

## 2006 New Mexico Pollworker Survey

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with your job as an election worker in the most recent election?

	Percent
VERY SATISFIED	65.16
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	27.90
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	5.89
VERY DISSATISFIED	1.04
Total	100.00

2. How confident are you that votes in the November 7, 2006 general election were recorded accurately?

	Percent
VERY CONFIDENT	59.90
SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	32.29
NOT VERY CONFIDENT	7.12
NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	0.69
Total	100.00

3. How would you compare the optical scan paper ballot system to the touch screen or other direct recording electronic system (DRE) that had been used previously at your polling place?

	Percent
OPTICAL SCAN PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM IS MUCH BETTER	33.45
OPTICAL SCAN PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM IS SOMEWHAT BETTER	33.10
OPTICAL SCAN PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM IS SOMEWHAT WORSE	13.63
OPTICAL SCAN PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM IS MUCH WORSE	7.61
I NEVER WORKED AS A POLLWORKER WITH THE TOUCHSCREEN OR DRE S	12.21
Total	100.00

4. How were you first recruited as a poll worker? Were you recruited by a political party official, another poll worker, an advertisement in the local media, a teacher or professor, an official job posting by the county, at a neighborhood precinct caucus meeting?

	Percent
A POLITICAL PARTY OFFICIAL	9.00
ANOTHER POLL WORKER	36.68
AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE LOCAL MEDIA	8.65
A TEACHER OR PROFESSOR	0.69
AN OFFICIAL JOB POSTING BY THE COUNTY	1.73
AT A NEIGHBORHOOD PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETING	0.35

OWN	33.74
SOME OTHER WAY	9.17
Total	100.00

5. Thinking about your decision to be a poll worker, please mark if each of these reasons was very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important in your decision to be a poll worker.

5a. I found it exciting.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	33.27
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	36.00
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	20.36
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	0.36
Total	100.00

5b. I wanted to learn about politics and government.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	31.72
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	36.38
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	22.39
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	9.51
Total	100.00

5c. I was asked by someone in my political party.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	10.86
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	16.76
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	18.86
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	53.52
Total	100.00

5d. I like to be with people who share my ideals.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	24.44
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	34.33
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	21.08
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	20.15
Total	100.00

5e. I think it is my duty as a citizen.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	70.80
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	24.07
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	3.01

NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	2.12
Total	100.00

5f. I am the kind of person who does my share.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	55.19
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	36.43
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	6.74
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	1.64
Total	100.00

5g. I wanted to make some extra money.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	26.09
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	32.97
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	21.74
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	19.20
Total	100.00

5h. I received recognition from people I respect.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	14.71
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	28.31
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	29.98
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	27.00
Total	100.00

5i. I can be with people I enjoy.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	32.23
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	34.07
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	18.05
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	15.65
Total	100.00

5j. I did not want to say no to someone who asked.

	Percent
VERY IMPORTANT	10.67
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	12.36
NOT TOO IMPORTANT	19.85
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	57.12
Total	100.00

6. At any time during the training and recruiting process, did you consider not working at the polls on Election Day?

Percent

YES	18.07
NO	81.93
Total	100.00

6a. If you answered YES, what was the most important reason you considered not working at the polls on Election Day? Please select only ONE.

	Percent
THE TRAINING WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH	40.24
CONCERNED ABOUT OPERATING NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT/NEW EQUIPMENT	21.95
PAY WAS TOO LOW	12.20
DAY WAS TOO LONG	21.95
DIFFICULTY WITH CHILD CARE	2.44
NO RESPONSE	1.22
Total	100.00

7. How likely are you to work as a poll worker in the next time election?

	Percent
VERY LIKELY	77.17
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	16.99
NOT VERY LIKELY	3.54
NOT AT ALL LIKELY	2.30
Total	100.00

8. On a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being excellent, how would you rate the overall performance of your fellow poll workers? You can use any number from 1 to 10.

	Percent
1	1.58
2	1.76
3	2.11
4	0.88
5	5.98
6	5.10
7	7.73
8	24.60
9	22.67
10	27.59
Total	100.00

9. In what election year did you first work as a poll worker?

	Percent
Before:	
1970	4.94
1970	1.29
1972	0.92
1974	0.18

1975	0.74
1976	0.18
1978	0.55
1980	2.22
1981	0.18
1982	0.37
1983	0.55
1984	0.55
1985	0.92
1986	2.03
1987	0.18
1988	1.66
1989	0.37
1990	3.70
1991	0.55
1992	1.66
1993	0.18
1994	1.48
1995	2.22
1996	3.88
1997	2.40
1998	3.70
1999	3.88
2000	11.46
2001	2.03
2002	6.65
2003	4.07
2004	10.17
2005	3.70
2006	20.15
2007	0.18
Total	100.00

10. Including the November 7, 2006 general election, in how many elections total have you worked as a poll worker?

	Percent
1	14.29
2	9.16
3	7.88
4	11.36
5	8.06
6	7.14
7	3.85
8	6.59
9	2.01
10	7.51

11	0.55
12	4.40
13	0.73
14	0.92
15	2.75
16	0.92
17	0.18
18	0.55
19	0.37
20	3.48
22	0.55
23	0.18
24	0.37
25	1.47
26	0.18
28	0.18
30	1.10
33	0.18
35	0.18
36	0.18
40	1.10
45	0.37
46	0.18
50	0.37
60	0.37
80	0.18
100	0.18
Total	100.00

11. Did you notice any differences between how you learned to use the voting system in training and how the voting system operated on Election Day?

	Percent
YES	38.52
NO	61.48
Total	100.00

11a. If YES, to what extent did the training differ from the actual procedures?

	Frequency
It was a lot different/	51
It was somewhat Different	99
It was a little bit Different	57
Total	207

12. Your local election official sponsored training sessions for election workers prior to the election to teach workers about election procedures and how to use the new optical scan paper ballot machines. How many training sessions did you attend?

	Percent
ZERO TRAINING SESSIONS	2.65
ONE TRAINING SESSION	61.38
TWO TRAINING SESSIONS	30.16
THREE TRAINING SESSIONS	3.88
MORE THAN THREE TRAINING SESSIONS	1.94
Total	100.00

13. Did you receive any manuals, booklets, or video/DVD at your training session or in the mail to help you learn more about the election procedures?

	Percent
YES	86.97
NO	13.03
Total	100.00

13a. If YES, how much of the materials did you read or watch prior to Election Day?

	Percent
ALL OF IT	63.21
MOST OF IT	26.22
SOME OF IT	9.30
NONE OF IT	1.27
Total	100.00

14. Thinking back on your training, please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

14a. I was able to able to spend enough time practicing on the voting system.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	10.30
AGREE	32.68
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	20.96
DISAGREE	27.18
STRONGLY DISAGREE	8.88
Total	100.00

14b. The training sessions were too long.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	5.48
AGREE	18.73
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	34.63
DISAGREE	35.51
STRONGLY DISAGREE	5.65
Total	100.00

14c. The training sessions were boring.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	5.33
AGREE	15.10
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	27.71
DISAGREE	41.56
STRONGLY DISAGREE	10.30
Total	100.00

14d. The training sessions spent enough time covering election law and procedures.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	15.88
AGREE	48.69
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	16.75
DISAGREE	14.66
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4.01
Total	100.00

14e. The training was easy to understand.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	17.22
AGREE	56.87
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	16.87
DISAGREE	7.83
STRONGLY DISAGREE	1.22
Total	100.00

14f. The training prepared me well for Election Day.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	17.80
AGREE	47.99
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	20.94
DISAGREE	10.47
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2.79
Total	100.00

14g. After the training, I was confident in my ability to do my job on Election Day.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	22.63
AGREE	49.22
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	16.93
DISAGREE	9.33
STRONGLY DISAGREE	1.90
Total	100.00

14h. The instructions I received from the election officials for opening the polls were clear.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	24.83
AGREE	48.61
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	14.41
DISAGREE	10.07
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2.08
Total	100.00

14i. The instructions we received from the election officials for closing the polls at the end of the day were clear.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	21.70
AGREE	46.18
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	15.97
DISAGREE	11.98
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4.17
Total	100.00

14j. The instructions for when to ask a voter for his or her identification before voting were clear.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	28.65
AGREE	51.56
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	10.24
DISAGREE	7.29
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2.26
Total	100.00

14k. The instructions for securing the voting machines, ballots, and ballot box were clear.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	24.91
AGREE	50.35
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	15.22
DISAGREE	7.61
STRONGLY DISAGREE	1.90
Total	100.00

14l. The instructions for reconciling the number of voters voting and the number of ballots cast were clear.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	24.13
AGREE	48.61
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	15.28

DISAGREE		9.55
STRONGLY DISAGREE		2.43
Total		100.00

15. Were you missing any supplies at your polling location?

		Percent
YES		13.99
NO		86.01
Total		100.00

16. Did your polling location have all the workers it needed?

		Percent
YES		81.21
NO		18.79
Total		100.00

17. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very poor and 5 being excellent, how would you personally rate your polling facility in regards to the following?

17a. Accessibility for people with disabilities.

			Percent
Very Poor			4.49
Poor			6.22
	3		12.09
Good			33.16
Excellent			44.04
Total			100.00

17b. Condition of the facility.

			Percent
Very Poor			2.41
Poor			5.52
	3		15.86
Good			36.21
Excellent			40.00
Total			100.00

17c. Noise level of the facility.

			Percent
Very Poor			2.60
Poor			5.88
	3		19.55
Good			36.16
Excellent			35.81
Total			100.00

17d. Availability of parking at facility.

		Percent
Very Poor		3.29
Poor		6.07
	3	11.79
Good		32.76
Excellent		46.10
Total		100.00

17e. Adequate space to operate the polls.

		Percent
Very Poor		5.69
Poor		8.45
	3	11.72
Good		27.93
Excellent		46.21
Total		100.00

17f. Temperature.

		Percent
Very Poor		5.34
Poor		6.71
	3	21.51
Good		34.25
Excellent		32.19
Total		100.00

18. Did you need to call the county clerk's office at any time during the Election Day?

	Percent
YES	66.43
NO	33.57
Total	100.00

19. How often did you ask voters to present identification before allowing them to vote?

	Percent
ALL OF THE TIME	37.79
MOST OF THE TIME	15.29
ONLY SOME OF THE TIME	26.54
HARDLY AT ALL	13.53
NEVER	6.85
Total	100.00

19a. What is the most common reason why you asked voters to present identification before they voted? Please select only ONE.

	Percent
TROUBLE HEARING/EASIER TO READ NAME FROM ID	8.13

VERIFY IDENTITY OF FIRST-TIME VOTER	19.64
VERIFY IDENTITY OF PROVISIONAL VOTER	14.88
IT'S REQUIRED BY LAW TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF VOTERS TO PREVENT FRAUD	49.01
I DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE VOTER	6.35
VOTER WAS CHALLENGED BY PARTY CHALLENGER	1.79
Total	0.20
	100.00

20. Thinking back on your experience during the most recent election, please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

20a. There were problems setting up the voting machines in your precinct.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	9.12
AGREE	21.05
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	12.98
DISAGREE	35.79
STRONGLY DISAGREE	21.05
Total	100.00

20b. There were problems closing the polling place at the end of the day and reporting the results.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	6.88
AGREE	15.70
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	13.40
DISAGREE	41.45
STRONGLY DISAGREE	22.57
Total	100.00

20c. There were problems with the optical scan paper ballot machines throughout the day.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	3.19
AGREE	9.20
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	12.21
DISAGREE	43.19
STRONGLY DISAGREE	32.21
Total	100.00

20d. Generally speaking, voters were satisfied with the optical scan ballot machines.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	13.38
AGREE	48.24
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	21.83
DISAGREE	11.44

STRONGLY DISAGREE	5.11
Total	100.00

20e. The poll workers in my precinct worked well together.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	42.73
AGREE	41.33
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	7.36
DISAGREE	4.90
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3.68
Total	100.00

20f. The optical scan paper ballot machines are reliable.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	23.14
AGREE	44.17
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	25.27
DISAGREE	4.95
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2.47
Total	100.00

20g. The optical scan paper ballot machines provide voters with enough privacy as they vote.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	23.77
AGREE	47.71
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	12.50
DISAGREE	10.74
STRONGLY DISAGREE	5.28
Total	100.00

20h. I thought the new optical scan paper ballot machines were easy to use.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	28.57
AGREE	50.44
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	12.70
DISAGREE	5.47
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2.82
Total	100.00

20i. Sometimes I am not sure I am doing my job correctly because the laws keep changing.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	6.00
AGREE	19.75
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	37.57

DISAGREE	25.93
STRONGLY DISAGREE	10.76
Total	100.00

20j. There were many provisional ballots cast at my precinct.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	5.35
AGREE	23.89
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	22.82
DISAGREE	37.61
STRONGLY DISAGREE	10.34
Total	100.00

20k. There were party challengers and watchers at my precinct.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	16.78
AGREE	44.88
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	9.72
DISAGREE	15.37
STRONGLY DISAGREE	13.25
Total	100.00

20l. There were many provisional ballots resulting from the authentication of the voters being challenged.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	2.15
AGREE	7.33
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	24.15
DISAGREE	38.46
STRONGLY DISAGREE	27.91
Total	100.00

20m. My polling place had a county-precinct map to help voters locate their polling location.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	25.80
AGREE	30.74
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	11.48
DISAGREE	16.25
STRONGLY DISAGREE	15.72
Total	100.00

20n. There were many voters who needed to use the Automark machine.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	2.14
AGREE	3.92

NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	16.40
DISAGREE	35.47
STRONGLY DISAGREE	42.07
Total	100.00

20o. Voters who used the Automark machine thought it worked well.

	Percent
STRONGLY AGREE	9.75
AGREE	23.14
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	47.04
DISAGREE	9.37
STRONGLY DISAGREE	10.71
Total	100.00

21. To your knowledge, did any voter return a completed absentee ballot to your polling location?

	Percent
YES	60.04
NO	39.96
Total	100.00

22. Age Category

	Percent
18-24	0.51
25-34	1.69
35-44	3.39
45-54	11.53
55-64	24.07
65-74	33.22
75-84	20.51
85+ 5.	08
Total	100.00

23. Gender.

	Percent
FEMALE	64.69
MALE	35.31
Total	100.00

24. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a strong democrat, not so strong democrat, independent leaning democrat, independent, independent leaning republican, not so strong republican, or strong republican?

	Percent
STRONG DEMOCRAT	31.96
NOT SO STRONG DEMOCRAT	12.14
INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT	12.14
INDEPENDENT	5.89

INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN	5.89
NOT SO STRONG REPUBLICAN	8.57
STRONG REPUBLICAN	21.79
OTHER	1.61
Total	100.00

25. What is the highest level of education you completed?

	Percent
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONLY	2.03
SOME HIGH SCHOOL, BUT DID NOT FINISH	4.60
COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL	24.49
SOME COLLEGE, BUT DID NOT FINISH	27.99
TWO-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE/A.A./A.S.	8.66
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE/B.A./B.S.	12.52
SOME GRADUATE WORK	8.47
COMPLETED MASTERS OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	1.23
Total	100.00

26. Would you describe yourself as Native American, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, White/Caucasian, or Pacific Islander?

	Percent
NATIVE AMERICAN	3.73
ASIAN	0.53
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0.53
HISPANIC/LATINO	37.12
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	54.88
OTHER	3.20
Total	100.00

27. What, if any, is your religious preference?

	Percent
PROTESTANT	29.72
CATHOLIC	39.86
LDS/MORMON	2.67
JEWISH	2.49
OTHER	8.01
NO PREFERENCE/NO RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	9.61
PREFER NOT TO SAY	7.65
Total	100.00

28. How active do you consider yourself in the practice of your religious preference?

	Percent
VERY ACTIVE	39.53
SOMEWHAT ACTIVE	29.34
NOT VERY ACTIVE	11.09
NOT ACTIVE	7.16

DOES NOT APPLY/PREFER NOT TO SAY	12.88
Total	100.00

29. Not counting religious organizations, how many civic or community organizations like the Kiwanis Club, PTA, or League of Women Voters do you belong to?

	Percent
ZERO	51.60
ONE OR TWO	36.52
THREE OF FOUR	10.11
FIVE OR MORE	1.77
Total	100.00

30. What do you expect your 2006 family income to be?

	Percent
UNDER \$25,000	28.21
\$25,000 - \$39,999	24.26
\$40,000 - \$49,999	12.23
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.15
\$75,000 - \$99,999	8.09
OVER \$100,000	9.07
Total	100.00

31. How would you describe your current employment status? Are you employed full time, employed part time, looking for work, a student, a homemaker, or retired?

	Percent
EMPLOYED FULL TIME	17.26
EMPLOYED PART TIME	11.74
UNEMPLOYED/LOOKING FOR WORK	4.09
STUDENT	1.07
HOMEMAKER	9.07
RETIRED	56.76
Total	100.00

32. If you are currently employed, did you take time off from your job to work at the polls or was Election Day your regular day off?

	Percent
I TOOK TIME OFF	76.28
ELECTION DAY WAS MY DAY OFF	23.72
Total	100.00

33. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	Percent
JUST ABOUT ALWAYS	5.65
MOST OF THE TIME	30.97
ONLY SOME OF THE TIME	63.39

Total 100.00

34. How often do you use the internet?

	Percent
ONCE OR MORE A DAY	40.28
A FEW TIMES A WEEK	16.11
A FEW TIMES A MONTH	6.30
HARDLY EVER	10.16
NEVER	27.15
Total	100.00

35. Generally speaking, how comfortable do you feel using a computer?

	Percent
VERY COMFORTABLE	40.50
SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE	29.75
NOT VERY COMFORTABLE	13.26
NOT AT ALL COMFORTABLE	16.49
Total	100.00

36. In what role did you work at the polls in the 2006 primary?

	Percent
PRESIDING JUDGE	23.00
ELECTION JUDGE	35.19
ELECTION CLERK	40.42
ELECTION TRANSLATOR	0.35
SOMETHING ELSE	1.05
Total	100.00

37. Did you work at the polling location where you would normally vote, or were you at a different location?

	Percent
I WORKED AT THE POLLING LOCATION WHERE I NORMALLY VOTE.	57.91
I WORKED AT A DIFFERENT POLLING LOCATION.	42.09
Total	100.00