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2020 Election: Over One Million Ineligible Persons Registered to Vote in California

Despite a lawsuit and resulting efforts to cancel ineligible registrants, California's bloated voter list problems continue.

Santa Clarita, Calif. – A review of California's statewide voter database shows that [13](#) counties have more registered voters than eligible citizens-- totaling over 1 million ineligible registrants-- says Election Integrity Project, California (EIPCa). The overage was calculated by adding together each county's active and inactive-status registrants and comparing the total to the estimated number of eligible citizens from the California Secretary of State's (SOS) website. Both sources are dated February 18, 2020.

Six counties have the most ineligible registrants and contribute most to the one million+ ineligibles count. The full [list](#) includes Imperial, Lassen, Marin, Nevada, Plumas, Santa Clara and Siskiyou counties.

County	Total # Registrants	Total # Eligible Citizens	% of Eligible	# Ineligible Registrants
Los Angeles	7,040,216	6,184,428	114%	855,788
San Diego	2,306,159	2,232,644	103%	73,515
San Mateo	534,316	507,291	105%	27,025
Solano	320,863	294,638	109%	26,225
Santa Cruz	206,585	187,357	110%	19,228
Ventura	563,728	546,938	103%	16,790
Total Six Counties				1,018,571

In 2017-18, EIPCa sued the LA County registrar and California's SOS over similar findings. A settlement was reached in which the state agreed to begin removing millions of ineligible, inactive-status registrants from its rolls. While California counties research the eligibility of their inactive registrants, thousands of new voter registrations have been added through the state's automatic DMV voter registration system, growing the list from eight counties to thirteen. While San Francisco and San Diego counties have made progress by cancelling hundreds of thousands of inactive registrants, new counties joined the list as their new registrations have accelerated.

The one million+ ineligible registrants include inactive registrants (who have not voted in years but are still registered and can vote in any election), persons who've likely died or relocated but remain on the active voter list, and tens of thousands of people who have two or more registrations each. EIPCa cannot quantify how many more are ineligible due to non-citizen status or other reasons.

“One million ineligible registrants allowed to vote opens doors to election crime in the upcoming 2020 election, especially if they’re mailed ballots,” said EIPCa President Linda Paine. “California needs to take immediate action to correct its bloated voter lists.”

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