

# Get out the vote in **Maine**

**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.

## Maine'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:

- No announced changes to voting procedures due to the coronavirus pandemic.



## How can you register to vote in Maine?

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://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html>



## Deadlines to know for voting in Maine

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 13, 2020**

Twenty-one days before an election.

Same-day registration is permitted on Election Day

### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 30 days before the election.**

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

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

Request must be received by

**October 29, 2020**

Three business days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

Received by 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

## Voter ID Requirements

### NO ID REQUIRED FOR MOST VOTERS.

FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS IN A FEDERAL ELECTION:

Voter registration requires, in this order:

- Current driver's license number or
- Last 4 digits of social security number or
- State-assigned unique number

\* shows voter's name and address

If haven't provided above information show a current or copy of a current:

- Photo ID or
- Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document including check\*

## Verify your registration



**Verify**