

# Get out the vote in **Montana**

**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.

## Montana'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 Montana?

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.



## Deadlines to know for voting in Montana

### Voter registration deadline: **October 4, 2020**

Thirty days before an election.

Same-day registration is permitted after the deadline through Election Day

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

Request must be received by  
**November 2, 2020**

Day before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

Must be received by 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

## Voter ID Requirements

- Current photo ID showing voter's name\*
- Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, voter registration confirmation, government check or other government document showing voter's name and current address

\* such as valid driver's license, state ID, school district or postsecondary education ID, or tribal ID

If you do not have any of the items listed above, you can still vote a regular ballot if your "Polling Place Elector ID" form can be verified by the Election Office.

## Verify your registration



**Verify**

## State Election Office

<https://sosmt.gov/elections/>