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Shocking Data Reveals Nearly 70% of Massachusetts Towns and Cities Have Voter Registration Rates at or Above 100%

BOSTON, MA – August 12, 2026 – The Fair Elections Foundation, a Massachusetts-based, 501 (c)(3) election validity organization, today released findings from its multi-year review of publicly available U.S. Census, American Community Survey, and Secretary of the Commonwealth voter registration data that raise urgent questions about the accuracy of the Commonwealth's voter rolls. The analysis shows that nearly 70 percent of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns report registered voter rates at or above 100 percent of the estimated citizen voting-age population. Statewide, the figure approaches 95 percent—an outlier far above the typical national range of 65–80 percent for eligible populations. "These numbers are not just statistical anomalies; they demand answers," said a spokesperson for the Fair Elections Foundation. "When registration rates exceed the number of eligible citizens in the overwhelming majority of our communities, the public has every right to ask how our voter rolls are being maintained."

Methodology

The Fair Elections Foundation cross-referenced annual U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey estimates—providing population totals, age distributions, and citizenship status down to the city and town level—with official registered-voter counts published by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth. Registration figures closest to Election Day were used as the most relevant benchmark, reflecting the final legal deadline for voter registration. The registration rate for each municipality was calculated as:
Registered voters ÷ (total population – persons under 18 – non-citizens age 18 and over)

Statewide Context

The initial statewide aggregate for 2025 indicates that nearly 95 percent of the Massachusetts electorate appears registered to vote. This stands in stark contrast to post-election roll reviews and routine purges, as well as the broader national pattern in which most states maintain registration rates between 65 and 80 percent of their eligible

populations. Fair Elections Foundation calls on state officials, election administrators, and the public to examine these publicly available data sets and address the baseline questions they raise about the integrity of Massachusetts voter rolls.

About Fair Elections Foundation

Fair Elections Foundation is a nonpartisan, Massachusetts-based organization dedicated to promoting transparent, accurate, and secure elections through data-driven analysis of publicly available records.