

Montana Secretary of State

# Voter File

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## About the Voter File

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The Secretary of State is responsible for establishing a single official, centralized, and interactive electronic statewide voter registration system. County election administrators maintain the data in the statewide voter registration system.

The Secretary of State provides extracts of public information from the statewide voter registration system. Customers may purchase an annual subscription and get unlimited downloads of data, or may order one-time downloads. Because the statewide system is a live system, data changes from hour to hour, day to day, etc. as county election officials are entering and updating information. Similarly, numbers may change based on voter moves, cancellations and other updates. Each extract is static information that is current as of the time the extract is pulled.

Files purchased through this application are in ASCII delimited text format. **Some fields in the file may be empty depending on which county the data came from. Please review the information below to determine which extract you would like to order, and to understand the data that will be provided for each extract.**

### STATEWIDE VOTER FILE

Below is an explanation of the fields in the file:

VTRID – Unique voter identification number – NOT Social Security Number

FIRSTNAME – Voter first name

MIDDLENAME – Voter middle name

LASTNAME – Voter last name

NAMESUFFIX – Voter name suffix, e.g. Jr., Sr., III

VOTER\_STATUS – Voter status description (Active, Inactive, etc.)

VOTER\_STATUS\_REASON – Literal description of reason for voter status

RA\_HS\_NUM – Voter residence house number

RA\_STREET\_NAME – Voter residence street name

RA\_STTYPE – Voter residence street type, e.g. ST, LN, RD

RA\_STDIR\_CODE – Voter residence street pre-directional code, e.g. N, E, S, W

RA\_STDIR\_CODE\_POST – Voter residence street post-directional code, e.g. N, E, S, W

RA\_UTYP\_CODE – Voter residence address unit type code, e.g. APT, STE

RA\_UNIT\_NUM – Voter residence address unit number

RA\_CITY – Voter residence city

RA\_STATE – Voter residence state

RA\_ZIP\_CODE – Voter residence 5-digit zip code

RESIDENCEADDRESS – Voter residence address – complete with city, state and zip

MA\_ADDR\_LINE\_1 – Voter mailing address

MA\_CITY – Voter mailing address city  
 MA\_STATE – Voter mailing address state  
 MA\_ZIP\_CODE – Voter mailing address 5-digit zip code  
 MA\_ZIP\_PLUS – Voter mailing address 4-digit zip+4 code  
 MAILINGADDRESS – Voter mailing address – complete with city, state and zip  
 PHONE\_NO – Voter phone number  
 DOB – Voter date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss am/pm)  
 VOTE\_ELIGIBLE\_DATE – Voter effective registration date (mm/dd/yyyy)  
 CURRENT\_COUNTY – Voter county of residence - see county code table  
 PRECINCT – Voter precinct description  
 HOUSE\_DISTRICT – Voter house district  
 SENATE\_DISTRICT - Voter senate district  
 PREC\_CODE – Voter precinct code  
 ABSENTEE – Voter absentee indicator (True/False)  
 WARD – Blank unless voter resides in city ward. Ward description if not blank  
 CITY\_LIMITS – Blank unless voter resides in city limits. City description if not blank

**VOTER HISTORY FILE**

VTRID – Unique voter identification number

Election\_Details

| <b>ElectionType_ID</b> | <b>CODE</b> | <b>Description</b>             |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                      | FG          | Federal General                |
| 2                      | FP          | Federal Primary                |
| 3                      | MP          | Municipal Primary              |
| 4                      | MG          | Municipal General              |
| 6                      | S           | Special                        |
| 7                      | SC          | School                         |
| 8                      | PP          | Special Primary - Presidential |
| 100000029              | FD          | Fire District General          |
| 100000030              | WS          | Water/Sewer District           |

Election\_Date – Date of the election  
 Election\_Description – Jurisdiction’s description of the election  
 E\_JS\_CODE – Election jurisdiction code – county code

**Voting\_Method**

1 - Absentee  
 2 - Polling Place  
 4 - Vote by Mail  
 Sent\_Date – For absentee ballots only  
 Received\_Date – For absentee ballots only

Ballot\_Status – For absentee ballots only  
 Ballot\_Status\_Reason – For absentee ballots only

\*The current system to track statewide voter history was implemented for use by all Montana counties in early 2006, prior to the 2006 Federal Primary Election. Some history may exist for a voter as far back as 1984, but it depends on the historic date the county provided.

**ABSENTEE VOTER FILE**

Voter ID – Unique voter identification number  
 First Name – Voter first name  
 Last Name – Voter last name  
 Middle Name – Voter middle name  
 Mail Address – Voter mailing address  
 Mail City – Voter mailing address city  
 Mail State – Voter mailing address state  
 Mail Zip – Voter mailing address 5-digit zip code  
 Mail Zip Ext – Voter mailing address 4-digit zip+4 code  
 Country – Voter mailing address country  
 DOB – Voter date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss am/pm)  
 Vote\_eligible\_date – Voter effective registration date (mm/dd/yyyy)  
 Absentee – Voter absentee indicator (True/False)

| <b>Election Type</b>   |             |                                |
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Election Date – Date of the election  
 Election Description – Jurisdiction’s description of the election  
 JS Code – Election jurisdiction code – county code  
 Sent Date – Date absentee ballot was sent to voter by county  
 Received Date – Date absentee ballot was received back by county  
 Ballot\_Status – Text description of ballot status (not code)  
 Ballot\_Status\_Reason – Text description of ballot status reason (not code)

House District – Voter house district  
 Senate District– Voter senate district

**MOST RECENT AVAILABLE FEDERAL ELECTION LATE REGISTRANT REPORT**

Election - Most Recent Available Federal  
 Voter ID - Unique voter identification number  
 Last Name - Voter last name  
 First Name - Voter first name  
 Middle Name - Voter middle name  
 Name Suffix - Voter suffix  
 DOB - Voter date of birth (m/dd/yyyy)  
 County - Voter county at time of late registration  
 House District - Voter house district at time of late registration  
 Senate District - Voter senate district at time of late registration  
 Precinct - Voter precinct at time of late registration  
 Before/On Election Day - Indicates whether voter registered before or on election day  
 New/ County-to-County/ Precinct-to-Precinct - Indicates whether voter is a new registrant, county-to-county transfer registrant, or precinct-to-precinct transfer registrant. Not available for all elections.

**2008 - CURRENT LATE REGISTRANT REPORT**

Election - Year and Primary/General  
 Voter ID - Unique voter identification number  
 Last Name - Voter last name  
 First Name - Voter first name  
 Middle Name - Voter middle name  
 Name Suffix - Voter suffix  
 DOB - Voter date of birth (m/dd/yyyy)  
 County - Voter county at time of late registration  
 House District - Voter house district at time of late registration  
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**MONTANA COUNTY CODES**

|               |                |                     |                 |               |                 |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Beaverhead | 11. Dawson     | 21. Hill            | 31. Mineral     | 41. Ravalli   | 51. Toole       |
| 2. Big Horn   | 12. Deer Lodge | 22. Jefferson       | 32. Missoula    | 42. Richland  | 52. Treasure    |
| 3. Blaine     | 13. Fallon     | 23. Judith Basin    | 33. Musselshell | 43. Roosevelt | 53. Valley      |
| 4. Broadwater | 14. Fergus     | 24. Lake            | 34. Park        | 44. Rosebud   | 54. Wheatland   |
| 5. Carbon     | 15. Flathead   | 25. Lewis and Clark | 35. Petroleum   | 45. Sanders   | 55. Wibaux      |
| 6. Cascade    | 16. Gallatin   | 26. Liberty         | 36. Phillips    | 46. Sheridan  | 56. Yellowstone |

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 7. Carter   | 17. Garfield      | 27. Lincoln | 37. Pondera      | 47. Silver Bow  |
| 8. Chouteau | 18. Glacier       | 28. Madison | 38. Powder River | 48. Stillwater  |
| 9. Custer   | 19. Golden Valley | 29. McCone  | 39. Powell       | 49. Sweet Grass |
| 10. Daniels | 20. Granite       | 30. Meagher | 40. Prairie      | 50. Teton       |

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