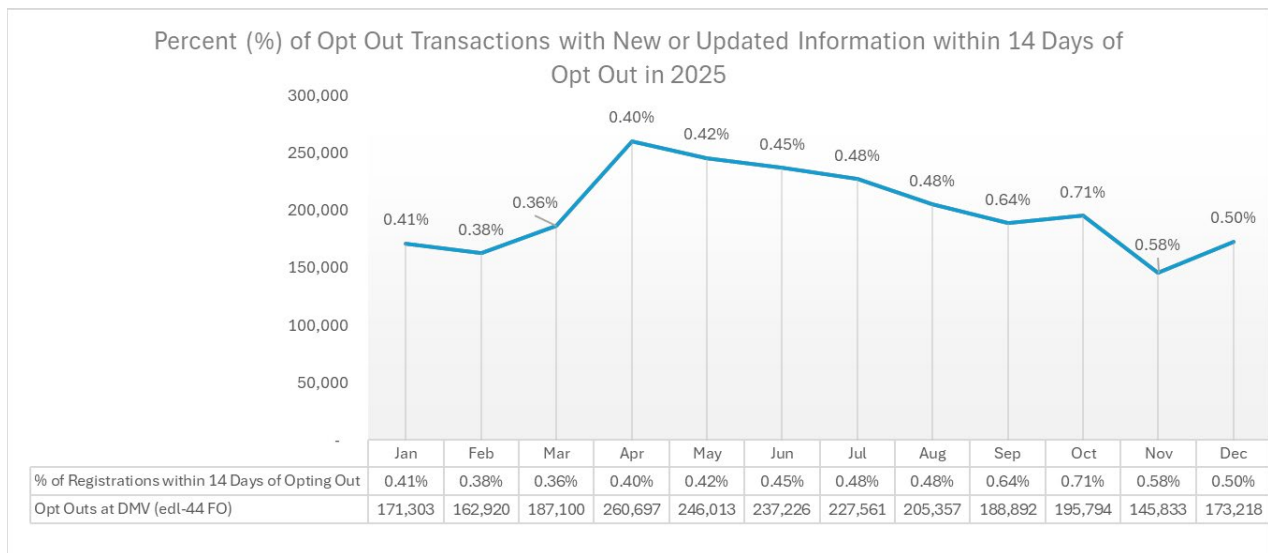


Figure D

- **Proposed Changes to the DMV eDL44 Process**

- From 2023 to 2024, the Task Force discussed and proposed various changes to the eDL44 screens in an effort to enhance the voter registration process at the DMV. While this topic was not discussed in 2025 due to the lack of funding and resources, it remains an open item that may be revisited.
- These proposed changes include streamlining response options and improving readability of verbiage provided on the screens. These changes were approved by members of the Task Force and the SOS in October 2023.
- The level of effort for the eDL44 changes approved in October 2023 were estimated by DMV at around 700 hours. This proposal was subject to the Enterprise Governance Council's (EGC) review and approval.
- In April of 2024, the Task Force re-visited the previously approved changes and suggested only language changes after being informed that the previously proposed changes were not feasible due to other DMV priorities and a lack of funding. DMV confirmed that they are prioritizing other projects and that they currently do not have the resources to move forward with this effort. However, they will keep this eDL44 project on their project list.
- As of October 2024, the SOS has removed this topic from the Motor Voter Task Force Quarterly Meeting agenda. The Task Force has requested further discussion if available funding and resources is what is required for this project to be further pursued.
- See Appendix – Proposed Changes to the DMV eDL44 Process, for the specified changes as approved in April 2024.

- **CA New Motor Voter Annual Report**

- The CA New Motor Voter Annual Report is mandated per Elections Code section 2276, which requires the SOS in consultation with the DMV and the Motor Voter Task Force, to annually review the effectiveness of the California New Motor Voter Program and draft a written report.
- In a collaborative effort with the SOS, DMV, and Motor Voter Task Force, the 2024 annual report was approved and sent to the Legislature and published on the SOS website on May 20, 2025.

Resources

Additional resources:

- Motor Voter Task Force Website
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/california-motor-voter/motor-voter-task-force>
- National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Reports
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/reports>
Under the NVRA, every two years the SOS compiles reports to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) containing overall data for California. The reports are based on monthly county reports that counties submit to the SOS's office.
- [Voter Registration Statistics:](#)
The SOS is required by law to produce a Report of Registration detailing voter registration levels throughout California at specific times prior to each statewide election and once during odd numbered years.
- AB 796 Report
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/california-motor-voter>
Elections Code section 2274 requires the SOS to post the monthly report provided by the DMV to the SOS.



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Appendices

eDL44 Process

The electronic online driver's license and ID card application (eDL44) process enables an applicant to complete the application before visiting a DMV field office. DMV employees can quickly access the completed form and begin processing.

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID APPLICATION

Home Current

REQUIRED FIELDS *

Please choose a language for this application.

LANGUAGE *

English

Next

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID APPLICATION

Home Current

REQUIRED FIELDS *

Please choose a language for this application.

LANGUAGE *

English

- English
- Spanish (Español)
- Chinese (中文)
- Korean (한국어)
- Khmer (ខ្មែរ)
- Thai (ไทย)
- Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)
- Tagalog (Tagalog)
- Japanese (日本語)
- Hindi (हिंदी)



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Home - Previous Current

REQUIRED FIELDS *

Disclaimers

Before we start, please read this information carefully: *

Medical Information

The following conditions that may affect your ability to operate a motor vehicle safely include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of consciousness; or
- Episode of marked confusion caused by any condition which may bring about recurring lapses; or
- Disease, disorder, or disability (examples of these are epilepsy, diabetes, stroke, cataracts, Parkinson's disease); or
- Decrease or change in your vision due to cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, or

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I agree to the terms *

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License Type

What type of vehicle do you drive? *

Select from either the Noncommercial or the Commercial vehicles group below.

Noncommercial vehicles

Select license class(es):

- Car (Basic Class C)
- Motorhome over 40 feet, but not over 45 feet (Class B)
- Travel trailer or fifth wheel over 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), or a trailer coach over 10,000 pounds GVWR, not for compensation (Class A)
- Motorcycle Only (Class M)
- Add Motorcycle (Class M)



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF A NONCOMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?





WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF A NONCOMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?



Do you need a firefighter endorsement? *

Yes

No

Commercial vehicles

Select license class(es):

Class A

Class B

Class C



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?





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Let's look up your eligibility.

Have you ever had a California driver's license or ID card? *

Yes

No

Have you ever had a driver's license or ID card from another state? *

Yes

No



What is your legal full name?

This is the name that appears on official identity documents like your birth certificate and passport.

FIRST NAME *	MIDDLE NAME (OPTIONAL)
<input type="text" value="Test"/>	<input type="text" value="D"/>
LAST NAME *	SUFFIX (OPTIONAL)
<input type="text" value="Data"/>	<input type="text" value=""/> 

WHAT IF I HAVE MULTIPLE FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAMES? 

What is your date of birth?

MONTH *	DAY *	YEAR *
<input type="text" value="01"/>	<input type="text" value="01"/>	<input type="text" value="1971"/>



Do you have a Social Security number? *

If you have a Social Security Number you must select **Yes**. Your Social Security Number is required if you plan on applying for a Commercial Driver's License.

Yes

No

Social Security Number *

..... 

Numbers only, no special characters.

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My Personal Details

Where do you live?

STREET ADDRESS *	APARTMENT / UNIT (OPTIONAL)	
<input type="text" value="2570 24th St"/>	<input type="text"/>	
CITY *	STATE *	ZIP CODE *
<input type="text" value="Sacramento"/>	<input type="text" value="California"/>	<input type="text" value="95818"/>

Do you get mail at this address? *

DMV will print your mailing address on your driver's license or ID card, and will then mail it to this address.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No



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My Personal Details

How tall are you?

FEET *

INCHES *

How much do you weigh?

POUNDS *

What is your gender? *

Male

Female

Nonbinary



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What is your gender? *

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary

What color are your eyes? *

- Black
- Blue
- Brown
- Gray
- Green
- Hazel

What color is your hair? *

- No Hair
- Auburn
- Black
- Brown
- Blonde
- Gray
- Red
- White
- Other



My History

Some medical conditions may affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Some examples of these are (but are not limited to):

- Loss of consciousness.
- Episodes of marked confusion caused by any condition which may bring about recurring lapses of memory or consciousness.
- Disease, disorder, or disability (e.g., epilepsy, diabetes, strokes, cataracts, Parkinson's disease).
- Vision changes or decrease due to cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, or other progressive conditions.
- Substance abuse (e.g., alcoholism, drug addiction, or other related health problems).

In the last three years, have you experienced a medical condition that affects your ability to drive? *

Yes

No

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My History

Have you ever applied for a driver's license or ID card using a different name? *

Yes

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My History

Has your driver's license ever been cancelled, refused, suspended, or revoked? *

Yes

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My History

Have you ever served in the United States Military? *

As a veteran, you may be eligible for benefits like disability compensation.

Yes

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Organ & Tissue Donation

One person can save up to 8 lives, and heal over 75, through organ and tissue donation for transplantation. You can register regardless of age or health.

Organ donation happens after death, and your decision will not impact medical treatment.

Would you like to register? *

Yes

- ✓ You will be kept on or added to the Donate Life California Donor Registry. A pink "donor" dot will be on your driver's license or ID card. This is your decision, and cannot be changed by anyone else.

Not at this time



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Would you like to make a financial donation to Donate Life California? *

Select Yes to provide a \$2 voluntary contribution to Donate Life California to support organ and tissue donation.

Yes

No

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U.S. Citizens Only

- Under state law, eligible citizens will be registered to vote unless they choose not to in this section.
- If you're already registered to vote, this service helps make sure your information is up to date.
- If you need to register to vote before your DMV visit, you can register online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://www.register-tovote.ca.gov).

Are you a United States citizen? *

If you select "Decline to answer," you will not be registered to vote.

Yes

No

Decline to answer

WHAT IF I'M NOT A CITIZEN? [+](#)



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Do you meet **ALL** of the voter registration requirements listed below? *

- I am a United States citizen
- I am a resident of California
- I am at least 18 years old
- I am not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
- I am not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

If you select "Decline to answer," you will not be registered to vote.

- Yes
- No
- Decline to answer

WHAT IF I DON'T MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS?



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Voter Registration

Which best describes you? *

I want to register to vote.

I am registered to vote and want to update my voter registration information.

 This will overwrite your previous political party preference.

I do not want to register to vote or update my voter registration information.



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This will replace your previous voter preferences.

Political party

Choose your political party preference.

Vote-by-Mail in All Elections

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Language

Choose a language for your election materials.

Contact information

Provide your contact information if you want election officials to contact you about election and voter information.

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Please select a political party preference below. *

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party
- Other

ENTER OTHER PARTY *

- No Party / None

NOTE If you select "No Party / None," you may not be able to vote for some parties' candidates at a primary election for U.S. President, or for a party's central committee.



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CHOOSE A LANGUAGE FOR YOUR ELECTION MATERIALS. *

English

Spanish

Chinese

Korean

Khmer

Thai

Vietnamese

Tagalog

Japanese

Hindi



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Voter Registration

Would you like to receive election information via text or email? *



Yes



No

How would you like to receive election information? *

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

Numbers only, no special characters

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Thank You!



- Your voter registration application will be processed when you complete your business at DMV.
- If you do not receive a voter notification card within four weeks after your visit to the DMV, contact your county elections official.
- You can check your voter registration status with the California Secretary of State at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

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Application Review

Please take a minute to review your responses.

Select any of the fields to update your response.

My Driver's License

I am applying to

[Get a driver's license or ID card for the first time](#)

Class

[Car \(Class C\)](#)

Driver's license number

[I do not have a previous driver's license or do not know my previous driver's license number](#)

Firefighter endorsement

[No](#)



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My Basics

Name

[Test D Data](#)

Date of birth

[01/01/1971](#)

Social Security Number

[XXX-XX-0000](#)

Address

[2570 24th St](#)

City, State, Zip

[Sacramento, CA 95818](#)

Height

[6 Feet 2 Inches](#)

Weight

[242 Pounds](#)

Sex

[Male](#)

Hair color

[Blonde](#)

Eye color

[Green](#)



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Driving History

Medical conditions No

ID under different name No

Driving privileges suspended No

Military Service

Served in U.S. military No

Organ Donation

Organ/tissue donor Yes

Voluntary contribution No



Voter Registration

I am a U.S. citizen

[Yes](#)

I meet voter registration requirements

[Yes](#)

I want to

[Update my voter registration](#)

Political party preference

[Other. #DMV PARTY](#)

Election materials language

[English](#)

Vote-By-Mail in All Elections

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Text/email election information

[Yes](#)

Email

Test@dmv.ca.gov

Phone

[800-777-0133](tel:800-777-0133)

Proposed Changes to the DMV eDL44 Process

In 2023 and 2024, the Motor Voter Task Force provided recommended changes for the online driver's license application (eDL44) process to enhance voter registrants' experience with the motor voter automatic voter registration process. The changes were approved in October 2023 by the Task Force, SOS, and DMV. In April of 2024, the Task Force re-visited the previously approved changes and suggested only language changes after being informed by the DMV that the previously proposed changes were not feasible due to other DMV priorities and a lack of funding and resources.

Voter Registration opportunity to opt out

- Replace text, "Which best describes you?" with "We can register you to vote or update your registration."
- Add the call out Yellow Warning text, "Selecting this option will keep your voter registration as is." This call out will only appear when the option is selected.

CURRENT

Voter Registration

Which best describes you? *

I want to register to vote.

I am registered to vote and want to update my voter registration information.

⚠ This will overwrite your previous political party preference.

I do not want to register to vote or update my voter registration information.

PROPOSED

Voter Registration

We can register you to vote or update your registration.

I want to register to vote.

I am registered to vote and want to update my voter registration information.

⚠ This will overwrite your previous political party preference.

I do not want to register to vote or update my voter registration information.

⚠ Selecting this option will keep your voter registration as is.

Confirmation and next steps

- Replace text, “This will replace your previous voter preferences” with “Next, select your voting preferences. This will replace your previous preferences.”
- Remove text, “Vote-by-Mail in All Elections
- Add text, “NOTE: You will be able to review your voting preferences and make changes at the end of the transaction before saving them.”

CURRENT

Voter Registration

This will replace your previous voter preferences.

Political party
Choose your political party preference.

Vote-by-Mail in All Elections
All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Language
Choose a language for your election materials.

Contact information
Provide your contact information if you want election officials to contact you about election and voter information.

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Voter Registration

Next, select your voting preferences.
This will replace any previous preferences.

Political party
Choose your political party preference.

Language
Choose a language for your election materials.

Contact information
Provide your contact information if you want election officials to contact you about election and voter information.

NOTE You will be able to review your voting preferences and make changes at the end of the transaction before saving them.

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Information screen for Vote-by- Mail

- Change heading text from “Vote-by-Mail in All Elections” to “Ways to Vote”
- Replace text “All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.” with “All active registered voters are mailed a ballot for every election. You can return your ballot by mail, at an official drop box, or vote in person.

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Vote-by-Mail in All Elections

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

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PROPOSED

Ways To Vote

All active registered voters are mailed a ballot for every election. You can return your ballot by mail, at an official drop box, or vote in person.

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Confirmation

- Remove text and option for “I want to”
- Replace text, “Political party preference” with “My political party preference”
- Replace text, “Election material language” with “I want election material in this language”
- Remove text, Vote-by-mail in all Elections
- Replace text, “Election material language” with “I want election materials in this language”
- Replace text, “Text/email election information” with “I want election information by text or email”
- Replace text, “Email” with “My Email”
- Replace “Phone” with “My phone”
- Add text “The address(es) shown above will be used for voter registration.

CURRENT

Voter Registration	
I am a U.S. citizen	Yes
I meet voter registration requirements	Yes
I want to	Update my voter registration
Political party preference	Other: #DMV PARTY
Election materials language	English
Vote-By-Mail in All Elections	All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for every election. If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.
Text/email election information	Yes
Email	Test@dmv.ca.gov
Phone	800-777-0133

PROPOSED

Voter Registration	
I am a U.S. citizen	Yes
I meet voter registration requirements	Yes
My political party preference	Other: #DMV PARTY
I want election materials in this language	English
I want election information by text or email	Yes
My Email	Test@dmv.ca.gov
My Phone	800-777-0133
The address(es) shown above will be used for voter registration.	



Glossary

Term	Definition
Assembly Bill 1461	<p>Under existing law, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires a state to, among other things, establish procedures to register a person to vote by application made simultaneously with an application for a new or renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license. The federal act requires the motor vehicle driver's license application to serve as an application for voter registration with respect to an election for federal office, unless the applicant fails to sign the application, and requires the application to be considered as updating the applicant's previous voter registration, if any. The federal act defines motor vehicle driver's license to include any personal identification document issued by a state motor vehicle authority.</p>
Assembly Bill 796	<p>Existing state law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to transmit to the Secretary of State specified information related to the person's eligibility to vote, which the person provides when applying for a driver's license or identification card. Existing state law provides that this information transmitted to the Secretary of State constitutes a completed affidavit of voter registration, and the Secretary of State is required to register the person to vote, unless the person affirmatively declines to register to vote or the person is ineligible to vote, or other specified conditions exist. This bill would require a driver's license or identification card application, renewal, or change of address notification, as specified, to include a voter registration application and would require</p>



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	<p>the Department of Motor Vehicles to transmit the application to the Secretary of State according to specified deadlines. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to monitor the timeliness of its transmittals to the Secretary of State, and to provide the Secretary of State information regarding delays and irregularities in its ability to do so. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Secretary of State each to designate an employee to undertake specified responsibilities to ensure compliance with the California New Motor Voter Program and the National Voter Registration Act. The bill would require the Secretary of State to convene a task force that would provide advice and perform other duties with respect to implementing the California New Motor Voter Program.</p>
CAL-ID	<p>The California Identification Card Program provides a valid CAL-ID to eligible incarcerated individuals upon their release from prison in accordance with California Penal Code Section 3007.05.</p>
DL410	<p>California DMV form for renewing a driver's license or identification card by mail.</p>
DMV Form DL 44	<p>Application for a driver's license by a person who has never been licensed before. It is also used to apply for a commercial driver's license if you have never had one before.</p>
DMV Related Change Requests (CR)	<p>Change Requests initiated to provide voters easier access & the ability to register to vote successfully through DMV provided services.</p>
DMV14	<p>Notice of Change of Address form that can be used to update address information for a driver's license or ID card, or to change the address for a vehicle or vessel.</p>



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Driver License Internet Renewal (DLIR)	The electronic online driver's license and ID card application (eDL44) process enables an applicant to complete the application before visiting a DMV field office. DMV employees can quickly access the completed form and begin processing.
Elections Code Section 2268	States that if a person who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of the California New Motor Voter Program in the absence of a violation by that person of Section 18100, then that person's voter registration shall be presumed to have been affected with official authorization and not the fault of that person.
Elections Code Section 2269	States that if a person who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of the California New Motor Voter Program and votes or attempts to vote in an election held after the effective date of the person's voter registration, then that person shall be presumed to have acted with official authorization and shall not be guilty of fraudulently voting or attempting to vote pursuant to Section 18560, unless that person willfully votes or attempts to vote knowing that they are not entitled to vote.
Elections Code Section 2274	Requires the DMV, in consultation with the SOS, to monitor the timeliness of DMV transmittals on voter registrations to the SOS.
Elections Code Section 2275	To advise the SOS and the DMV on the effectiveness of California's New Motor Voter Program and provide consultation to the SOS and the DMV on the annual report produced by SOS. Furthermore, the Motor Voter Task Force shall convene at least quarterly.
Elections Code Section 2276	Requires that the SOS, in consultation with the DMV and the Motor Voter Task Force,



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	to annually review the effectiveness of the California New Motor Voter Program and draft a written report. The written report shall, at a minimum, include information about trends of voters registering through the California New Motor Voter Program.
Electronic Driver's License Application (eDL44)	This process enables an applicant to complete the application before visiting a DMV field office. DMV employees can quickly access the completed form and begin processing.
GetSignature	Is the call from SOS to DMV's image server to obtain the digitized signature image for voter registrations. The linkage between these two is maintained by the California Department of Technology (CDT). If there are issues at CDT, they are beyond the purview of DMV other than to bring them up as errors and request a resolution.
In-Flight Updates	Are those applied to a system while it is still in operation. In-flight updates are not anticipated to require any downtime and can allow systems to stay online and functional while they're being upgraded.
Kiosk Driver's License Renewal (KDLR)	Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for driver's license renewal.
Kiosk Duplicate Driver's License (KDDL)	Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for a duplicate driver license/ID.
Kiosk Identification Renewal (KIDR)	Self Service Kiosk source that allows customers to apply for Identification card renewal.
MyDMV	An online account that allows users to access personalized DMV services without visiting a local office. Users can create a MyDMV account and opt in to receive vehicle registration and driver's license renewal notices by email.
National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)	Also known as the Motor Voter Act, is a United States federal law signed into law by




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	<p>President Bill Clinton on May 20, 1993, that came into effect on January 1, 1995. The law was enacted under the Elections Clause of the United States Constitution and advances voting rights in the United States by requiring state governments to offer simplified voter registration processes for any eligible person who applies for or renews a driver's license or applies for public assistance and requiring the United States Postal Service to mail election materials of a state as if the state is a nonprofit.</p>
Online Change of Address (ICA)	<p>The Change of Address system allows eligible customers to submit a change of address via the Internet for their California driver license and/or identification card and vehicle(s).</p>
Online Duplicate Driver's License (ODDL)	<p>An online duplicate driver's license is a replacement driver's license that can be requested online when the original card is lost, stolen, damaged, or mutilated.</p>
Renewal by Mail (RBM)	<p>A method for renewing a driver's license in California via the United States Postal Service.</p>
Shovel Process	<p>Internal process by which records are picked up from their originating database (Field Office, Website, etc.) and moved to the SOS database to be release.</p>

Postcards Images

Voter Preference Postcard:



IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION MV1



Congratulations, you are registered to vote!

Thank you for registering to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). We noticed that your application **did not include** additional important voter information, such as your **political party preference** or **language preference** for receiving election materials.

How to Update Your Voter Information:

- Quickly and conveniently re-register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov with a computer or most smart phones, or
- Complete and return a paper voter registration form. Voter registration forms are available at your county elections office, public libraries, post offices, DMV offices, and other state offices. You can also have a form mailed to you by contacting the number listed on this card.

Questions?
Call our office at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or contact your county elections official. You can find your county elections official at www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.





MV1 – VOTER PREFERENCE POSTCARD

This postcard is mailed to a registrant who didn't select a political party, ballot material language preference, or vote by mail preference. If they did not provide a response to one or all three of those fields, we would default the value to "Unknown" for Political Party, "English" for Ballot Material Preference and "No" for Vote by Mail.

People receiving this postcard were registered or had their voter registration updated.

Registration Opportunity Postcards:



IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION MV2

During your recent Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) transaction, the voter registration information you provided was either incomplete or unclear. We could not process your voter registration application.

If you are already registered to vote, no changes were made to your voter registration. To check your voter registration status, please visit our website at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

If you meet the eligibility requirements below and want to register to vote or update your current voter registration, please visit our website at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

To register to vote in California, you must be all of the following:

- A United States citizen, and a resident of California,
- At least 18 years old,



- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

To pre-register to vote in California, you must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old, and
- Meet all of the other requirements to vote.

Once pre-registered, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday.

If you have any questions or would like a paper voter registration card, please contact our office at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or contact your county elections official. You can find your county elections official at www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

MV2 – REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY POSTCARD

This postcard is mailed to DMV customers who renewed or applied for a DL/ID card or changed their address and we were unable to determine if they wanted to register or update their registration. Examples are someone checking "yes" and "no" box for eligibility on a paper form. Another example is if the paper form was destroyed when it was mailed to the DMV. Generally speaking, people who receive these postcards submitted some form of paper documentation to the DMV.

People receiving this postcard were not registered and/or did not have their voter registration record altered.

Data

The data provided is used to generate the numbers and figures in this report.

Figure 1 - Eligible, Registered, and Eligible Unregistered Statistics 7-Year Trend, 2018-2025

Date	Eligible Voters	Registered Voters	Eligible Unregistered Voters
10/20/25	27,211,051	23,093,274	4,117,777
9/5/25	27,202,134	23,061,263	4,140,871
2/10/25	26,927,123	22,900,896	4,026,227
10/21/24	26,912,931	22,595,659	4,317,272
9/6/24	26,907,333	22,310,352	4,596,981
7/5/24	26,899,157	22,171,899	4,727,258
2/20/24	26,638,018	22,077,333	4,560,685
1/5/24	26,649,323	22,077,412	4,571,911
10/3/23	26,673,525	22,114,456	4,559,069
2/10/23	26,718,486	21,980,768	4,737,718
10/24/22	26,876,800	21,940,274	4,936,526
9/2/22	26,886,905	21,885,545	5,001,360
5/23/22	26,911,669	21,941,212	4,970,457
4/8/22	26,948,297	22,004,006	4,944,291
3/11/22	26,958,335	22,038,154	4,920,181
1/4/22	26,976,858	22,005,243	4,971,615
8/30/21	24,819,858	22,057,154	2,762,704
7/16/21	24,834,943	22,078,290	2,756,653
2/10/21	25,166,581	22,154,304	3,012,277
10/19/20	25,090,517	22,047,448	3,043,069
9/4/20	25,082,189	21,240,236	3,841,953
7/3/20	25,060,169	20,921,513	4,138,656
2/18/20	25,251,216	20,660,465	4,590,751
1/3/20	25,236,113	20,428,270	4,807,843
10/1/19	25,205,690	20,328,636	4,877,054
2/10/19	25,259,865	19,978,449	5,281,416

10/22/18	25,200,451	19,696,371	5,504,080
9/7/18	25,176,403	19,086,589	6,089,814
5/21/18	25,119,238	19,023,417	6,095,821
4/6/18	25,131,391	18,854,829	6,276,562
1/2/18	25,076,348	18,980,481	6,095,867

Figure 2

Registrations by Method	2025
New Motor Voter	5,130,745
COVR	318,824
Paper	309,526
Grand Total	5,759,095

Figures 3, 4, 5, 6 - Registrations 7-Year Trend, 2018-2025

Registrations by Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New Pre-Registrations	79,473	122,810	86,370	141,280	117,637	120,434	107,425	110,823
New Registrations	686,466	1,107,918	855,111	835,298	737,040	690,714	685,798	696,758
Updated Registrations	1,947,614	3,467,968	3,270,372	3,374,494	3,140,475	3,620,165	3,902,856	4,323,164
Total	2,713,553	4,698,696	4,211,853	4,351,072	3,995,152	4,431,313	4,696,079	5,132,770

Figures 7 – Motor Voter Registration by Party Preference for 2025

Registrations by Party Preference	2025
American Independent	262,806
Democratic	2,309,323
Green	28,133
Libertarian	54,721
Peace and Freedom	41,580
Republican	1,327,748
Other (All other parties)	37,354
No Party Preference	1,050,398
NULL	18,473

Figures 8 - Registration by Sources and Party Preference for 2025

Registrations by Party Preference	Motor Voter	Paper	COVR
American Independent	5.1%	3.8%	5.2%
Democratic	45.0%	43.5%	46.3%
Green	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
Libertarian	1.1%	0.7%	0.9%
Peace and Freedom	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Republican	25.9%	17.3%	15.0%
Other (All other parties)	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%
No Party Preference	20.5%	30.4%	30.0%
NULL	0.4%	2.2%	0.0%
Percent Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Figures 9, 10 - Registrations by Age Groups for 2025

Registrations by Age Groups	2025
16-17	124,344
18-21	441,579
22-30	925,705
31-40	959,723
41-50	735,793
51-60	719,770
61-70	685,089
71-80	403,061
80+	135,681

Figures 11, 12 - DMV Source Records Processed

DMV Source Records Processed	2025
Electronic DL Renewal (FO/eDL44)	4,717,279
Online DL Renewal (DLIR)	2,164,618
Online Change of Address (ICA)	1,599,919
Renewal by Mail (RBM)	290,545
Paper Renewal (Home Print Form 410)	3,836
Paper Change of Address (COA/DMV14)	77,429
Online Duplicate Driver's License (ODDL)	587,053
Kiosk Duplicate Driver's License (KDDL)	39,839
Kiosk Driver's License Renewal (KDLR)	31,493
Kiosk Identification Renewal (KIDR)	2,535

Figure 13 - Opt-Out of Registrations, 7-Year Trend, 2018-2025

Opt-Out of Registrations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Opt-out, eligible but already registered	1,219,134	2,910,596	2,488,553	2,740,553	2,473,595	2,591,914	2,726,221	3,273,078
Opt-out, eligible and not registered	772,343	1,486,195	1,094,638	1,211,156	1,047,943	922,024	886,054	1,018,395
DMV Transactions Processed	4,967,695	9,625,170	8,130,870	8,575,073	7,781,410	8,207,144	8,464,252	9,514,546

Figure 14 - Opt-Out Registrations for 2025

Opt-Out for 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Opt-out of eligible but already registered	262,107	245,099	265,913	339,521	307,316	302,986	298,305	266,864	261,626	260,391	209,181	253,769
Opt-out of eligible and not registered	80,692	77,252	83,366	101,654	91,056	96,433	97,947	88,597	83,253	80,404	61,952	75,789
DMV Transactions Processed	768,221	713,463	767,321	951,985	851,022	874,163	885,458	798,849	791,181	766,160	608,204	738,519

Figures 15, 16 - Assembly Bill 796 Metrics for 2025 (Elections Code section 2274)

Month	Records delivered more than 10 days after Acceptance	DMV letters sent to customers because their record could not be processed and delivered to SOS within 10 days
Jan	109	114
Feb	49	107
Mar	111	118
Apr	60	140
May	34	155
Jun	35	120
Jul	65	125
Aug	78	92
Sep	61	107
Oct	65	88
Nov	46	30
Dec	42	101

Figure 17 - Language Preferences for 2025

Language	Total DMV Transactions (*includes Ineligible)	Total Voter Language Preference on Opt-In Transactions
English	14,882,784	5,065,905
Spanish	533,270	100,287
Hindi	1,246	87
Japanese	3,104	598
Khmer	476	121
Korean	26,804	10,120
Chinese	64,171	13,884
Tagalog	1,962	642
Thai	1,725	625
Vietnamese	32,361	11,292
2025 totals	15,547,903	5,203,561

Figure 18 – SOS Outreach in 2025

Month (For 2025)	Voter Preferences Postcard	Registration Opportunity Postcard
Jan	2,719	1,228
Feb	2,542	1,231
Mar	2,554	1,314
Apr	2,582	1,597
May	1,835	1,026
Jun	1,887	1,004
Jul	2,807	1,411
Aug	1,896	1,039
Sep	1,819	955
Oct	2,245	1,089
Nov	1,621	882
Dec	1,640	781
Total	26,147	13,557