

Pocket Guide: New York State Voter Facts

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Preview of Fact Sheet



VOTER FAQs:

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE?

- How Old Do I Need to Be? At least 18 years-old by Election day. If you are 16 or 17 you can pre-register to vote.
- Can I Register Online? Yes, if you have a DMV issued license or ID.
- I Have a Felony Record, Can I Still Register? Yes, must not be on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole pardoned or restored rights of citizenship).
- I Am Homeless, How Do I Register? Use the address or cross streets for wherever you sleep.
- Where Do I Register in Person? At your County Election office.
- Is There a Residency Requirement? Yes, you must be a resident of the state and the county/township for 30 days before you vote.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN-PERSON?

- Do I Need ID to Vote? No, unless your registration information doesn't match.
- When Can I Vote? See the Important Dates.
- Where Can I Find My Polling Place? See Helpful Links: New York State's Voter Portal.
- I Have a Disability, Are Polling Places Accessible to Me? Accessible polling locations are available.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING BY MAIL?

- Who Can Vote By Mail? Anyone registered voter using the proper excuses -- absent from county, illness, COVID-19.
- How Do I Apply for a Vote By Mail Ballot? In person or by mail. See Helpful Links: Request/track absentee ballot
- How Do I Return My Ballot? By mail (postage paid) or in-person drop off.
- When is My Ballot Due? Postmarked by 5pm on November 2. We recommend you send in your ballot by Early Voting Day, October 23th.
- How Do I Track My Ballot? See Helpful Links: Request/track absentee ballot

IMPORTANT DATES

Primary Election: June 22
Registration Deadline: May 28
Vote by Mail Request Deadline: June 15
Early Voting Period: June 12 - June 20

General Election: Nov 2
Registration Deadline: Oct 8
Vote by Mail Request Deadline: Oct 26
Early Voting Period: Oct 23 - Oct 31

HELPFUL LINKS

Register to Vote Online:
dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application

State Voter Portal:
voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

Request /track absentee ballot:
NYS: nysballot.elections.ny.gov
NYC: vote.nyc.gov/page/absentee-voting-0

Additional Info: Social distancing and mask wearing is encouraged.

PRINTABLE FORMS

State Registration Form:
elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteregform-eng-fillable.pdf

Federal Registration Form:
eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form (in multiple languages)

Vote By Mail Application:
nysballot.elections.ny.gov



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