

NORTH CAROLINA



2012 Election Snapshot

Good policy depends on good data. To help states achieve an election system with the highest standards of accuracy, cost-effectiveness, convenience, and security, The Pew Charitable Trusts' election initiatives team took a detailed look at each state's 2012 election data and uncovered the story behind the numbers.

VOTING-ELIGIBLE POPULATION = VEP

6,970,868 VEP in state

5,295,000 Registered voters*

76% of VEP

4,539,729 Turnout

65.1% of VEP

2,762,334 Early voters**

7.4% by mail **92.6%** in person

AVERAGE WAIT
TO VOTE



ABSENTEE AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

205,078 ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST

51,192 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST

REJECTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

REJECTED PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

2,237

ballots
rejected

0%

of all
ballots cast

1.1%

of absentee
ballots cast

27,830

ballots
rejected

0.6%

of all
ballots cast

54.4%

of provisional
ballots cast

NOTES

*Registered voter data are from the U.S. Census Bureau November 2012 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement.

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/publications/p20/2012/Table04a.xls>.

**Early-voting data include domestic absentee ballots cast by mail and ballots cast early in person on voting machines. Some states allow in-person absentee voting, and those ballots are included in the by-mail voting data. In North Carolina, 2,557,256 ballots were cast early in person.