

# Juror Qualification Report 2014



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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 2014. 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. Barbour County was unable to submit data for 2014.
- A total of 41,969 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Jefferson County (5,149) and Ohio County (4,414) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 47.5 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 50.0 percent. The remaining 2.6 percent of jurors did not report gender.
- Whites completed 80.0 percent of the questionnaires, Blacks completed 1.9 percent, and other races completed 0.8 percent. Race was not reported or indicated on 17.3 percent of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,529) in the “56-60” age category than any other age category.
- 46.3 percent of the counties used the jury wheel to select jurors, 11.1 percent used the jury box, and 42.6 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, 2014. Barbour County was not able to submit data for 2014, so statewide calculations are based on submissions from the fifty-four reporting counties.

### Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 41,969 individuals (2.26 percent of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2014. This represents a decrease of 22.9 percent from 2013. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 87 in Pendleton County to a high of 5,149 in Jefferson County. On average, 777 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

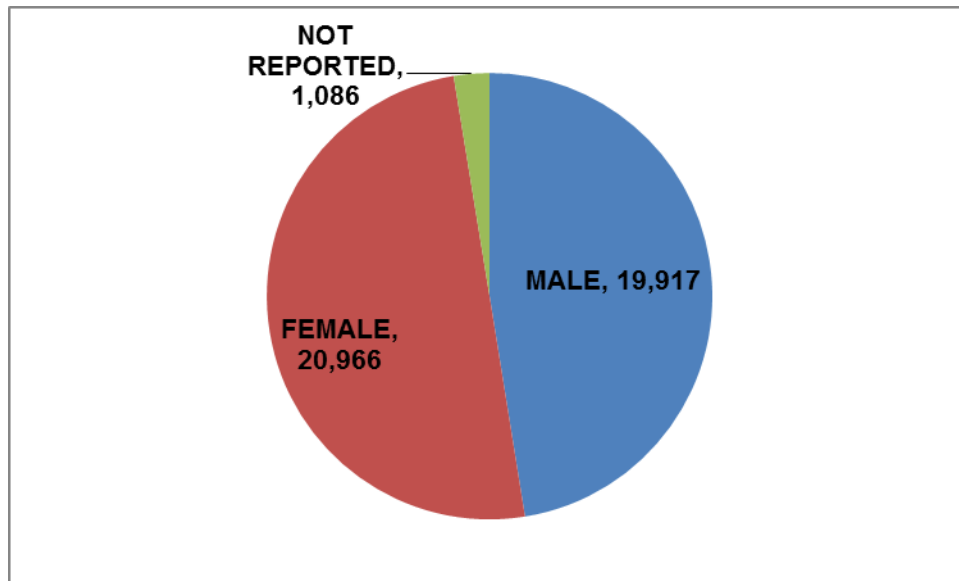
*Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County*

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Berkeley	1,827	Kanawha	1,597	Pocahontas	273
Boone	305	Lewis	313	Preston	295
Braxton	525	Lincoln	220	Putnam	752
Brooke	441	Logan	334	Raleigh	613
Cabell	715	Marion	1,675	Randolph	2,350
Calhoun	349	Marshall	425	Ritchie	189
Clay	251	Mason	504	Roane	444
Doddridge	171	McDowell	273	Summers	279
Fayette	920	Mercer	1,748	Taylor	203
Gilmer	230	Mineral	516	Tucker	150
Grant	459	Mingo	324	Tyler	265
Greenbrier	223	Monongalia	1,448	Upshur	537
Hampshire	973	Monroe	151	Wayne	336
Hancock	945	Morgan	1,250	Webster	145
Hardy	519	Nicholas	514	Wetzel	268
Harrison	1,883	Ohio	4,414	Wirt	221
Jackson	427	Pendleton	87	Wood	1,875
Jefferson	5,149	Pleasants	311	Wyoming	358
				<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>41,969</b>

## Gender

Of the 41,969 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2014, 19,917 were males (47.5%) and 20,966 were females (50.0%). The gender was not reported on 1,086 questionnaires (2.6%).

*Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender*



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

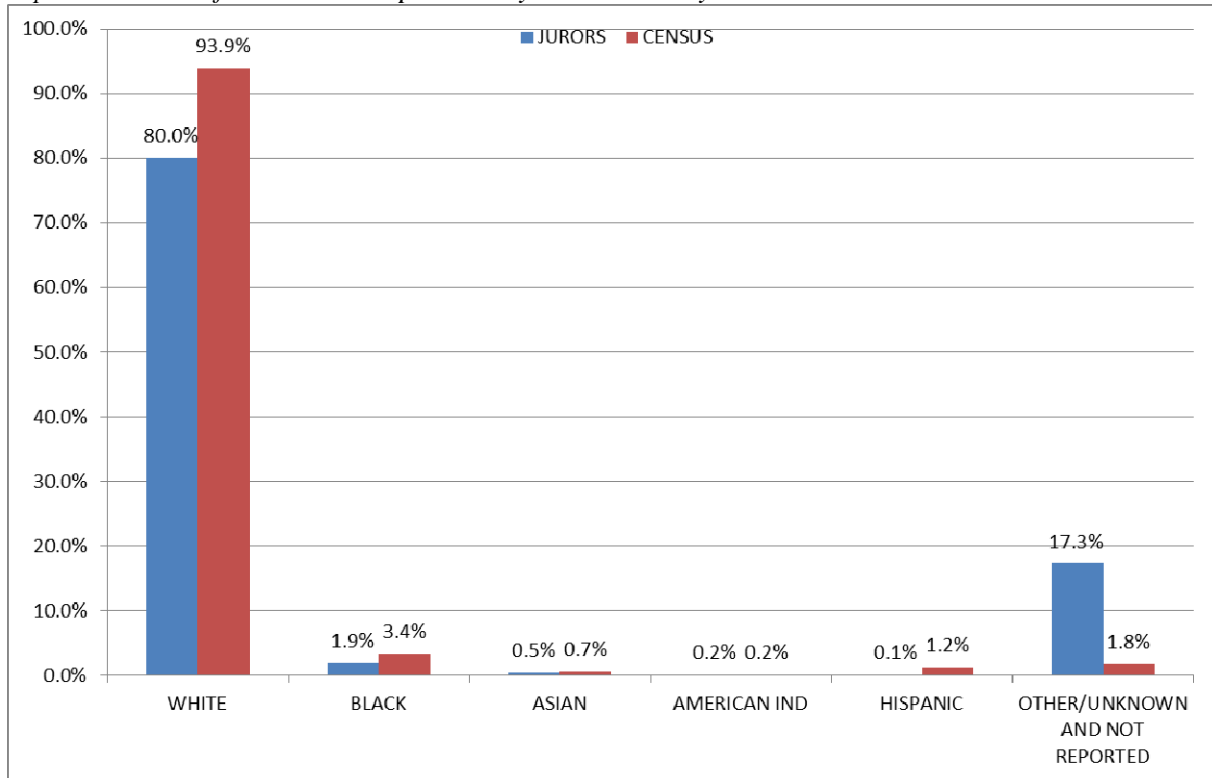
County	MALE		FEMALE		NOT REPORTED		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Berkeley	899	49.2%	928	50.8%	0	0.0%	1,827
Boone	157	51.5%	142	46.6%	6	2.0%	305
Braxton	253	48.2%	272	51.8%	0	0.0%	525
Brooke	225	51.0%	209	47.4%	7	1.6%	441
Cabell	362	50.6%	352	49.2%	1	0.1%	715
Calhoun	163	46.7%	186	53.3%	0	0.0%	349
Clay	111	44.2%	123	49.0%	17	6.8%	251
Doddridge	84	49.1%	87	50.9%	0	0.0%	171
Fayette	424	46.1%	496	53.9%	0	0.0%	920
Gilmer	113	49.1%	115	50.0%	2	0.9%	230
Grant	237	51.6%	222	48.4%	0	0.0%	459
Greenbrier	104	47.7%	114	52.3%	5	2.2%	218
Hampshire	466	47.9%	504	51.8%	3	0.3%	973
Hancock	445	47.1%	489	51.7%	11	1.2%	945

County	MALE		FEMALE		NOT REPORTED		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Hardy	252	50.2%	250	49.8%	17	3.3%	502
Harrison	922	49.0%	961	51.0%	0	0.0%	1,883
Jackson	193	45.2%	226	52.9%	8	1.9%	427
Jefferson	2,561	49.7%	2,588	50.3%	0	0.0%	5,149
Kanawha	721	45.1%	813	50.9%	63	3.9%	1,597
Lewis	157	50.2%	156	49.8%	0	0.0%	313
Lincoln	109	49.5%	111	50.5%	0	0.0%	220
Logan	152	45.5%	182	54.5%	0	0.0%	334
Marion	817	48.8%	858	51.2%	0	0.0%	1,675
Marshall	140	32.9%	156	36.7%	129	30.4%	425
Mason	225	44.6%	261	51.8%	18	3.6%	504
McDowell	135	49.5%	123	45.1%	15	5.5%	273
Mercer	784	44.9%	912	52.2%	52	3.0%	1,748
Mineral	248	48.1%	268	51.9%	0	0.0%	516
Mingo	149	46.0%	171	52.8%	4	1.2%	324
Monongalia	733	50.6%	715	49.4%	0	0.0%	1,448
Monroe	83	55.0%	68	45.0%	0	0.0%	151
Morgan	488	39.0%	524	41.9%	238	19.0%	1,250
Nicholas	255	49.6%	230	44.7%	29	5.6%	514
Ohio	2,042	46.3%	2,221	50.3%	151	3.4%	4,413
Pendleton	45	51.7%	40	46.0%	2	2.3%	87
Pleasants	153	49.2%	156	50.2%	2	0.6%	311
Pocahontas	125	45.8%	147	53.8%	1	0.4%	273
Preston	149	50.5%	145	49.2%	1	0.3%	295
Putnam	364	48.4%	385	51.2%	3	0.4%	752
Raleigh	289	47.1%	308	50.2%	16	2.6%	613
Randolph	1,047	44.6%	1,104	47.0%	199	8.5%	2,350
Ritchie	93	49.2%	86	45.5%	10	5.3%	189
Roane	214	48.2%	230	51.8%	0	0.0%	444
Summers	135	48.4%	142	50.9%	2	0.7%	279
Taylor	98	48.3%	105	51.7%	0	0.0%	203
Tucker	64	42.7%	86	57.3%	0	0.0%	150
Tyler	121	45.7%	144	54.3%	0	0.0%	265
Upshur	280	52.1%	257	47.9%	0	0.0%	537
Wayne	155	46.1%	172	51.2%	9	2.7%	336
Webster	67	46.2%	78	53.8%	0	0.0%	145
Wetzel	122	45.5%	141	52.6%	5	1.9%	268
Wirt	106	48.0%	114	51.6%	1	0.5%	221
Wood	898	47.9%	940	50.1%	37	2.0%	1,875
Wyoming	183	51.1%	153	42.7%	22	6.1%	358
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>19,917</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>20,966</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>41,969</b>

## Race/Ethnicity

Of the 41,969 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 33,588 (80.0%) reported their race as White. There were 811 Black jurors (1.9%), 196 Asian jurors (0.5%), 98 Native American jurors (0.2%) and 34 Hispanic jurors (0.1%). Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 7,242 jurors (17.3%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected. According to the United States Census Bureau’s<sup>1</sup> 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 2014 are not available on the 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).

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

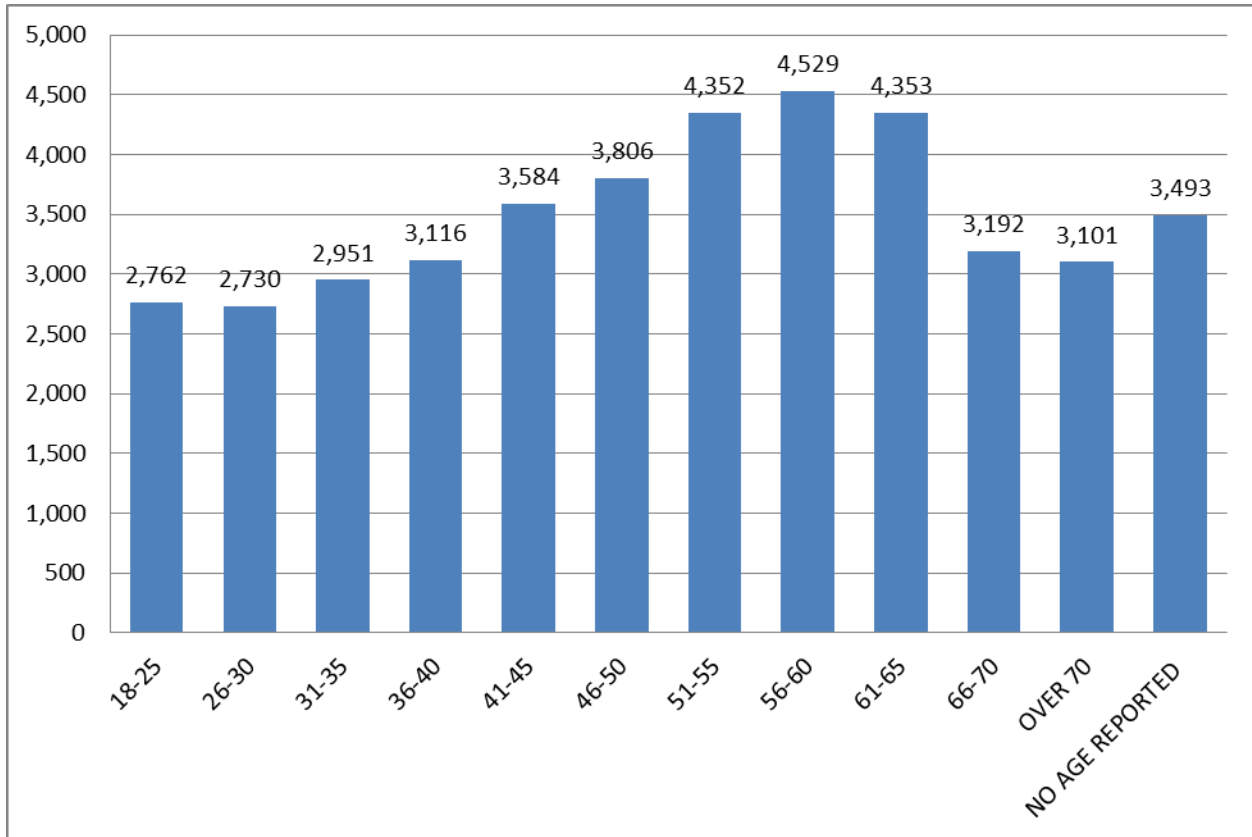
Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

County	WHITE		BLACK		ASIAN		AMERICAN INDIAN		HISPANIC		OTHER/UNKNOWN		TOTAL
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Berkeley	1,675	91.7%	103	5.6%	21	1.1%	11	0.6%	1	0.1%	16	0.9%	1,827
Boone	295	96.7%	3	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	2.0%	305
Braxton	501	95.4%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	4.2%	525
Brooke	415	94.1%	2	0.5%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	23	5.2%	441
Cabell	660	92.3%	20	2.8%	6	0.8%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	27	3.8%	715
Calhoun	349	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	349
Clay	233	92.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	7.2%	251
Doddridge	171	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	171
Fayette	828	90.0%	33	3.6%	2	0.2%	1	0.1%	6	0.7%	50	5.4%	920
Gilmer	224	97.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	2.6%	230
Grant	458	99.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	459
Greenbrier	216	96.9%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	2.7%	223
Hampshire	945	97.1%	2	0.2%	3	0.3%	6	0.6%	0	0.0%	17	1.7%	973
Hancock	907	96.0%	14	1.5%	2	0.2%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	21	2.2%	945
Hardy	505	97.3%	7	1.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	1.0%	519
Harrison	666	35.4%	5	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,211	64.3%	1,883
Jackson	411	96.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	15	3.5%	427
Jefferson	3,425	66.5%	215	4.2%	51	1.0%	23	0.4%	12	0.2%	1,423	27.6%	5,149
Kanawha	1,455	91.1%	104	6.5%	6	0.4%	11	0.7%	0	0.0%	21	1.3%	1,597
Lewis	312	99.7%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	313
Lincoln	220	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	220
Logan	324	97.0%	8	2.4%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	334
Marion	911	54.4%	14	0.8%	10	0.6%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	735	43.9%	1,675
Marshall	222	52.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	203	47.8%	425
Mason	446	88.5%	3	0.6%	4	0.8%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	49	9.7%	504
McDowell	235	86.1%	29	10.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	3.3%	273
Mercer	1,584	90.6%	71	4.1%	6	0.3%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	84	4.8%	1,748
Mineral	498	96.5%	11	2.1%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	1.2%	516
Mingo	313	96.6%	4	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	1.9%	324
Monongalia	1,231	85.0%	29	2.0%	36	2.5%	3	0.2%	9	0.6%	140	9.7%	1,448
Monroe	150	99.3%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	151
Morgan	589	47.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	659	52.7%	1,250
Nicholas	392	76.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	120	23.3%	514
Ohio	4,085	92.5%	74	1.7%	32	0.7%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	214	4.8%	4,414
Pendleton	85	97.7%	2	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	87
Pleasants	305	98.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	1.9%	311
Pocahontas	269	98.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	3	1.1%	273
Preston	290	98.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%	295
Putnam	736	97.9%	4	0.5%	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	7	0.9%	752
Raleigh	541	88.3%	36	5.9%	3	0.5%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	31	5.1%	613
Randolph	639	27.2%	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,708	72.7%	2,350
Ritchie	182	96.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	3.7%	189
Roane	437	98.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	4	0.9%	444
Summers	270	96.8%	1	0.4%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	2.5%	279
Taylor	128	63.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	74	36.5%	203
Tucker	150	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	150
Tyler	255	96.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	9	3.4%	265
Upshur	515	95.9%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	19	3.5%	537
Wayne	323	96.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	3.9%	336
Webster	145	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	145
Wetzel	265	98.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.1%	268
Wirt	221	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	221
Wood	1,651	88.1%	8	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	211	11.3%	1,875
Wyoming	330	92.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	26	7.3%	358
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>33,588</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>7,242</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>41,969</b>

## Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,529 individuals (10.8%) in the “56-60” category to a low of 2,730 individuals (6.5%) in the “26-30” category. The age was missing or unknown for 3,493 individuals (8.3%). 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 2014, 25 counties (46.3%) used the jury wheel and 6 counties (11.1%) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 23 counties (42.6%).

*Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods*

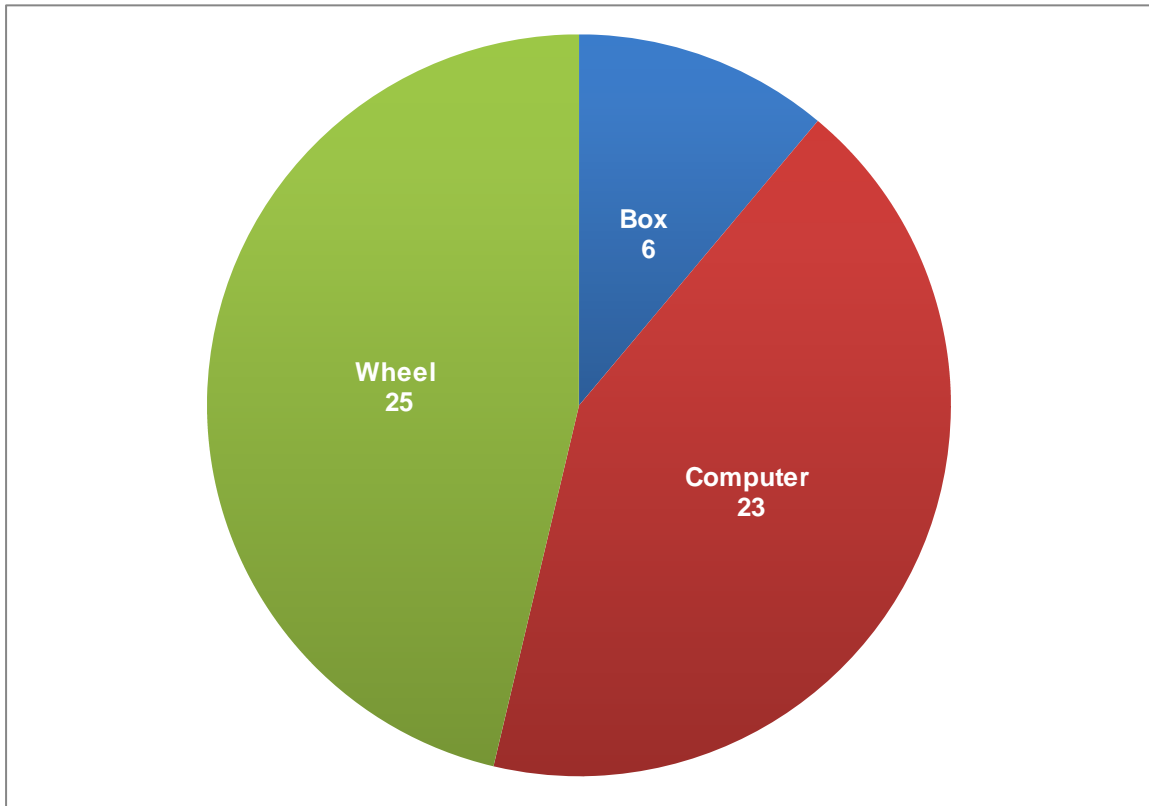


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

County	Selected By	County	Selected By
Berkeley	Box	Mineral	Wheel
Boone	Wheel	Mingo	Computer
Braxton	Computer	Monongalia	Wheel
Brooke	Computer	Monroe	Computer
Cabell	Computer	Morgan	Wheel
Calhoun	Wheel	Nicholas	Computer
Clay	Wheel	Ohio	Wheel
Doddridge	Wheel	Pendleton	Computer
Fayette	Box	Pleasants	Computer
Gilmer	Computer	Pocahontas	Computer
Grant	Box	Preston	Computer
Greenbrier	Computer	Putnam	Computer
Hampshire	Wheel	Raleigh	Wheel
Hancock	Computer	Randolph	Computer
Hardy	Computer	Ritchie	Wheel
Harrison	Wheel	Roane	Wheel
Jackson	Wheel	Summers	Computer
Jefferson	Computer	Taylor	Computer
Kanawha	Wheel	Tucker	Box
Lewis	Wheel	Tyler	Wheel
Lincoln	Computer	Upshur	Wheel
Logan	Wheel	Wayne	Wheel
Marion	Wheel	Webster	Wheel
Marshall	Wheel	Wetzel	Computer
Mason	Computer	Wirt	Wheel
McDowell	Computer	Wood	Wheel
Mercer	Box	Wyoming	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
Berkeley	150	124	174	171	195	218	234	206	185	142	28	0	1,827
Boone	28	26	23	32	34	30	38	35	31	20	8	0	305
Braxton	44	38	38	36	47	52	52	46	50	55	67	0	525
Brooke	20	24	24	26	49	51	51	49	61	62	24	0	441
Cabell	44	62	55	70	87	51	83	90	89	64	20	0	715
Calhoun	22	34	21	23	22	32	37	40	46	27	45	0	349
Clay	18	13	22	24	28	25	28	39	18	28	8	0	251
Doddridge	9	9	9	13	12	15	24	20	23	14	21	2	171
Fayette	68	58	75	92	75	67	81	104	97	80	123	0	920
Gilmer	13	18	22	16	35	22	21	22	25	30	6	0	230
Grant	11	29	22	38	46	65	65	47	57	37	42	0	459
Greenbrier	12	13	13	14	17	26	22	31	33	30	12	0	223
Hampshire	49	55	60	79	98	119	126	120	112	122	33	0	973
Hancock	31	48	55	75	103	108	141	153	129	89	13	0	945
Hardy	29	34	44	36	37	67	73	67	70	52	10	0	519
Harrison	56	48	62	47	64	80	69	87	86	37	16	1,231	652
Jackson	26	30	34	39	42	32	48	52	45	29	41	9	427
Jefferson	337	233	262	282	357	402	411	421	392	295	465	1,292	3,857
Kanawha	82	116	112	131	151	167	193	244	210	132	58	1	1,597
Lewis	23	18	19	28	25	25	29	39	27	32	48	0	313
Lincoln	15	18	27	22	25	24	18	34	20	14	3	0	220
Logan	28	37	26	40	33	39	31	40	37	23	0	0	334
Marion	55	67	78	72	80	70	110	40	96	55	116	836	839
Marshall	21	22	26	28	38	39	59	65	69	42	16	0	425
Mason	30	29	47	42	40	41	63	74	55	34	49	0	504
McDowell	17	30	31	29	25	19	27	28	33	17	7	10	263
Mercer	116	119	162	157	162	195	187	229	231	142	47	1	1,748

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	25	38	35	40	53	57	57	60	74	57	20	0	516
Mingo	32	28	26	38	29	30	44	43	32	20	2	0	324
Monongalia	131	132	150	104	128	118	125	146	130	88	155	41	1,448
Monroe	7	13	10	14	12	12	15	18	28	11	4	7	151
Morgan	88	57	86	99	113	155	141	158	167	126	60	0	1,250
Nicholas	50	50	57	47	49	61	50	54	52	34	10	0	514
Ohio	419	317	302	321	347	349	444	524	504	322	565	0	4,414
Pendleton	1	6	5	2	8	7	10	17	13	10	8	0	87
Pleasants	27	14	23	19	32	34	51	42	29	23	17	0	311
Pocahontas	20	10	21	26	15	25	39	39	39	36	3	0	273
Preston	18	20	15	21	38	35	41	32	38	26	10	1	295
Putnam	35	50	57	59	76	91	110	84	100	66	24	0	752
Raleigh	57	65	57	74	61	58	66	66	50	46	13	0	613
Randolph	116	202	198	176	204	194	245	208	198	185	422	2	2,350
Ritchie	8	12	13	20	19	19	17	29	22	24	5	1	189
Roane	28	31	34	34	41	39	51	60	55	52	19	0	444
Summers	9	21	24	24	32	28	33	40	41	27	0	0	279
Taylor	10	14	16	10	20	23	28	31	15	19	17	0	203
Tucker	16	13	10	12	13	18	20	19	13	16	0	0	150
Tyler	11	25	9	26	28	35	33	35	41	20	2	0	265
Upshur	50	40	46	37	45	49	49	51	48	37	78	7	537
Wayne	17	28	25	26	31	37	42	38	49	28	15	0	336
Webster	14	9	15	17	19	16	19	14	12	8	2	0	145
Wetzel	22	15	26	20	37	25	26	40	33	24	0	0	268
Wirt	15	11	13	14	19	25	36	33	27	21	7	0	221
Wood	148	124	114	134	158	153	197	178	173	136	308	52	1,875
Wyoming	34	33	21	40	30	32	42	48	43	26	9	0	358
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>3,806</b>	<b>4,352</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>41,969</b>
	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	