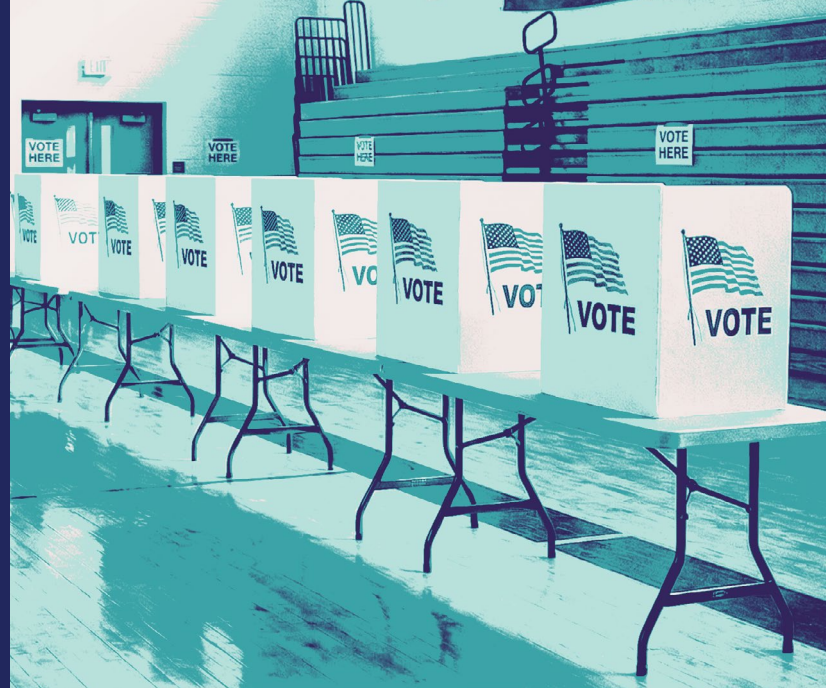


# MISSING VOTERS

## The Real Threat to Alabama's Democracy



More than 815,000 people, one in five adult citizens in Alabama, are “missing” from our elections due to structural barriers.

That is more people than the current population of Huntsville, Mobile, Birmingham, and Montgomery combined.

These are voting-age citizens who are either unregistered or placed on inactive status. When hundreds of thousands of voters are missing, a fraction of the population decides elections—and entire communities go without meaningful representation.

*Black, Latino, young, low-income, rural, people with disabilities, and people who are systems-impacted are disproportionately missing from our elections.*

### WHO IS MISSING?

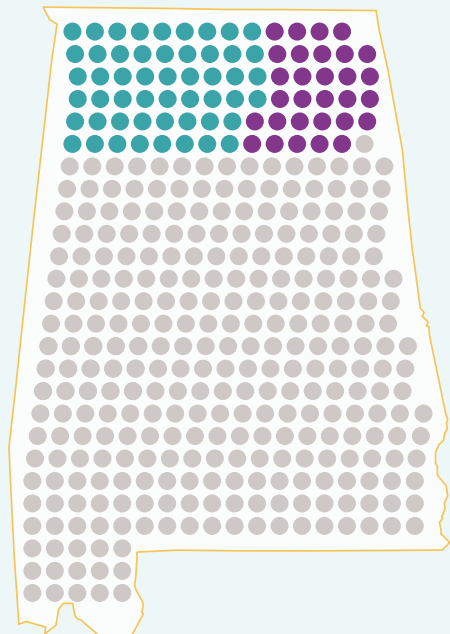
Alabama has more than 815,000 missing voters

○ = 10,000 people (rounded)

**3,800,000** TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS\*



\* Eligible voters are U.S. citizens over the age of 18. Because of data limitations, the total includes those disenfranchised due to a disqualifying felony conviction.



## HERE ARE THE FACTS

- Alabama ranks 49th nationally in democratic vitality according to Dēmos' Power Scorecard.
- Voter turnout in Alabama is among the lowest in the country.
- 72% of Alabama's elections in 2024 were uncontested.
- Structural barriers — not apathy — drive disengagement.

## WHY IT MATTERS

When participation is suppressed, decisions about education, housing, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and public safety are made without full representation.

Democracy works best when everyone can participate.

## ALABAMA SHOULD

- Adopt early voting
- Implement same-day and automatic voter registration
- End the Jim Crow-era practice of felony disenfranchisement
- Adopt no-excuse absentee voting and allow ballot drop boxes
- Ensure transparency and equity safeguards for polling place changes
- Eliminate unnecessary voter ID barriers
- Expand language access and accessible voting options
- Limit law enforcement presence at polling locations to true emergencies

These commonsense improvements would strengthen voter participation and public trust.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

Strong democracies are built through community care and collective action.

You can:

- Check your voter registration status regularly.
- Help friends, family, and neighbors check their voter registrations and polling information.
- Share accurate voting information and counter misinformation.
- Make a plan to vote together.
- Support local organizations doing year-round voter education and protection work.

Many of the tools needed to take these steps are available through the Stand Up Mobile Vote Center, alongside resources from trusted partners across Alabama.

*Democracy is not something we wait for every few years.*

*It is something we practice together.*



Visit [www.standupmobile.org/vote-center](http://www.standupmobile.org/vote-center) for more information.



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