



The SC Progressive Network is working to build a movement for a more democratic and equitable state. We believe that when citizens are not engaged in the political process, their government is not responsive to their needs. Toward that end, the Network started the Missing Voter Project in 2004 to teach groups and individuals how to use state-of-the-art tools and strategies to maximize their voter registration and mobilization drives.

The MVP is a nonpartisan campaign that seeks to find the nearly 1 million eligible SC citizens who are not registered. Another 1 million are registered but vote infrequently. The MVP runs the voter registration list against Census data, which allows us to target blocks of unregistered citizens in neighborhood to maximize voter registration drives. The data can be sorted for race, income, employment, age and other demographics.

The United States ranks behind 137 other nations — between Armenia and Nigeria — in the percentage of citizens voting. In 2010, 38% our state's voting-age population turned out for the general election, putting SC 42nd in US voter participation. In 2008, a record 76% of SC registered voters turned out to choose a president (1.9 million) but 1.2 million voting age citizens didn't vote. Obama lost in SC by 172,000 votes, and over 500,000 eligible black citizens didn't vote.

The MVP is built on the idea that registering and voting is simply the first step to building power at the grassroots level. Our intention is to create a movement of voters with enough power to help set political priorities that meet their needs rather than the needs of politicians and corporate interests. It is a long-term effort to engage new voters in a larger movement for social change based on citizen empowerment.

During its registration drives, the Network will collect information from new voters about issues important to them, and they will be encouraged to get involved with organizations working on those issues.

If you or your group is interested in the Missing Voter Project, e-mail network@scpronet.com or call 803-808-3384. We will arrange a free training session and provide materials for you to conduct a registration drive in your community. You will find the Missing Voter Tool Box at our web site, www.scpronet.com.

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The Progressive Network's Missing Voter Project is an innovative and high-tech way of finding unregistered and infrequent voters. Using voter registration lists and running them against Census data, we are able to target blocks in neighborhoods across the state where voter registration drives would be most effective. The data can be sorted for race, income, employment, age and other demographics. Pick a county, and you can find a precinct and print maps that show high areas of unregistered and infrequent voters.

If your organization is interested to joining the nonpartisan Missing Voter Project, e-mail network@scpronet.com or call 803-808-3384. We would be glad to arrange a training session for your group and provide materials to conduct a registration drive.

SC Voter Data:

(numbers are drawn from 2010 census and 2012 voter registration data)

Voting Age Population(VAP): 3,544,890

White VAP:	2,436,753
Black VAP	953,961
Hispanic VAP	154,176

Total registered (2012): 2,730,651 (77% VAP)

White	1,901,025
Black	785,227
Hispanic	27,298
Asian	17,867
Native American	5,259
Other	13,923
Male	1,225,151
Female	1,505,499
18-24	242,074

Unregistered VAP (2010) 814,239

Unregistered White VAP	535,728
Unregistered Black VAP	168,734

Registered not voting (2010) 1,265,979

White	970,989
Black	387,559

Total Missing Voters (2010) 2,063,010

White Missing Voters	1,506,717
Black Missing Voters	556,293

Total votes 2010 Governor's race 1,321,039

Haley	690,505
Sheheen	630,534
Margin	59,971

Total SC votes in 2008 for President 1,897,345

McCain	1,034,896
Obama	862,449
Margin	172,447

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- National ranking of percent of VAP registered: 36th.
 - National ranking of percent of registered voting: 21st
 - Global ranking of all countries' VAP participation in elections: United States, 138th in the world (below Armenia and above Nigeria).

Global voter Turnout Rates since 1945

Figure 13: League table by country, vote to voting age population ratio. Parliamentary elections, 1945-2001

Country (no. of elections)	vote/vap %
1 Suriname(8)	93.8
2 Comoros Islands(2)	93.6
3 Seychelles(2)	93.1
4 Albania(5)	92.4
5 Italy(15)	92.0
6 Cambodia(2)	90.5
7 Iceland(17)	89.3
8 Angola(1)	88.3
9 Portugal(10)	88.2
10 Indonesia(7)	87.9
11 Uzbekistan(3)	87.7
12 Cook Islands(1)	87.3
13 Somalia(1)	87.1
14 Malawi(2)	86.9
15 Western Samoa(3)	86.4
16 Guyana(8)	86.0
17 New Zealand(19)	86.0
18 Belgium(18)	84.8
19 Austria(17)	84.4
20 Australia(22)	84.2
21 Sweden(17)	84.1
22 Netherlands(16)	83.8
23 Denmark(22)	83.6
24 Slovakia(4)	82.9
25 Czech Republic(4)	82.8
26 Canada(18)	82.6
27 San Marino(7)	82.5
28 Mauritius(7)	82.4
29 Thailand(14)	82.1
30 Palau(1)	81.7
31 Greece(18)	80.8
32 Aruba(3)	80.4
33 Israel(15)	80.3
34 Germany(14)	80.2
35 Mongolia(4)	79.5
36 Norway(15)	79.2
37 Tajikistan(2)	79.0
38 Malta(14)	78.9
39 Finland(16)	78.1
40 Slovenia(3)	77.9
41 Croatia(3)	77.2
42 Spain(8)	76.4
43 Bulgaria(4)	76.1
44 Uruguay(11)	76.1
45 Maldives(2)	76.0
46 Namibia(3)	75.7
47 Burundi(1)	75.4
48 Palestinian Authority(1)	75.4
49 Ireland(16)	74.9
50 South Africa(2)	74.7
51 Turkey(10)	74.2
52 St. Vincent & the Grenadines(14)	74.1
53 United Kingdom(16)	73.8
54 Republic of Korea(10)	72.9
55 Dominica(12)	72.9
56 Cap Verde(3)	72.4
57 Papua New Guinea(8)	72.2
58 Romania(3)	72.2
59 Azerbaijan(2)	71.9
60 Cyprus(7)	71.4
61 Ukraine(2)	70.8
62 Taiwan (Republic of China)(4)	70.1
63 Togo(4)	69.3
64 Argentina(18)	69.3
65 Japan(22)	68.7
66 Costa Rica(13)	68.1
67 Hungary(3)	68.1
68 Dominican Republic(11)	67.8
69 Lebanon(3)	67.8
70 Iran(2)	67.6
71 France(15)	67.3
72 Belize(5)	67.2
73 Venezuela(11)	67.2
74 Algeria(2)	67.1
75 Nepal(7)	67.0
76 Trinidad & Tobago(12)	66.5
77 Madagascar(5)	66.1
78 Grenada(12)	66.1
79 Vanuatu(5)	65.7
80 Fiji(3)	64.9
81 Lesotho(4)	64.3
82 Barbados(11)	63.9
83 Georgia(3)	63.7
84 Liechtenstein(17)	63.6
85 Luxembourg(13)	63.5
86 Bahamas(6)	63.4
87 St. Lucia(13)	62.5
88 Sri Lanka(11)	62.4
89 Kiribati(5)	62.4
90 Mozambique(2)	62.3
91 Benin(3)	62.0

92	Nicaragua(10)	62.0	140	Sierra Leone(3)	46.8
93	Moldova(3)	61.6	141	Tanzania(2)	46.8
94	India(13)	61.5	142	Botswana(7)	46.2
95	Bolivia(13)	61.4	143	Micronesia(2)	46.2
96	Philippines(7)	60.6	144	Ghana(6)	46.1
97	St. Kitts & Nevis(11)	60.6	145	Chile(11)	45.9
98	Latvia(4)	60.3	146	Mauritania(2)	45.1
99	Guinea(1)	59.9	147	El Salvador(16)	43.9
100	Andorra(3)	59.5	148	Kenya(2)	43.8
101	Solomon Islands(5)	59.0	149	Ecuador(15)	42.6
102	Belarus(2)	58.9	150	Senegal(7)	42.3
103	Jamaica(12)	58.6	151	Zambia(3)	41.4
104	Bosnia & Herzegovina(3)	58.3	152	Pakistan(6)	40.7
105	Syria(1)	58.0	153	Democratic Rep. of Congo(2)	39.0
106	Panama(5)	58.0	154	Nauru(8)	38.8
107	Tunisia(5)	57.9	155	Burkina Faso(4)	38.4
108	Malaysia(8)	57.8	156	Yemen(2)	36.8
109	Anguilla(2)	57.7	157	Colombia(20)	36.2
110	Morocco(5)	57.6	158	Bahrain(1)	32.6
111	Lithuania(3)	56.9	159	Sudan(2)	32.0
112	Russia(3)	56.6	160	Ivory Coast(2)	31.9
113	Sao Tome e Principe(3)	56.6	161	Jordan(3)	29.9
114	Paraguay(11)	56.0	162	Guatemala(16)	29.8
115	Niger(3)	56.0	163	Djibouti(2)	28.1
116	Bangladesh(6)	56.0	164	Chad(1)	25.6
117	Gambia(6)	55.8	165	Egypt(5)	24.6
118	Zimbabwe(6)	55.7	166	Kazakhstan(1)	22.7
119	Honduras(12)	55.3	167	Mali(2)	21.7
120	Peru(9)	54.8	168	Kuwait(5)	14.0
121	Kyrgyzstan(3)	54.3	169	Monaco(7)	13.2
122	Cameroon(4)	53.9			
123	Estonia(4)	53.5			
124	Guinea Bissau(2)	52.6			
125	Tonga(3)	52.4			
126	Central African Republic(2)	51.9			
127	Switzerland(14)	51.9			
128	Poland(5)	51.4			
129	Singapore(8)	51.2			
130	Uganda(3)	50.6			
131	Burma(2)	50.0			
132	Antigua & Barbuda(11)	49.6			
133	Haiti(3)	48.8			
134	Macedonia(2)	48.4			
135	Brazil(14)	48.2			
136	Mexico(19)	48.1			
137	Armenia(2)	48.0			
138	United States of America(28)	47.7			
139	Nigeria(3)	47.6			

Key: VAP= voting age population; no.=number of elections.

* Argentina included women in the franchise from 1947.

* Bahrain only includes men in the franchise.

* Belgium included women in the franchise from 1948.

* Czech Republic includes elections in Czechoslovakia 1990 and 1992.

* Greece included women in the franchise from 1986.

* Kuwait only includes men in the franchise.

* Liechtenstein included women in the franchise from 1986.

* Switzerland included women in the franchise from 1971.

**SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION
MAIL APPLICATION**



Registration Number

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If you checked 'NO' in response to either of these questions, DO NOT complete this form.		Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Registration Information		
NAME	Last	First	MI	Suffix
SEX	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	RACE	Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify <input type="checkbox"/> _____	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ** - -
ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE (Physical Address)	Street	Apt Number		Inside City Limits Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	City	State	Zip Code	Would you like to be a poll worker? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above)	Street or Post Office Box			
	City	State	Zip Code	
BIRTHDATE	Month	Day	Year	PHONE # Home () Work ()
PREVIOUS REGISTRATION	Precinct	County		State

Voter Declaration – (read and sign below)

I swear or affirm that:

- I am a citizen of the United States of America
- I will be 18 years of age on or before Election day
- I am a resident of South Carolina, this county and precinct
- I am not under a court declaring me mentally incompetent
- I am not confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- I have never been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws OR if previously convicted, I have served my entire sentence, including probation or parole, or I have received a pardon for the conviction
- the address listed above is my only legal place of residence, and I claim no other place as my legal residence

Draw a diagram of the area in which you live. Show your house in relation to local landmarks such as schools, churches, stores, etc. Be sure to label the streets or roads.

Attach ID Here

 Signature Date of Application
 Whoever shall, willfully and knowingly, swear (or affirm) falsely in taking any oath required by law shall be guilty of perjury and, on conviction, incur the pains and penalties of the offense.

ID Required: If you are registering for the first time in this county, you **must** attach a copy of a current valid photo ID **or** a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address in this county. If you do not provide this identification now, you will be required to provide this information when you vote. Voters who are age 65 and over, voters with disabilities, members of the U.S. Uniformed Services or Merchant Marines and their families, and U.S. Citizens residing outside the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.

** Social Security Number is required by the S.C. Code of Laws 7-5-170. This number is used for internal purposes only and eliminates multiple registrations by a single individual. Your Social Security Number is not released to any unauthorized individual.

For Voter Registration Board Use Only

City	Mail City	Mail Co.	Township	Precinct	House	Senate	Co. Council	School	City Cncl	Cong.	Watershed		
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Approved Disapproved by _____ (Member, Voter Registration Board) Date _____

MISSING VOTER PROJECT

Guide to helping voters register under South Carolina law

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

In South Carolina, an individual may become a registered voter if he/she:

- Is a citizen of the United States.
- Is at least 18 years of age on the day of the election.
- Is a SC resident, living in the county and precinct where they want to vote.
- Not under a court order declaring them mentally incompetent.
- Is not in jail or prison serving a sentence, or on probation or parole, for a felony or offenses against the election laws.
- Students may register to vote where they reside while attending college. Use dormitory address for residence, PO Box for mailing.
- Submits a voter registration application 30 days before the election.
- You do not need ID to register to vote. First time voters will be required to show ID at the polls in addition to your voter registration card. Acceptable forms of this additional ID include: a valid photo ID (student ID, military ID, etc.) -or- a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and address in the county.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION?

Without the following information an application will be rejected:

- Name
- Sex
- Race
- Social security number (this is not public information)
- Date of birth
- Residence address
- Telephone number (if they don't have one put "none")
- Location of prior voter registration is required for all previously registered voters. The applicant should fill in whatever information she knows about the location of previous registration, even if she cannot recall the precinct or county (put "?" if unknown, everyone should know what state they were previously registered in.)
- The applicant must affirm that he is not under a court order declaring him mentally incompetent. If ever convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws that he has served his entire sentence, including probation and parole, or has received a pardon for the conviction.
- Additionally, the applicant must take the following oath: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and that on the date of the next ensuing election, I will have attained the age of eighteen years and am a resident of South Carolina, this county, and of my precinct. The home address listed herein is my sole legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal residence."
- Signature of applicant

The following information is optional:

- Mailing address, if the same as "address where you live".
- Diagram of home location and whether or not you are inside city limits
- "Would you like to be a poll worker?" check off box.

The law requires any application to be rejected if:

- Any portion of the application is not complete (answering "none" for telephone, or indicating they don't know location of previous registration with a "?" is acceptable.)
- Any portion of the application is illegible in the opinion of a member and the clerk of the board
- The board is unable to determine, from the address stated on the application, the precinct in which the voter should be assigned or the election districts in which he is entitled to vote. If a new voter provides a bad address their application will be rejected.

MISSING VOTER PROJECT

Missing Voter Project Agreement

This is an agreement between the SC Progressive Network Education Fund and organizers of the Missing Voter Project.

I, _____

(print name)

have completed the Missing Voter Project training on registering voters in South Carolina.

I understand that I am legally responsible for the truthful completion of the Voter Registration forms and promise that all information is correct to the best of my belief.

I understand that the forms I complete and turn in will be checked by the SC Progressive Network and that if I am found to have willfully allowed false information to be included, I will face legal consequences.

I will safeguard the completed Voter Registration forms and return them promptly to the SC Progressive Network, or its appointed representative.

I understand that the Missing Voter Project is a nonpartisan effort and that I will neither support or oppose a candidate, nor wear or distribute material supporting or opposing a candidate while I am representing the Missing Voter Project.

(signature)

(address)

(phone)

(email)

(date)

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Missing Voter Team Contact information

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM LEADER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

1. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

2. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

3. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

4. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

5. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

6. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

7. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

8. ORGANIZER: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Voter Contact Sheet

(to be filled out by Missing Voter Project organizer)

**MISSING
VOTER
PROJECT**

Name _____

Issue(s) of concern: _____

Address _____
street city zip

Day phone _____ night phone _____

email address _____

Name _____

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Absentee Voter Application Request

Date

Dear County Voter Registration Office,

Please send an absentee voter application to me at the address below.

Thank You,

Signature

Print Name

Mailing address and zip code

Social Security and/or Voter Registration number

Return this card to get an application for an absentee ballot mailed to you. You must complete and return the application to get an absentee ballot. Signing this card will get you the application, **not** the ballot.

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Copy these badges on card stock, cut to 4x3".

They fit Avery 5392 badge holders, available at office supply stores, or you can order them from the Network

Know Your Rights!

You have the right to vote—it's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You'll notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below—those codes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the actual South Carolina statute that protects your right to vote! These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters.

If you think your rights have been violated, call the Election Protection lawyer hotline toll free: 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

South Carolina Voters' Bill of Rights

1. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm on Election Day. If you are in line or in the process of voting when the polls close at 7 pm, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** S.C. Code Ann. §§ 7-13-60 and 7-13-850 (2002)
2. If something happens to your registration card, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A DUPLICATE CARD** from the county board of registration. § 7-13-710
3. If your name is not on the poll list and election officials cannot verify your eligibility at that time after calling the county registrar's office, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** by provisional ballot. § 7-13-820
4. If you cannot read or write, or if a disability prevents you from casting a ballot, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request assistance from either a family member or from an election manager and one other person (except your employer, agent of your employer or officer or agent of your union). §7-13-770
5. If you are blind, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request assistance from any person of your choosing without the presence of a manager. Id.
6. If you are elderly or physically disabled and are unable to enter the polling place to vote, **YOU HAVE A RIGHT** to vote outside the polling place in your vehicle in the closest available parking area. § 7-13-771(A)
7. If you are physically disabled, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to vote at the Countywide Barrier-Free Voting Precinct if you apply for and receive authorization from the county board 30 days before the election. § 7-7-990
8. If you have moved within the same precinct, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** at that same precinct after affirming your change of address verbally or in writing. § 7-5-440(A)
9. If you have moved between precincts or between counties within 30 days of the election, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**, after affirming your new address, at your former polling place by provisional ballot or at the main office of the county board of voter registration for your new county of residence. § 7-5-440(B)(1)-(2)
10. If the registration records inaccurately indicate that you have moved, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** after providing written or oral affirmation that you have not moved. § 7-5-440(C)
11. If you have been convicted of a felony or of violating the election laws, but have completed your sentence, including any period of probation and parole, and have registered to vote since that time, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** § 7-5-120(B)(3)
12. When you are within 200 feet of the polling place entrance, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to vote or wait without anyone distributing campaign literature to you. § 7-25-180(A)
13. If you make a mistake on your ballot and have not cast it, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN ONE REPLACEMENT BALLOT** after returning the spoiled ballot to the election managers with the stub attached. § 7-13-790
14. If your right to vote is challenged for any reason, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** by provisional ballot. § 7-13-830

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU.
Call 1-866-OUR VOTE to report problems**

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