

Get out the vote in Rhode Island

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.

Rhode Island'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: Witness/notary requirements for mail-in ballots suspended for the September 8, 2020, primary and November 3, 2020, general elections.



How can you register to vote in Rhode Island?

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.

Election Day: November 3



Deadlines to know for voting in Rhode Island

Voter registration deadline:

October 4, 2020

Thirty days before an election.

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

October 13, 2020

21 days before the election (emergency requests are possible within 20 days of the election)

Ballot submission deadline:

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

Voter ID Requirements

PHOTO ID (not expired more than 6 months prior to voting):

- RI driver's license
- US passport
- ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government
- ID card issued by an educational institution in the U.S.
- US military ID card
- ID card issued by US government or State of RI (RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
- Government issued medical card
- RI Voter ID card

Provisional ballot counts if signature matches voter registration record

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Verify Your Registration



Verify

State Election Office

<https://www.elections.ri.gov>