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The Effect of Voter Identification Laws on Voter Turnout

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After completing the Chi squared test, most Chi squared were approximately 99.99. When these values were compared to their critical value, they were all drastically higher, allowing the null hypothesis to be rejected.

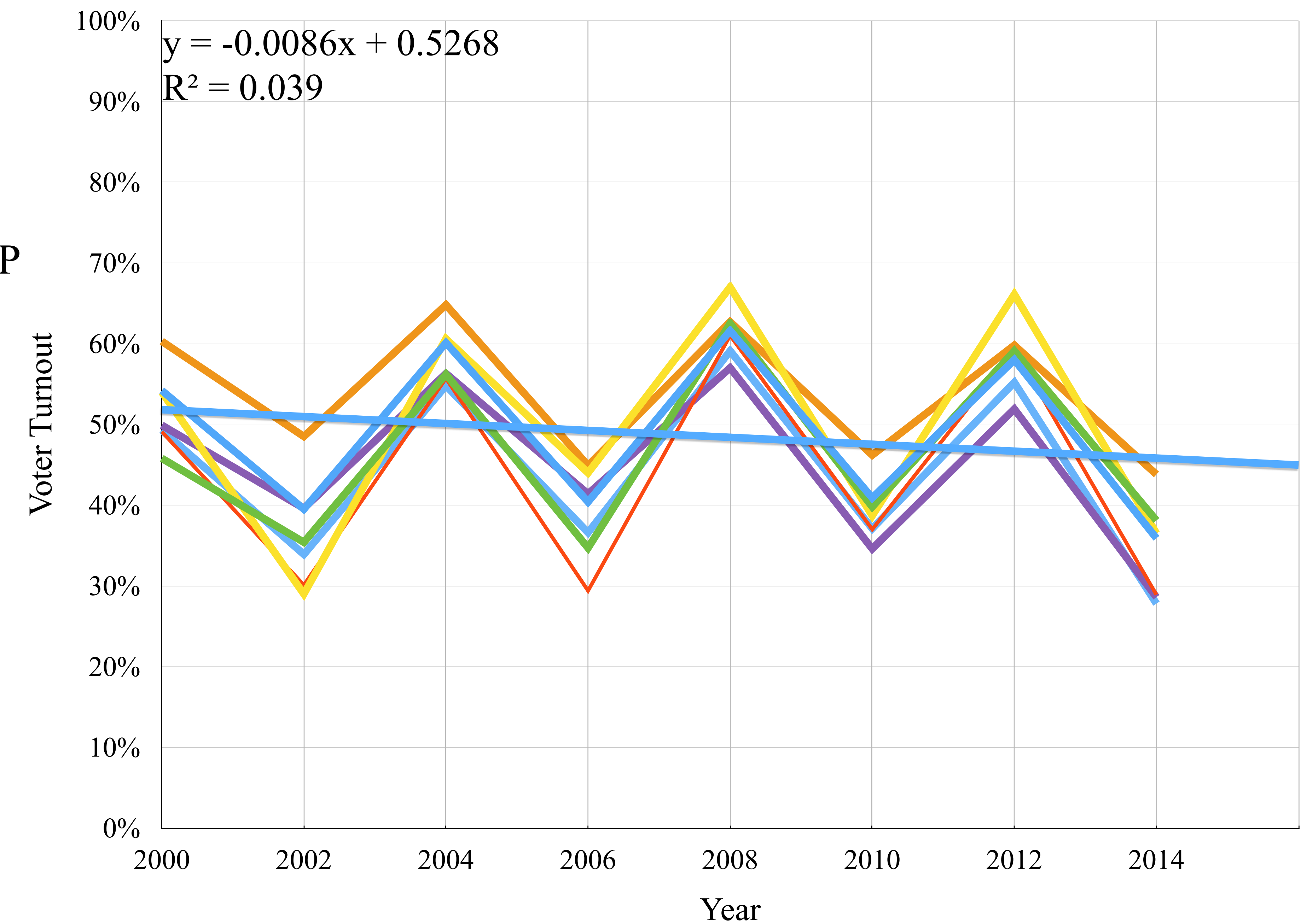
Since all of the Chi squared values are drastically above the required value for a confidence level of .01, we can be 99% confident that there is no significant difference between state and national voter turnout.

This means that both before or after voter identification laws are implemented, there is no statically significant difference between the national and state voter turnout. Based on this we can assume that voter identification laws have no effect on voter turnout

Some states however changed their policy within the last year so Chi squared tests cannot be completed. In these cases, more years with the new policies are required to see if they have a significant effect on turnout.

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- National average
- Georgia VEP
- Virginia VEP
- North Dakota VEP
- Mississippi VEP
- Tennessee VEP
- Indiana VEP



Chi Squared Values

State	Years	Voter Identification Law Status	Chi Squared Value	Critical Value	Years	Voter Identification Law Status	Chi Squared Value	Critical Value
Virginia	2000-2010	No Requirement	99.9986	15.09	2012, 2014	Photo ID Requested, Strict Photo ID	-	-
North Dakota	2000-2002	Non-Photo Requested	86.8594	6.63	2004-2012	Strict Non-Photo ID	99.9966	13.28
Mississippi	2000-2012	No Requirement	99.9999	16.81	2014	Strict Photo ID	-	-
Tennessee	2000-2010	No Requirement	99.9997	15.09	2012, 2014	Strict Photo ID, Strict State Photo ID	-	-
Georgia	2000-2006	No Requirement	99.8774	11.34	2008-2014	Strict Photo ID	99.9976	11.34
Indiana	2000-2006	No Requirement	99.9217	11.34	2008-2014	Strict Photo ID	99.9007	11.34

Voter Identification Law Levels

1- Strict Photo ID	6 States
2- Strict Non-Photo ID	3 States
3- Photo ID requested	9 States
4- ID requested; photo not required	12 States
5- No document required to vote	20 States