

# Get out the vote in **Iowa**

## 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.

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

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

- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot

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

- Coronavirus updates: Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.



## How can you register to vote in Iowa?

To register to vote, visit  
<https://blackeconomicalliance.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://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html>

## Election Day: November 3



## Deadlines to know for voting in Iowa

### Voter registration deadline:

#### October 24, 2020

Ten days before an election; postmarked 15 days before an election for mail registrations.

Same-day registration is permitted during in-person absentee voting and on Election Day;

Deadlines for primary and other elections are different

### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 29 days before the election.**

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

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

Request must be received by

#### October 23, 2020

11 days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

Must be received by close of polls on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

Absentee ballots received after the polls close on Election Day must be postmarked by November 2, 2020 and received by noon on November 9, 2020.

## Voter ID Requirements

### You must show one ID at the polls:

- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator's ID
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Veteran's ID
- Voter ID Card

If no ID: another registered voter in the precinct may attest to your identity; or you may (1) prove your identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents or (2) cast a provisional ballot and provide ID by the Monday after Election Day. If your ID does not include your new address, you may provide a separate proof of residence.

## Verify your registration



**Verify**