

# MFEI Statistical Analysis of Michigan’s Voter Rolls

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I have reviewed the latest FOIA data from the Michigan Secretary of State of its inactive voter file for the period ending 4/1/2026. The preliminary results show clear progress on cleaning long-inactive registrations that MFEI and other Election Integrity groups have been highlighting for years.

## Key Findings (Comparison to Previous FOIA):

- Previous FOIA: **558,627** active non-voting registrants (long-inactive, 6+ years).
- Current FOIA: Only **345,263** of those remain — a **decrease of 213,364** (38.2% reduction).
- Of the previous long-inactive group, **122** from the sampled old registrations (pre-2010) were removed or changed to CH/V — **87.8%** of the sampled old registrations.
- Estimated **187,333** now coded as CH, V, or removed with no activity since pre-2010.
- Total currently coded as “A” (active): 396,001 (as of 4/1/2026), with **50,738 new registrants** added during the year.

Here is a summary chart of the changes:

Metric	Previous FOIA	Current (4/1/2026)	Change	% Change
Long-inactive (active non-voters)	558,627	345,263	-213,364	-38.2%
Old registrations (pre-2010) removed/changed	—	122 (sampled)	—	87.8%
Estimated now coded CH (challenged), V (Verify), or removed	—	187,333	—	—
New registrants added	—	50,738	+50,738	—
Total coded “A”	—	396,001	—	—

## **Analysis:**

The dramatic 213,364 reduction occurred in the exact cohort of long-inactive registrants that MFEI targeted in our previous statistical sample of 384 registrants and confirmation letter campaign ([MFEI Voter Roll Analysis September 2025](#)). The analysis further shows that the cleanup heavily focused on the registrations with no activity since 2009 or before (pre-2010). Of the sampled old registrations, 87.8% (122 of 139) were removed or re-coded to CH (challenged) / V (verify), leading to an estimated 187,333 such records now cleaned/removed statewide.

This cleanup happened after MFEI's report, continuous monitoring, the MFEI Chair's repeated legislative audit requests to House Speaker Pro Tempore Rachel Smit (October 2025–January 2026 email chain), and related House Oversight Committee hearings. The OAG confirmed they would only perform informal follow-up on the 2022 BOE audit and stated a full statistical sampling audit would take until 2027 due to capacity constraints. Legislative pressure via FY26 budget language for a QVF audit was introduced but some oversight provisions were later removed.

The timing and scale of the removals, particularly the aggressive action on pre-2010 registrations that had lingered for over 15 years, strongly indicate that sustained public education by MFEI and advocacy from PIME and election integrity groups successfully pushed the SOS and clerks to accelerate cleanup of these high-risk, long-inactive records. While the SOS continues to describe the actions as routine NVRA compliance, the focused reduction in the precise group MFEI highlighted demonstrates a meaningful response to our efforts.

We seem to be making progress on old, inactive registrations.

Respectfully submitted,

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