

# Reporter's questions to build baseline data for a jurisdiction for Election 2020

Goal: build a Reporter Template to capture the basic outline of a registration and voting system in a jurisdiction, with figures of merit.

Whether it's a high school student body election, a school board election, a city council election, a congressional election, or a Presidential election, common elements enable comparisons and rankings.

How can a reporter build a picture quickly, for any jurisdiction?

Core question	Basic Answer	Figure of Merit	Example
Who could vote?	Geography; age; citizenship; status (felon,service member)	Eligible/Total population; Registered/Eligible; Voted/Registered ; <b>VEP is best:</b> excludes non-citizen(8.3%, or 21M), felons(3.1M), in-prison(1.4M), parole(.5M), probation(2.1M)	(VAP) Voting Age Population -> (CVAP) Citizen Voting Age Population -> (VEP)Voting Eligible Population (exclude in-prison ,felons, parole, probation,non-citizens;add overseas) : VAP.2016: 250.1M ->VEP.2016: 230.6M; VAP.2018 255.1M -> VEP.2018 235.7M
Who was registered to vote?			<b>REG.2018: 211 million</b>
How many applied for registration between 2016 and 2018?			<b>80 M</b>
How many			

registrations were denied?			
How many registered voters were purged from the list between elections?			Purge.2018 : 17 M
Do you have Election Day Registration (EDR) or Same Day Reg (SDR)? How many used it?			EDR.2018 800,0000 ; 50% of states
Do you have online registration?			75% of states
Who did vote?	Geography; age; citizenship; status (felon,service member)	Voted/Eligible; Percent by age; by party; by sex; by renter/owner; by race; by occupation Higher percentage is better	Total Vote / VEP; Presidential.2016: 138.6 M ; Congressional.2018 : 118.6 M / VEP.2018 = 50.3% ; Percent of registered: 118.6/211 = 56%
Who did not vote?		DidNotVote/Eligible; Percent by age; by party; by sex; by renter/owner; by race; by occupation	
How many vote in person?			
How many			

vote by mail or absentee?			
How many Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee (UOCAVA) voted?			UOCAVA.2018: 350,000
How many vote early?			
How many polling places?			2018: 200,000 polling places
How many poll workers?			2018: 600,000 poll workers
How many pieces of voting equipment deployed?			2018: 300,000 (EAC must be wrong, that's only 2 scanners or voting machines per polling place)
How are boundaries decided?	How we measure fairness, balance. Who designed boundaries. How. Who accepted boundaries. Who can change them.	Percent by party; by race; by sex; by turnout	

How do voters register?	<p>Process to apply; process to determine if applicant meets criteria; how are applicants notified? What is process of appeal?</p>	<p>Time; cost; availability or barriers to registration; percent rejected</p>	
How are ineligible registrants purged?	<p>Number of dead per district per year, Number of changed address or name; decided by what process? How to appeal?</p>	<p>Percent per year; error rate;</p>	
How are purged registrants notified?	<p>How soon after decision? How informed of appeal process?</p>		
How are registration records made public?	<p>Open access</p>	<p>Cost; time;</p>	

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What voter data is available to campaigns? to the public? to the press?	All collected data fields are available; free; within 1 day of official DB update; online	cost; timeliness; accuracy
What are all the collected data fields? What is the data schema for registrants? What unique identifier allows individual comparison between voter and other official databases?		
Who decided what data to collect? How can that decision be changed?		
Who can change a voter registration record? What audit trail of changes is maintained? How may inaccurate changes be challenged? by the voter? by others?		

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Do you have post-election audit?			<a href="#">PostAudit.2018: 80% of states</a>
How does it work?			
Do you use Risk Limiting Audits?			
Do you know what they are?			

- Behavioral modeling
- Social media targeting
- Advertising models
- Money flow
- Information flow
- Building journalistic competence
  - Numeracy

- Levels of involvement
- High school Journalism
- College journalism
- Journalism schools