

**Table 2. The Black Vote by State, 1998–2006 (Selected States)**

State	BVAP (%)	Black Share of Total Vote: Exit Polls			Total Voter Turnout			Black Partisan Vote, 2006			
		1998 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)	1998 (%)	2002 (%)	2006 (%)	Democrat (Gov.) (Sen.) % %		Republican (Gov.) (Sen.) % %	
California	6.4	6	6	5	42.5	36.6	32.4	71	88	26	12
Florida	12.7	10	12	14	36.7	44.2	37.5	81	92	17	7
Georgia	26.4	29	25	16	32.4	34.2	32.1	81	--	7	--
Illinois	13.8	17	10	10	40.8	41.8	38.5	80	--	16	--
Maryland	26.4	21	24	23	41.9	45.4	40.5	84	74	15	25
Michigan	13.1	19	13	12	43.0	44.1	51.5	91	90	9	9
Missouri	10.2	8	8	13	39.0	45.0	48.3	--	91	--	8
New York	14.8	9	13	10	38.0	36.7	33.8	89	88	10	11
Ohio	10.5	10	10	12	41.2	38.4	44.6	77	85	20	15
Pennsylvania	9.0	6	13	8	33.2	38.6	43.3	87	90	13	10
Tennessee	14.8	11	12	13	23.7	38.0	40.0	94	95	4	4
Texas	11.0	10	12	8	28.7	32.8	30.1	63	67	16	26
Virginia	18.4	n/a	21	16	23.1	29.2	43.8	--	85	--	15

Source: Information on the black voting-age population is from the U.S. Census publication, *Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2004* (P20-556), Table 4a. The actual share numbers from 1998, 2004, 2006 are from VNS (1998) and Edison/Mitofsky (2004-06). Statewide turnout numbers are from the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate.