

Table 12. Reasons for not Voting, by Sex, Age, Race and Hispanic Origin, and Educational Attainment: November 2002  
(In thousands)

Reasons for not voting	Total non-voting registered population		Sex			
	Number	Percent	Male		Female	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	39,251	100.0	17,622	100.0	21,629	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	5,143	13.1	1,553	8.8	3,590	16.6
Out of town or away from home	4,085	10.4	2,277	12.9	1,808	8.4
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	2,242	5.7	930	5.3	1,311	6.1
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	4,715	12.0	2,217	12.6	2,498	11.5
Too busy, conflicting schedule	10,631	27.1	4,999	28.4	5,631	26.0
Transportation problems	656	1.7	191	1.1	465	2.1
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	2,848	7.3	1,290	7.3	1,558	7.2
Registration problems	1,595	4.1	654	3.7	941	4.4
Bad weather conditions	283	0.7	88	0.5	195	0.9
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	559	1.4	226	1.3	333	1.5
Other reason, not specified	3,544	9.0	1,505	8.5	2,038	9.4
Refused or don't know	2,951	7.5	1,691	9.6	1,260	5.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2002.  
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