

# Juror Qualification Report 2019



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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 2019. 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 except Greenbrier submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 35,362 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (3,148) and Ohio County (3,498) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 47.6% of the questionnaires and females completed 50.4%. The remaining 2% of jurors did not report gender.
- Race: Whites completed 89.2% of the questionnaires, Blacks completed over 2%, and other reported races combined completed less than 1%. Race was not reported or indicated on 7 % of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,064) in the “61-65” age category than any other age category.
- 52% of the counties used the computer to select jurors, 20% used the jury box, and 28% used a wheel selection method.

## Results

### Counties Reporting

All counties, except Greenbrier, submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

### Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 35,362 individuals (2% of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2019. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 0 in Hancock and Marshall County to a high of 3,498 in Ohio County. On average, 655 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

*Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County*

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	196	Kanawha	1,764	Preston	304
Berkeley	3,148	Lewis	300	Putnam	590
Boone	273	Lincoln	17	Raleigh	807
Braxton	510	Logan	426	Randolph	224
Brooke	623	Marion	491	Ritchie	109
Cabell	1,057	Marshall	0	Roane	368
Calhoun	651	Mason	390	Summers	242
Clay	422	McDowell	339	Taylor	226
Doddridge	219	Mercer	959	Tucker	362
Fayette	431	Mineral	693	Tyler	427
Gilmer	210	Mingo	453	Upshur	327
Grant	516	Monongalia	1,652	Wayne	382
Greenbrier		Monroe	948	Webster	198
Hampshire	975	Morgan	1,210	Wetzel	511
Hancock	0	Nicholas	29	Wirt	171
Hardy	387	Ohio	3,498	Wood	1,858
Harrison	1,042	Pendleton	306	Wyoming	337
Jackson	334	Pleasants	513	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>35,362</b>
Jefferson	2,611	Pocahontas	326		

## Gender

Of the 35,362 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2019, 16,836 were males (47.6%) and 17,830 were females (50.4%). The gender was not reported on 696 questionnaires (2%).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

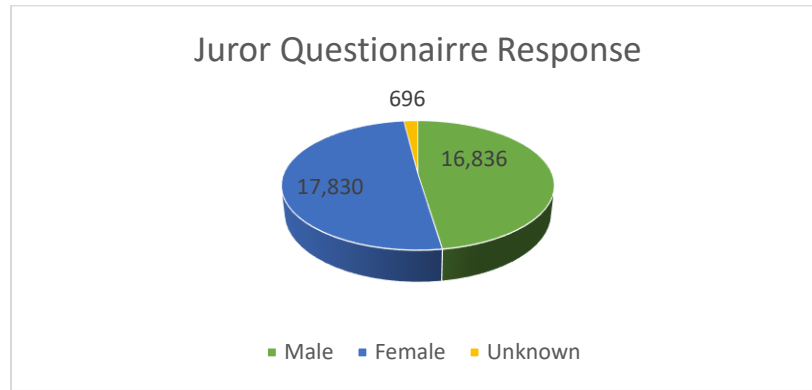


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	79.00	40.3%	116.00	59.2%	1	0.5%	196
Berkeley	1,525.00	48.4%	1,623.00	51.6%	0	0.0%	3,148
Boone	149.00	54.6%	120.00	44.0%	4	0.0%	273
Braxton	264.00	51.8%	246.00	48.2%	0	0.8%	510
Brooke	327.00	52.5%	289.00	46.4%	7	0.0%	623
Cabell	535.00	50.6%	496.00	46.9%	26	0.7%	1,057
Calhoun	328.00	50.4%	323.00	49.6%	0	4.0%	651
Clay	193.00	45.7%	200.00	47.4%	29	0.0%	422
Doddridge	96.00	43.8%	122.00	55.7%	1	13.2%	219
Fayette	199.00	46.2%	231.00	53.6%	1	0.2%	431
Gilmer	93.00	44.3%	115.00	54.8%	2	0.5%	210
Grant	243.00	47.1%	272.00	52.7%	1	0.4%	516
Greenbrier							
Hampshire	480.00	49.2%	495.00	50.8%	0	0.1%	975
Hancock	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
Hardy	167.00	43.2%	215.00	55.6%	5	0.0%	387
Harrison	523.00	50.2%	508.00	48.8%	11	0.5%	1,042
Jackson	151.00	45.2%	182.00	54.5%	1	3.3%	334
Jefferson	1,301.00	49.8%	1,295.00	49.6%	15	0.0%	2,611
Kanawha	878.00	49.8%	886.00	50.2%	0	0.9%	1,764
Lewis	130.00	43.3%	170.00	56.7%	0	0.0%	300
Lincoln	5.00	29.4%	12.00	70.6%	0	0.0%	17
Logan	192.00	45.1%	233.00	54.7%	1	0.0%	426

Marion	214.00	43.6%	261.00	53.2%	16	0.2%	491
Marshall	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
Mason	186.00	47.7%	204.00	52.3%	0	0.0%	390
McDowell	167.00	49.3%	166.00	49.0%	6	0.0%	339
Mercer	450.00	46.9%	497.00	51.8%	12	0.6%	959
Mineral	344.00	49.6%	349.00	50.4%	0	1.7%	693
Mingo	208.00	45.9%	239.00	52.8%	6	0.0%	453
Monongalia	770.00	46.6%	882.00	53.4%	0	0.4%	1,652
Monroe	354.00	37.3%	342.00	36.1%	252	0.0%	948
Morgan	583.00	48.2%	626.00	51.7%	1	20.8%	1,210
Nicholas	14.00	48.3%	15.00	51.7%	0	3.4%	29
Ohio	1,640.00	46.9%	1,850.00	52.9%	8	0.0%	3,498
Pendleton	147.00	48.0%	157.00	51.3%	2	2.6%	306
Pleasants	264.00	51.5%	244.00	47.6%	5	0.4%	513
Pocahontas	162.00	49.7%	152.00	46.6%	12	1.5%	326
Preston	159.00	52.3%	143.00	47.0%	2	3.9%	304
Putnam	293.00	49.7%	292.00	49.5%	5	0.3%	590
Raleigh	389.00	48.2%	411.00	50.9%	7	0.6%	807
Randolph	109.00	48.7%	113.00	50.4%	2	3.1%	224
Ritchie	52.00	47.7%	55.00	50.5%	2	1.8%	109
Roane	155.00	42.1%	168.00	45.7%	45	0.5%	368
Summers	110.00	45.5%	125.00	51.7%	7	18.6%	242
Taylor	109.00	48.2%	117.00	51.8%	0	3.1%	226
Tucker	174.00	48.1%	178.00	49.2%	10	0.0%	362
Tyler	222.00	52.0%	205.00	48.0%	0	2.3%	427
Upshur	159.00	48.6%	168.00	51.4%	0	0.0%	327
Wayne	172.00	45.0%	209.00	54.7%	1	0.0%	382
Webster	90.00	45.5%	106.00	53.5%	2	0.5%	198
Wetzel	255.00	49.9%	256.00	50.1%	0	0.4%	511
Wirt	75.00	43.9%	95.00	55.6%	1	0.0%	171
Wood	802.00	43.2%	878.00	47.3%	178	0.1%	1,858
Wyoming	150.00	44.5%	178.00	52.8%	9	52.8%	337
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>16,836</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>17,830</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>35,362</b>

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

**Race/Ethnicity**

Of the 35,362 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 31,541 (89.1 %) reported their race as White. There were 791 Black jurors (2.23%), 199 Asian jurors (0.56%), 99 Native American jurors (0.27%) and 94 (.02%) Hispanic jurors. Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 2,269 jurors (6.41%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected.

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

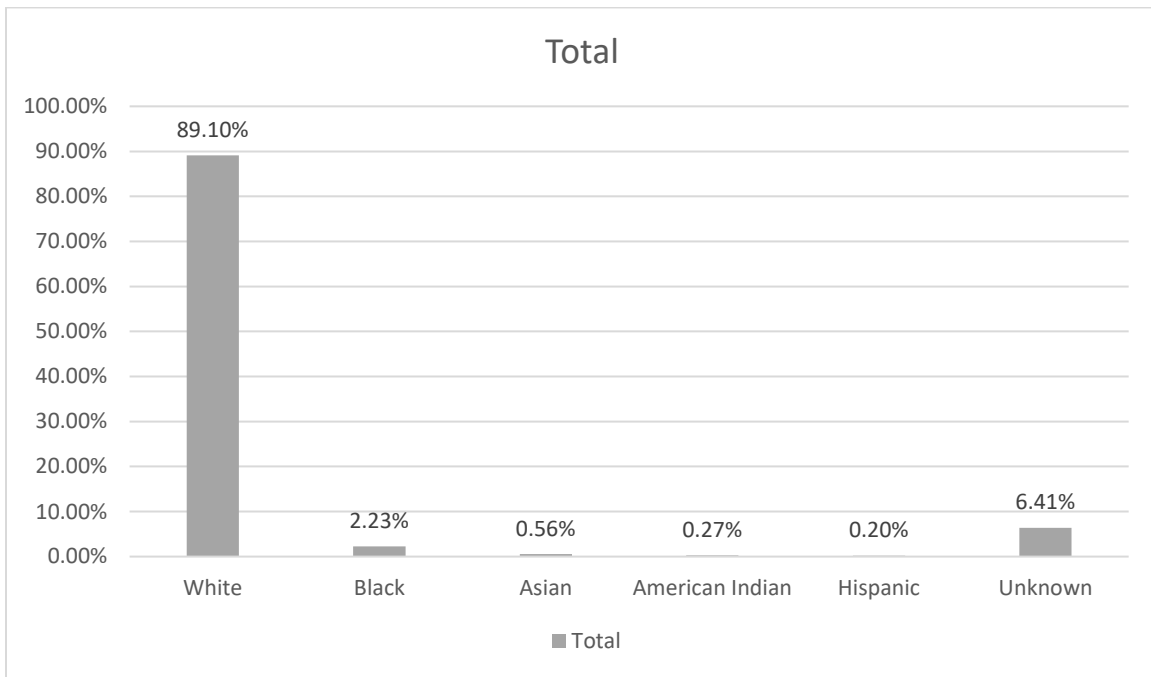


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	White		Black		Asian		American Indian		Other/UNK/Not Reported		Hispanic		Total
Barbour	186	94.90%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.02%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	196
Berkeley	2,902	92.19%	145	4.61%	30	0.95%	15	0.48%	56	0.00%	0	0.00%	3,148
Boone	264	96.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	0.00%	0	0.00%	273
Braxton	463	90.78%	7	1.37%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	40	0.00%	0	0.00%	510
Brooke	581	93.26%	5	0.80%	2	0.32%	1	0.16%	34	0.00%	0	0.00%	623
Cabell	945	89.40%	33	3.12%	10	0.95%	1	0.09%	68	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,057
Calhoun	651	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	651
Clay	354	83.89%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	68	0.00%	0	0.00%	422
Doddridge	212	96.80%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7	0.00%	0	0.00%	219
Fayette	378	87.70%	10	2.32%	2	0.46%	2	0.46%	39	0.00%	0	0.00%	431
Gilmer	206	98.10%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.48%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	210
Grant	507	98.26%	2	0.39%	0	0.00%	4	0.78%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	516
Hampshire	946	97.03%	9	0.92%	2	0.21%	1	0.10%	17	0.00%	0	0.00%	975
Hancock	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hardy	374	96.64%	7	1.81%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	387
Harrison	1,024	98.27%	5	0.48%	5	0.48%	0	0.00%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,042
Jackson	324	97.01%	2	0.60%	1	0.30%	2	0.60%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	334
Jefferson	1,858	71.16%	121	4.63%	26	1.00%	11	0.42%	595	0.00%	0	0.00%	2,611
Kanawha	1,574	89.23%	124	7.03%	13	0.74%	11	0.62%	42	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,764
Lewis	296	98.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.67%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	300
Lincoln	16	94.12%	1	5.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	17
Logan	414	97.18%	8	1.88%	2	0.47%	1	0.23%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	426
Marion	449	91.82%	9	1.84%	3	0.61%	5	1.02%	20	0.00%	3	0.61%	489
Marshall	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Mason	375	96.15%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.77%	12	0.00%	0	0.00%	390
McDowell	307	90.56%	29	8.55%	0	0.00%	2	0.59%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	339
Mercer	805	83.94%	40	4.17%	1	0.10%	5	0.52%	108	0.00%	0	0.00%	959
Mineral	673	96.28%	7	1.00%	2	0.29%	3	0.43%	14	0.00%	0	0.00%	699
Mingo	441	97.35%	4	0.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	453
Monongalia	1,379	83.47%	54	3.27%	55	3.33%	1	0.06%	142	0.00%	21	1.27%	1,652
Monroe	164	17.30%	1	0.11%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	783	0.00%	0	0.00%	948
Morgan	1,156	95.54%	9	0.74%	3	0.25%	4	0.33%	38	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,210
Nicholas	27	93.10%	1	3.45%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	29
Ohio	3,289	94.03%	74	2.12%	29	0.83%	7	0.20%	42	0.00%	57	1.63%	3,498
Pendleton	297	97.06%	7	2.29%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	306
Pleasants	496	98.80%	2	0.40%	0	0.00%	2	0.40%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	502
Pocahontas	316	96.93%	3	0.92%	0	0.00%	2	0.61%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	326
Preston	300	98.68%	2	0.66%	1	0.33%	1	0.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	304
Putnam	560	94.92%	5	0.85%	2	0.34%	2	0.34%	21	0.00%	0	0.00%	590
Raleigh	739	91.57%	47	5.82%	4	0.50%	4	0.50%	7	0.00%	6	0.74%	807
Randolph	216	96.43%	1	0.45%	1	0.45%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	224
Ritchie	105	98.13%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	107

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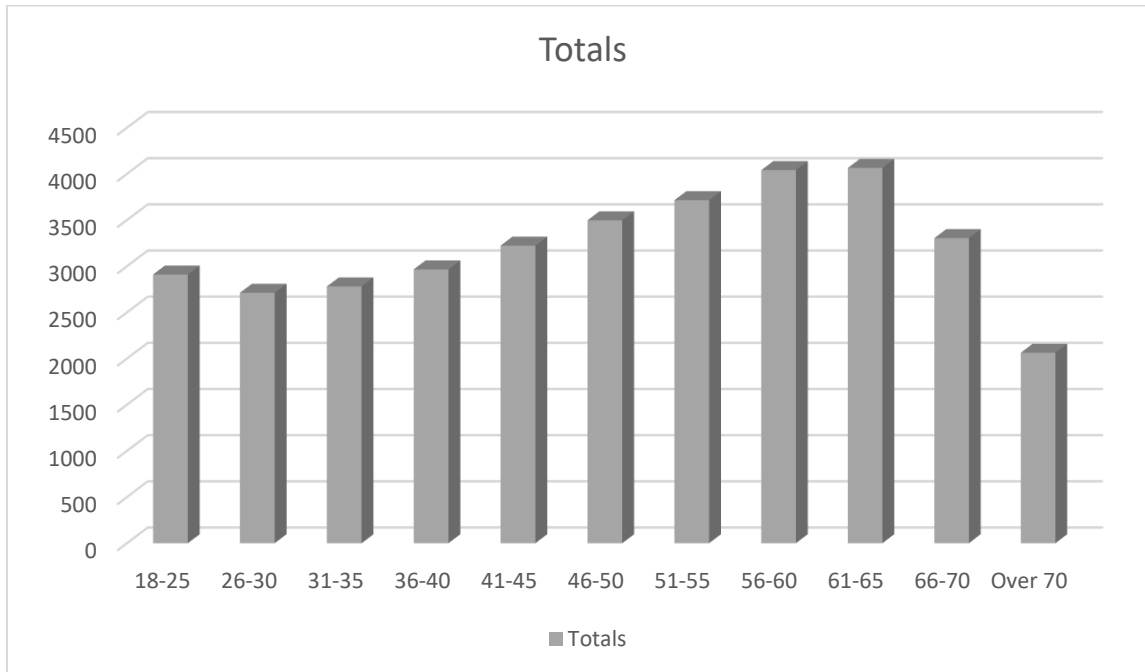
<b>Roane</b>	358	97.28%	0	0.00%	1	0.27%	2	0.54%	7	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>368</b>
<b>Summers</b>	231	95.45%	3	1.24%	2	0.83%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>242</b>
<b>Taylor</b>	116	51.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	110	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>226</b>
<b>Tucker</b>	356	98.34%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>362</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	423	99.06%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>427</b>
<b>Upshur</b>	322	98.47%	1	0.31%	1	0.31%	1	0.31%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>327</b>
<b>Wayne</b>	378	98.95%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>382</b>
<b>Webster</b>	197	99.49%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>198</b>
<b>Wetzel</b>	502	98.24%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>511</b>
<b>Wirt</b>	170	99.42%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>171</b>
<b>Wood</b>	1,595	85.84%	10	0.54%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	246	0.00%	7	0.38%	<b>1,858</b>
<b>Wyoming</b>	324	96.14%	2	0.59%	0	0.00%	1	0.30%	10	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>337</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>31,541</b>	<b>89.22%</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>2.24%</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>7.44%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>35,353</b>



## Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,064 individuals (11.4%) in the “61-65” category to a low of 2,063 individuals (5.8%) in the “over 70” category. 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 2018, 19 counties (35%) used the jury wheel and 7 counties (13%) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 28 counties (52%).

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods

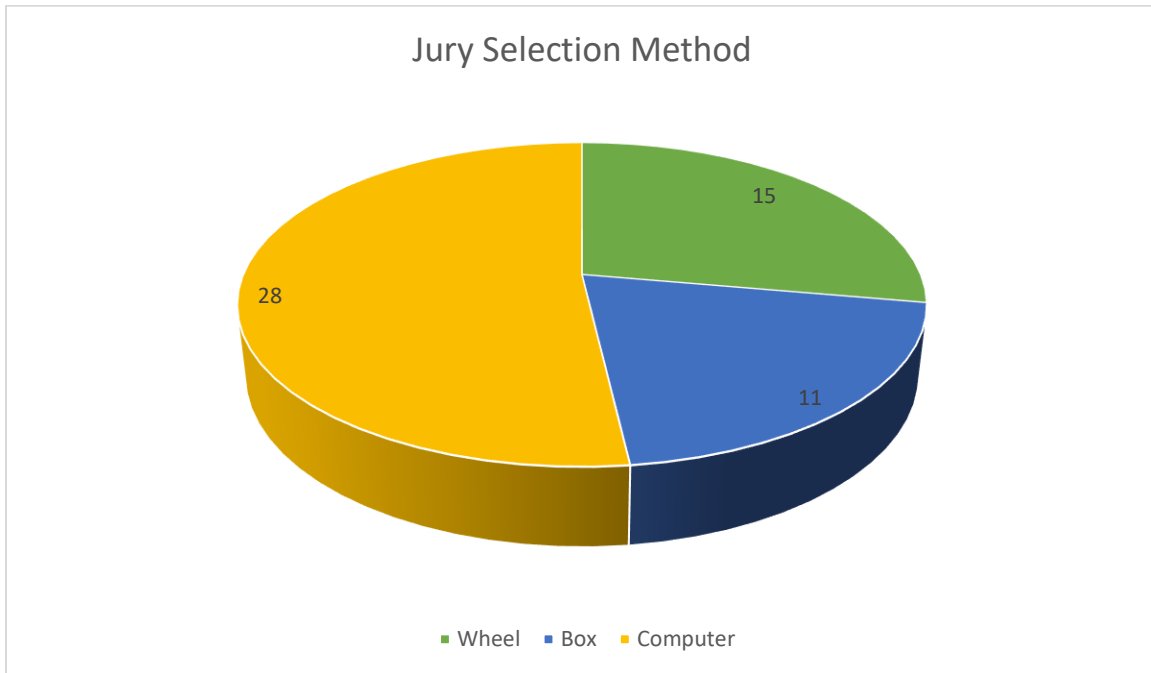


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

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

# Appendix

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

	<b>18-25</b>	<b>26-30</b>	<b>31-35</b>	<b>36-40</b>	<b>41-45</b>	<b>46-50</b>	<b>51-55</b>	<b>56-60</b>	<b>61-65</b>	<b>66-70</b>	<b>OVER 70</b>	<b>NO AGE</b>	<b>AGE TOTAL</b>
<b>Barbour</b>	21	20	13	12	17	18	13	28	24	18	12	0	196
<b>Berkeley</b>	244	258	297	323	306	337	372	419	315	210	67	0	3,148
<b>Boone</b>	30	21	16	26	26	28	27	33	36	19	11	0	273
<b>Braxton</b>	33	56	36	39	44	47	43	50	56	45	56	5	510
<b>Brooke</b>	36	44	44	46	57	57	68	90	84	78	19	0	623
<b>Cabell</b>	84	72	80	97	116	109	126	122	122	93	36	0	1,057
<b>Calhoun</b>	27	36	24	50	51	49	55	72	81	73	133	0	651
<b>Clay</b>	37	32	21	35	32	45	37	44	57	40	42	0	422
<b>Doddridge</b>	13	21	8	16	16	19	27	33	27	27	12	0	219
<b>Fayette</b>	40	24	42	48	49	43	38	46	53	29	19	0	431
<b>Gilmer</b>	10	14	20	22	16	17	26	35	25	20	5	0	210
<b>Grant</b>	34	47	43	42	44	52	52	64	71	47	19	0	515
<b>Hampshire</b>	64	60	69	63	93	110	109	140	120	109	38	0	975
<b>Hancock</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hardy</b>	25	26	29	25	30	44	45	51	54	46	12	0	387
<b>Harrison</b>	78	73	87	88	91	104	125	142	129	98	27	0	1,042
<b>Jackson</b>	21	21	20	26	29	38	41	40	48	38	12	0	334
<b>Jefferson</b>	168	157	183	219	259	316	330	291	282	225	181	0	2,611
<b>Kanawha</b>	116	129	126	143	182	162	159	221	245	198	83	0	1,764
<b>Lewis</b>	36	19	17	18	23	38	37	35	42	23	12	0	300
<b>Lincoln</b>	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	2	4	1	1	0	17
<b>Logan</b>	49	49	30	35	50	43	39	39	44	43	5	0	426

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

<b>Marion</b>	41	37	36	28	34	46	55	48	50	47	69	0	491
<b>Marshall</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mason</b>	28	23	32	43	42	36	39	42	46	46	13	0	390
<b>McDowell</b>	37	37	28	34	34	33	26	36	42	29	3	0	339
<b>Mercer</b>	93	85	67	75	89	101	95	103	111	105	35	0	959
<b>Mineral</b>	39	40	60	59	67	73	97	86	77	74	27	0	699
<b>Mingo</b>	38	44	33	43	46	48	49	52	42	54	4	0	453
<b>Monongalia</b>	186	176	167	156	130	113	153	116	122	99	185	49	1,652
<b>Monroe</b>	53	68	73	64	73	65	95	82	78	83	214	0	948
<b>Morgan</b>	102	57	74	83	105	115	151	164	175	123	61	0	1,210
<b>Nicholas</b>	3	3	1	3	3	5	2	5	2	1	1	0	29
<b>Ohio</b>	337	308	350	317	320	320	313	367	416	363	87	0	3,498
<b>Pendleton</b>	21	21	25	18	27	29	43	43	43	24	12	0	306
<b>Pleasants</b>	47	43	44	50	35	53	68	64	57	36	16	0	513
<b>Pocahontas</b>	23	20	27	22	30	29	32	44	46	44	9	0	326
<b>Preston</b>	36	18	21	24	27	20	33	33	42	40	10	0	304
<b>Putnam</b>	35	23	37	61	61	75	70	70	83	53	21	1	590
<b>Raleigh</b>	138	104	85	88	91	69	53	53	63	47	11	5	807
<b>Randolph</b>	16	18	19	16	21	23	25	30	18	29	8	1	224
<b>Ritchie</b>	9	5	9	4	6	11	14	17	11	15	6	0	107
<b>Roane</b>	23	26	27	24	25	39	38	38	51	52	25	0	368
<b>Summers</b>	8	7	15	18	26	22	22	39	42	30	13	0	242
<b>Taylor</b>	17	14	15	22	29	22	23	21	25	19	19	0	226
<b>Tucker</b>	28	33	21	32	25	38	45	45	52	34	4	5	362
<b>Tyler</b>	24	31	37	29	38	56	53	61	48	46	4	0	427
<b>Upshur</b>	32	24	23	28	27	36	24	32	34	25	42	0	327

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<b>Wayne</b>	48	24	26	29	39	43	31	43	51	37	11	0	382
<b>Webster</b>	28	26	17	18	13	24	17	18	23	14	0	0	198
<b>Wetzel</b>	45	52	43	39	26	64	63	69	56	52	2	0	511
<b>Wirt</b>	9	7	15	20	12	17	23	21	26	16	5	0	171
<b>Wood</b>	173	139	127	117	143	159	152	161	169	154	341	23	1,858
<b>Wyoming</b>	27	20	22	28	46	35	38	41	44	33	3	0	337
<b>Grand Total:</b>	2,910	2,712	2,781	2,966	3,223	3,497	3,715	4,041	4,064	3,304	2,063	89	35,365