

# Get out the vote in **Arkansas**

**Election Day: November 3**

## Why should you vote?

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, 43% of the eligible voting-age population (nearly 100 million Americans) did *not* cast a vote for president; and 38.6% did *not* vote for any office.

In 2016, the Black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling from a record-high 66.6% in 2012 to 59.6% in 2016.

## Arkansas's absentee and mail-in voting procedures

### Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:

- Excuse required to request an absentee ballot

### 2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:

- Coronavirus updates: Voters in the November 3, 2020, general election can cite concerns over COVID-19 as a valid excuse for voting absentee.



## How can you register to vote in Arkansas?

To register to vote, visit

<https://blackerconomicalliance.org/register-to-vote/>



**Register**

For more information on voter eligibility you can also visit the State Board of Elections website.

**State Election Office**

<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>



## Deadlines to know for voting in Arkansas

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 4, 2020**

Thirty days before an election.

### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 15 days before the Election.**

In-person absentee voting **ends the Monday before the Election.**

### Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

**October 27, 2020**

Seven days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

By mail: October 27, 2020.

In person: By close of business November 2, 2020.

## Voter ID Requirements

### Valid Forms of ID include:

Shows the name of voter; Shows photo of voter; Is issued by:

- US (e.g., Passport, Military ID, public assistance card)
- State of AR (e.g., driver's license or photo ID card, concealed handgun carry license, voter verification card)
- Accredited postsecondary educational institution in AR (i.e., employee badge or ID)
- The administrator of long-term care or residential care facility licensed by AR, attesting that the voter is a resident; **AND**

If shows expiration date, is not expired or expired no more than 4 years before date of election

**If no ID:** Cast a provisional ballot and complete a sworn statement that you're the person who is registered to vote.

## Verify your registration



**Verify**

Information is current as of: August 24, 2020