

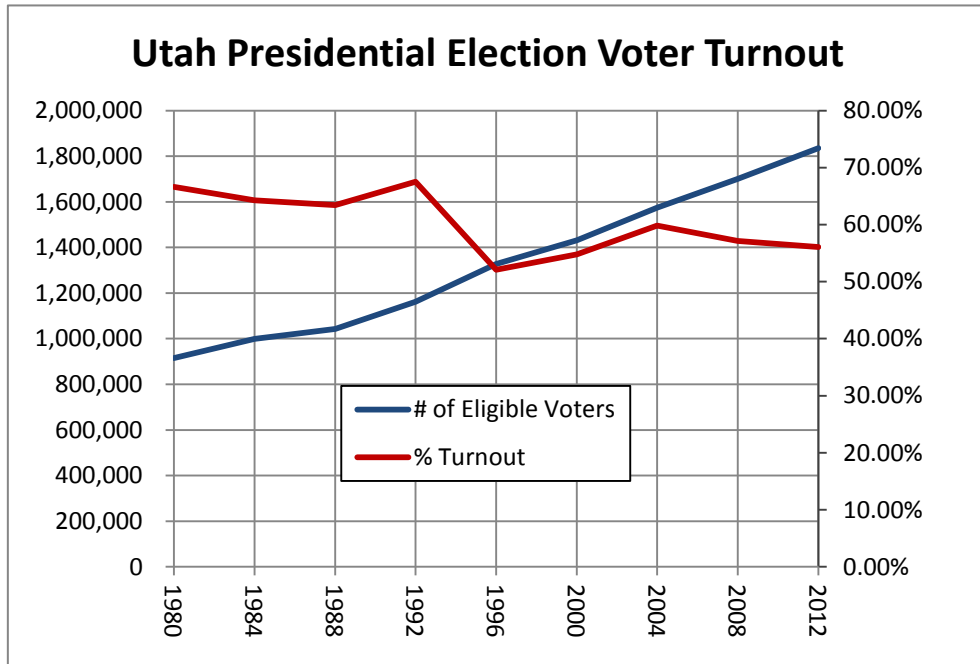
Utah Voter Turnout History from 1980 to 2012

Source: United States Election Project (http://elections.gmu.edu/voter_turnout.htm)

Presidential Election Yr Info	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012
Utah Eligible Voter Turnout %	66.60%	64.26%	63.42%	67.53%	52.08%	54.80%	59.83%	57.12%	56.04%
# of Eligible Voters	915,484	998,820	1,043,170	1,162,363	1,326,919	1,431,668	1,574,463	1,700,286	1,835,666
Turnout change		-3.51%	-1.31%	6.49%	-22.89%	5.23%	9.18%	-4.53%	-1.88%
Population change		9.10%	4.44%	11.43%	14.16%	7.89%	9.97%	7.99%	7.96%
National Eligible Turnout %	54.20%	55.25%	52.77%	58.11%	51.66%	55.26%	60.71%	62.19%	58.72%
Utah v. National Turnout	12.40%	9.01%	10.65%	9.42%	0.42%	-0.46%	-0.88%	-5.07%	-2.67%

Turnout change since 1980	1.41%	Turnout change since 1992	-17%
Population change since 1980	26.97%	Population change since 1992	57.93%

Non-Pres Election Yr Info	1982	1984	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010
Utah Eligible Voter Turnout %	55.80%	64.26%	42.17%	42.66%	36.65%	37.77%	35.00%	36.77%
Utah # of Eligible Voters	962,724	998,820	1,086,050	1,248,726	1,381,989	1,504,529	1,664,323	1,776,843
Turnout change		15.16%	-34.38%	1.17%	-14.08%	3.05%	-7.33%	5.04%
Population change		3.75%	8.73%	14.98%	10.67%	8.87%	10.62%	6.76%
National Eligible Turnout %	42.14%	38.14%	38.42%	41.13%	39.30%	40.48%	41.31%	41.72%
Utah v. National Turnout	13.66%	26.12%	3.75%	1.54%	-2.64%	-2.70%	-6.30%	-4.95%



Prior to 1996, and with the caucus system in place Utah voter turnout was +9% above the national average. In the last election we were about 3% below the national average but since 1996 our voter turnout has steadily increased. Looking at the stats we can't see how anybody can claim that the caucus system has a negative impact on voter turnout.

One possibility could be that Utah's population growth had an impact. Voters new to the state are less familiar with the caucus system and it takes some time for them to become assimilated. Perhaps the migration from other states has influenced turnout. If the "Count My Vote Group" claims to want to fix the low turnout issue then perhaps they should first figure out what are the key contributing factors.

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