

Get out the vote in Virginia

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.

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.



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

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.



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.

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Verify Your Registration



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State Election Office

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