

Dwindling Democrats?

You might say. While the number of registered voters in Cecil County has doubled in the last 25 years, the number of registered Democrats has increased by only one-third (16,215 in 1980 to 21,867 today). However, our loss has not been totally the Republicans' gain – more like half of it has. As the percentage of Democrats in the county has declined from 63% to 42%, the Republicans increased from 29% to 39%, while Independents (those not registered with a party) have increased from 8% to 17%. If we can convince those Independents (and maybe some Republicans) to vote with us (or better yet, *join us*), maybe we'll start winning elections. In any case, the figures cry out for increasing our voter registration efforts and activity in the county to reverse the trend away from waning Democrats (bad) and waxing Republicans (worse!).

	<u># REG'D VOTERS</u>	<u>% DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>% REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>% UNAFFILIATED [NO PARTY]</u>	<u>% OTHER</u>
12//31/80	25,654	63	29	8	-
12//31/84	27,217	60	31	9	-
12//31/88	28,879	57	34	9	-
12//31/92	33,911	54	34	10	2
12//31/96	39,904	50	36	12	2
12//31/00	41,176	47	37	15	1
12//31/02	42,806	45	38	15	2
12//31/04	49,939	43	39	16	2
06/30/06	51,925	42	39	17	2

Source: Cecil County Board of Elections