

Juror Qualification Report 2017



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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 2017. 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

- All counties submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 36,689 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (3,012) and Ohio County (2,692) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 47.6 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 50.5 percent. The remaining 1.9 percent of jurors did not report gender.
- Whites completed 92 percent of the questionnaires, Blacks completed over 2 percent, and other reported races combined completed less than 1 percent. Race was not reported or indicated on 4.7 percent of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,414) in the “56-60” age category than any other age category.
- 44 percent of the counties used the jury wheel to select jurors, 14 percent used the jury box, and 42 percent used a computer selection method.

Results

Counties Reporting

All counties submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2017.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 36,689 individuals (2 percent of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2017. This represents a decrease of a fraction of one (0.14) percent from 2016. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 27 in Hardy County to a high of 3,012 in Berkeley County. On average, 676 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	175	Kanawha	1,814	Preston	377
Berkeley	3,012	Lewis	381	Putnam	986
Boone	310	Lincoln	255	Raleigh	1,088
Braxton	525	Logan	393	Randolph	260
Brooke	402	Marion	1,682	Ritchie	222
Cabell	1,057	Marshall	357	Roane	382
Calhoun	634	Mason	416	Summers	302
Clay	116	McDowell	391	Taylor	135
Doddridge	267	Mercer	1,021	Tucker	236
Fayette	461	Mineral	600	Tyler	371
Gilmer	247	Mingo	461	Upshur	495
Grant	489	Monongalia	2,003	Wayne	337
Greenbrier	292	Monroe	46	Webster	197
Hampshire	887	Morgan	1,208	Wetzel	483
Hancock	1,024	Nicholas	479	Wirt	154
Hardy	27	Ohio	2,692	Wood	1,811
Harrison	1,029	Pendleton	144	Wyoming	412
Jackson	384	Pleasants	391	West Virginia	36,689
Jefferson	2,041	Pocahontas	328		

Gender

Of the 36,689 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2017, 17,462 were males (47.6%) and 18,540 were females (50.5%). The gender was not reported on 687 questionnaires (1.9%).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

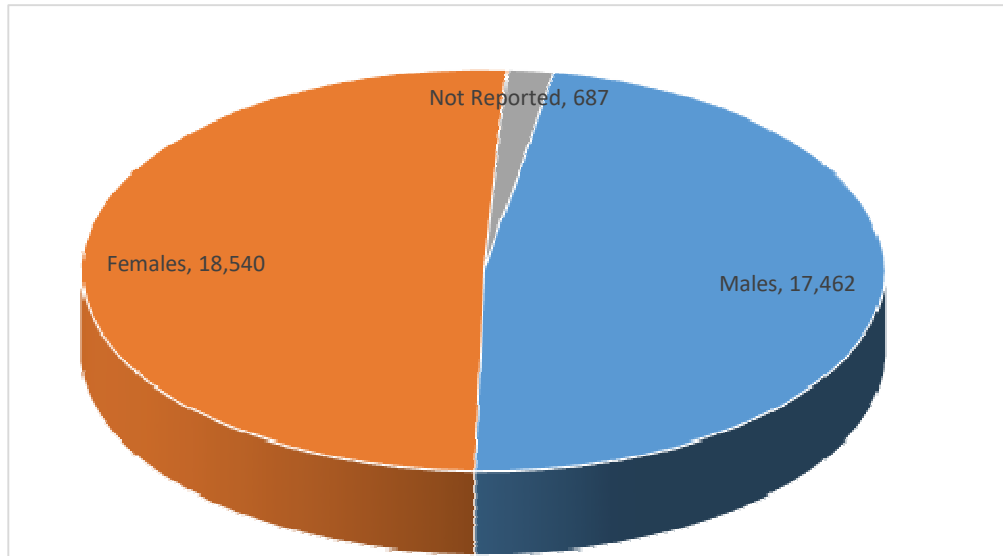


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

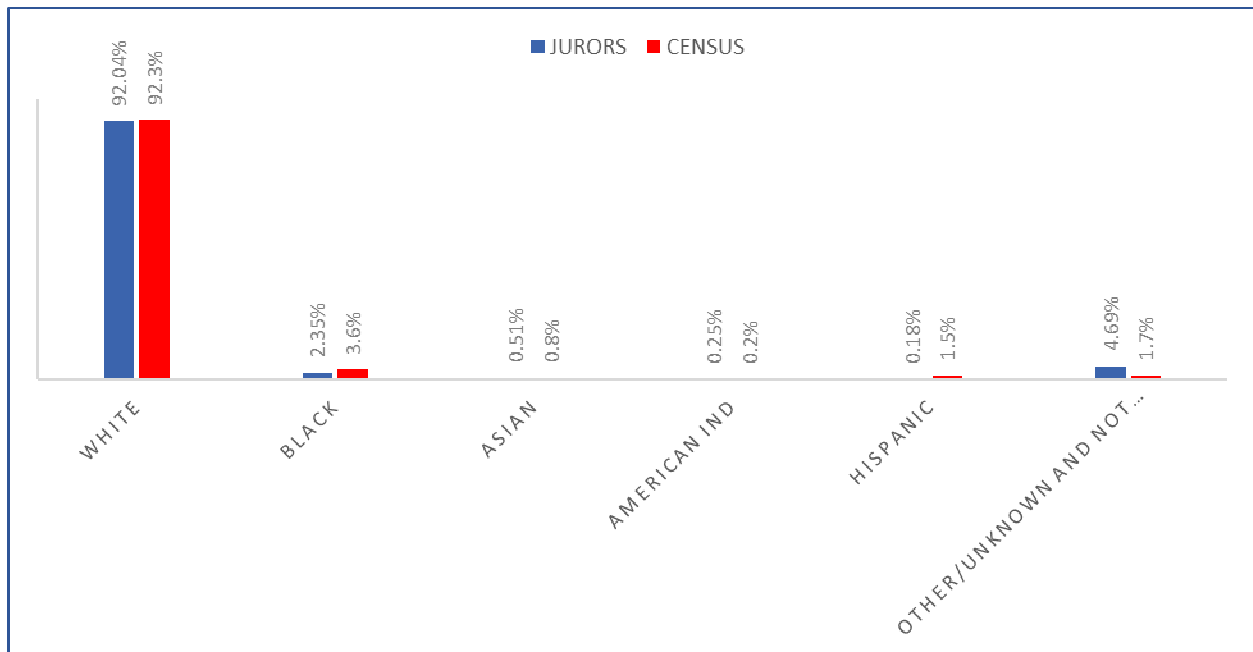
County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	69	39.4%	101	57.7%	5	2.9%	175
Berkeley	1,433	47.6%	1,579	52.4%	0	0.0%	3,012
Boone	172	55.5%	136	43.9%	2	0.6%	310
Braxton	242	46.1%	273	52.0%	10	1.9%	525
Brooke	198	49.3%	199	49.5%	5	1.2%	402
Cabell	540	51.1%	464	43.9%	53	5.0%	1,057
Calhoun	318	50.2%	316	49.8%	0	0.0%	634
Clay	54	46.6%	59	50.9%	3	2.6%	116
Doddridge	127	47.6%	140	52.4%	0	0.0%	267
Fayette	206	44.7%	251	54.4%	4	0.9%	461
Gilmer	121	49.0%	125	50.6%	1	0.4%	247
Grant	225	46.0%	219	44.8%	45	9.2%	489
Greenbrier	140	47.9%	152	52.1%	0	0.0%	292
Hampshire	431	48.6%	453	51.1%	3	0.3%	887
Hancock	512	50.0%	507	49.5%	5	0.5%	1,024

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	County	Total	%	
Hardy	11	40.7%	16	59.3%	0	0.0%	27
Harrison	490	47.6%	496	48.2%	43	4.2%	1,029
Jackson	185	48.2%	195	50.8%	4	1.0%	384
Jefferson	979	48.0%	1,061	52.0%	1	0.0%	2,041
Kanawha	877	48.3%	936	51.6%	1	0.1%	1,814
Lewis	206	54.1%	175	45.9%	0	0.0%	381
Lincoln	111	43.5%	144	56.5%	0	0.0%	255
Logan	197	50.1%	194	49.4%	2	0.5%	393
Marion	788	46.8%	889	52.9%	5	0.3%	1,682
Marshall	121	33.9%	154	43.1%	82	23.0%	357
Mason	197	47.4%	213	51.2%	6	1.4%	416
McDowell	157	40.2%	199	50.9%	35	9.0%	391
Mercer	488	47.8%	511	50.0%	22	2.2%	1,021
Mineral	300	50.0%	288	48.0%	12	2.0%	600
Mingo	212	46.0%	213	46.2%	36	7.8%	461
Monongalia	990	49.4%	1,013	50.6%	0	0.0%	2,003
Monroe	19	41.3%	19	41.3%	8	17.4%	46
Morgan	593	49.1%	610	50.5%	5	0.4%	1,208
Nicholas	235	49.1%	223	46.6%	21	4.4%	479
Ohio	1,217	45.2%	1,472	54.7%	3	0.1%	2,692
Pendleton	72	50.0%	72	50.0%	0	0.0%	144
Pleasants	186	47.6%	202	51.7%	3	0.8%	391
Pocahontas	153	46.6%	175	53.4%	0	0.0%	328
Preston	203	53.8%	174	46.2%	0	0.0%	377
Putnam	479	48.6%	507	51.4%	0	0.0%	986
Raleigh	557	51.2%	528	48.5%	3	0.3%	1,088
Randolph	140	53.8%	119	45.8%	1	0.4%	260
Ritchie	107	48.2%	114	51.4%	1	0.5%	222
Roane	158	41.4%	197	51.6%	27	7.1%	382
Summers	119	39.4%	180	59.6%	3	1.0%	302
Taylor	68	50.4%	67	49.6%	0	0.0%	135
Tucker	116	49.2%	116	49.2%	4	1.7%	236
Tyler	184	49.6%	187	50.4%	0	0.0%	371
Upshur	244	49.3%	251	50.7%	0	0.0%	495
Wayne	167	49.6%	167	49.6%	3	0.9%	337
Webster	84	42.6%	112	56.9%	1	0.5%	197
Wetzel	219	45.3%	259	53.6%	5	1.0%	483
Wirt	63	40.9%	91	59.1%	0	0.0%	154
Wood	791	43.7%	831	45.9%	189	10.4%	1,811
Wyoming	191	46.4%	196	47.6%	25	6.1%	412
Grand Total:	17,462	47.6%	18,540	50.5%	687	1.9%	36,689

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 36,689 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 33,767 (92.04%) reported their race as White. There were 861 Black jurors (2.35%), 186 Asian jurors (0.51%), 90 Native American jurors (0.25%) and 65 Hispanic jurors (0.18%). Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 1,720 jurors (4.69%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected. According to the United States Census Bureau’s¹ website, in 2016, 92.3 percent of the West Virginia population was White, 3.6 percent were Black, 1.5 percent were Hispanic, 0.8 percent were Asian, 0.2 percent were American Indian or Alaska Native, and 1.7 percent were another race. The population demographics for 2017 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.) 2016 Census Interactive Population Search: West Virginia. Retrieved from: <http://www.census.gov> and <https://factfinder.census.gov/>

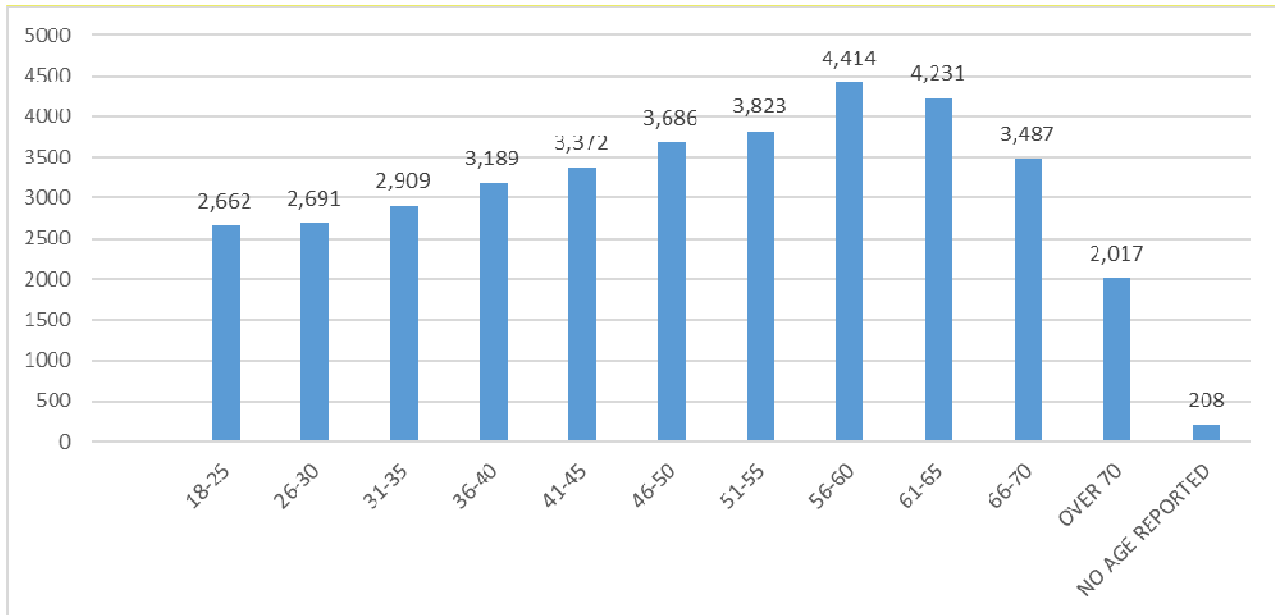
Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

	White		Black		Asian		American Indian		Other/UNK/Not Reported		Hispanic		Total
Barbour	166	94.86%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.14%	7	4.00%	0	0.00%	175
Berkeley	2,782	91.37%	155	5.15%	20	0.66%	10	0.33%	45	1.49%	0	0.00%	3,012
Boone	302	97.42%	4	1.29%	3	0.97%	0	0.00%	1	0.32%	0	0.00%	310
Braxton	498	94.86%	5	0.95%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	22	4.19%	0	0.00%	525
Brooke	357	88.81%	5	1.24%	1	0.25%	0	0.00%	39	9.70%	0	0.00%	402
Cabell	959	90.73%	30	2.84%	5	0.47%	2	0.19%	61	5.77%	0	0.00%	1,057
Calhoun	633	99.84%	1	0.16%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	634
Clay	115	99.14%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.86%	0	0.00%	116
Doddridge	267	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	267
Fayette	425	92.19%	23	4.99%	1	0.22%	2	0.43%	10	2.17%	0	0.00%	461
Gilmer	238	96.36%	1	0.40%	1	0.40%	1	0.40%	6	2.43%	0	0.00%	247
Grant	352	71.98%	6	1.23%	1	0.20%	0	0.00%	130	26.58%	0	0.00%	489
Greenbrier	274	93.84%	10	3.42%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	8	2.74%	0	0.00%	292
Hampshire	861	98.40%	8	0.90%	2	0.23%	1	0.11%	15	1.69%	0	0.00%	887
Hancock	992	96.88%	17	1.66%	1	0.10%	1	0.10%	13	1.27%	0	0.00%	1,024
Hardy	27	95.73%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	2.68%	0	0.00%	27
Harrison	1,000	94.64%	6	0.58%	1	0.10%	5	0.49%	17	1.65%	0	0.00%	1,029
Jackson	377	98.18%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	6	1.56%	0	0.00%	384
Jefferson	1,718	90.71%	106	5.19%	26	1.27%	7	0.34%	184	9.02%	0	0.00%	2,041
Kanawha	1,631	87.40%	126	6.95%	8	0.44%	8	0.44%	0	0.00%	41	2.26%	1,814
Lewis	375	98.43%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%	1	0.26%	3	0.79%	381
Lincoln	255	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	255
Logan	381	96.95%	8	2.04%	0	0.00%	2	0.51%	2	0.51%	0	0.00%	393
Marion	1,547	91.97%	45	2.68%	5	0.30%	7	0.42%	78	17.80%	0	0.00%	1,682
Marshall	191	53.50%	1	0.28%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	165	46.22%	0	0.00%	357
Mason	403	97.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.72%	10	2.40%	0	0.00%	416
McDowell	346	90.07%	38	8.22%	0	0.24%	0	0.24%	7	0.99%	0	0.24%	391
Mercer	872	89.57%	46	4.51%	4	0.39%	3	0.29%	96	9.40%	0	0.00%	1,021
Mineral	570	78.13%	12	2.00%	2	0.33%	0	0.00%	16	2.67%	0	0.00%	600
Mingo	443	95.55%	7	1.52%	0	0.00%	1	0.22%	10	2.17%	0	0.00%	461
Monongalia	1,661	82.93%	37	1.85%	58	2.90%	6	0.30%	225	11.23%	16	0.80%	2,003
Monroe	11	23.91%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	35	76.09%	0	0.00%	46
Morgan	1,160	92.62%	3	0.25%	4	0.33%	4	0.33%	37	3.06%	0	0.00%	1,208
Nicholas	465	97.08%	3	0.63%	2	0.42%	0	0.00%	9	1.88%	0	0.00%	479
Ohio	2,579	95.74%	53	1.97%	17	0.63%	7	0.26%	36	1.34%	0	0.00%	2,692
Pendleton	137	95.14%	4	2.78%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	2.08%	0	0.00%	144
Pleasants	385	97.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	5	1.28%	0	0.00%	391
Pocahontas	316	96.34%	1	0.30%	0	0.00%	1	0.30%	10	3.05%	0	0.00%	328
Preston	371	98.41%	2	0.53%	1	0.27%	0	0.00%	3	0.80%	0	0.00%	377
Putnam	959	97.26%	5	0.51%	4	0.41%	1	0.10%	17	1.72%	0	0.00%	986
Raleigh	990	90.99%	67	6.16%	4	0.37%	2	0.18%	25	2.30%	0	0.00%	1,088
Randolph	254	97.69%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	2.31%	0	0.00%	260
Ritchie	217	97.75%	0	0.00%	1	0.45%	1	0.45%	3	1.35%	0	0.00%	222
Roane	374	97.91%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	7	1.83%	0	0.00%	382
Summers	296	98.01%	2	0.66%	1	0.33%	0	0.00%	3	0.99%	0	0.00%	302
Taylor	88	65.19%	1	0.74%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	46	34.07%	0	0.00%	135
Tucker	232	98.31%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	1.69%	0	0.00%	236
Tyler	366	99.16%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.54%	3	0.81%	0	0.00%	371
Upshur	456	94.52%	3	0.61%	1	0.20%	1	0.20%	32	6.46%	2	0.40%	495
Wayne	329	97.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.59%	6	1.78%	0	0.00%	337
Webster	194	98.48%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	1.52%	0	0.00%	197
Wetzel	477	98.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.21%	5	1.04%	0	0.00%	483
Wirt	149	96.75%	1	0.65%	0	0.00%	1	0.65%	3	1.95%	0	0.00%	154
Wood	1,551	88.18%	17	0.94%	10	0.55%	0	0.00%	230	12.70%	3	0.17%	1,811
Wyoming	393	94.03%	2	0.49%	0	0.00%	3	0.73%	14	3.40%	0	0.00%	412
Grand Total:	33,767	92.04%	861	2.35%	186	0.51%	90	0.25%	1,720	4.69%	65	0.18%	36,689

Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,414 individuals (12.0%) in the “56-60” category to a low of 2,017 individuals (5.5%) in the “over 70” category. The age was missing or unknown for 208 individuals (0.6%). 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 2017, 24 counties (44%) used the jury wheel and 8 counties (14%) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 23 counties (42%).

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods

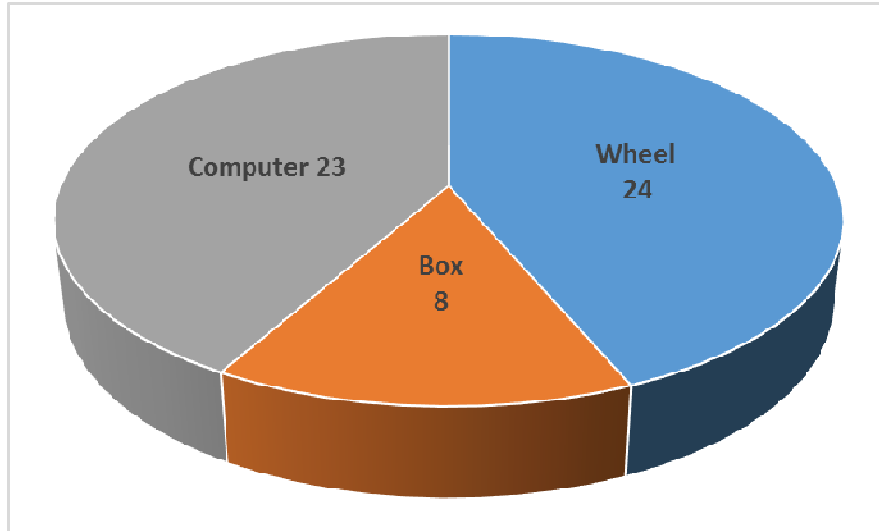


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

County	Selected By	County	Selected By	County	Selected By	County	Selected By
Barbour	Wheel	Hancock	Computer	Mineral	Computer	Ritchie	Box
Berkelev	Computer	Hardy	Computer	Mingo	Computer	Roane	Box
Boone	Wheel	Harrison	Wheel	Monongalia	Computer	Summers	Wheel
Braxton	Computer	Jackson	Computer	Monroe	Wheel	Taylor	Wheel
Brooke	Computer	Jefferson	Wheel	Morgan	Computer	Tucker	Computer
Cabell	Wheel	Kanawha	Computer	Nicholas	Box	Tyler	Wheel
Calhoun	Wheel	Lewis	Box	Ohio	Computer	Upshur	Wheel
Clay	Wheel	Lincoln	Computer	Pendleton	Wheel	Wayne	Wheel
Doddridge	Computer	Logan	Wheel	Pleasants	Wheel	Webster	Wheel
Fayette	Box	Marion	Wheel	Pocahontas	Computer	Wetzel	Computer
Gilmer	Computer	Marshall	Wheel	Preston	Computer	Wirt	Wheel
Grant	Computer	Mason	Wheel	Putnam	Computer	Wood	Wheel
Greenbrier	Wheel	McDowell	Computer	Raleigh	Box	Wvoming	Computer
Hampshire	Wheel	Mercer	Box	Randolph	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	9	7	10	17	16	16	18	29	23	13	17	0	175
Berkeley	248	240	282	302	321	349	374	372	279	204	41	0	3,012
Boone	16	30	22	23	30	32	34	43	36	32	12	0	310
Braxton	39	34	28	37	46	40	42	43	50	49	77	40	525
Brooke	27	28	25	26	39	36	44	63	49	38	27	0	402
Cabell	70	91	98	95	108	115	96	119	127	103	35	0	1,057
Calhoun	38	27	37	45	48	43	56	63	84	71	122	0	634
Clay	5	7	8	12	7	12	15	16	17	14	3	0	116
Doddridge	3	16	20	20	14	15	22	39	34	29	42	13	267
Fayette	33	30	22	51	38	49	48	61	59	58	12	0	461
Gilmer	15	24	20	22	12	26	33	35	22	32	6	0	247
Grant	39	32	24	39	62	60	58	61	44	45	25	0	489
Greenbrier	11	18	31	15	18	29	25	41	54	44	6	0	292
Hampshire	52	62	61	74	70	94	110	109	113	107	35	0	887
Hancock	48	53	63	75	84	95	129	177	158	124	18	0	1,024
Hardy	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	8	4	1	0	0	27
Harrison	74	74	97	98	103	105	124	128	113	91	22	0	1,029
Jackson	24	16	30	31	43	56	40	48	42	33	21	0	384
Jefferson	80	96	128	166	195	253	292	253	268	214	96	0	2,041
Kanawha	110	132	145	176	148	190	193	212	244	204	60	0	1,814
Lewis	31	24	22	32	28	33	30	42	36	27	76	0	381
Lincoln	15	20	21	35	20	28	30	43	26	11	6	0	255
Logan	31	30	35	39	39	38	47	46	49	33	6	0	393
Marion	107	122	136	148	145	147	131	151	179	174	242	0	1,682
Marshall	23	25	16	32	27	43	45	41	54	42	9	0	357
Mason	26	25	22	40	47	56	41	50	43	44	20	2	416
McDowell	24	43	41	25	48	28	34	52	46	33	1	16	391
Mercer	97	86	60	83	81	106	96	122	135	114	41	0	1,021

Table 5: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Age Category and County
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	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	42	46	34	52	56	75	52	68	66	74	35	0	600
Mingo	42	39	29	45	47	63	41	54	61	36	4	0	461
Monongalia	201	204	201	163	177	156	162	188	139	130	224	58	2,003
Monroe	3	1	2	4	6	6	7	5	4	7	1	0	46
Morgan	76	75	75	92	116	137	126	179	181	119	32	0	1,208
Nicholas	59	61	60	57	43	37	40	44	37	28	3	10	479
Ohio	223	206	247	240	224	260	234	333	370	285	59	11	2,692
Pendleton	6	7	6	17	15	11	15	26	22	11	8	0	144
Pleasants	23	26	24	40	30	34	47	62	43	42	20	0	391
Pocahontas	14	26	18	18	35	35	41	51	37	33	10	10	328
Preston	27	25	30	36	51	36	38	45	38	38	13	0	377
Putnam	56	61	71	93	113	107	118	138	108	86	35	0	986
Raleigh	133	111	168	137	128	90	84	75	88	65	8	1	1,088
Randolph	18	18	16	31	21	31	41	26	29	26	3	0	260
Ritchie	18	13	13	12	14	21	38	24	32	26	11	0	222
Roane	17	22	28	31	24	36	36	56	53	55	24	0	382
Summers	26	22	20	27	26	36	33	40	42	30	0	0	302
Taylor	11	9	9	15	14	9	13	21	14	17	3	0	135
Tucker	16	21	12	19	17	35	25	38	19	21	13	0	236
Tyler	27	25	29	27	43	38	41	50	49	38	4	0	371
Upshur	43	34	42	40	38	36	46	45	49	37	71	14	495
Wayne	26	30	24	32	32	34	36	37	46	27	13	0	337
Webster	28	18	19	16	31	18	18	18	13	13	5	0	197
Wetzel	27	34	44	29	39	66	61	77	58	48	0	0	483
Wirt	12	7	15	10	17	16	14	29	17	10	7	0	154
Wood	174	118	128	120	127	135	159	173	171	154	319	33	1,811
Wyoming	18	37	38	26	50	33	47	45	57	47	14	0	412
Grand Total:	2,662	2,691	2,909	3,189	3,372	3,686	3,823	4,414	4,231	3,487	2,017	208	36,689