

13. Voter Information

Overview

Voter information includes voter registration and political party affiliation. The choice of a party generally reflects certain attitudes towards government including relative tolerance for higher taxes, land preservation, and allocation of local government funds. The information made available from voter registration data may provide general guidance to local government in terms of its role in public policy and fiscal matters.

Voter Registration & Political Party Membership

A prospective voter must register with the county clerk in order to vote during an election. A registered voter may or may not choose a political party. The data presented shows the number of registered voters for each party, and party members as a percentage of the total number of registered voters. The accuracy of this data depends on the ability of the county clerk to update their voter rolls and remove those who no longer live at the address where they registered.

NOTE: In the following table, those persons registered to vote are shown as a percent of the total eligible.

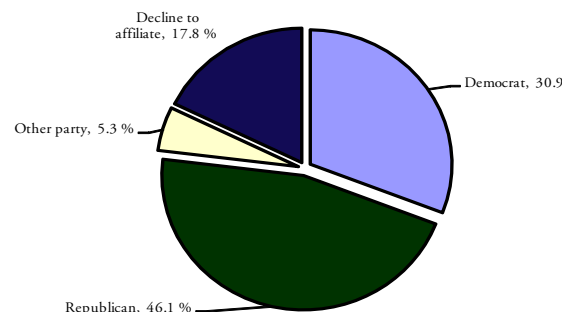
Voter Registration as of January 22, 2008

Political affiliation	Number of people	Percent of total eligibles
Eligible to register	126,891	n/a
Registered to vote	100,551	79.2 %
Democrat	31,044	30.9 %
Republican	46,316	46.1 %
American Independent	2,745	2.7 %
Green	962	1.0 %
Libertarian	673	0.7 %
Peace and Freedom	254	0.3 %
Miscellaneous	680	0.7 %
Decline to affiliate	17,877	17.8 %

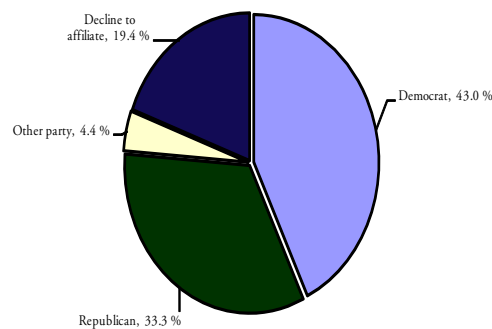
Source: California Secretary of State, Elections Division

People typically choose a political party representing social and economic values close to their own. Therefore, political party membership may allow a business or organization to evaluate whether the community may or may not support particular proposals for development or regulation.

El Dorado County
Political Party Membership, 2008



California
Political Party Membership, 2008



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