

Get out the vote in Virginia

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.

Virginia'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: A federal court approved a partial settlement suspending the witness requirement for absentee ballots cast in the November 3, 2020, general election.



How can you register to vote in Virginia?

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://elections.virginia.gov/>

Election Day: November 3



Deadlines to know for voting in Virginia

Voter registration deadline:

October 12, 2020

Twenty-two days before an election
Deadlines for special elections are different

Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 45 days before the election.**

In-person absentee voting **ends 3 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:

Postmarked by 7:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by November 6, 2020 at noon.

Voter ID Requirements

Show one form of ID:

- Voter confirmation documents
 - Virginia driver's license (acceptable even if expired)
 - US passport
 - Employer-issued photo ID
 - Student ID issued by a high school in VA
 - Student ID issued by school of higher education in the US
 - Other US, Virginia or local government issued ID
 - Virginia Voter ID card
 - Tribal ID
 - Copy of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document containing name and address of voter
- If you don't provide an acceptable ID, you can still vote by signing a sworn statement.

Verify Your Registration



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