

Voter Participation in Presidential Elections¹

<u>Year</u>	<u>States With Popular Voting</u>	<u>Total Votes Cast in U.S.</u>	<u>U.S. Voter Turnout</u>	<u>Total Votes Cast in MD</u>	<u>MD Voter Turnout</u>
			%		%
1789	6	(Not Currently Available)		7,693	17.2
1792	6	"	"	1,063	2.3
1796	8	"	"	13,964	30.4
1800	5	"	"	20,078	39.0
1804	11	"	"	9,642	19.8
1808	10	"	"	24,266	47.8
1812	9	"	"	29,577	55.7
1816	10	"	"	10,817	19.6
1820	15	"	"	5,379	9.4
1824	18	365,833	26.9	33,300	53.7
1828	22	1,148,018	57.6	46,873	70.3
1832	23	1,293,973	55.4	37,926	55.7
1836	25	1,503,534	57.8	49,121	67.6
1840	26	2,411,808	80.2	62,292	84.5
1844	26	2,703,659	78.9	68,660	81.4
1848	30	2,879,184	72.7	72,363	76.0
1852	31	3,161,830	69.6	75,064	72.8
1856	31	4,054,647	78.9	86,862	80.0
1860	33	4,685,561	81.2	92,649	81.1
1864	36	4,031,887	73.8	72,908	57.7
1868	37	5,722,440	78.1	92,807	72.6
1872 ²	37	6,467,679	71.3	134,447	75.0
1876	38	8,413,101	81.8	163,756	82.7
1880	38	9,210,420	79.4	172,221	79.8

¹This table has been compiled from various sources including U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1982-1983*, 103rd ed., (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1982), Table No. 801, p. 489; U.S. Department of Commerce, *Historical Statistics of the United States Colonial Times to 1970*, Part 2, (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1975), pp. 1067-1072, Series Y 27-78; J.R. Pole and J.R. Heller, III, "Constitutional Reform and Election Statistics in Maryland, 1790 to 1812," *M.H.M.*, December 1960, Vol. 55, pp. 277-292, and relevant census data and election returns. Voter turnout is expressed as a percentage of the total votes divided by the eligible voting-age population in the United States or Maryland respectively. The property qualifications in existence for Federal elections until 1810 have not been considered for the years 1789 through 1808.

²1872 was the first presidential election in which all otherwise eligible men, regardless of race, were able to vote under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.