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WASHINGTON -- Almost 54 percent of eligible American voters cast ballots for President in the 1980 general election, according to official totals compiled and released today by the Federal Election Commission.

Based on official reports from individual state election offices, the FEC said 86,495,678 votes were cast for 21 presidential candidates appearing on various state ballots, plus write-in totals. This represents a voter turn-out of 53.95 percent.

The FEC report shows that Republican Ronald Reagan received 43,899,248 votes, representing 50.75 percent of the total; Democrat Jimmy Carter, 35,481,435, 41.02 percent; Independent John Anderson, 5,719,437, 6.61 percent; and Libertarian Ed Clark, 920,859, 1.06 percent.

In emphasizing that its study is compiled from official state election sources, the Federal Election Commission explained that because election laws vary from one state to another, the published figures are based on individual state definitions of a valid vote cast and counted for a candidate.

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OFFICIAL VOTE RETURNS FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL
CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
CAST DURING THE NOVEMBER 4, 1980 GENERAL ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE*	OFFICIAL POPULAR VOTE TOTAL	PER CENT OF TOTAL VOTE FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT
RONALD REAGAN (Republican)	43,899,248	50.75
JIMMY CARTER (Democrat)	35,481,435	41.02
JOHN ANDERSON	5,719,437	6.61
ED CLARK	920,859	1.06
BARRY COMMONER	230,377	.27
GUS HALL	43,871	.05
CLIFTON DeBERRY	40,105	.05
DEIDRE GRISWOLD	13,211	.02
DAVID McREYNOLDS	6,720	.01
JOHN RARICK	41,172	.05
BENJAMIN BUBAR	7,100	.01
ANDREW PULLEY	6,032	.01
PERCY GREAVES	6,539	.01
ELLEN McCORMACK	32,319	.04
RICHARD CONGRESS (Independent)	4,029	.00
BILL GAHRES (Down With Lawyers)	1,718	.00
KURT LYNEN (Middle Class Candidate)	3,684	.00
HARLEY McLAIN (National Peoples League)	296	.00
FRANK SHELTON (American)	1,555	.00
MARGARET SMITH (Peace and Freedom)	18,117	.02
MARTIN WENDELKEN (Independent)	923	.00
WRITE INS	16,921	.02
TOTAL	86,495,678	100.00
VOTER TURNOUT**	<u>53.95</u>	

*Where party designation is uniform in all states where candidate is listed on state ballot(s), party name is included below candidate name.
 **Defined as per cent of eligible electorate casting a vote for an individual candidate for President of the United States.

1980 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS*

RESULT STATUS: Official DATE COMPILED: December 29, 1980 SOURCE(S): State Election Boards

State	REAGAN Republican	CARTER Democrat	ANDERSON	CLARK	COMMONER	HALL	DeBERRY	GRISWOLD
AL	684,192	636,730	16,481	13,318	517	1,629	1,303	
AK	86,112	41,842	11,156	18,479				
AZ	529,688	246,843	76,952	18,784			1,100	
AR	403,164	398,041	22,468	8,970	2,345	1,244		
CA	4,524,835	3,083,652	739,832	148,434	61,063			
CO	652,264	368,009	130,633	25,744	5,614	487		
CT	677,210	541,732	171,807	8,570	6,130			
DC	23,313	130,231	16,131	1,104	1,826	369	173	52
DE	111,252	105,754	16,288	1,974				
FL	2,046,951	1,419,475	189,692	30,524				
GA	654,168	890,733	36,055	15,627				
HI	130,112	136,879	32,021	3,269	1,548	458		
ID	290,699	110,192	27,058	8,425				
IL	2,358,094	1,981,413	346,754	38,939	10,692	9,711	1,302	2,257
IN	1,255,656	844,197	111,639	19,627	4,852	702	610	
IA	676,026	508,672	115,633	13,123	2,273	298	244	
KS	566,812	326,150	68,231	14,470		967		
KY	635,274	617,417	31,127	5,531	1,304	348		
LA	792,853	708,453	26,345	8,240	1,584		783	
ME	238,522	220,974	53,327	5,119	4,394	591		
MD	680,606	726,161	119,537	14,192				
MA	1,056,223	1,053,802	382,539	22,038			5,143	
MI	1,915,225	1,661,532	275,223	41,597	11,930	3,262		
MN	873,268	954,173	174,997	31,593	8,406	1,117	711	698
MS	441,089	429,281	12,036	5,465				2,402
MO	1,074,181	931,182	77,920	14,422			1,515	
MT	206,814	118,032	29,281	9,825				
NE	419,214	166,424	44,854	9,041				
NV	155,017	66,666	17,651	4,358				
NH	221,705	108,864	49,693	2,067	1,325	129	72	76
NJ	1,546,557	1,147,364	234,632	20,652	8,203	2,555		1,288
NM	250,779	167,826	29,459	4,365	2,202			
NY	2,893,831	2,728,372	467,801	52,648	23,186	7,414	2,068	1,416
NC	915,018	875,635	52,800	9,677	2,287		416	
ND	193,695	79,189	23,640	3,743	429	93	89	
OH	2,206,545	1,752,414	254,472	49,033	8,564	4,729		3,790
OK	695,570	402,026	38,284	13,828				
OR	571,044	456,890	112,389	25,838	13,842			
PA	2,261,872	1,937,540	292,921	33,263	10,430	5,184	20,291	
RI	154,793	198,342	59,819	2,458		218	90	77
SC	439,277	428,220	13,868	4,807				
SD	198,343	103,855	21,431	3,824				
	701,761	783,051	36,991	7,116	1,112	503	490	400
TX	2,510,705	1,881,147	111,613	37,643				
UT	439,687	124,266	30,284	7,156	1,009	139	124	
VT	94,628	81,952	31,761	1,900	2,316	118	75	
VA	989,609	752,174	95,418	12,821	14,024		1,986	
WA	865,244	650,193	185,073	29,213	9,403	834	1,137	341
WV	334,206	367,462	31,691	4,356				
WI	1,088,845	981,584	160,857	29,135	7,767	772	383	414
WY	110,700	49,427	12,072	4,514				
Total	43,899,248	35,481,435	5,719,437	920,859	230,377	43,871	40,105	13,211

*Anderson, Carter, Clark, Reagan on ballot in all states and District of Columbia.

8 1980 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

RESULT STATUS: Official

DATE COMPILED: December 29, 1980

SOURCE(S): State Election Boards

State	McREYNOLDS	RARICK	BUBAR	PULLEY	GREAVES	McCORMACK	CONGRESS	GAHRES
AL	1,008	15,010	1,743					
AK								
AZ								
AR			1,350					
CA		9,856						
CO			1,180	519				
CT								
DC								
DE					400			
FL								
GA								
HI								
ID		1,057						
IL								
IN					4,750			
IA	534		150		189			
KS		789	821					
KY				393		4,233		
LA		10,333						
ME								
MD								
MA								
MI								
MN	536							
MS				2,347				
MO								
MT								
NE								
NV								
NH								
NJ	1,973			2,198		3,927		1,718
NM			1,281	325				
NY						24,159		
NC								
ND	82		54		235			
OH							4,029	
OK								
OR								
PA								
RI	170							
SC		2,086						
SD				250				
TN	519		521					
TX								
UT		522			955			
VT	136							
VA								
WA	956							
WV								
WI	808	1,519						
WY								
Total	6,720	41,172	7,100	6,032	6,539	32,319	4,029	1,718

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State	LYNEN	McLAIN	SHELTON	SMITH	WENDELKEN	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
AL						None
AK						None
AZ						578
AR						None
CA				18,117		1,242
CO						None
CT						836
DC						690
DE						55
FL						285
GA						None
HI						None
ID						None
IL						604
IN						None
IA						519
KS			1,555			None
KY						None
LA						None
ME						84
MD						None
MA						4,885
MI						956
MN						281
MS						None
MO						604
MT						None
NE						None
NV						None
NH						88
NJ	3,694				923	None
NM						None
NY						1,064
NC						None
ND		296				None
OH						27
OK						None
OR						1,713
PA						None
RI						None
SC						N.C.*
SD						None
TN						152
TX						520
UT						None
VT						413
VA						None
WA						None
WV						None
WI						1,337
WY						None
Total	3,694	296	1,555	18,117	923	16,921

*Not Compiled as of publication date of this chart.