

## AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTING FACT SHEET

### U.S. Voter Turnout 2000-2006

Year	Voting-age population	Voter registration	Voter turnout	% Voter Turnout
2006	226,570,423	N/A	85,724,135	41.3%
<b>2004</b>	<b>221,256,931</b>	<b>174,800,000</b>	<b>122,294,978</b>	<b>55.3%</b>
2002	215,473,000	150,990,598	79,830,119	37.0
<b>2000</b>	<b>205,815,000</b>	<b>156,421,311</b>	<b>105,586,274</b>	<b>51.3</b>

Source: 2000-2004 numbers are from the Federal Election Commission. Data drawn from Congressional Research Service reports, Election Data Services Inc., and State Election Offices. 2006 numbers are from 2006 Voting-Age and Voting-Eligible Population Estimates [http://elections.gmu.edu/Voter\\_Turnout\\_2006.htm](http://elections.gmu.edu/Voter_Turnout_2006.htm)

### The Black Vote

#### Midterm

In 2006 Black voters turned out at slightly higher rates than in 2002, principally reflecting an overall small increase across all groups equally. According to exit polls the black share of the 2006 vote was 10 percent (Source: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 2006).

#### Presidential

	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black
<b>2006</b>		
Registered	71%	61%
Voted	72%	67%
<b>2004</b>		
Registered	74%	64%
Voted	66%	56%
<b>2000</b>		
Registered	70%	64%
Voted	60%	54%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Table A-6. Reported Voting and Registration for Total and Citizen Voting-Age Population: Presidential Elections 1980-2004; Pew Hispanic Center analysis of the Current Population Survey.

African American youth voter turnout (age 18-24) was 34% in 2000 and 44% in 2004; for white youth (18-24) it was 33% and 43%, respectively (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division)