

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		Educational Attainment							
			Not high school graduate		High school graduate		Some college		Bachelor's degree or more	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	39,251	100.0	5,430	100.0	13,751	100.0	11,997	100	8,073	100
Illness or disability (own or family's)	5,143	13.1	1,511	27.8	1,890	13.7	1,080	9	661	8.2
Out of town or away from home	4,085	10.4	295	5.4	1,171	8.5	1,458	12.2	1,161	14.4
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	2,242	5.7	371	6.8	893	6.5	636	5.3	342	4.2
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	4,715	12.0	711	13.1	1,971	14.3	1,260	10.5	774	9.6
Too busy, conflicting schedule	10,631	27.1	957	17.6	3,422	24.9	3,610	30.1	2,642	32.7
Transportation problems	656	1.7	193	3.6	257	1.9	151	1.3	54	0.7
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	2,848	7.3	339	6.2	1,131	8.2	847	7.1	531	6.6
Registration problems	1,595	4.1	128	2.4	395	2.9	549	4.6	523	6.5
Bad weather conditions	283	0.7	61	1.1	145	1.1	47	0.4	31	0.4
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	559	1.4	58	1.1	187	1.4	190	1.6	122	1.5
Other reason, not specified	3,544	9.0	458	8.4	1,240	9.0	1,109	9.2	737	9.1
Refused or don't know	2,951	7.5	347	6.4	1,049	7.6	1,060	8.8	495	6.1

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