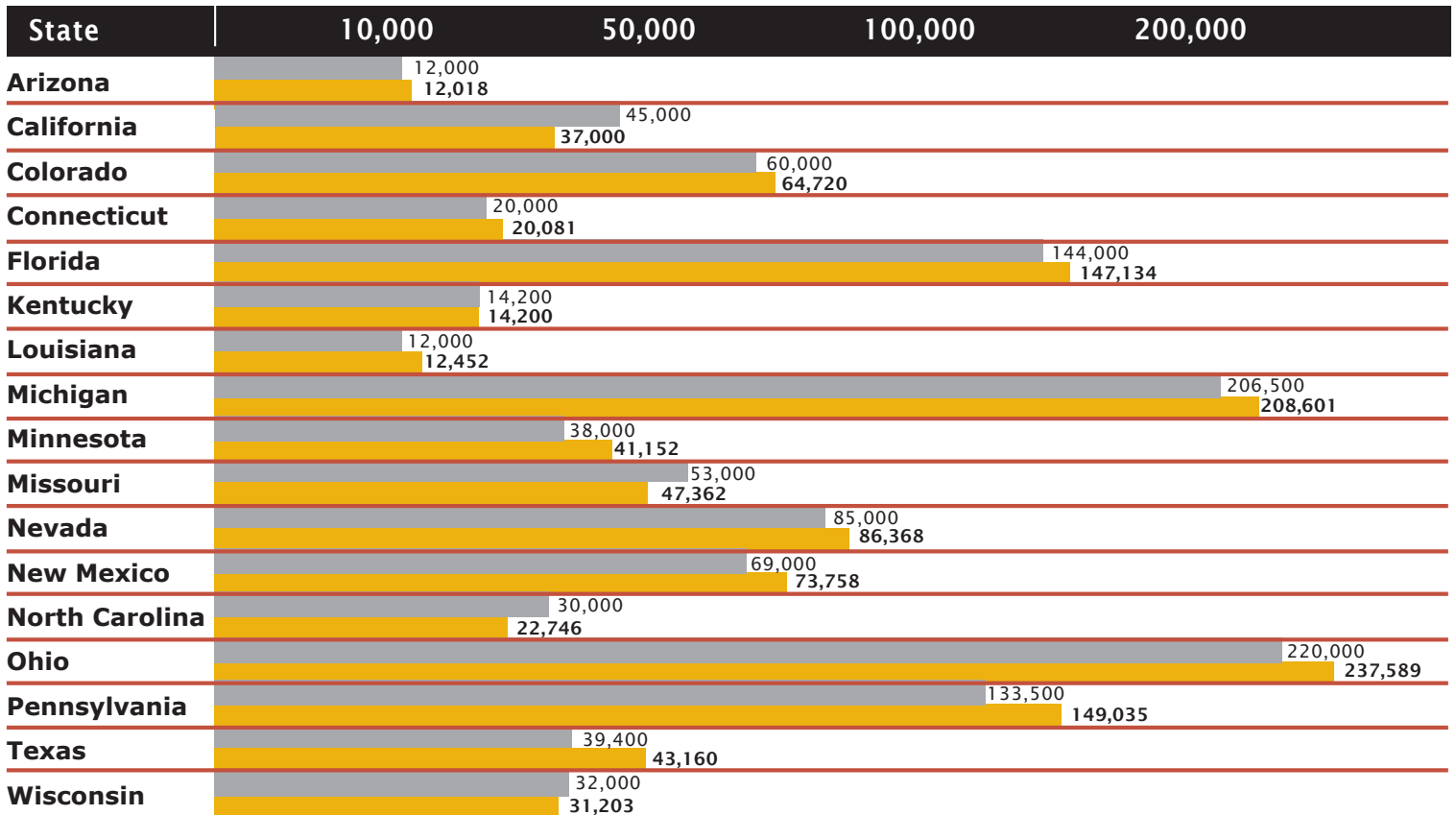




ACORN 2007-2008 VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

GOALS AND SUCCESS TO DATE

State Goals
 Progress (as of 9/28/08)



ABOUT ACORN'S VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is the largest grassroots community organization in the United States, comprised of over 450,000 member families organized into 1000+ neighborhood chapters in over 100 cities across the country. The mission of ACORN is to empower low and moderate-income people by building effective and solidly rooted organizations capable of winning concrete improvements for low-income communities.

ACORN's non-partisan voter registration program is about empowering local low- and moderate-income people by bringing them into the democratic process, ensuring that they have a say in the issues that affect them most.

Voter Registration Program Overview

- In 2004 ACORN helped over 1.1 million people register to vote.
- In 2006 ACORN helped over 547,000 people register to vote (a record for an off-year election cycle). In 2006 ACORN was the largest single 3rd party registrant of young people under the age of 30.
- **In 2007-2008 ACORN has already helped register over 1.27 million people nationwide.**
- The majority of ACORN registrants are low-income, about 75% are African-American, 25% are Latino and 50% are under 30 years old.

Voter Registration Quality Control

- ACORN employs the most sophisticated quality-control system in the business.
- Every single application collected is examined by independent quality control staff for completeness, and tagged and bundled to associate it with the crew member who gathered it. Registrations are entered into a database by an outside vendor, and locally-based call centers make several attempts to call each registrant to verify information.
- In most states, ACORN is required to turn in ALL cards, even if the cards have been identified by ACORN as problematic, incomplete, or duplicates. ACORN's quality control system routinely flags incomplete or potentially problematic applications for boards of election. These cards are submitted separate from others, with "Problem Card" cover sheets, and are tagged to the worker who collected them.

About Allegations Against Acorn

- In a few cases ACORN has caught part-time workers falsifying cards in an attempt to get paid for doing work they didn't do. When this happens, ACORN fires the workers involved, alerts election officials and law enforcement about the problem, and cooperates fully and enthusiastically with investigations and persecutions.
- Such cases constitute employee fraud, not election fraud.
- Nearly all of the former ACORN workers who have ever been investigated or convicted were uncovered and turned-in by ACORN itself.