

Table 8-3 Voter Turnout in Southern and Nonsouthern States

\hat{y}	=	\hat{a}	+	\hat{b}	(x)
Estimated turnout	=	Estimated turnout when South is 0	+	Mean change in turnout	(South)
Estimated turnout	=	46.34	+	-9.44	(South)
Standard error of \hat{b}				1.98	
t -statistic				-4.78	
P -value				.000	
Adjusted R -square = .31					

Sources: Turnout is the percentage of the voting eligible population in the 2006 elections, calculated by Michael McDonald, Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., and made available through his Web site: http://elections.gmu.edu/voter_turnout.htm. The independent variable is based on the definition of census regions: www.census.gov/geo/www/us_regdiv.pdf.