



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Central Voter Registry

Report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means

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This report is being submitted as required by Item 0521-0001 of the budget, which requires “the secretary of the commonwealth shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing voter registration activity and a breakdown, by region, of active voters in the commonwealth.”

The Voter Registration Information System (VRIS) was originally developed in response to the National Voter Registration Act of 1995 (also known as 'Motor Voter') and implementing state legislation (General Laws chapter 51, section 47C) and regulations (950 CMR § 58.00 et seq). It has since been modified to accommodate the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and other requirements set forth in state laws subsequently enacted.

VRIS is the statewide database of registered voters and residents on which all cities and towns in Massachusetts are required to maintain certain voting and election related information. VRIS also is used for maintenance of local census information, which is collected by municipal election officials in accordance with section 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws. VRIS also includes election administration functionality and election result reporting. VRIS supports over 1,000 users in each of the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth through operation of a Help Desk.

This Office provides training for local election officials virtually and through presentations made at conferences of the Massachusetts City and Town Clerks' Associations on using the system to comply with state and federal laws, including processing vote by mail applications and conducting voter list maintenance.

The data included in this report covers calendar year 2025.

VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Registered Voters by Active or Inactive Status

Registration Status	Voters
Active	4,255,030
Inactive	878,664
TOTAL	5,133,694

Applications Received in 2025 by Registration Mode

Registration Mode	Applications
Mail	11,954
In Person	10,668
Online	55,837
Automatic Voter Registration ¹	1,914,471
Registry of Motor Vehicles (excluding AVR)	121,165
Public Assistance Agencies ²	5,604
State Funded Agencies ³	80
Agencies Designated by State ⁴	1,376
Information Not Available/Other	544
TOTAL	2,121,699

Applications Accepted in 2025 by Registration Mode

Registration Mode	Applications
Mail	11,603
In Person	10,511
Online	50,028
Automatic Voter Registration	1,486,670
Registry of Motor Vehicles (excluding AVR)	113,922
Public Assistance Agencies	4,571
State Funded Agencies	76
Agencies Designated by State	691
Information Not Available/Other	512
TOTAL	1,678,584

¹ Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) is conducted when a U.S. citizen submits a driver's license or permit application through the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) and through qualifying MassHealth and Massachusetts HealthConnector applications and renewals.

² Public Assistance Agencies are Department of Transitional Assistance, WIC, and MassHealth.

³ State Funded Agencies are the Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Commission for the Blind, and MassRehab, Department of Mental Health, Department of Developmental Services, Massachusetts Health Connector.

⁴ Agencies Designated by State are the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Boston Office, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Southeastern Office, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Western Office, and the Massachusetts Archives.

Duplicate Applications⁵ Received in 2025 by Registration Mode

Registration Mode	Applications
Mail	200
In Person	106
Online	4,867
Automatic Voter Registration	416,818
Registry of Motor Vehicles (excluding AVR)	5,358
Public Assistance Agencies	824
State Funded Agencies	1
Agencies Designated by State	511
Information Not Available/Other	23
TOTAL:	428,708

Applications Rejected in 2025 by Registration Mode

Registration Mode	Applications
Mail	151
In Person	51
Online	942
Automatic Voter Registration	10,983
Registry of Motor Vehicles (excluding AVR)	1,885
Public Assistance Agencies	209
State Funded Agencies	3
Agencies Designated by State	174
Information Not Available/Other	9
TOTAL:	14,407

Confirmation Notices Sent and Returned in 2025

Pursuant to section 37A of chapter 51 of the General Laws, local election officials are required to send a Confirmation Notice to any voter who fails to respond to the annual street listing and is being moved from the active voting list to the inactive voting list.

In 2025, local election officials sent 926,437 confirmation notices. Of those notices sent to inactive voters, 149,208 notices were returned.

⁵ Duplicate Registration is defined as a person who completed a voter registration form or AVR-qualified application who was already registered with the same name and address as the one listed on their application.

Registrants Deleted from Registration Lists in 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of section 38 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, local election officials cannot delete a voter from the voting list unless:

- the voter has died;
- they have received a duplicate copy of an affidavit of registration from the registrars of another city or town;
- they have received a change of address notification from the registry of motor vehicles;
- they have received a written request from the voter or the voter has confirmed in writing that he has moved to another city or town; or
- the voter has not responded to the confirmation notice and has not voted in the next two biennial state elections following the mailing of such notice.

Reason for Deletion	Registrations
Moved	211,545
Deceased	44,205
Disqualified	123
Inactivity	64,528
Request by Voter	4,384
Duplicate	23,704
In Response to Confirmation Notice	9,946
Administrative Error	1,010
TOTAL	359,445

Pre-Registrations in 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of section 47A of chapter 51 of the General Laws, persons who are otherwise qualified to vote (U.S. citizen and Massachusetts resident) and who are at least 16 years old can pre-register to vote. Upon turning 18, they are added to the list of registered voters.

In 2025, **69,941** citizens who were 16 or 17 years old were certified as pre-registrants. Upon turning 18 years old, **60,669** pre-registrants were certified as registered voters in 2025.