

Juror Qualification Report 2011



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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 enters these questionnaires and generates an annual report. The Administrative Office provides 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 the annual reports received for activity in 2011. 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

- 54 counties submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 76,559 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Ohio County reported the largest number of questionnaires at 16,348.
- Of those reporting gender, males completed 48.1 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 51.9 percent.
- Whites completed 68.9 percent of the questionnaires, blacks completed 1.4 percent, and other races completed 0.6 percent. A large percent (29.1 percent) of the questionnaires either did not report race or indicated their race as other. This prevents conclusive statements to be made about the racial breakdown of nearly a third of the jurors.
- There were more jurors (9,354) in the 'Over 70' age category than any other age category. Most other age categories spanned only five ages, and subsequently had fewer jurors reported.
- 83.3 percent of the counties used the jury box to select jurors, 7.4 percent used the jury wheel, and 9.3 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, 2011. Reports were unavailable from Tyler County. Statewide calculations are a total of submissions for the 54 reporting counties.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 76,559 individuals (4.1 percent of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2011. This represents an increase of 21.0 percent from 2010. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 92 in Pendleton County to a high of 16,348 in Ohio County. On average, 1,417.8 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	338	Jefferson	4,980	Pleasants	223
Berkeley	1,532	Kanawha	2,931	Pocahontas	704
Boone	660	Lewis	328	Preston	606
Braxton	600	Lincoln	235	Putnam	7,025
Brooke	2,815	Logan	721	Raleigh	578
Cabell	1,849	Marion	1,458	Randolph	1,710
Calhoun	350	Marshall	762	Ritchie	129
Clay	158	Mason	389	Roane	2,375
Doddridge	151	McDowell	2,250	Summers	642
Fayette	962	Mercer	5,000	Taylor	112
Gilmer	580	Mineral	595	Tucker	191
Grant	589	Mingo	355	Upshur	344
Greenbrier	202	Monongalia	1,500	Wayne	700
Hampshire	1,740	Monroe	372	Webster	525
Hancock	1,265	Morgan	1,021	Wetzel	264
Hardy	314	Nicholas	658	Wirt	770
Harrison	2,585	Ohio	16,348	Wood	1,907
Jackson	721	Pendleton	92	Wyoming	348
				West Virginia	76,559

Gender

Of the 76,559 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2011, 36,016 were males (47.0 percent) and 38,845 were females (50.7 percent). The gender was not reported on 1,698 questionnaires (2.2 percent). When the missing information was excluded, 48.1 percent were males and 51.9 percent were females.

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

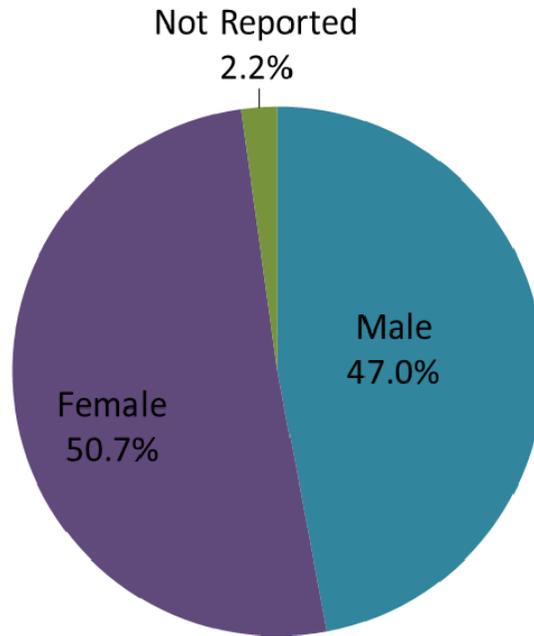


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

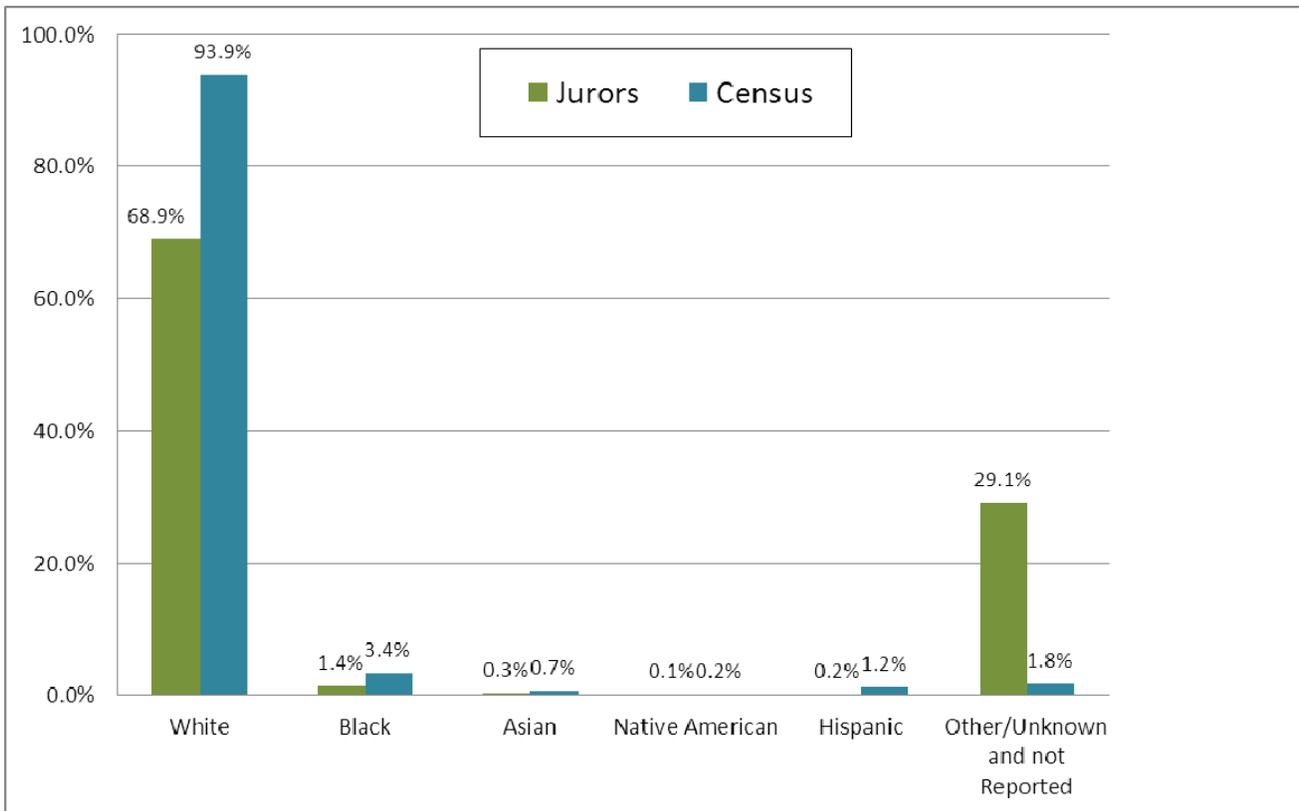
County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Barbour	161	47.6%	177	52.4%	0	0.0%	338
Berkeley	767	50.1%	765	49.9%	0	0.0%	1,532
Boone	316	47.9%	344	52.1%	0	0.0%	660
Braxton	301	50.2%	299	49.8%	0	0.0%	600
Brooke	1,287	45.7%	1,526	54.2%	2	0.1%	2,815
Cabell	846	45.8%	1,003	54.2%	0	0.0%	1,849
Calhoun	157	44.9%	193	55.1%	0	0.0%	350
Clay	72	45.6%	86	54.4%	0	0.0%	158
Doddridge	73	48.3%	78	51.7%	0	0.0%	151
Fayette	474	49.3%	488	50.7%	0	0.0%	962
Gilmer	282	48.6%	298	51.4%	0	0.0%	580
Grant	286	48.6%	303	51.4%	0	0.0%	589
Greenbrier	97	48.0%	105	52.0%	0	0.0%	202
Hampshire	843	48.4%	897	51.6%	0	0.0%	1,740
Hancock	579	45.8%	682	53.9%	4	0.3%	1,265

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Hardy	153	48.7%	161	51.3%	0	0.0%	314
Harrison	1,291	49.9%	1,294	50.1%	0	0.0%	2,585
Jackson	325	45.1%	385	53.4%	11	1.5%	721
Jefferson	2,496	50.1%	2,484	49.9%	0	0.0%	4,980
Kanawha	1,388	47.4%	1,540	52.5%	3	0.1%	2,931
Lewis	162	49.4%	166	50.6%	0	0.0%	328
Lincoln	131	55.7%	104	44.3%	0	0.0%	235
Logan	366	50.8%	355	49.2%	0	0.0%	721
Marion	685	47.0%	773	53.0%	0	0.0%	1,458
Marshall	439	57.6%	323	42.4%	0	0.0%	762
Mason	159	40.9%	228	58.6%	2	0.5%	389
McDowell	1,099	48.8%	1,151	51.2%	0	0.0%	2,250
Mercer	2,378	47.6%	2,616	52.3%	6	0.1%	5,000
Mineral	280	47.1%	305	51.3%	10	1.7%	595
Mingo	177	49.9%	178	50.1%	0	0.0%	355
Monongalia	718	47.9%	782	52.1%	0	0.0%	1,500
Monroe	175	47.0%	197	53.0%	0	0.0%	372
Morgan	518	50.7%	503	49.3%	0	0.0%	1,021
Nicholas	321	48.8%	337	51.2%	0	0.0%	658
Ohio	7,355	45.0%	8,387	51.3%	606	3.7%	16,348
Pendleton	50	54.3%	42	45.7%	0	0.0%	92
Pleasants	101	45.3%	122	54.7%	0	0.0%	223
Pocahontas	347	49.3%	357	50.7%	0	0.0%	704
Preston	295	48.7%	311	51.3%	0	0.0%	606
Putnam	3,157	44.9%	3,498	49.8%	370	5.3%	7,025
Raleigh	264	45.7%	293	50.7%	21	3.6%	578
Randolph	690	40.4%	754	44.1%	266	15.6%	1,710
Ritchie	65	50.4%	64	49.6%	0	0.0%	129
Roane	1,194	50.3%	1,181	49.7%	0	0.0%	2,375
Summers	309	48.1%	333	51.9%	0	0.0%	642
Taylor	58	51.8%	54	48.2%	0	0.0%	112
Tucker	110	57.6%	81	42.4%	0	0.0%	191
Upshur	170	49.4%	174	50.6%	0	0.0%	344
Wayne	367	52.4%	333	47.6%	0	0.0%	700
Webster	282	53.7%	243	46.3%	0	0.0%	525
Wetzel	128	48.5%	136	51.5%	0	0.0%	264
Wirt	179	23.2%	197	25.6%	394	51.2%	770
Wood	901	47.2%	1,004	52.6%	2	0.1%	1,907
Wyoming	192	55.2%	155	44.5%	1	0.3%	348
West Virginia	36,016	47.0%	38,845	50.7%	1,698	2.2%	76,559

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 76,559 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 52,780 (68.9 percent) reported their race as White. There were 1,080 Black jurors (1.4 percent), 207 Asian jurors (0.3 percent), 60 Native American jurors (0.1 percent) and 168 Hispanic jurors (0.2 percent). Race was marked as 'other/unknown' for 4,060 jurors (5.3 percent), and was not reported for 18,204 (23.8 percent). [According to the 2010 West Virginia Demographic Profile <http://www.census.gov/popfinder>, 93.9 percent of the West Virginia population were 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 were some other race.]

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)*

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

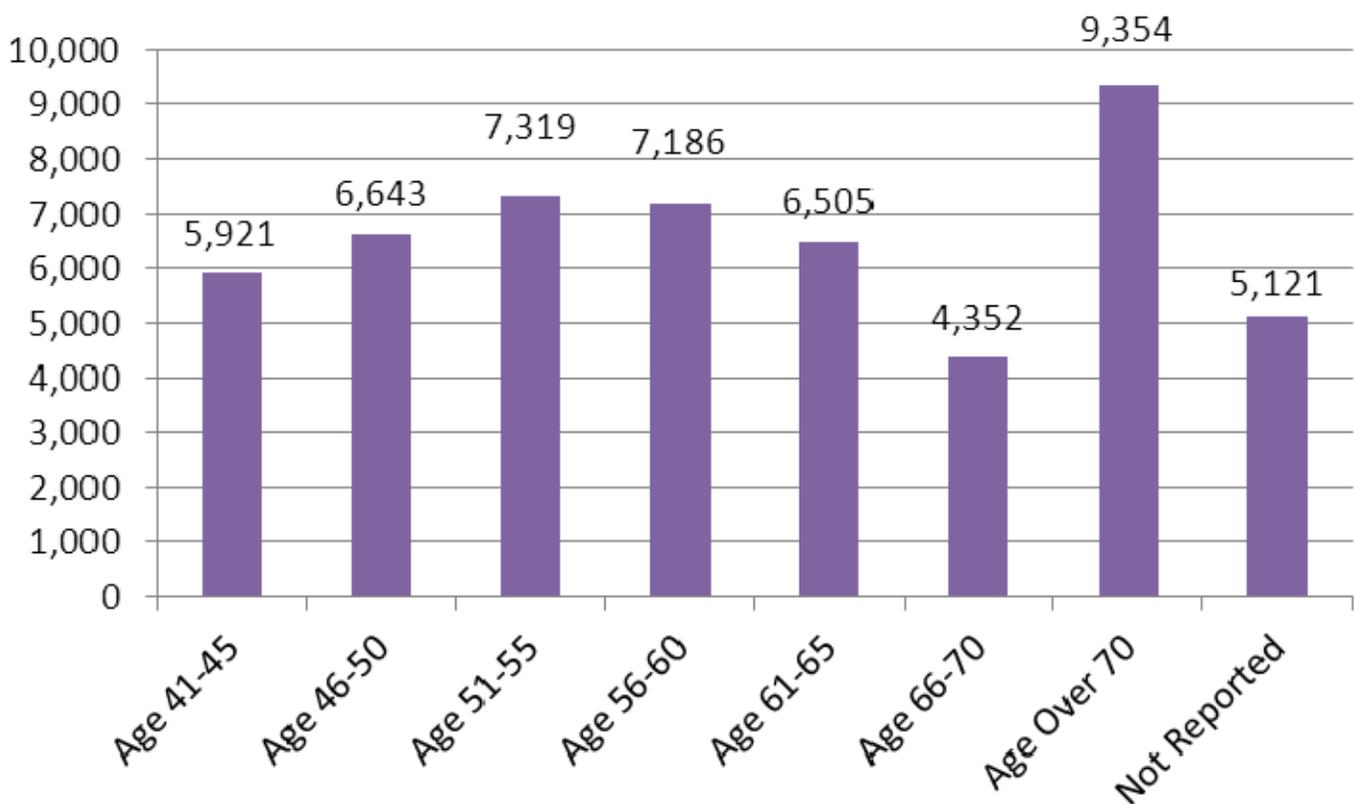
County	White		Black		Asian		American		Hispanic		Other/Unknown		Not Reported		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Barbour	331	97.9%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	5	1.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	338
Berkeley	1,400	91.4%	92	6.0%	10	0.7%	6	0.4%	19	1.2%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	1,532
Boone	559	84.7%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	100	15.2%	660
Braxton	314	52.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	284	47.3%	0	0.0%	600
Brooke	1,466	52.1%	7	0.2%	6	0.2%	1	0.0%	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	1,328	47.2%	2,815
Cabell	1,717	92.9%	59	3.2%	8	0.4%	6	0.3%	9	0.5%	8	0.4%	42	2.3%	1,849
Calhoun	350	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	350
Clay	156	98.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.3%	158
Doddridge	151	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	151
Fayette	876	91.1%	40	4.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%	2	0.2%	42	4.4%	0	0.0%	962
Gilmer	178	30.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	1	0.2%	398	68.6%	580
Grant	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	588	99.8%	589
Greenbrier	194	96.0%	6	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	1	0.5%	202
Hampshire	1,005	57.8%	4	0.2%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	727	41.8%	0	0.0%	1,740
Hancock	1,215	96.0%	26	2.1%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%	4	0.3%	15	1.2%	1,265
Hardy	300	95.5%	4	1.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	8	2.5%	0	0.0%	314
Harrison	1,035	40.0%	15	0.6%	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	6	0.2%	2	0.1%	1,519	58.8%	2,585
Jackson	692	96.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	25	3.5%	721
Jefferson	2,001	40.2%	124	2.5%	25	0.5%	6	0.1%	25	0.5%	23	0.5%	2,776	55.7%	4,980
Kanawha	2,653	90.5%	152	5.2%	30	1.0%	7	0.2%	13	0.4%	15	0.5%	61	2.1%	2,931
Lewis	327	99.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	328
Lincoln	235	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	235
Logan	705	97.8%	9	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	6	0.8%	0	0.0%	721
Marion	958	65.7%	14	1.0%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	476	32.6%	1,458
Marshall	760	99.7%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	762
Mason	389	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	389
McDowell	1,112	49.4%	66	2.9%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1,069	47.5%	0	0.0%	2,250
Mercer	3,526	70.5%	140	2.8%	16	0.3%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%	28	0.6%	1,281	25.6%	5,000
Mineral	571	96.0%	13	2.2%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	3	0.5%	1	0.2%	5	0.8%	595
Mingo	344	96.9%	5	1.4%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	1.1%	0	0.0%	355
Monongalia	1,326	88.4%	32	2.1%	22	1.5%	4	0.3%	13	0.9%	103	6.9%	0	0.0%	1,500
Monroe	370	99.5%	2	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	372
Morgan	947	92.8%	3	0.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.2%	2	0.2%	65	6.4%	0	0.0%	1,021
Nicholas	655	99.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	658
Ohio	10,743	65.7%	184	1.1%	51	0.3%	5	0.0%	24	0.1%	37	0.2%	5,304	32.4%	16,348
Pendleton	91	98.9%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	92
Pleasants	222	99.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	223
Pocahontas	553	78.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	148	21.0%	0	0.0%	704
Preston	598	98.7%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	4	0.7%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	606
Putnam	4,638	66.0%	17	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	24	0.3%	2,340	33.3%	7,025
Raleigh	539	93.3%	23	4.0%	6	1.0%	1	0.2%	3	0.5%	6	1.0%	0	0.0%	578
Randolph	232	13.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,477	86.4%	1,710
Ritchie	129	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	129
Roane	1,463	61.6%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	908	38.2%	0	0.0%	2,375
Summers	604	94.1%	16	2.5%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	18	2.8%	0	0.0%	642
Taylor	80	71.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%	31	27.7%	0	0.0%	112
Tucker	191	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	191

County	White		Black		Asian		American		Hispanic		Other/Unknown		Not Reported		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Upshur	341	99.1%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	344
Wayne	700	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	700
Webster	217	41.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	308	58.7%	0	0.0%	525
Wetzel	263	99.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	264
Wirt	373	48.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	395	51.3%	770
Wood	1,690	88.6%	14	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%	176	9.2%	21	1.1%	1,907
Wyoming	295	84.8%	2	0.6%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	49	14.1%	348
West Virginia	52,780	68.9%	1,080	1.4%	207	0.3%	60	0.1%	168	0.2%	4,060	5.3%	18,204	23.8%	76,559

Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 9,354 individuals (12.2 percent) in the 'Over 70' category to a low of 4,352 individuals (5.7 percent) in the '66-70' category. The 'Over 70' category spans more than five years and, consequently, has a relatively large number of jurors. The age was missing or unknown for 5,121 individuals (6.7 percent). A table listing totals for all age categories by county is provided in Table 5 the appendix.

Graph 3: Count of Jurors by Age Category



Jury Selection Method

In 2011, three counties (7.4 percent) used the jury wheel and 45 counties (83.3 percent) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in five counties (9.3 percent).

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods

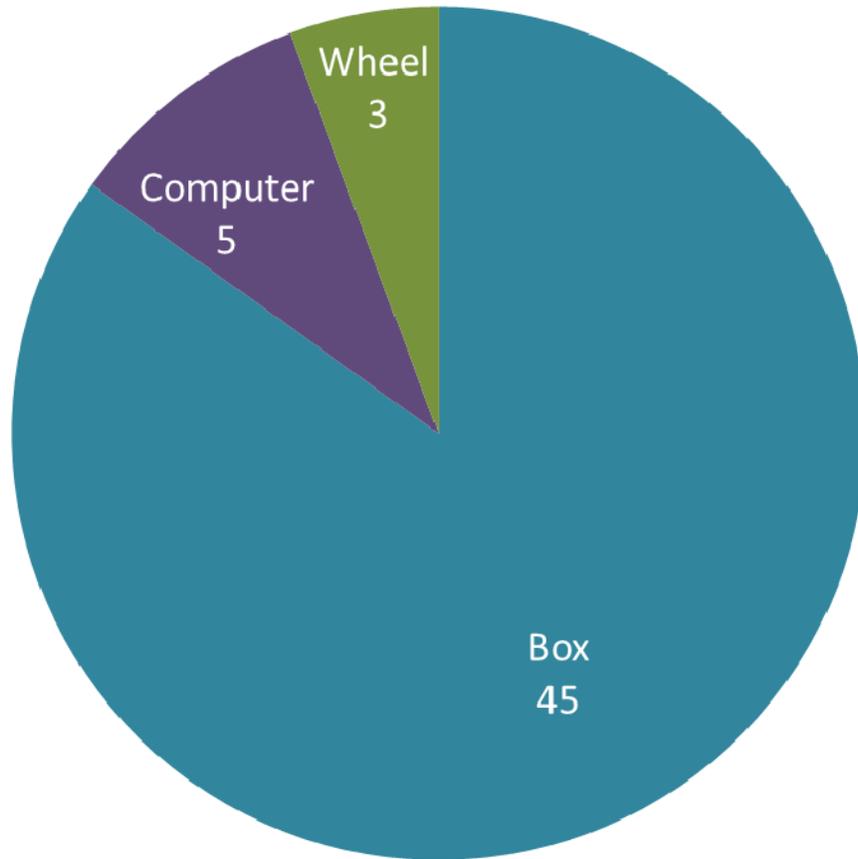


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

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

Appendix A:

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

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County	Age 18-25	Age 26-30	Age 31-35	Age 36-40	Age 41-45	Age 46-50	Age 51-55	Age 56-60	Age 61-65	Age 66-70	Over 70	Not Reported	Total
Barbour	20	25	21	40	25	37	29	38	28	23	52	0	338
Berkeley	153	115	125	135	153	186	199	181	142	104	39	0	1,532
Boone	51	44	56	56	54	54	52	74	61	52	106	0	660
Braxton	22	14	23	18	28	38	38	43	33	30	48	265	600
Brooke	169	205	221	237	231	233	281	289	257	183	509	0	2,815
Cabell	148	142	139	146	143	172	181	192	182	134	270	0	1,849
Calhoun	20	24	28	25	16	36	44	38	40	27	52	0	350
Clay	15	7	15	16	16	11	18	23	14	13	10	0	158
Doddridge	6	8	4	10	11	18	14	18	21	12	29	0	151
Fayette	69	69	68	76	81	84	85	124	96	78	132	0	962
Gilmer	58	59	40	49	32	46	42	44	65	45	100	0	580
Grant	39	38	42	42	43	59	54	76	71	47	78	0	589
Greenbrier	13	8	10	12	10	29	32	27	31	23	7	0	202
Hampshire	143	131	131	149	152	174	164	162	156	134	244	0	1,740
Hancock	101	69	90	114	108	139	180	207	152	95	10	0	1,265
Hardy	21	19	27	28	34	33	39	33	32	28	20	0	314
Harrison	90	86	80	94	130	132	133	139	114	46	29	1,512	2,585
Jackson	46	59	48	67	56	79	83	79	61	61	82	0	721
Jefferson	173	154	168	232	283	278	304	257	247	121	13	2,750	4,980
Kanawha	269	223	233	209	235	293	334	349	312	189	284	1	2,931
Lewis	34	30	22	21	26	39	25	25	30	17	59	0	328
Lincoln	32	31	21	25	21	34	23	13	17	14	4	0	235
Logan	62	54	57	60	65	60	87	97	78	47	54	0	721
Marion	74	54	100	82	95	105	115	92	93	51	160	437	1,458
Marshall	43	86	127	152	96	91	65	46	36	20	0	0	762
Mason	36	39	39	29	32	46	57	40	39	25	7	0	389
McDowell	216	158	210	157	188	209	241	213	193	122	343	0	2,250
Mercer	472	403	432	409	363	400	464	471	462	296	824	4	5,000
Mineral	43	50	50	61	52	61	71	78	68	43	18	0	595
Mingo	32	28	46	41	34	40	43	45	30	14	2	0	355
Monongalia	164	122	117	118	125	128	156	151	121	80	169	49	1,500
Monroe	36	18	24	27	24	33	40	35	43	26	66	0	372
Morgan	54	60	64	91	115	119	121	120	130	70	50	27	1,021
Nicholas	72	67	98	76	69	71	56	60	46	38	5	0	658
Ohio	1,841	1,422	1,151	1,168	1,143	1,274	1,496	1,526	1,258	854	3,210	5	16,348

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

County	Age 18-25	Age 26-30	Age 31-35	Age 36-40	Age 41-45	Age 46-50	Age 51-55	Age 56-60	Age 61-65	Age 66-70	Over 70	Not Reported	Total
Pendleton	7	6	9	4	12	10	7	8	15	8	6	0	92
Pleasants	13	14	14	24	24	44	29	28	20	12	1	0	223
Pocahontas	68	50	35	41	58	68	77	60	63	58	126	0	704
Preston	44	51	47	52	52	43	63	65	69	41	79	0	606
Putnam	622	585	647	639	638	689	723	618	558	404	901	1	7,025
Raleigh	37	46	73	55	48	54	68	76	75	34	12	0	578
Randolph	101	132	130	151	148	148	164	162	154	129	289	2	1,710
Ritchie	16	13	15	12	11	14	17	17	8	6	0	0	129
Roane	218	207	194	184	205	215	243	211	222	138	337	1	2,375
Summers	41	46	62	48	47	84	82	86	91	49	6	0	642
Taylor	4	13	10	6	12	13	12	9	13	8	12	0	112
Tucker	17	13	9	21	23	16	24	25	23	10	7	3	191
Upshur	24	23	32	29	29	39	26	33	41	25	43	0	344
Wayne	60	53	50	47	71	75	68	84	49	37	106	0	700
Webster	41	58	39	45	35	44	64	37	57	30	74	1	525
Wetzel	15	19	26	20	34	26	30	30	43	21	0	0	264
Wirt	594	26	11	14	9	16	24	25	16	20	10	5	770
Wood	170	129	151	141	141	175	187	168	193	140	254	58	1,907
Wyoming	31	27	44	36	35	29	45	39	36	20	6	0	348
West Virginia	6,960	5,632	5,725	5,841	5,921	6,643	7,319	7,186	6,505	4,352	9,354	5,121	76,559