

# Historical Voter Registration & Participation in Statewide Primary Elections 1980-2016

Primary Date	Registration						Votes Cast		
	Eligible	Democratic	Republican	Other	No Party Preference*	Total	Total Votes	Turnout Registered	Turnout Eligible
June 3, 1980 P	15,258,000	5,786,806	3,703,515	245,103	959,236	10,694,660	6,774,184	63.34%	44.40%
June 8, 1982	15,859,000	5,853,273	3,867,531	267,294	1,099,064	11,087,162	5,846,026	52.73%	36.86%
June 5, 1984 P	16,457,000	6,142,820	4,047,509	250,109	1,089,331	11,529,769	5,609,063	48.65%	34.08%
June 3, 1986	17,357,000	6,181,719	4,566,785	366,591	1,091,537	12,206,632	4,937,941	40.45%	28.45%
June 7, 1988 P	18,917,000	6,380,397	4,782,248	267,047	1,107,515	12,537,207	6,037,468	48.16%	31.92%
June 5, 1990	19,133,000	6,453,186	5,072,331	249,873	1,206,039	12,981,429	5,386,545	41.49%	28.15%
June 2, 1992 P	19,180,000	6,581,888	5,242,805	435,572	1,308,983	13,569,248	6,439,629	47.46%	33.58%
June 7, 1994	18,946,000	6,924,121	5,261,009	459,884	1,526,397	14,171,411	4,966,827	35.05%	26.22%
March 26, 1996 P	19,326,000	6,849,330	5,373,746	697,203	1,603,084	14,523,363	6,081,777	41.88%	31.47%
June 2, 1998	20,653,000	6,830,530	5,225,686	685,871	1,863,590	14,605,677	6,206,618	42.49%	30.05%
March 7, 2000 P	21,220,772	6,684,668	5,140,951	773,523	2,032,663	14,631,805	7,883,385	53.88%	37.15%
March 5, 2002	21,507,390	6,873,476	5,354,358	798,155	2,254,819	15,280,808	5,286,204	34.59%	24.58%
March 2, 2004 P	21,887,894	6,518,631	5,364,832	727,658	2,480,039	15,091,160	6,684,421	44.29%	30.54%
June 6, 2006	22,542,844	6,685,288	5,387,865	704,313	2,890,973	15,668,439	5,269,142	33.63%	23.37%
February 5, 2008 P	22,948,059	6,749,406	5,229,425	690,758	3,043,164	15,712,753	9,068,415	57.71%	39.52%
June 3, 2008	23,033,970	7,053,860	5,244,394	696,849	3,128,684	16,123,787	4,550,227	28.22%	19.75%
June 8, 2010	23,453,690	7,553,109	5,228,320	771,852	3,423,750	16,977,031	5,654,993	33.31%	24.11%
June 5, 2012 P	23,713,027	7,442,921	5,186,492	869,678	3,654,608	17,153,699	5,328,296	31.06%	22.47%
June 3, 2014	24,192,752	7,692,670	5,036,610	1,243,511	3,749,215	17,722,006	4,461,346	25.17%	18.44%
June 7, 2016 P	24,783,789	8,029,130	4,888,771	819,504	4,177,648	17,915,053	8,548,301	47.72%	34.49%

**Notes**

\*Known as "Decline to State" before 2011 when the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act took effect.

\*\*Indicates information not available.

P indicates a presidential primary election.

The first statewide record of party affiliations was reported in 1922.

In 1911, women were given the right to vote in California.

In 1972, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.