

Juror Qualification Report 2018



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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 2018. 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 County, submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 37,986 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (3,338) and Ohio County (3,481) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 47.6% of the questionnaires and females completed 50.6%. The remaining 1.8 % of jurors did not report gender.
- Whites completed 90.4% of the questionnaires, Blacks completed over 2%, and other reported races combined completed less than 1%. Race was not reported or indicated on 6 % of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,339) in the “56-60” age category than any other age category.
- 51% of the counties used the computer to select jurors, 13% used the jury box, and 36% used a computer selection method.

Results

Counties Reporting

All counties, except Greenbrier, submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2018.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 37,986 individuals (2% of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2018. This represents an increase of 3% from 2017. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 147 in Pendleton County to a high of 3,481 in Ohio County. On average, 703 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	202	Kanawha	1,746	Preston	306
Berkeley	3,338	Lewis	241	Putnam	751
Boone	303	Lincoln	247	Raleigh	730
Braxton	525	Logan	376	Randolph	238
Brooke	420	Marion	1,352	Ritchie	275
Cabell	1,158	Marshall	183	Roane	419
Calhoun	586	Mason	407	Summers	229
Clay	469	McDowell	371	Taylor	216
Doddridge	249	Mercer	993	Tucker	229
Fayette	433	Mineral	716	Tyler	423
Gilmer	226	Mingo	492	Upshur	437
Grant	497	Monongalia	1,697	Wayne	425
Greenbrier		Monroe	250	Webster	191
Hampshire	996	Morgan	1,210	Wetzel	457
Hancock	1,029	Nicholas	555	Wirt	177
Hardy	388	Ohio	3,481	Wood	1,775
Harrison	1,143	Pendleton	147	Wyoming	365
Jackson	382	Pleasants	477	West Virginia	37,986
Jefferson	2,759	Pocahontas	299		

Gender

Of the 37,986 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2018, 18,063 were males (47.6%) and 19,235 were females (50.6%). The gender was not reported on 688 questionnaires (1.8%).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

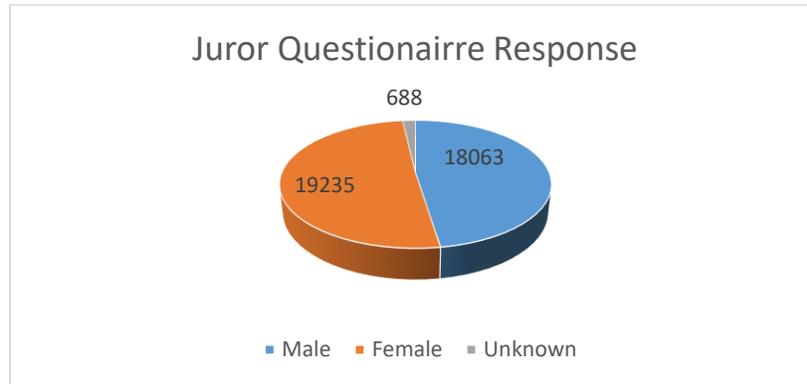


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

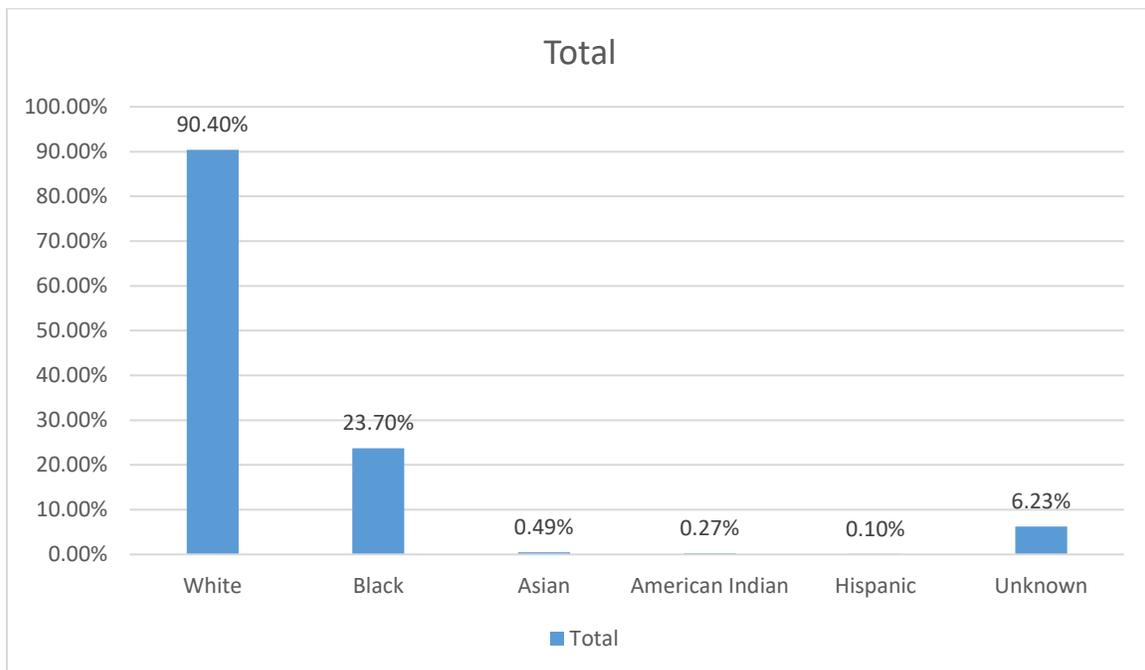
County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	94	47%	99	49%	9	4%	202
Berkeley	1,579	47%	1,759	53%	0	0%	3,338
Boone	147	49%	155	51%	1	0%	303
Braxton	248	47%	263	50%	14	3%	525
Brooke	202	48%	210	50%	8	2%	420
Cabell	554	48%	550	47%	54	5%	1,158
Calhoun	291	50%	295	50%	0	0%	586
Clay	189	40%	227	48%	53	11%	469
Doddridge	123	49%	126	51%	0	0%	249
Fayette	205	47%	228	53%	0	0%	433
Gilmer	104	46%	120	53%	2	1%	226
Grant	231	46%	261	53%	5	1%	497
Greenbrier							
Hampshire	488	49%	506	51%	2	0%	996
Hancock	480	47%	544	53%	5	0%	1,029

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Hardy	184	47%	203	52%	1	0%	388
Harrison	505	44%	531	46%	107	9%	1,143
Jackson	180	47%	199	52%	3	1%	382
Jefferson	1,325	48%	1,418	51%	16	1%	2,759
Kanawha	876	50%	870	50%	0	0%	1,746
Lewis	122	51%	119	49%	0	0%	241
Lincoln	123	50%	124	50%	0	0%	247
Logan	174	46%	201	53%	1	0%	376
Marion	645	48%	689	51%	18	1%	1,352
Marshall	62	34%	55	30%	66	36%	183
Mason	196	48%	211	52%	0	0%	407
McDowell	147	40%	215	58%	9	2%	371
Mercer	472	48%	506	51%	15	2%	993
Mineral	337	47%	376	53%	3	0%	716
Mingo	244	50%	248	50%	0	0%	492
Monongalia	852	50%	845	50%	0	0%	1,697
Monroe	101	40%	93	37%	56	22%	250
Morgan	594	49%	611	50%	5	0%	1,210
Nicholas	271	49%	283	51%	1	0%	555
Ohio	1,725	50%	1,748	50%	8	0%	3,481
Pendleton	68	46%	78	53%	1	1%	147
Pleasants	233	49%	235	49%	9	2%	477
Pocahontas	142	47%	155	52%	2	1%	299
Preston	141	46%	165	54%	0	0%	306
Putnam	368	49%	379	50%	4	1%	751
Raleigh	343	47%	386	53%	1	0%	730
Randolph	116	49%	122	51%	0	0%	238
Ritchie	134	49%	140	51%	1	0%	275
Roane	160	38%	213	51%	46	11%	419
Summers	100	44%	124	54%	5	2%	229
Taylor	110	51%	103	48%	3	1%	216
Tucker	115	50%	114	50%	0	0%	229
Tyler	198	47%	225	53%	0	0%	423
Upshur	185	42%	252	58%	0	0%	437
Wayne	220	52%	202	48%	1	0%	425
Webster	95	50%	92	48%	4	2%	191
Wetzel	236	52%	220	48%	1	0%	457
Wirt	83	47%	93	53%	1	1%	177
Wood	777	44%	865	49%	133	7%	1,775
Wyoming	167	46%	184	50%	14	4%	365
Grand Total:	18,063	47.5%	19,235	50.6%	688	1.8%	37,986

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 37,986 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 34,370 (90.4 %) reported their race as White. There were 901 Black jurors (2.37%), 189 Asian jurors (0.49%), 90 Native American jurors (0.27%) and 38 (.01%) Hispanic jurors. Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 2,369 jurors (6.23%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected. According to the United States Census Bureau’s¹ website, in 2017, 93.3% of the West Virginia population was White, 3.6% were Black, 1.5% were Hispanic, 0.8% were Asian, 0.2% were American Indian or Alaska Native, and 1.7% were another race. The population demographics for 2018 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.) 2017 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

COUNTY	WHITE		BLACK		ASIAN		AMERICAN IND		OTHER		HISPANIC		TOTAL
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Barbour	189.00	93.56%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	4.00	1.98%	9.00	4.46%	0.00	0.00%	202.00
Berkeley	3,074.00	92.09%	186.00	5.57%	20.00	0.60%	7.00	0.21%	50.00	1.50%	1.00	0.03%	3,338.00
Boone	298.00	98.35%	1.00	0.33%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	4.00	1.32%	0.00	0.00%	303.00
Braxton	353.00	67.24%	1.00	0.19%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	171.00	32.57%	0.00	0.00%	525.00
Brooke	391.00	93.10%	2.00	0.48%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	0.71%	24.00	5.71%	0.00	0.00%	420.00
Cabell	1,040.00	89.81%	47.00	4.06%	7.00	0.60%	3.00	0.26%	61.00	5.27%	0.00	0.00%	1,158.00
Calhoun	586.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	586.00
Clay	401.00	85.50%	1.00	0.21%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.21%	66.00	14.07%	0.00	0.00%	469.00
Doddridge	249.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	249.00
Fayette	397.00	91.69%	21.00	4.85%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.46%	13.00	3.00%	0.00	0.00%	433.00
Gilmer	216.00	95.58%	2.00	0.88%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	8.00	3.54%	0.00	0.00%	226.00
Grant	480.00	96.58%	3.00	0.60%	1.00	0.20%	3.00	0.60%	10.00	2.01%	0.00	0.00%	497.00
Hampshire	972.00	97.59%	3.00	0.30%	3.00	0.30%	2.00	0.20%	16.00	1.61%	0.00	0.00%	996.00
Hancock	989.00	96.11%	16.00	1.55%	3.00	0.29%	3.00	0.29%	18.00	1.75%	0.00	0.00%	1,029.00
Hardy	377.00	97.16%	5.00	1.29%	3.00	0.77%	3.00	0.77%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	388.00
Harrison	1,098.00	96.06%	14.00	1.22%	4.00	0.35%	5.00	0.44%	22.00	1.92%	0.00	0.00%	1,143.00
Jackson	375.00	98.17%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.52%	5.00	1.31%	0.00	0.00%	382.00
Jefferson	2,005.00	72.67%	113.00	4.10%	19.00	0.69%	10.00	0.36%	612.00	22.18%	0.00	0.00%	2,759.00
Kanawha	1,542.00	88.32%	129.00	7.39%	14.00	0.80%	9.00	0.52%	52.00	2.98%	0.00	0.00%	1,746.00
Lewis	240.00	99.59%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.41%	0.00	0.00%	241.00
Lincoln	247.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	247.00
Logan	365.00	97.07%	9.00	2.39%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.53%	0.00	0.00%	376.00
Marion	1,271.00	94.01%	33.00	2.44%	4.00	0.30%	6.00	0.44%	38.00	2.81%	0.00	0.00%	1,352.00
Marshall	41.00	22.40%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.55%	0.00	0.00%	141.00	77.05%	0.00	0.00%	183.00
Mason	398.00	97.79%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	0.74%	0.00	0.00%	6.00	1.47%	0.00	0.00%	407.00
McDowell	319.00	85.98%	38.00	10.24%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.27%	13.00	3.50%	0.00	0.00%	371.00
Mercer	840.00	84.59%	52.00	5.24%	2.00	0.20%	1.00	0.10%	98.00	9.87%	0.00	0.00%	993.00
Mineral	687.00	95.95%	13.00	1.82%	1.00	0.14%	1.00	0.14%	14.00	1.96%	0.00	0.00%	716.00
Mingo	478.00	97.15%	8.00	1.63%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	6.00	1.22%	0.00	0.00%	492.00
Monongalia	1,403.00	82.68%	36.00	2.12%	43.00	2.53%	6.00	0.35%	195.00	11.49%	14.00	0.82%	1,697.00
Monroe	36.00	14.40%	1.00	0.40%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	213.00	85.20%	0.00	0.00%	250.00
Morgan	1,162.00	96.03%	3.00	0.25%	4.00	0.33%	4.00	0.33%	27.00	2.23%	10.00	0.83%	1,210.00
Nicholas	541.00	97.48%	4.00	0.72%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.36%	8.00	1.44%	0.00	0.00%	555.00
Ohio	3,313.00	95.83%	85.00	2.46%	24.00	0.69%	8.00	0.23%	27.00	0.78%	0.00	0.00%	3,457.00
Pendleton	143.00	97.28%	1.00	0.68%	1.00	0.68%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	1.36%	0.00	0.00%	147.00
Pleasants	458.00	96.02%	1.00	0.21%	1.00	0.21%	1.00	0.21%	16.00	3.35%	0.00	0.00%	477.00
Pocahontas	289.00	96.66%	1.00	0.33%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.33%	8.00	2.68%	0.00	0.00%	299.00
Preston	302.00	98.69%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.33%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	0.98%	0.00	0.00%	306.00
Putnam	735.00	97.87%	1.00	0.13%	4.00	0.53%	1.00	0.13%	10.00	1.33%	0.00	0.00%	751.00
Raleigh	648.00	88.77%	48.00	6.58%	9.00	1.23%	6.00	0.82%	19.00	2.60%	0.00	0.00%	730.00
Randolph	234.00	98.32%	1.00	0.42%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	1.26%	0.00	0.00%	238.00
Ritchie	270.00	98.18%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	5.00	1.82%	0.00	0.00%	275.00
Roane	398.00	94.99%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.24%	1.00	0.24%	19.00	4.53%	0.00	0.00%	419.00
Summers	214.00	93.45%	3.00	1.31%	1.00	0.44%	0.00	0.00%	11.00	4.80%	0.00	0.00%	229.00
Taylor	137.00	63.43%	1.00	0.46%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	76.00	35.19%	2.00	0.93%	216.00

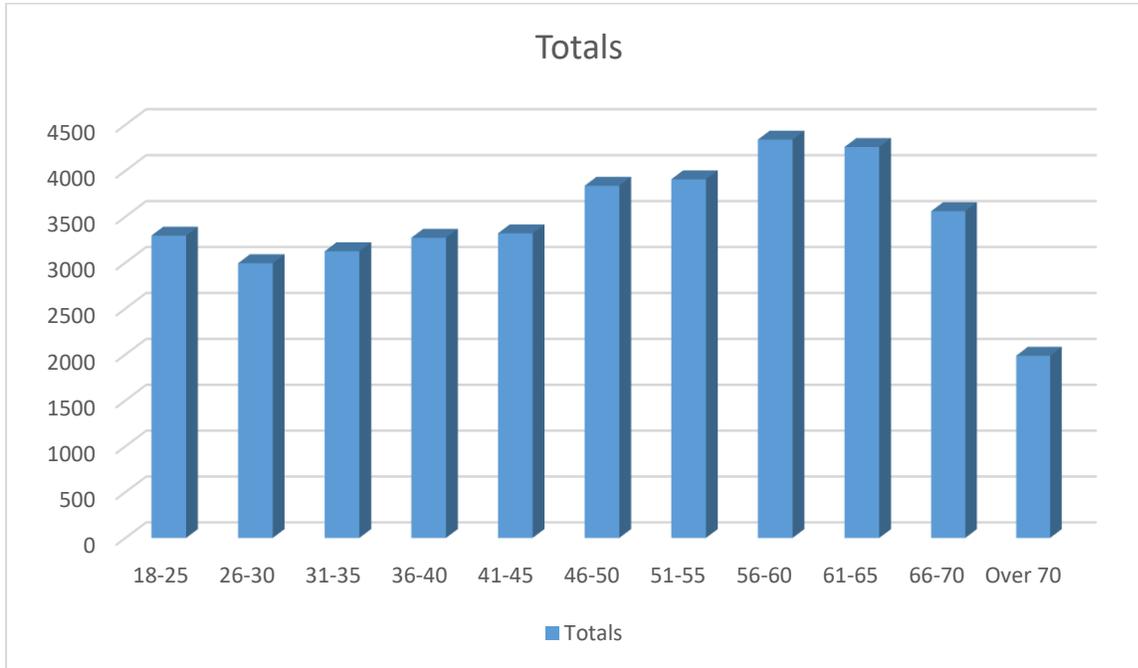
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COUNTY	WHITE		BLACK		ASIAN		AMERICAN IND		OTHER		HISPANIC		RACE TOTAL
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Tucker	228.00	99.56%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.44%	0.00	0.00%	229.00
Tyler	412.00	97.40%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.24%	2.00	0.47%	8.00	1.89%	0.00	0.00%	423.00
Upshur	397.00	90.85%	2.00	0.46%	1.00	0.23%	2.00	0.46%	34.00	7.78%	1.00	0.23%	437.00
Wayne	415.00	97.65%	1.00	0.24%	0.00	0.00%	1.00	0.24%	8.00	1.88%	0.00	0.00%	425.00
Webster	202.00	98.54%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	1.46%	0.00	0.00%	205.00
Wetzel	453.00	99.12%	2.00	0.44%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.44%	0.00	0.00%	457.00
Wirt	174.00	98.31%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	3.00	1.69%	0.00	0.00%	177.00
Wood	1,546.00	87.10%	10.00	0.56%	12.00	0.68%	0.00	0.00%	197.00	11.10%	10.00	0.56%	1,775.00
Wyoming	342.00	95.26%	3.00	0.84%	1.00	0.28%	2.00	0.56%	11.00	3.06%	0.00	0.00%	359.00
Totals	34,370.00	90.70%	901.00	1.40%	189.00	0.28%	103.00	0.25%	2,369.00	7.31%	38.00	0.06%	37,970.00

Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,339 individuals (11.4%) in the “56-60” category to a low of 1,986 individuals (5.2%) 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

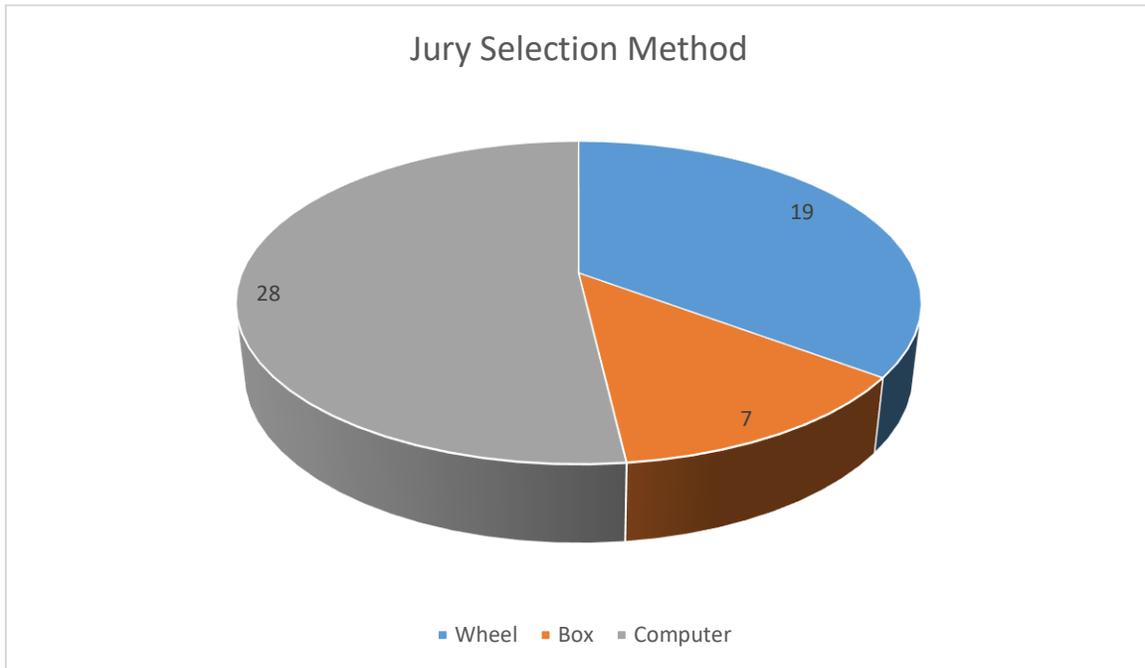


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

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

Appendix

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

COUNTY	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	OVER 70	TOTAL
Barbour	21	18	17	12	14	18	19	15	25	27	16	202
Berkeley	303	283	355	334	317	362	397	364	328	244	51	3338
Boone	29	16	16	24	35	34	28	35	33	35	18	303
Braxton	48	39	44	38	51	49	42	56	54	44	52	525
Brooke	36	35	35	39	38	45	40	61	41	36	14	420
Cabell	107	86	99	125	113	125	101	116	129	129	28	1158
Calhoun	38	31	37	37	38	46	59	67	69	65	99	586
Clay	50	21	25	32	41	42	40	43	50	51	74	469
Doddridge	13	12	20	16	20	29	19	32	20	30	38	249
Fayette	41	44	31	51	39	60	35	33	43	43	13	433
Gilmer	26	18	22	25	22	20	19	24	18	66	6	266
Grant	36	36	45	34	43	54	67	66	46	55	14	497
Hampshire	83	69	86	75	43	109	118	113	140	99	31	966
Hancock	71	69	56	76	86	115	116	143	141	128	28	1029
Hardy	30	33	26	35	28	39	51	49	47	35	15	388
Harrison	76	80	112	127	113	104	131	144	112	107	25	1131
Jackson	38	31	26	26	28	32	37	53	52	42	15	382
Jefferson	177	192	193	231	265	317	318	355	295	246	170	2759
Kanawha	130	126	152	175	146	161	201	215	212	157	71	1746
Lewis	18	19	17	22	32	21	26	29	28	23	6	241
Lincoln	20	20	18	27	20	27	31	26	27	26	5	247
Logan	51	33	41	42	33	40	32	30	39	29	6	376
Marion	109	107	111	118	121	127	113	105	153	124	164	1352
Marshall	14	22	14	11	13	23	13	29	21	19	4	183
Mason	30	34	32	35	39	48	44	41	54	39	11	407
McDowell	41	46	37	32	27	37	38	44	46	23	0	371
Mercer	98	85	76	68	95	80	97	118	119	112	45	993
Mineral	42	60	45	68	67	87	89	98	74	70	16	716
Mingo	53	39	43	44	54	52	74	62	61	6	4	492

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

COUNTY	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	OVER 70	TOTAL
Monongalia	149	175	162	134	130	136	133	140	156	141	181	1697
Monroe	20	17	16	25	15	24	19	20	19	27	48	250
Morgan	76	76	75	92	116	137	126	179	181	120	32	1210
Nicholas	87	77	55	53	51	59	49	43	44	29	8	555
Ohio	324	298	334	295	282	356	314	394	442	355	87	3481
Pendleton	14	15	13	7	9	14	17	15	21	12	10	147
Pleasants	48	40	32	49	36	54	60	62	44	30	22	477
Pocahontas	15	33	25	19	25	20	39	45	40	25	11	299
Preston	18	32	29	22	27	22	29	26	48	39	14	306
Putnam	48	53	48	67	78	90	106	91	82	66	22	751
Raleigh	152	81	88	86	78	68	40	38	63	33	3	730
Randolph	20	27	24	17	25	20	30	26	26	19	4	238
Ritchie	19	14	17	24	24	34	29	43	36	26	9	275
Roane	31	20	20	32	31	34	44	56	61	62	28	419
Summers	21	12	13	17	21	13	19	42	32	31	8	229
Taylor	13	14	19	17	25	25	17	27	35	17	7	216
Tucker	14	16	20	19	20	29	26	30	19	28	8	229
Tyler	29	36	43	31	52	55	54	40	34	40	9	423
Upshur	42	31	22	32	25	40	43	47	54	35	63	437
Wayne	49	33	37	35	34	47	42	58	39	37	14	425
Webster	31	30	18	14	10	22	17	21	20	10	1	194
Wetzel	36	36	31	39	37	45	61	64	51	57	0	457
Wirt	17	7	12	12	14	18	21	23	24	19	10	177
Wood	151	90	111	124	137	136	152	194	159	162	338	1775
Wyoming	41	27	29	30	36	36	25	49	52	30	10	365
TOTAL	3294	2994	3124	3271	3319	3837	3907	4339	4259	3560	1986	37987