

# Get out the vote in Tennessee

**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.

## Tennessee'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: Absentee/mail-in ballot eligibility in the November 3, 2020, general election extended to individuals and caretakers sensitive to COVID-19.

## How can you register to vote in Tennessee?

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.tn.gov/elections>



## Deadlines to know for voting in Tennessee

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 4, 2020**

Thirty days before an election.

### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 20 days before the election.**

In-person absentee voting **ends 5 days 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:

Received by close of polls on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

## Voter ID Requirements

### Photo ID with voter's name, even if expired:

- TN driver license or TN state ID
- US Passport
- ID issued by TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- ID issued by federal or TN state government
- US Military ID
- TN handgun carry permit

NOTE: College student ID unacceptable

\*Can sign form under oath if unable to afford documents to get photo ID \*

## Verify Your Registration



**Verify**

Information is current as of: August 24, 2020