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1. How many total registered voters in your jurisdiction? 2,956,516

2. How many total registered UOCAVA voters in your jurisdiction?

Uniformed Services = 13

Overseas Civilians = 3,008

Total = 9,421

3. How many total Federal Post Card Applications did you receive (before and after the 45-day deadline) by the following modes of submission?

Uniformed Services (Before 45 days = 25)

Uniformed Services (After 45 days = 0)

Overseas Civilians (Before 45 days = 395)

Overseas Civilians (After 45 days = 0)

Total = 420

a. Postal Mail –

b. Fax - *Data not captured in system using this format.*

c. E-mail - *Data not captured in system using this format.*

d. Online submission - *Data not captured in system using this format.*

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8. How many UOCAVA absentee ballots were transmitted (sent) using the following modes of transmission?

- a. Postal Mail = 2865
- b. Fax = 14
- c. Email = 4,975

9. How many UOCAVA ballots were cast? 6,703

10. How many UOCAVA ballots were returned as undeliverable? 12

11. How many total regular absentee ballots were sent? 399,537

12. How many regular absentee ballots were cast using the following modes of transmission?

- a. Postal Mail = 100,473
- b. Fax = 0
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13. How many regular absentee ballots were rejected?

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14. How many regular absentee ballots were rejected because they were received after the ballot receipt deadline? 5,443

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23. Absentee Ballot Application:

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Even though this grant has expired, the agency has agreed to continue reporting data to FVAP through the 2016 Presidential Election.

1. How many total registered voters in your jurisdiction? 2,881,052

2. How many total registered UOCAVA voters in your jurisdiction?

Uniformed Services = 647

Overseas Civilians = 331

Total = 978

3. How many total Federal Post Card Applications did you receive (before and after the 45-day deadline) by the following modes of submission?

Uniformed Services (Before 45 days = 1)

Uniformed Services (After 45 days = 0)

Overseas Civilians (Before 45 days = 29)

Overseas Civilians (After 45 days = 0)

Total = 27

a. Postal Mail –

b. Fax –

c. E-mail - 26

d. Online submission - 1

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8. How many UOCAVA absentee ballots were transmitted (sent) using the following modes of transmission?
a. Postal Mail = 296
b. Fax = 1
c. Email = 529
9. How many UOCAVA ballots were cast? 684
10. How many UOCAVA ballots were returned as undeliverable? 0
11. How many total regular absentee ballots were sent? 163,749
12. How many regular absentee ballots were cast using the following modes of transmission?
a. Postal Mail = 157,124
b. Fax = 0
c. Email = 0
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The county directors who administer elections in the state have received an overwhelming positive response to the EVAT application. The overall voter turnout

for the November 4, 2014 election in South Carolina was 43.79%. Even with a low turnout, media support has been positive, military service members have contacted their respective county office to make comments on how user friendly the application was, and at no point have we received a plethora of comments for improvements. It has truly benefitted the UOVAVA voter by allowing them to focus on elections for a short period of time, participate in the election process, and move on to mission critical duties.

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- b. Number of new registrations? 55
- c. How many new military registrations? 4
- d. How many new overseas registrations? 1
- e. How many rejected? 109
- f. How many non UOCAVA registrations? 32,205

23. Absentee Ballot Application:

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- b. Number of ballot applications sent via mail *Data not captured in system.*
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- e. Number of ballot applications accessed using online system? 0
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