Year	Voting Age Population	General Elections Voters	General Election Turnout				
2020	4,536,417						
2018	4,498,402	2,673,308	59.43%				
2016	4,461,068	3,004,051	67.34%				
2014	4,416,501	2,422,040	54.84%				
2012	4,378,741	3,071,434	70.14%				
2010	4,372,347	2,171,331	49.66%				
2008	4,330,695	2,996,869	69.20%				
2006	4,260,038	2,166,671	50.86%				
2004	4,118,621	3,016,288	73.24%				
2002	4,060,973	1,785,710	43.97%				
2000	3,908,533	2,619,184	67.01%				
1998	3,853,041	1,760,836	45.70%				
1996	3,786,560	2,196,169	58.00%				
1994	3,777,000	1,565,628	41.45%				
1992	3,669,000	2,531,114	68.99%				
1990	3,616,000	1,397,727	38.65%				
1988	3,593,000	2,191,608	61.00%				
1986	3,522,000	1,526,960	43.35%				
1984	3,487,000	2,211,689	63.43%				
1982	3,437,000	1,580,344	45.98%				
1980	3,375,000	2,273,221	67.35%				

1
00:00:03,669 --> 00:00:02,230
how do you calculate wisconsin's voter

2
00:00:05,590 --> 00:00:03,679
turnout percentage

3
00:00:07,269 --> 00:00:05,600
well you could just wait a few days uh

4
00:00:09,030 --> 00:00:07,279
maybe about a week or so and then the

5
00:00:09,750 --> 00:00:09,040
number will be here on the wisconsin

6
00:00:12,390 --> 00:00:09,760
election

7
00:00:14,070 --> 00:00:12,400
commission's uh voter turnout statistics

8
00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:14,080
page where they calculate it

9
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:16,320
every election they haven't calculated

10
00:00:20,070 --> 00:00:17,840
it yet because the polls

11
00:00:22,150 --> 00:00:20,080
haven't been completely counted because

12
00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:22,160
they're still still votes to count

13
00:00:26,230 --> 00:00:23,680

it'll be up here in a week but in the

14
00:00:28,790 --> 00:00:26,240
meantime let me explain how to do it

15
00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:28,800
uh something to note first of all is

16
00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:30,160
that the wisconsin

17
00:00:34,630 --> 00:00:32,480
elections commission calculates voter

18
00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:34,640
turnout as a percentage of the voting

19
00:00:38,869 --> 00:00:36,320
age population

20
00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:38,879
as uh people age 18 or above this is

21
00:00:42,310 --> 00:00:40,320
different from other states

22
00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:42,320
other states uh not all of them but some

23
00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:44,079
of them calculated

24
00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:47,680
as a percentage of the registered voters

25
00:00:53,670 --> 00:00:49,840
but because wisconsin like several

26
00:00:57,189 --> 00:00:53,680
states allow same-day voter registration

27
00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:57,199
as they say here they do not do that

28
00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:58,879
wisconsin does not calculate turnout

29
00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:00,879
based on the number of registered voters

30
00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,960
in part because the state has election

31
00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:04,640
day registration

32
00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:07,360
and it says here in 2020 we have an

33
00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:09,439
estimated voting age population

34
00:01:14,789 --> 00:01:12,560
of about 4.5 million now they also have

35
00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:14,799
these spreadsheets here we can download

36
00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,720
these spreadsheets and this tells us the

37
00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:18,640
previous values so i'm going to download

38
00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:18,960

it

39
00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:24,960
uh we have the years we have the voting

40
00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:27,040
age population remember this number here

41
00:01:33,190 --> 00:01:29,280
4.5 million was the number

42
00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:33,200
we had uh right here 4.5 million

43
00:01:36,950 --> 00:01:35,119
and we have the number of people who

44
00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:36,960
voted in these elections now these

45
00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:38,960
alternate between presidential years

46
00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:40,880
2020 2016 2012

47
00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:42,720
and non-presidential years whether the

48
00:01:45,990 --> 00:01:44,399
turnouts is a lot lower so we're only

49
00:01:49,590 --> 00:01:46,000
interested in the presidential

50
00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:49,600
years the ones divisible by four which

51
00:01:53,190 --> 00:01:52,320
2016 uh it's basically the ones that are

52
00:01:57,510 --> 00:01:53,200
in grey

53
00:02:00,789 --> 00:01:57,520
so in 2016 the turnout was 67

54
00:02:04,709 --> 00:02:00,799
i'm just gonna hide these because

55
00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:06,469
uh so the general election turnout in

56
00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:08,239
2016 were 67

57
00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:10,560
so what was it in 2020 well we have the

58
00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:12,160
voting age population but we're missing

59
00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,599
this one number here the general

60
00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:15,440
elections voters how many people

61
00:02:18,470 --> 00:02:16,560
actually voted

62
00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:18,480
in the general election and the way we

63
00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:20,400

do that is where we found that number

64
00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:20,879
which we

65
00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:23,360
they'll fill in eventually is to go and

66
00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:24,400
look at the

67
00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:28,319
the numbers here and we can see

68
00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:31,200
uh how many people actually voted and we

69
00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:33,440
narrow that down to wisconsin

70
00:02:37,270 --> 00:02:35,519
and this gives us the numbers here so we

71
00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:37,280
can take that

72
00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,309
let's take this over here and i'm going

73
00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:46,400
to enter in these numbers here just real

74
00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:47,760
quick i'm just going to put them in so i

75
00:03:00,149 --> 00:02:48,400
can

76
00:03:03,910 --> 00:03:02,229
all right so this number here is the

77
00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:03,920
actual turnout just simply adding

78
00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,760
together these numbers here

79
00:03:09,750 --> 00:03:07,440
so we can take this number we can copy

80
00:03:12,949 --> 00:03:09,760
it and we can stick it over here we can

81
00:03:14,949 --> 00:03:12,959
paste uh paste values only

82
00:03:17,110 --> 00:03:14,959
gives the actual value of that so here

83
00:03:19,830 --> 00:03:17,120
we have the general election voters

84
00:03:21,430 --> 00:03:19,840
so to calculate the as a percentage we

85
00:03:23,270 --> 00:03:21,440
can just copy this formula

86
00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:23,280
from down to here and it will

87
00:03:28,229 --> 00:03:24,480
automatically

88
00:03:31,350 --> 00:03:28,239

apply to these here it gives us 72.5

89
00:03:33,670 --> 00:03:31,360
so you know 3.2 million out of 4.5

90
00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:33,680
million 72.5 percent

91
00:03:38,789 --> 00:03:35,760
which is definitely higher than the last

92
00:03:40,789 --> 00:03:38,799
presidential election 2016 which is 67

93
00:03:41,990 --> 00:03:40,799
but not not hugely high five percent but

94
00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:42,000
it's actually

95
00:03:47,910 --> 00:03:44,720
you will know lower than 2004 which was

96
00:03:50,550 --> 00:03:47,920
the election uh three years after 9 11

97
00:03:51,990 --> 00:03:50,560
uh which was you know very big turnout

98
00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:52,000
election so this is actually

99
00:03:55,429 --> 00:03:54,000
not the highest turnout it's ever been

100
00:03:57,750 --> 00:03:55,439
in wisconsin

101
00:03:59,350 --> 00:03:57,760
so that's how you calculate it taking

102
00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:59,360
just the number of people who voted

103
00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:01,200
and the voting age population and you've

104
00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:02,799
calculated the percentage and that's all

105
00:04:06,949 --> 00:04:04,319
there is to it really

106
00:04:09,270 --> 00:04:06,959
some people as i noted earlier have

107
00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:09,280
calculated as the number of people voted

108
00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:11,280
as a percentage of the registered voters

109
00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:13,760
which is very misleading because

110
00:04:17,509 --> 00:04:16,000
that's not how it is historically

111
00:04:18,629 --> 00:04:17,519
calculated so you can't compare it

112
00:04:21,670 --> 00:04:18,639
against old figures

113
00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:21,680

and it also misses out the about 12 to

114
00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:22,639
15 percent

115
00:04:27,430 --> 00:04:25,680
of the the voting uh population who

116
00:04:29,590 --> 00:04:27,440
actually register on the day

117
00:04:32,550 --> 00:04:29,600
which is quite a lot of people i guess

118
00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:32,560
that would be about 500 000 people or so