

Voter Registration Status Report

Summary

This Voter Registration Status Report is the first quarterly report for 2026 outlining DMV's data quality-control work to further ensure the integrity of Oregon Motor Voter (OMV) data. Established practices such as the SOS-initiated audit process and DMV's monthly sampling of OMV records continue.

This report includes:

- A review of the OMV data sampling for the quarter (January, February, and March 2026).
- Descriptions of the prior error cases identified throughout the quarter.
- Highlights of other work to improve the OMV system overall and DMV's general data integrity.

Quarter 1 Sample Results

Since October 2024, DMV has performed monthly OMV records sampling. DMV experts manually compare system data to information collected from customers to verify data accuracy and correct any errors.

DMV pulled 1,500 records total, with 500 per month, for review from January, February, and March 2026. These primarily consisted of records that listed a U.S. passport as the source document proving citizenship during a field transaction. Additional records included source documents coded as a U.S. birth certificate, a naturalization document, and other less common source documents that indicated citizenship status.

For 18 months in a row, the sampling found zero errors in new transactions.

Review of Past Errors

DMV identified 39 prior errors in quarter 1 of 2026. More than half were due to the unique status of people born in the U.S. territory of American Samoa.

Of these 39, 36 were discovered based on documents presented during a DMV field office transaction during this quarter. The remaining three errors were discovered through collaborative record audits with Secretary of State Elections.

January 2026:

Six prior errors were identified.

- DMV identified two prior errors that occurred in 2015 and 2019 involving the misidentification of American Samoan documents as citizenship documents. They were identified when customers returned with updated documents that demonstrated proof of being U.S. nationals but not necessarily of being U.S. citizens.
- DMV identified four prior errors that originally occurred between 2010 and 2019. They were identified when customers returned to DMV and presented foreign passports, work authorizations, or permanent U.S. resident cards. These individuals were previously coded as citizens in the DMV system due to incorrect manual data entry in previous field transactions.

February 2026:

17 prior errors were identified.

- DMV identified nine prior errors that occurred between 2010 and 2016

that involved the misidentification of American Samoan documents as citizenship documents. They were identified when customers returned with updated documents that demonstrated proof of being U.S. nationals but not necessarily of being U.S. citizens.

- DMV identified seven prior errors that originally occurred between 2010 and 2022. They were identified when customers returned to DMV and presented foreign passports, work authorizations, or permanent U.S. resident cards. These individuals were previously coded as citizens in the DMV system due to incorrect data entry of documents or incorrect manual data entry in previous field transactions.
- One record was initially incorrectly included in the OMV file in February but was removed from processing after DMV identified missing documentation during standard quality control checks. The individual was not registered.

March 2026:

16 prior errors were identified.

- DMV identified nine prior errors that occurred between 2010 and 2022 that involved the misidentification of American Samoan documents as citizenship documents. They were identified when customers returned with updated documents that demonstrated proof of being U.S. nationals but not necessarily of being U.S. citizens.
- DMV identified seven prior errors that originally occurred between 2010 and 2022. They were identified when customers returned to DMV and presented foreign passports, work authorizations or permanent U.S. resident cards. These individuals were previously coded as citizens in the DMV system due to incorrect data entry of documents or incorrect manual data entry in previous field transactions.

In total, over the course of the quarter:

- 20 errors involved misidentification of American Samoan documents as conclusive citizenship documents.
- 16 errors occurred in the legacy system and were identified when customers returned to Oregon DMVs presenting non-citizenship documents.
- Two errors were from a group of records examined during DMV's record review in late 2024 that proved to be inconclusive as to citizenship status. Both records were from 2022. DMV continues to monitor and correct these records when customers come into the office and present documentation. A small number of errors have been identified among these records, and many customers have proven their U.S. citizenship status conclusively.
- One error was caught during DMV's quality control process before the individual was registered.

Of the 39 records from Q1, three had a voting history.

Additional Work on OMV and Data Integrity

1. OMV Administrative Rules implementation

Updates to the [Administrative Rules](#) for Oregon Motor Voter were developed throughout fall 2025 with a Rules Advisory Committee and went through a public comment period. The rules were published by SOS in early February 2026. DMV has implemented one change in anticipation of the April 28 voter registration deadline for the May primary election, and more updates are actively in development to achieve implementation by the Jan. 1, 2027, deadline. DMV and SOS Information Services are working together on applicable technological and programming changes to achieve compliance and data accuracy.

2. OMV Audit Recommendations

Seven out of eight [audit recommendations](#) have been successfully implemented. One remaining action item related to audit Finding 1 around legacy records is still in development. The older data from the previous DMV system is taking some time to parse and analyze; DMV and SOS are working collaboratively to determine the right steps to take for a variety of OMV data scenarios.