

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY



2022 FINAL REPORT

CELEBRATING

10

YEARS



A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARIES OF STATE

In 2012, a group of democracy-dedicated organizations and election officials put their heads together to answer a seemingly simple question: how can we ensure more eligible voters are registered to vote and ready to actively participate in our nation's democracy?

The proposed solution: National Voter Registration Day.

Over the past ten years National Voter Registration Day has become far more than a run-of-the-mill observance on a calendar. With the help of thousands of volunteers and partners ranging from Fortune 500s and Silicon Valley tech giants to public libraries and local food pantries, National Voter Registration Day and its annual 24-hour, coast-to-coast civic action blitz has spent the last decade turning the grassroots activism of clipboards and conversations into registered voters – over FIVE MILLION registered voters to be exact.

As you'll see, the 10-year anniversary celebration of National Voter Registration Day boasted not only record-breaking partner recruitment and sponsorships, but also the beginnings of a welcome return of face-to-face voter outreach after two years of social distancing driven by the pandemic.

As we look ahead to the next decade of democracy work, this report stands as a living testimony to the sponsors, partners, volunteers, state and local election officials, and, of course, voters who make this critical work possible.

Sincerely,

Michael Adams, Secretary of State, Kentucky
Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota



Michael Adams,
Secretary of State,
Kentucky (R)



Steve Simon,
Secretary of State,
Minnesota (D)



THE WORK OF DEMOCRACY IS NEVER FINISHED

As the first national election to take place since the record-breaking voter registration efforts and historic voter turnout of 2020, National Voter Registration Day set out in 2022 with the goal of sustaining the drumbeat of enthusiastic voter engagement. **Because high levels of voter participation should be the norm!**

With zero intention of resting on our laurels, we knew we had to help voters get registered again in 2022. While voters registered in historic numbers during the 2020 cycle, a lot changes in two years. Scores of new and former voters moved across town or across the country, changed their names, turned 18, and became citizens – triggering the need to register or re-register. Furthermore, the post-2020 changes to state voting laws across the country meant that many previously-registered voters may have suddenly found themselves needing to take additional action to maintain that active voter status.



2022 also marked the gradual return of in-person voter engagement work following two years of COVID-driven social distancing. While 2020 and 2021 made clear that virtual voter registration events could be incredibly successful, **on the ground, face-to-face engagement work that meets voters where they are remains the strongest asset in our civic toolbox.** We look forward to the continued return of face-to-face work in the years ahead.



THANK YOU TO OUR PREMIER SPONSORS

This year, 21 of our Premier Partners also supported the holiday with financial gifts. We call this special group our “**Premier Sponsors**” and in 2022 there were more of them supporting the holiday than ever before!



PREMIER PARTNERS

In 2022 a record-breaking number of Premier Partners stepped up to lend their efforts to our goal to get every eligible American #VoteReady for the 2022 midterms. Composed of Fortune 500s, social media giants, companies from virtually every major industry, and nationwide nonprofits and civic organizations, the National Voter Registration Day 2022 coalition represented the best America has to offer working hand in hand for the cause of our democracy.

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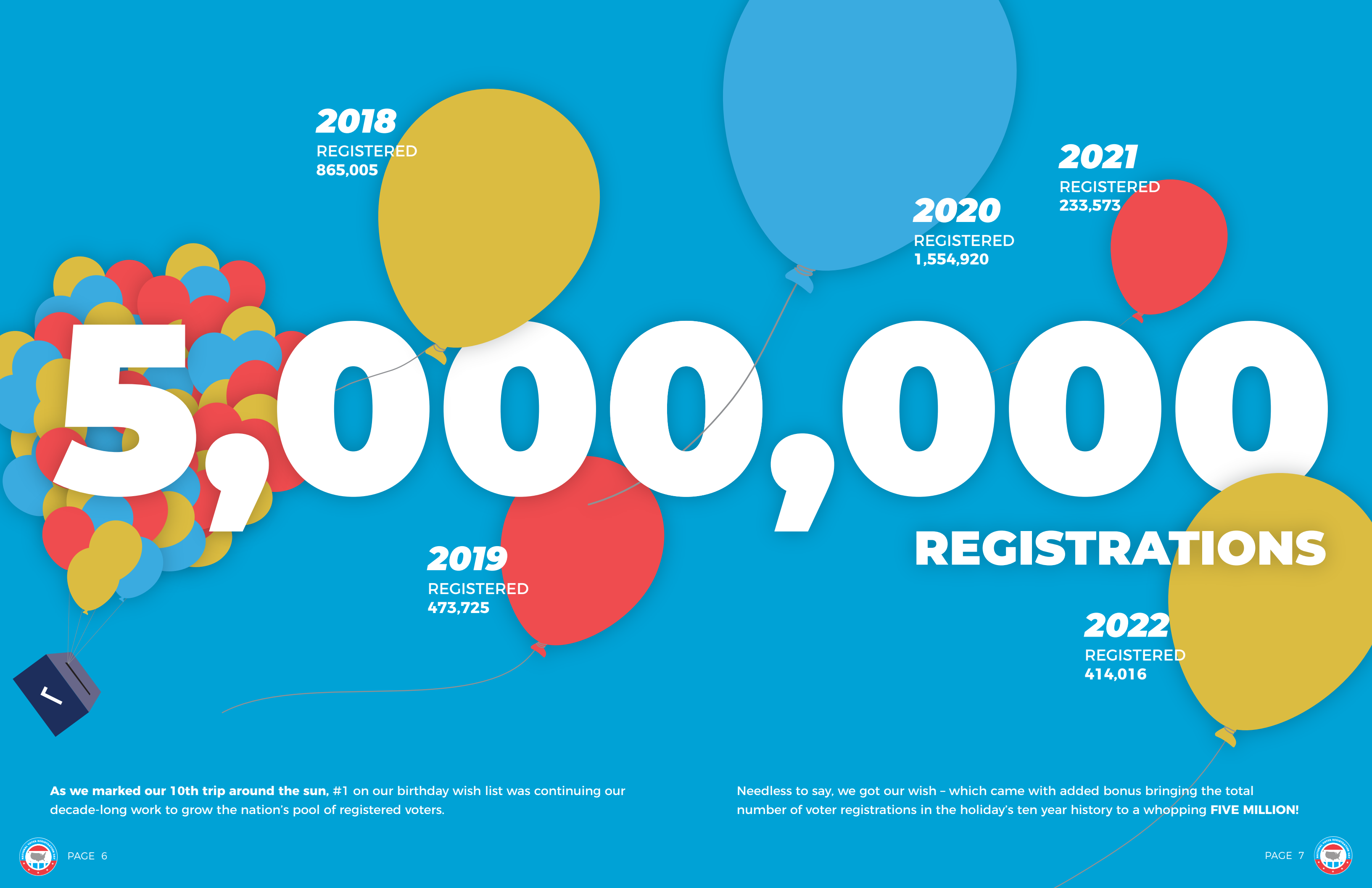
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As we marked our 10th trip around the sun, #1 on our birthday wish list was continuing our decade-long work to grow the nation's pool of registered voters.

Needless to say, we got our wish – which came with added bonus bringing the total number of voter registrations in the holiday's ten year history to a whopping **FIVE MILLION!**



ELECTION OFFICIAL STORIES

So much of the magic that is National Voter Registration Day happens out in the community up close and personal with potential voters. Lucky for us, America's Secretaries of State and election officials from across the nation were right in the thick of it championing the holiday's shared efforts.



West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner (R) discussing civic engagement with Buffalo High School seniors on National Voter Registration Day 2022

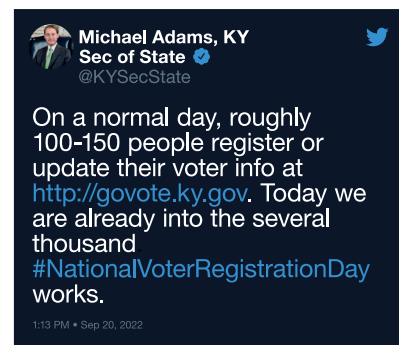


New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way @SecretaryWay

What a great day at @TCNJ kicking off the 5th Annual New Jersey Ballot Bowl on #NationalVoterRegistrationDay 27 NJ campuses are competing to see who can register the most voters and get the most commitments to vote this fall! Learn more at <http://ballotbowl.nj.gov>



Secretary Michael Watson @MichaelWatsonMS
Loved visiting students across the state for #NationalVoterRegistrationDay It's great to see young Mississippians with different political views come together to educate & register voters. Grateful for their leadership! #YallVote



Michael Adams, KY Sec of State @KYSecState
On a normal day, roughly 100-150 people register or update their voter info at <http://govote.ky.gov>. Today we are already into the several thousand #NationalVoterRegistrationDay works.



Office of the Connecticut Secretary of the State @CTSotS
This morning Secretary Kohler celebrated #NationalVoterRegistrationDay by awarding several great advocates of voting rights and democracy with National Association of Secretaries of the State Medallion Awards



New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D) in Taos, NM with voter registration agents on National Voter Registration Day 2022

KEY ELECTION ENDORSERS

From Secretaries of State and state election directors to town clerks and poll workers, state and local election officials are the cornerstone of our voting process. And in 2022, we were proud the holiday is once again endorsed by the organizations representing those hard-working heroes of our democracy.

National Association of Secretaries of State



National Association of State Election Directors



U.S. Election Assistance Commission



National Association of Election Officials



Special thanks to the **National Association of State Election Directors (NASED)** for their vital assistance in gathering the voter registration totals that allow us to measure the holiday's reach and impact



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

In May of 2022, we put out the call for Community Partners to help get Americans #VoteReady in every corner of the country. Trust us when we say the community DID NOT disappoint, with a record-breaking **4,211 organizations** of every size and shape signing up to celebrate democracy from coast to coast on September 20th!

Thankfully we always make sure to have enough birthday cake on hand for everyone on our guest list.

**>19,000
VOLUNTEERS**



20% FIRST TIME DOING
VOTER REGISTRATION



63% PARTNERS SERVING BIPOC OR
LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES

4,211 PARTNERS
INCLUDING



136 ELECTION OFFICES
& LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

170 SORORITIES &
FRATERNITIES

492 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES,
HIGH SCHOOLS &
STUDENT GROUPS

536 LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS

753 LIBRARIES



IN THEIR OWN WORDS



Panhellenic Association, Chattanooga, TN

“All 19 branches and our bookmobile promoted National Voter Registration Day and assisted customers with registration.”

– Baltimore County Public Library, MD



National Coalition of 100 Black Women and League of Women Voters, Chattanooga, TN



Pulaski County Special School District in Little Rock, Arkansas

“We had an awesome National Voter Registration Day! We served a lot of low income families in the community... Everyone enjoyed the DJ playing great music with a variety of cultures.”

– Community Unity Diversity, GA

“We partnered with the Government Department at El Paso Community College’s Valle Verde campus... We were all happy with the results of this great event!”

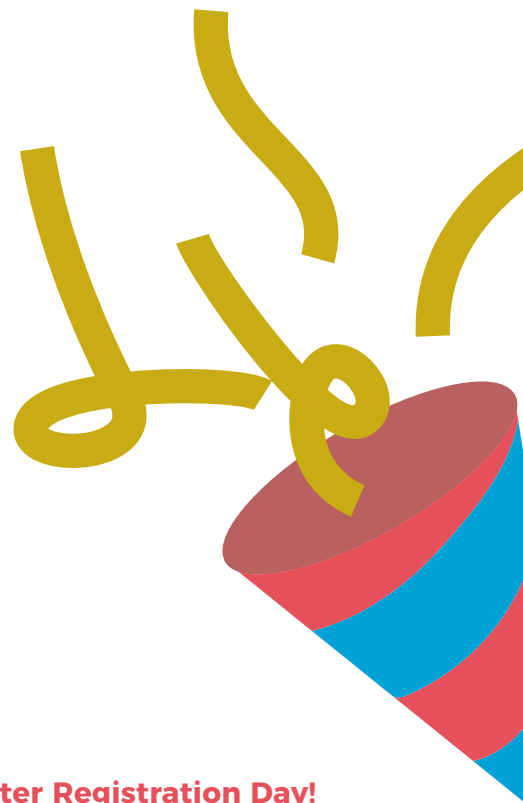
– League of Women Voters of El Paso, TX



League of Women Voters of the Edwardsville Area, IL

“[Our] event was amazing! We started the day at Shadow Ridge High School and collected a ton of voter registration forms from senior classes. We had some mid-day tabling at University of Nevada Las Vegas, and collected voter registration forms from college students. We had our big park event at Desert Breeze Park, which had at least 150 people show up ... Everyone loved the free food, the music, and the petting zoo.”

– Asian Community Development Council, Las Vegas, NV



PRESS

billboard

Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift & More Musicians Encourage Fans to Register to Vote for Midterm Elections

"In celebration of this year's National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday (Sept. 20), Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift and more of the world's biggest musicians are doing their part on social media to encourage fans all over the country to make sure they're ready to vote once midterm elections come around this November."

(Dalley, 2022)

Patch

National Voter Registration Day: What You Need To Do In California

"A nonpartisan civic holiday, National Voter Registration Day encourages Americans to register in time to cast their ballot in November."

(Ludwig, 2022)

The Southern Maryland Chronicle

National Voter Registration Day Event to be held at the U.S. Colored Troops Interpretive Center in Lexington Park

"National Voter Registration Day is dedicated to celebrating democracy by registering as many American voters as possible through collective efforts from volunteers, businesses, and non-profit groups like the Unified Citizens for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), which is the host group for this event."

(Southern Maryland Chronicle News Desk, 2022)



September 20, 2022 is National Voter Registration Day

"Local organizations are collaborating to encourage eligible Delaware County voters to exercise their right to be heard at the ballot box, and National Voter Registration Day is the right day to start by registering."

(Griffin, 2022)

The Daily Tar Heel

NC organizations engage voters on National Voter Registration Day

As the midterm elections approach, organizations in North Carolina are working to get more people to the polls – especially on Tuesday, which was National Voter Registration Day.



(Lewis & Newby, 2022)

UDAILY

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY ON TUESDAY

UD students compete to register voters as part of nonpartisan national civic holiday on Sept. 20



(Atkinson & Wolf,, 2022)



Our 10th anniversary celebration also got its fair share of attention from the media, with National Voter Registration Day 2022 being **heavily covered locally and nationally** in publications both big and small.



Gritty and the Phillie Phanatic help celebrate National Voter Registration Day

"The effort is part of National Voter Registration Day, part of an all-out push to get more Philadelphians signed up to vote."



(MacDonald, 2022)



National Voter Registration Day

"Today (Tuesday) is National Voter Registration Day! If you are registering to vote online in Washington State, all you need is a Washington driver's license, permit or state I.D."



(Flores, 2022)



Thurston hails September 20 National Voter Registration Day

"The Thurston Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) officially proclaimed Tuesday, September 20, National Voter Registration Day. The board said the proclamation shows that Thurston County is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging citizens to register and participate in the elections."

(Medina, 2022)



Thurston hails September 20 National Voter Registration Day

"You know if we don't express that right, if we don't get out and vote, then nothing matters," said Wilks. "People want change, but until you get out there and make the effort to get out and vote, then nothing changes."

(McCardell, 2022)



National Voter Registration Day is September 20

"Government works best when its citizens are active and engaged," said Secretary of State Holli Sullivan. "I encourage all Hoosiers to use this day to make sure they are registered and that their voter information is up to date. Registering only takes a few minutes and can be done online at any time."

(Johnson, 2022)



Democrats, Republicans court Hispanic voters on National Voter Registration Day

On Tuesday, voter drives took place all over the state of Texas to mark National Voter Registration Day, a day devoted to aiding participation in U.S. democracy. For some groups in the Lone Star State, part of that effort is to tap into the political power of Latino voters.

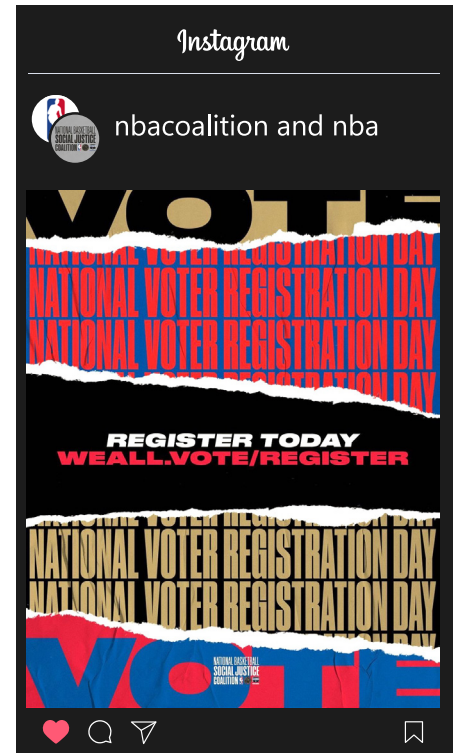
(Diamante, 2022)

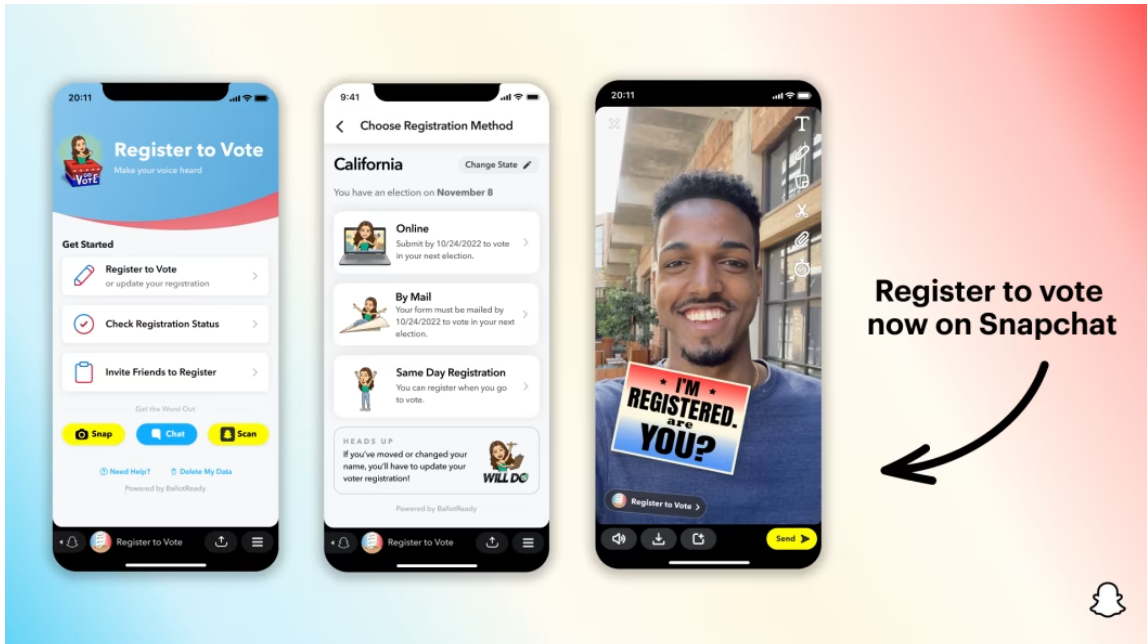


SOCIAL MEDIA

One of the best parts of every National Voter Registration Day is when our partners signal boost voter registration by flooding the social media sphere with a deluge of #VoteReady content, trending #1 nationally and making the holiday impossible to ignore!

Here's just a snippet of some of the great posts our friends put out on this year's big day!





Barack Obama @BarackObama

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy—and, as the late Congressman John Lewis reminded us, our most precious right.

On National Voter Registration Day, take a few minutes to make sure you're registered at [iwillvote.com](https://www.iwillvote.com). Then make a plan to vote.

12:16 PM • Sep 20, 2022

Hamilton @HamiltonMusical

The people are asking to hear your voice! Register to vote today: [Ham4Progress.com](https://www.ham4progress.com) #NationalVoterRegistrationDay

Audrey Wise
PEGGY SCHUYLER-MARIA REYNOLDS
HAM4PROGRESS.COM

10:24 AM • Sep 20, 2022

Fred Rogers Productions
20 September 2022 at 09:41

It's #NationalVoterRegistrationDay! Journey back with Mister Rogers as he shows us how voting booths used to operate. Make sure you are registered to vote in your neighborhood!

Now you're all set to vote.



reddit

UPDATES FROM REDDIT

Are you registered to vote?
It's National Voter Registration Day! First-time voter? Updating after a move? Get registered today.



TIMELINE

As we hit our 10th consecutive celebration of National Voter Registration Day, we look back at some of the highlights

2012 Holiday launches under the leadership of a passionate group of founding partners. Trends for the first time on Twitter following a Tweet from First Lady Michelle Obama



2017 New Steering Committee formed to guide the holiday's work with major media partners, nonprofits, and two Secretaries of State (R and D) ensuring the holiday's continued nonpartisan reputation and success



2014 The holiday recruits over 2,200 partners



The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 21, 2015

Presidential Proclamation -- National Voter Registration Day, 2015

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, 2015

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

2015 National Voter Registration Day earns its first official White House Proclamation. Secretaries of State from both sides of the aisle join the holiday's Steering Committee

2016 Google dedicates its homepage Google Doodle to National Voter Registration Day, while over 770,000 voters registered as part of the holiday



2018 The US Senate passes the first resolution recognizing National Voter Registration Day. Holiday registers over 860,000 voters

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Recognizing September 25, 2018, as "National Voter Registration Day".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to

2019 Poster and sticker translations expanded to 11 total languages, with strong demand as 51% of partners requested non-English materials to support their outreach efforts



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2022 With the help of 4,211 community partners, the holiday reached a lifetime total of 5 million voter registrations in the 10 years since its 2012 founding



2020 All previous records shattered with over 1.5 million voter registrations collected amidst the COVID pandemic and historically high voter interest

2021 Holiday defies convention and nets the most registrations ever during a post-Presidential "off year" election cycle



1,554,920

new or update voter registration
across the country



FINANCIALS

Program Expenses*

Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits	\$ 347,991
Independent Contractors	\$ 50,722
Partner Grants	\$ 145,918
Event Materials and Shipping	\$ 125,353
Communications and Supplies	\$ 25,767
Occupancy and Other Expenses	\$ 32,081
Meeting and Travel	\$ 9,637

Total Expenses **\$ 737,470**

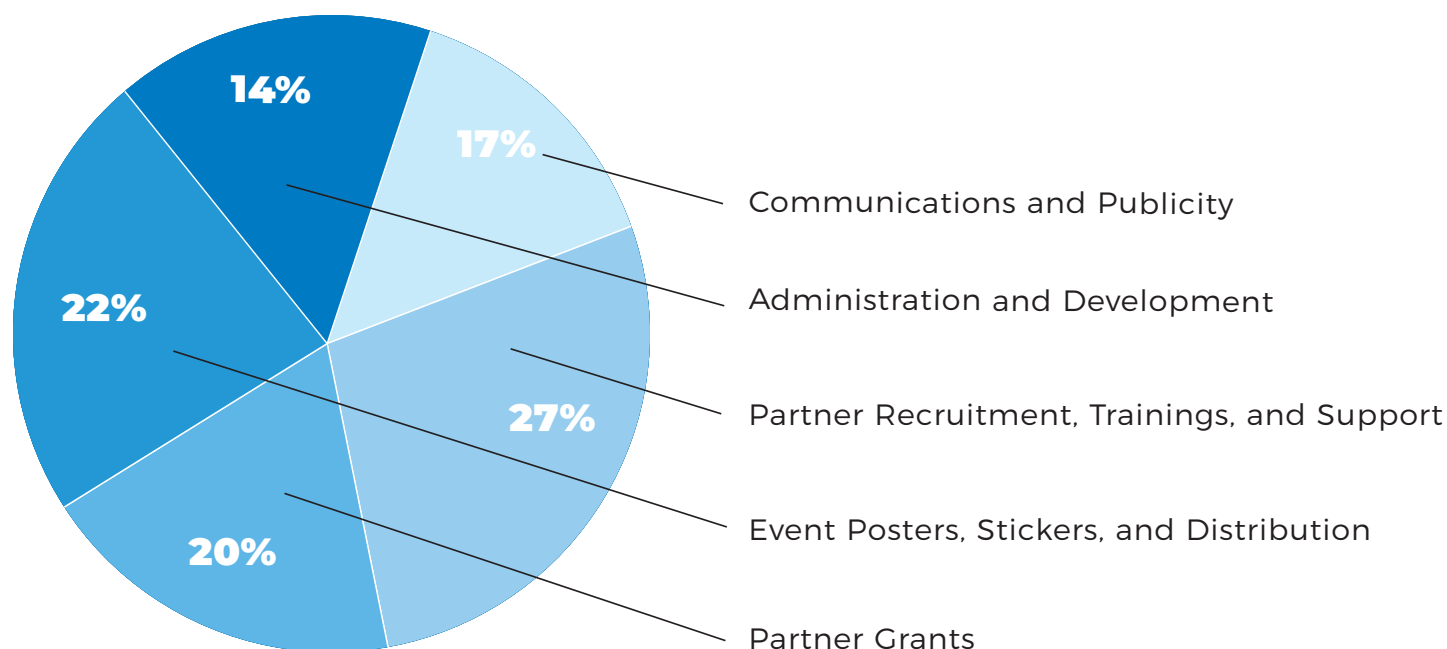
* Unaudited

For tax and charitable filings, see Nonprofit VOTE, the managing partner of National Voter Registration Day.

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We also extend our gratitude to the Premier and Community Partners who supported this year's holiday by way of in-kind contributions of everything from social media ad buys to free pizza and snacks at events. While not included in the numerical financials for 2022, these gifts were crucial to the success that was National Voter Registration Day's 10th anniversary celebration of democracy.

Functional Expenses



2022 Steering Committee Members

Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams (R)
Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon (D)
Amazon Web Services: Tonya Rice
APIA Vote: Christine Chen
Civic Alliance: Natalie Tran
Colorado Division of Elections: Judd Choate
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United Way Worldwide: Lindsay Torrico
Yolo County Elections Department: Armando Salud

*As of September 20, 2022

As the managing partner, Nonprofit VOTE provides core staffing for the collaborative work of National Voter Registration Day

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Digital Support and Tools Provided by:

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Vote.org
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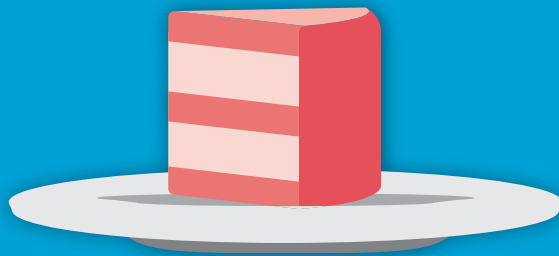


Save the Dates

Thanks for joining us for our 10th birthday celebration!
Be sure to mark your calendars for our **11th and 12th celebrations on September 19, 2023, and September 17, 2024.**

Download the digital version of this report at nationalvoterregistrationday.org/reports





**SEE YOU AGAIN ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**