

Minority Representation

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WHY

- Right thing to do.
- Checks and balances should be and is a natural by product of the American form of representative democracy.
- Diversity of ideas leads to selection of best solutions in both business and in government.
- Disfranchisement of any substantial group of voters is not conducive to good, effective, and accepted governance.
- Voter participation or turnout is very important, especially in a town like Bristol Township, since local taxation is the largest block of taxes paid by the substantial majority of our residents.

**Rank in order of the number of registered voters for the -54-
municipalities of Bucks County, excluding those who are
members of the Democratic Party**

	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Bensalem Township	15,762	4,966	20,728
Northampton Township	14,334	3,916	18,958
Middletown Township	12,360	4,674	17,034
Lower Makefield Township	10,701	4,862	15,563
Warminster Township	10,225	2,666	12,951
Bristol Township	9,293	4,545	13,939

Bristol Township is ranked number -6 of 54- municipalities in the number of registered Republicans (top 12 percentile). Bristol Township is ranked number -4 of 54- by those registered with other than the two major parties. Bristol Township is ranked number -5 of 54- when you combine the two. Bristol Township is currently the only one of those ranked on this chart currently with no other elected municipal official from other than one party.

Voter Turnout or Participation for the Last Five Municipal General Elections 1999 through 2007

<u>Bucks County</u>	<u>Bristol Township</u>	<u>Middletown Township</u>
28.33%	25.80%	29.80%

Last Municipal General Election, 2007

29.29%	24.00%	30.00%
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Bristol Township, which was known as the biggest and the best, is under performing and heading in the wrong direction if you consider our turnout in the 2007 Municipal General Election.

All these figures and statistics were researched from the ledgers in the office of the Bucks County Board of Elections. We thank Deena Dean and her staff for their assistance and use of the office.