

# An Analysis of Surveys Regarding Absentee Ballots Across Several States

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## 1 Summary

Survey data was collected from individuals in several states, sampling those who the states listed as not returning absentee ballots. The data was provided by Matt Braynard.

The survey asked respondents whether they (a) had ever requested an absentee ballot, and, if so, (b) whether they had in fact returned this ballot. From this sample I produce predictions of the total numbers of: **Error #1**, those who were recorded as receiving absentee ballots *without* requesting them; and **Error #2**, those who returned absentee ballots but whose votes went missing (i.e. marked as unreturned).

The sizes of both errors were large in each state. The states were Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Arizona where ballots were across parties. Pennsylvania data was for Republicans only.

## 2 Analysis Description

Each analysis was carried out separately for each state. The analysis used (a) the number of absentee ballots recorded as unreturned, (b) the total responding to the survey, (c) the total of those saying they did not request a ballot, (d) the total of those saying they did request a ballot, and of these (e) the number saying they returned their ballots. I assume survey respondents are representative and the data is accurate.

From these data a simple parameter-free predictive model was used to calculate the probability of all possible outcomes. Pictures of these probabilities were derived, and the 95% prediction interval of the relevant numbers was calculated. The pictures appear in the Appendix at the end. They are summarized here with their 95% prediction intervals.

**Error #1:** being recorded as sent an absentee ballot without requesting one.

**Error #2:** sending back an absentee ballot and having it recorded as not returned.

State	Unreturned ballots	Error #1	Error #2
Georgia	138,029	16,938–22,771	31,559–38,866
Michigan	139,190	29,611–36,529	27,928–34,710
Pennsylvania*	165,412	32,414–37,444	26,954–31,643
Wisconsin	96,771	16,316–19,273	13,991–16,757
Arizona	518,560	208,333–229,937	78,714–94,975

\*Number for Pennsylvania represent Republican ballots only.

Ballots that were not requested, and ballots returned and marked as not returned were classed as *troublesome*. The estimated average number of troublesome ballots for each state were then calculated using the table above and are presented next.

State	Unreturned ballots	Estimated average troublesome ballots	Percent
Georgia	138,029	53,489	39%
Michigan	139,190	62,517	45%
Pennsylvania*	165,412	61,780	37%
Wisconsin	96,771	29,594	31%
Arizona	518,560	303,305	58%

\*Number for Pennsylvania represent Republican ballots only.

## 3 Conclusion

There are clearly a large number of troublesome ballots in each state investigated. Ballots marked as not returned that were never requested are clearly an error of some kind. The error is not small as a percent of the total recorded unreturned ballots.

Ballots sent back and unrecorded is a separate error. These represent votes that have gone missing, a serious mistake. The number of these missing ballots is also large in each state.

Survey respondents were not asked if they received an unrequested ballot whether they sent these ballots back. This is clearly a lively possibility, and represents a third possible source of error, including the potential of voting twice (once by absentee and once at the polls). No estimates or likelihood can be calculated for this potential error due to absence of data.

#### 4 Declaration of William M. Briggs, PhD

1. My name is William M. Briggs. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to testify in this action. All of the facts stated herein are true and based on my personal knowledge.
2. I received a Ph.D of Statistics from Cornell University in 2004.
3. I am currently a statistical consultant. I make this declaration in my personal capacity.
4. I have analyzed data regarding responses to questions relating to mail ballot requests, returns and related issues.
5. I attest to a reasonable degree of professional certainty that the resulting analysis are accurate.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



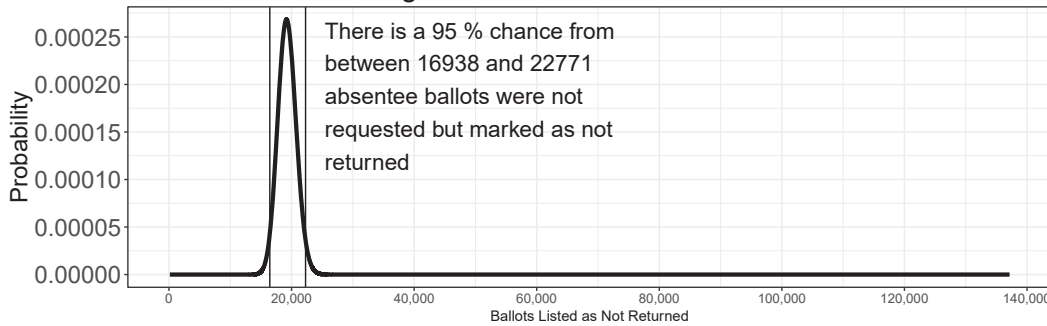
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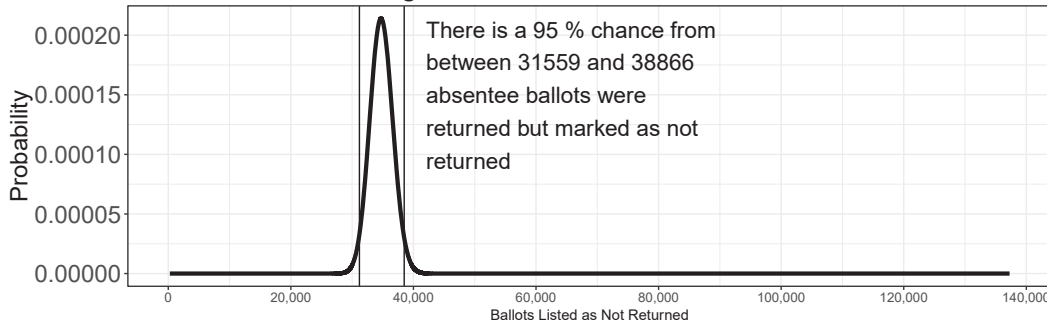
#### 5 Appendix

The probability pictures for each state for each outcome as mentioned above.

**Probability of numbers of un-requested absentee ballots listed as not returned for Georgia**



**Probability of numbers of absentee ballots returned but listed as not returned for Georgia**



**Matt Braynard** @MattBraynard · Nov 20  
Update:  
-Residency Analysis of ABS/EV Voters  
These are the two indicators of someone no longer eligible to vote due to residency:  
NCOA = Voters who filed change of address to another state.  
SVR = Subsequent Voter Registration in another state  
Merged = NCOA+SVR Deduped  
42 1K 2.1K

**Matt Braynard** @MattBraynard · Nov 20  
State / NCOA / SVR / Merged  
AZ / 5,084 / 744 / 5,790  
GA / 15,700 / 4926 / 20,311  
MI / 12,120 / 1,170 / 13,248  
NV / 5,145 / 3,401 / 8,502  
PA / 7,426 / 7,051 / 14,477  
WI / 6,207 / 765 / 6,966  
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**Matt Braynard** @MattBraynard · Nov 20  
The SVR component was greatly hampered by the lack of reliable DOB from state voter records and/or commercial vendors, so these numbers are all artificially low. We only matched when we had a full DOB we were confident of.  
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**Matt Braynard** @MattBraynard · Nov 20  
- Double ABS/EV Voter Analysis  
Voters who cast early/absentee in two+ states, and not including anyone who voted in person on E-Day as that data is not widely available. If it were, these numbers would be much higher.  
Counts are also artificially low due to DOB issues.  
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[Matt Braynard on Twitter: "Update: -Residency Analysis of ABS/EV Voters These are the two indicators of someone no longer eligible to vote due to residency: NCOA = Voters who filed change of address to another state. SVR = Subsequent Voter Registration in another state Merged = NCOA+SVR Deduped" / Twitter](#)

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## 1. EXPERIENCE

- (1) 2016: AUTHOR OF *Uncertainty: The Soul of Modeling, Probability & Statistics*, a book which argues for a complete and fundamental change in the philosophy and practice of probability and statistics. Eliminate hypothesis testing and estimation, and move to verifiable predictions. This includes AI and machine learning. Call this The Great Reset, but a good one.
- (2) 2004-2016 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF STATISTICAL SCIENCE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK  
I taught a yearly Masters course to people who (rightfully) hate statistics. Interests: philosophy of science & probability, epistemology, epidemiology (ask me about the all-too-common epidemiologist fallacy), Bayesian statistics, medicine, climatology & meteorology, goodness of forecasts, overconfidence in science; public understanding of science, limitations of science, scientism; scholastic metaphysics (as it relates to epistemology).
- (3) 1998-PRESENT. STATISTICAL CONSULTANT, VARIOUS COMPANIES  
Most of my time is spent coaxing people out of their money to tell them they are too sure of themselves. All manner of analyses cheerfully undertaken. Example: Fraud analysis; I created the *Wall Street Journal's* College Rankings. I consultant regularly at Methodist and other hospitals, start-ups, start-downs, and with any institution willing to fork it over.
- (4) 2003-2010. RESEARCH SCIENTIST, NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL, NEW YORK  
Besides the usual, I sit/sat on the Institutional Review Committee to assess the statistics of proposed research. I was an Associate Editor for *Monthly Weather Review* (through 2011). Also a member of the American Meteorological Society's Probability and Statistics Committee (through 2011). At a hospital? Yes, sir; at a hospital. It rains there, too, you know.
- (5) FALL 2007, FALL 2010 VISITING PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, MT. PLEASANT, MI  
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- (7) 2002-2003. GOTHAM RISK MANAGEMENT, NEW YORK  
A start-up then, after Enron's shenanigans, a start-down. We set future weather derivative and weather insurance contract prices that incorporated information from medium- and long-range weather and climate forecasts.
- (8) 1998-2002. DOUBLECLICK, NEW YORK  
Lead statistician. Lot of computer this and thats; enormous datasets.
- (9) 1993-1998. GRADUATE STUDENT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Meteorology, applied climatology, and finally statistics. Was Vice Chair of the graduate student government; probably elected thanks to a miracle.

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Forecast storms o' the day and launched enormous balloons in the name of Science. My proudest moment came when I was able to convince an ancient IBM-AT machine to talk to an *analog*, 110 baud, phone-coupled modem, all using BASIC!
- (11) 1989-1992. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Meteorology and mathematics. Started the local student meteorology group to chase tornadoes. Who knew Michigan had so few? Spent a summer at U Michigan playing with a (science-fiction-sounding) lidar.
- (12) 1983-1989. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Cryptography and other secret stuff. Shot things; learned pinochle. I adopted and became proficient with a fascinating and versatile vocabulary. Irritate me for examples. TS/SCI, etc. security clearance (now inactive).

## 2. EDUCATION

- (1) Ph.D., 2004, Cornell University. Statistics.
- (2) M.S., 1995, Cornell University. Atmospheric Science.
- (3) B.S., Summa Cum Laude, 1992, Central Michigan University. Meteorology and Math.

## 3. PUBLICATIONS

### 3.0.1. *Popular.*

- (1) Op-eds in various newspapers; articles in *Stream*, *Crisis Magazine*, *The Remnant*, *Quadrant*, *Quirks*; blog with ~70,000 monthly readers. Various briefs submitted to government agencies, such as California Air Resources Board, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Talks and holding-forths of all kinds.

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