

Wisconsin Elections Commission

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TO: The Honorable Tony Evers, Governor

Honorable Members, Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

FROM: Meagan Wolfe, Elections Commission Administrator

SUBJECT: Voter Registration Four-Year Record Maintenance

On behalf of the Wisconsin Elections Commission I am writing to update you on the completion of the statutorily required Four-Year Voter Record Maintenance Process.

Wisconsin Statutes §§6.50 (1) and (2) require the Commission, in June following a general election, to mail notices to all voters who have been registered to vote for the past four years but have not voted. The notice indicates that voters' registrations will be deactivated unless they request continuation of their registration within 30 days. If the notice is returned as undeliverable or if the voter does not respond within 30 days, the Commission deactivates the voter's registration in the statewide voter registration system. Voters who are deactivated do not appear on the poll list on Election Day and must reregister in order to vote. Commission staff completed this process on July 31, 2019.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r), the Commission must post voter record maintenance statistics on the agency website. The full statistics are available here: https://elections.wi.gov/publications/reports/2019-four-year-maintenance.

Below is a summary of the statistics:

Voter Maintenance Summary Statistics	Total
Total number of notices mailed	113,314
Number of notices that were returned requesting continuation of registration	15,974
Number of notices that were returned as undeliverable	30,342
Number of voters mailed a notice who requested cancellation of registration	23
Number of voters mailed a notice who clerks determined to be deceased	600
Number of voters mailed a notice who clerks deactivated for reasons other than being	
deceased or at the voter's request	187
Number of duplicate voter records identified and merged together	271
Number of voters who did not respond to the notice	66,998
Total number of voters mailed a notice whose status changed from eligible to ineligible	95,939

If you have any questions regarding the 2019 voter record maintenance, please contact the Elections Commission Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or elections@wi.gov.