

Juror Qualification Report 2015



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Background

In accordance with §52-1-16 of the West Virginia State Code, circuit clerks provide an annual report of juror qualification questionnaires to the Administrative Office of the Courts. West Virginia Code specifies that “the clerk shall make an annual report no later than the first day of March of each year...with the following information: whether the clerk employed a jury box or jury wheel for the year reported, and the age, race and gender of each person for whom a juror qualification questionnaire has been received.” Staff at the Administrative Office compile summaries of the questionnaires provided by the circuit clerks and generate an annual report. Pursuant to the code, the Administrative Office “provide[s] this information to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates on an annual basis, no later than the first day of April of each year.”

This report summarizes annual reports received for activity in 2015. The following sections describe the level of reporting; the number of jurors; the gender, race and age of the jurors; and the method used to select jurors.

Highlights

- Fifty-four counties submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office. Monroe County was unable to submit data for 2015.
- A total of 40,093 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Jefferson County (6,018) and Ohio County (4,805) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 46.0 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 49.8 percent. The remaining 4.2 percent of jurors did not report gender.
- Whites completed 85.2 percent of the questionnaires, Blacks completed 2.3 percent, and other races completed 1.0 percent. Race was not reported or indicated on 11.5 percent of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,456) in the “56-60” age category than any other age category.
- 46.3 percent of the counties used the jury wheel to select jurors, 14.8 percent used the jury box, and 38.9 percent used a computer selection method.

Results

Counties Reporting

Fifty-four of West Virginia's counties submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2015. Monroe County was not able to submit data for 2015, so statewide calculations are based on submissions from the fifty-four reporting counties.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 40,093 individuals (2.16 percent of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2015. This represents a decrease of 4.47 percent from 2014. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 34 in Randolph County to a high of 6,018 in Jefferson County. On average, 751 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	279	Kanawha	1,706	Preston	308
Berkeley	2,299	Lewis	490	Putnam	907
Boone	292	Lincoln	134	Raleigh	792
Braxton	525	Logan	221	Randolph	34
Brooke	551	Marion	700	Ritchie	236
Cabell	1,022	Marshall	351	Roane	493
Calhoun	561	Mason	522	Summers	268
Clay	164	McDowell	397	Taylor	87
Doddridge	141	Mercer	1,574	Tucker	333
Fayette	420	Mineral	349	Tyler	336
Gilmer	217	Mingo	306	Upshur	487
Grant	673	Monongalia	1,644	Wayne	310
Greenbrier	236	Monroe	-	Webster	163
Hampshire	746	Morgan	1,142	Wetzel	262
Hancock	890	Nicholas	630	Wirt	313
Hardy	344	Ohio	4,805	Wood	1,833
Harrison	1,079	Pendleton	48	Wyoming	366
Jackson	395	Pleasants	389	West Virginia	40,093
Jefferson	6,018	Pocahontas	305		

Gender

Of the 40,093 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2015, 18,444 were males (46.0%) and 19,956 were females (49.8%). The gender was not reported on 1,693 questionnaires (4.2%).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

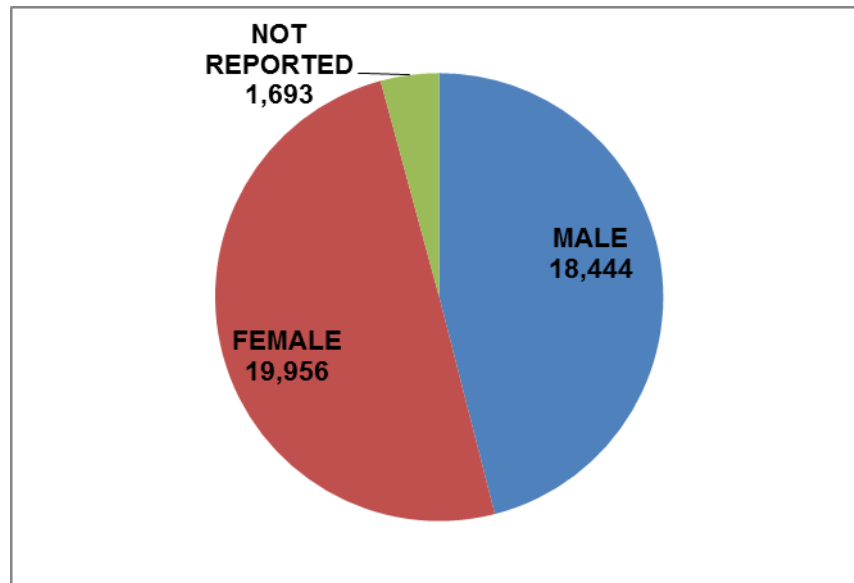


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

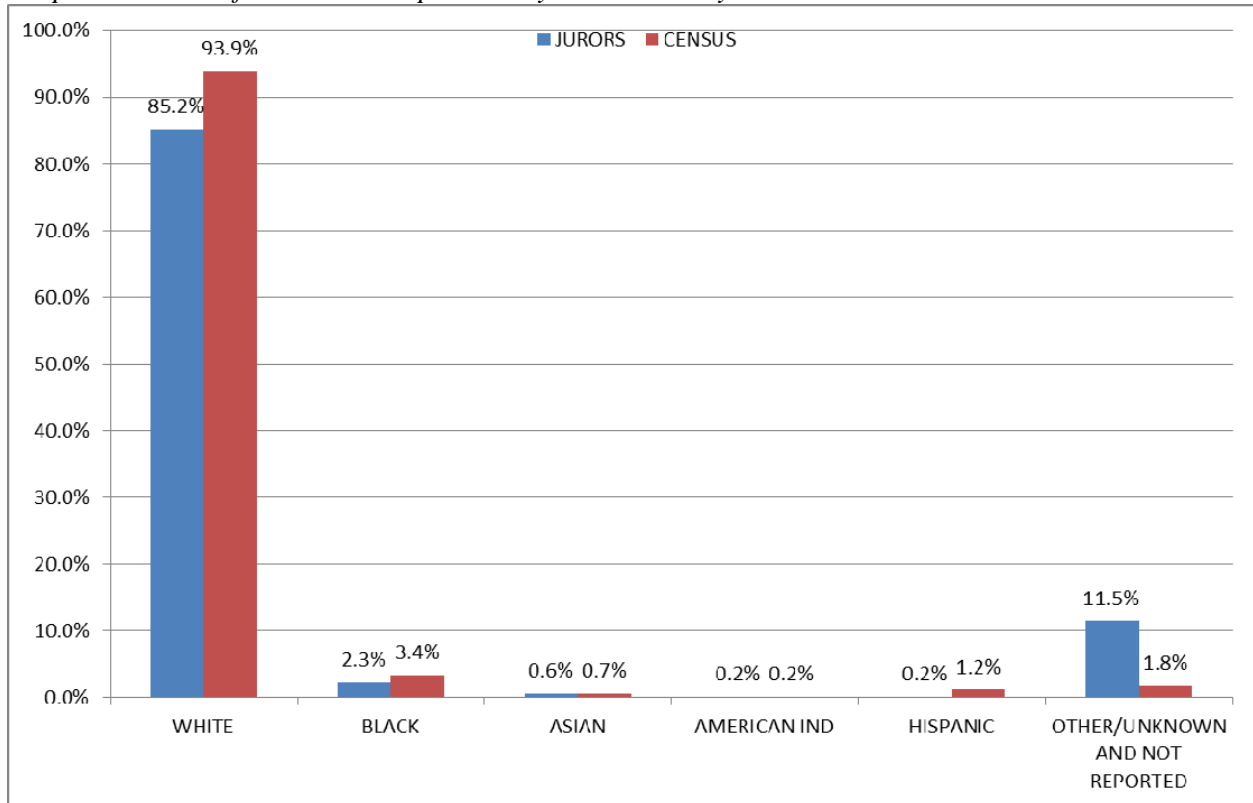
County	MALE		FEMALE		NOT REPORTED		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	114	40.9%	145	52.0%	20	7.2%	279
Berkeley	1,132	49.2%	1,167	50.8%	0	0.0%	2,299
Boone	146	50.0%	145	49.7%	1	0.3%	292
Braxton	273	52.0%	252	48.0%	0	0.0%	525
Brooke	262	47.5%	258	46.8%	31	5.6%	551
Cabell	502	49.1%	513	50.2%	7	0.7%	1,022
Calhoun	273	48.7%	288	51.3%	0	0.0%	561
Clay	66	40.2%	68	41.5%	30	18.3%	164
Doddridge	72	51.1%	69	48.9%	0	0.0%	141
Fayette	187	44.5%	233	55.5%	0	0.0%	420
Gilmer	109	50.2%	107	49.3%	1	0.5%	217
Grant	318	47.3%	355	52.7%	0	0.0%	673
Greenbrier	97	41.1%	132	55.9%	7	3.0%	236
Hampshire	357	47.9%	389	52.1%	0	0.0%	746
Hancock	429	48.2%	455	51.1%	6	0.7%	890

County	MALE		FEMALE		NOT REPORTED		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Hardy	159	46.2%	179	52.0%	6	1.7%	344
Harrison	566	52.5%	507	47.0%	6	0.6%	1,079
Jackson	179	45.3%	208	52.7%	8	2.0%	395
Jefferson	2,913	48.4%	3,105	51.6%	0	0.0%	6,018
Kanawha	761	44.6%	798	46.8%	147	8.6%	1,706
Lewis	249	50.8%	241	49.2%	0	0.0%	490
Lincoln	0	0.0%	59	44.0%	75	56.0%	134
Logan	125	56.6%	96	43.4%	0	0.0%	221
Marion	270	38.6%	266	38.0%	164	23.4%	700
Marshall	110	31.3%	106	30.2%	135	38.5%	351
Mason	236	45.2%	276	52.9%	10	1.9%	522
McDowell	175	44.1%	219	55.2%	3	0.8%	397
Mercer	730	46.4%	814	51.7%	30	1.9%	1,574
Mineral	168	48.1%	178	51.0%	3	0.9%	349
Mingo	122	39.9%	177	57.8%	7	2.3%	306
Monongalia	757	46.0%	887	54.0%	0	0.0%	1,644
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan	466	40.8%	488	42.7%	188	16.5%	1,142
Nicholas	255	40.5%	369	58.6%	6	1.0%	630
Ohio	2,088	43.5%	2,133	44.4%	584	12.2%	4,805
Pendleton	24	50.0%	24	50.0%	0	0.0%	48
Pleasants	174	44.7%	211	54.2%	4	1.0%	389
Pocahontas	154	50.5%	150	49.2%	1	0.3%	305
Preston	150	48.7%	156	50.6%	2	0.6%	308
Putnam	390	43.0%	517	57.0%	0	0.0%	907
Raleigh	320	40.4%	361	45.6%	111	14.0%	792
Randolph	16	47.1%	12	35.3%	6	17.6%	34
Ritchie	121	51.3%	111	47.0%	4	1.7%	236
Roane	210	42.6%	269	54.6%	14	2.8%	493
Summers	113	42.2%	152	56.7%	3	1.1%	268
Taylor	44	50.6%	43	49.4%	0	0.0%	87
Tucker	161	48.3%	154	46.2%	18	5.4%	333
Tyler	174	51.8%	162	48.2%	0	0.0%	336
Upshur	208	42.7%	279	57.3%	0	0.0%	487
Wayne	161	51.9%	149	48.1%	0	0.0%	310
Webster	86	52.8%	77	47.2%	0	0.0%	163
Wetzel	131	50.0%	129	49.2%	2	0.8%	262
Wirt	158	50.5%	154	49.2%	1	0.3%	313
Wood	818	44.6%	1,002	54.7%	13	0.7%	1,833
Wyoming	165	45.1%	162	44.3%	39	10.7%	366
West Virginia	18,444	46.0%	19,956	49.8%	1,693	4.2%	40,093

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 40,093 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 34,160 (85.2%) reported their race as White. There were 928 Black jurors (2.3%), 221 Asian jurors (0.6%), 98 Native American jurors (0.2%) and 90 Hispanic jurors (0.2%). Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 4,596 jurors (11.5%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected. According to the United States Census Bureau’s¹ website, in 2010, 93.9 percent of the West Virginia population was White, 3.4 percent were Black, 1.2 percent were Hispanic (of any race), 0.7 percent were Asian, 0.2 percent were American Indian or Alaska Native, and 1.8 percent were another race. The population demographics for 2015 are not available on their website.

Graph 2: Percent of Jurors and Population by Race/Ethnicity *



*Please note when summing the distribution of race calculated from the census it will not total 100 percent. Race and ethnicity are reported separately in census reporting. Thus in census comparison data, in addition to race, all respondents are categorized by membership in one of two ethnicities, which are “Hispanic or Latino” and “Not Hispanic or Latino”. However, in WV Juror Questionnaires, Hispanic is included as a selection within the race category. So, while on census reporting an individual may choose a race such as Black or White and Hispanic as their ethnicity, on juror reporting they would only choose the one of these with which they most identify (i.e. Black or Hispanic).

¹United States Census Bureau (n.d.) 2010 Census Interactive Population Search: West Virginia. Retrieved from: <http://www.census.gov/2010census/popmap/ipmtext.php?fl=54>

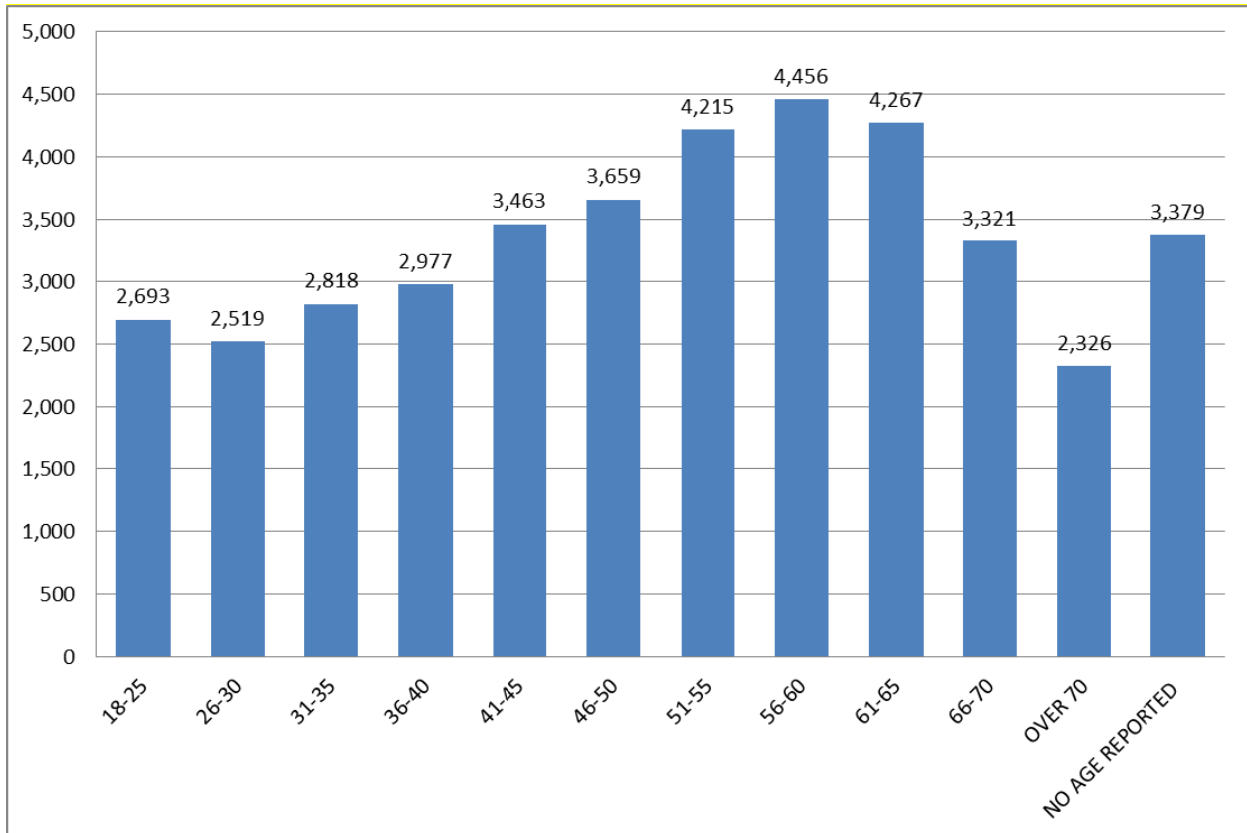
Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

County	WHITE		BLACK		ASIAN		AMERICAN INDIAN		HISPANIC		OTHER/UNKNOWN AND NOT REPORTED		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	267	95.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	11	3.9%	279
Berkeley	2,129	92.6%	118	5.1%	15	0.7%	7	0.3%	1	0.0%	29	1.3%	2,299
Boone	284	97.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	2.4%	292
Braxton	280	53.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	244	46.5%	525
Brooke	471	85.5%	4	0.7%	2	0.4%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	72	13.1%	551
Cabell	934	91.4%	34	3.3%	7	0.7%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	45	4.4%	1,022
Calhoun	561	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	561
Clay	136	82.9%	28	17.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	164
Doddridge	141	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	141
Fayette	389	92.6%	24	5.7%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	2	0.5%	3	0.7%	420
Gilmer	211	97.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	2.8%	217
Grant	673	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	673
Greenbrier	228	96.6%	5	2.1%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	236
Hampshire	722	96.8%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	0.7%	0	0.0%	16	2.1%	746
Hancock	854	96.0%	19	2.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	15	1.7%	890
Hardy	341	99.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	344
Harrison	1,047	97.0%	17	1.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	12	1.1%	1,079
Jackson	382	96.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	12	3.0%	395
Jefferson	3,452	57.4%	204	3.4%	60	1.0%	22	0.4%	71	1.2%	2,209	36.7%	6,018
Kanawha	1,534	89.9%	107	6.3%	12	0.7%	16	0.9%	0	0.0%	37	2.2%	1,706
Lewis	488	99.6%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	490
Lincoln	134	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	134
Logan	217	98.2%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	221
Marion	296	42.3%	8	1.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	395	56.4%	700
Marshall	155	44.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	196	55.8%	351
Mason	459	87.9%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	58	11.1%	522
McDowell	340	85.6%	48	12.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.5%	0	0.0%	7	1.8%	397
Mercer	1,428	90.7%	72	4.6%	4	0.3%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	67	4.3%	1,574
Mineral	341	97.7%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	4	1.1%	349
Mingo	302	98.7%	3	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	306
Monongalia	1,402	85.3%	34	2.1%	32	1.9%	3	0.2%	9	0.5%	164	10.0%	1,644
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan	587	51.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	554	48.5%	1,142
Nicholas	628	99.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	630
Ohio	4,564	95.0%	116	2.4%	35	0.7%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	82	1.7%	4,805
Pendleton	45	93.8%	1	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	4.2%	48
Pleasants	383	98.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	5	1.3%	389
Pocahontas	301	98.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.0%	305
Preston	303	98.4%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	3	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	308
Putnam	887	97.8%	1	0.1%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	1.3%	907
Raleigh	687	86.7%	54	6.8%	6	0.8%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	42	5.3%	792
Randolph	32	94.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.9%	34
Ritchie	229	97.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	2.1%	236
Roane	478	97.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	9	1.8%	493
Summers	259	96.6%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	6	2.2%	268
Taylor	62	71.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	28.7%	87
Tucker	325	97.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	2.4%	333
Tyler	328	97.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	2.4%	336
Upshur	477	97.9%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	1.4%	487
Wayne	310	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	310
Webster	163	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	163
Wetzel	260	99.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	262
Wirt	310	99.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.0%	313
Wood	1,597	87.1%	16	0.9%	26	1.4%	0	0.0%	7	0.4%	187	10.2%	1,833
Wyoming	347	94.8%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	17	4.6%	366
West Virginia	34,160	85.2%	928	2.3%	221	0.6%	98	0.2%	90	0.2%	4,596	11.5%	40,093

Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,456 individuals (11.1%) in the “56-60” category to a low of 2,519 individuals (6.3%) in the “26-30” category. The age was missing or unknown for 3,379 individuals (8.4%). A table listing totals for all age categories by county is provided in Table 5 of the Appendix.

Graph 3: Count of Jurors by Age Category



Jury Selection Method

In 2015, 25 counties (46.3%) used the jury wheel and 8 counties (14.8%) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 21 counties (38.9%).

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods

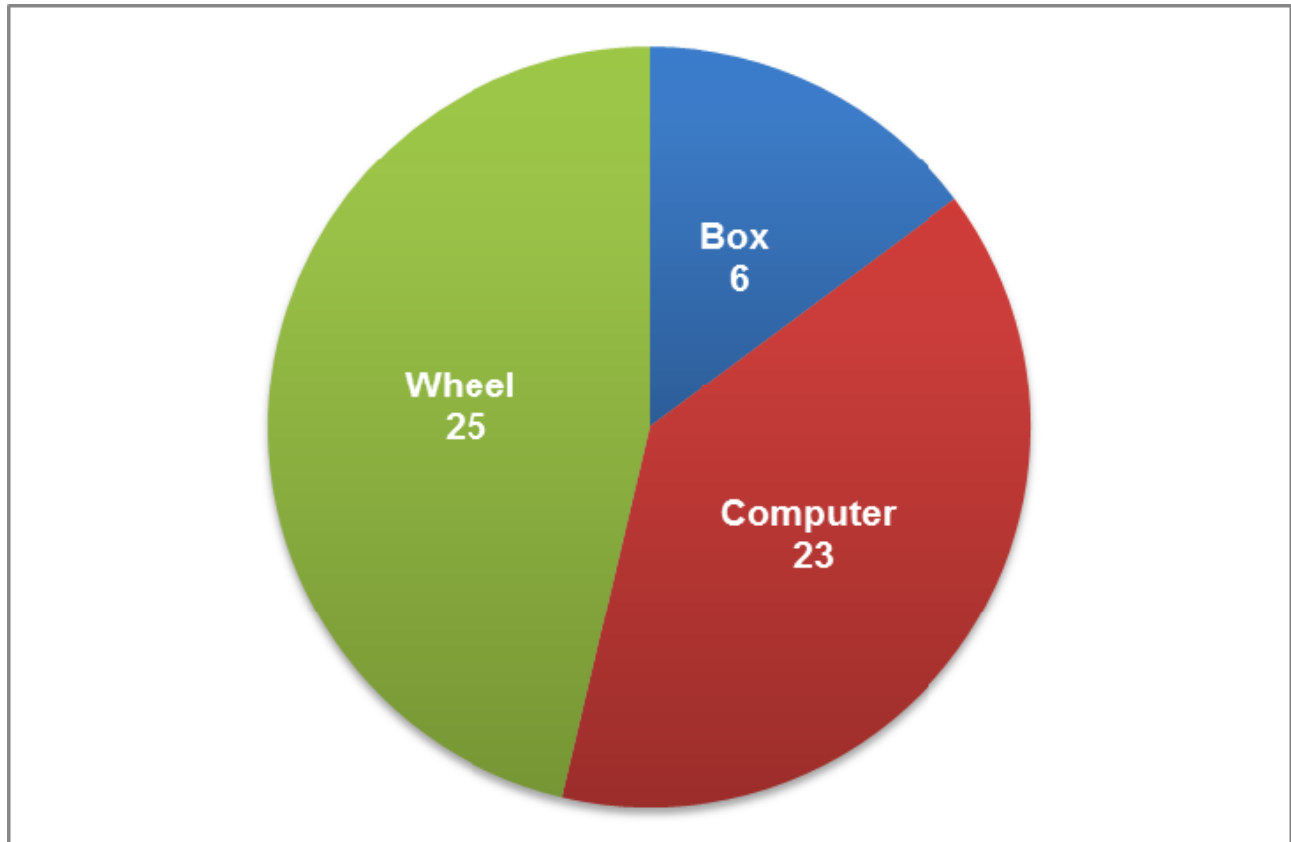


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

County	Selected By	County	Selected By
Barbour	Wheel	Mineral	Wheel
Berkeley	Box	Mingo	Wheel
Boone	Wheel	Monongalia	Computer
Braxton	Computer	Monroe	N/A
Brooke	Computer	Morgan	Wheel
Cabell	Wheel	Nicholas	Computer
Calhoun	Box	Ohio	Wheel
Clay	Wheel	Pendleton	Computer
Doddridge	Computer	Pleasants	Computer
Fayette	Box	Pocahontas	Computer
Gilmer	Computer	Preston	Wheel
Grant	Box	Putnam	Computer
Greenbrier	Wheel	Raleigh	Computer
Hampshire	Wheel	Randolph	Computer
Hancock	Computer	Ritchie	Wheel
Hardy	Computer	Roane	Wheel
Harrison	Computer	Summers	Computer
Jackson	Computer	Taylor	Wheel
Jefferson	Box	Tucker	Wheel
Kanawha	Wheel	Tyler	Wheel
Lewis	Box	Upshur	Wheel
Lincoln	Computer	Wayne	Wheel
Logan	Computer	Webster	Wheel
Marion	Wheel	Wetzel	Wheel
Marshall	Wheel	Wirt	Wheel
Mason	Box	Wood	Wheel
McDowell	Computer	Wyoming	Computer
Mercer	Box		

Appendix A

Table 5: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	OVER 70	NO AGE	TOTAL
Barbour	12	20	24	29	19	22	32	35	27	29	30	0	279
Berkeley	168	153	174	187	244	287	318	305	231	182	50	0	2,299
Boone	20	27	22	27	29	25	30	34	41	29	8	0	292
Braxton	48	40	34	38	43	42	42	49	54	61	53	21	525
Brooke	25	27	36	49	45	54	59	62	75	69	50	0	551
Cabell	56	83	94	94	106	110	121	114	122	76	46	0	1,022
Calhoun	26	36	49	38	29	42	66	62	72	49	92	0	561
Clay	13	13	8	7	13	17	26	20	21	17	9	0	164
Doddridge	5	8	9	8	16	13	23	20	11	9	17	2	141
Fayette	36	25	36	43	42	43	39	48	54	35	19	0	420
Gilmer	13	12	16	19	23	22	30	28	29	20	5	0	217
Grant	31	29	36	37	47	70	70	66	81	52	154	0	673
Greenbrier	5	11	19	17	26	26	31	42	27	27	5	0	236
Hampshire	37	49	50	76	76	76	102	98	84	74	24	0	746
Hancock	33	59	41	70	85	94	117	142	140	92	17	0	890
Hardy	20	16	17	22	33	42	44	57	42	35	13	3	344
Harrison	46	64	96	98	107	130	150	143	118	92	31	4	1,079
Jackson	20	17	32	25	39	40	49	51	46	46	30	0	395
Jefferson	355	228	281	291	368	387	415	406	389	307	407	2,184	6,018
Kanawha	110	122	129	140	149	154	217	221	237	159	66	2	1,706
Lewis	44	33	39	33	35	48	53	53	35	42	75	0	490
Lincoln	17	10	14	5	16	16	19	13	13	8	3	0	134
Logan	15	21	21	22	24	19	23	28	28	18	2	0	221
Marion	6	21	19	20	27	30	27	32	26	21	82	389	700
Marshall	24	21	24	23	22	37	38	50	53	45	14	0	351
Mason	30	36	35	34	48	40	65	59	61	50	64	0	522
McDowell	39	39	26	32	37	46	40	53	47	31	7	0	397
Mercer	94	95	119	138	158	136	178	211	214	175	56	0	1,574

Table 5: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	OVER 70	NO AGE	TOTAL
Mineral	10	19	24	24	32	40	48	59	45	38	10	0	349
Mingo	17	33	22	38	30	36	33	38	42	16	1	0	306
Monongalia	166	176	153	104	132	124	137	142	156	96	211	47	1,644
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Morgan	63	60	78	92	107	115	169	130	148	138	42	0	1,142
Nicholas	71	74	54	56	69	70	73	60	62	34	6	1	630
Ohio	439	332	367	351	375	408	467	552	498	367	86	563	4,805
Pendleton	1	2	4	4	3	4	5	6	7	7	5	0	48
Pleasants	19	23	27	33	29	51	37	65	47	43	15	0	389
Pocahontas	14	17	17	33	31	36	40	39	35	38	5	0	305
Preston	18	8	17	27	43	41	37	40	41	27	9	0	308
Putnam	52	47	72	80	110	94	106	115	108	101	22	0	907
Raleigh	107	70	94	82	85	58	47	55	56	30	11	97	792
Randolph	1	0	4	2	4	8	2	3	4	4	2	0	34
Ritchie	14	9	12	18	27	21	36	40	30	17	12	0	236
Roane	22	27	35	43	39	46	53	76	68	60	24	0	493
Summers	10	12	21	24	23	36	30	37	46	29	0	0	268
Taylor	7	6	11	6	11	10	9	13	4	8	2	0	87
Tucker	19	17	20	30	30	25	49	38	35	45	25	0	333
Tyler	16	17	28	27	33	35	45	45	52	28	10	0	336
Upshur	50	31	27	36	47	41	40	44	53	32	86	0	487
Wayne	20	20	27	35	28	40	28	35	40	29	8	0	310
Webster	16	20	20	15	21	12	11	16	10	13	2	7	163
Wetzel	15	15	12	21	27	38	36	38	28	32	0	0	262
Wirt	17	12	20	31	27	33	42	43	33	40	15	0	313
Wood	136	131	121	109	151	139	176	185	195	157	274	59	1,833
Wyoming	25	26	31	34	43	30	35	40	46	42	14	0	366
West Virginia	2,693	2,519	2,818	2,977	3,463	3,659	4,215	4,456	4,267	3,321	2,326	3,379	40,093