

# Get out the vote in **West 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.

## West Virginia'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 all voters.



## Deadlines to know for voting in West Virginia

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 13, 2020**

Twenty-one days before an election

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

Request must be received by

**October 28, 2020**

Six days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

By mail: Postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by November 9, 2020.

In person: November 2, 2020.

## Voter ID Requirements

### Show one ID at the polls. Must be valid and unexpired:

#### Photo ID:

- WV driver's license or other DMV-issued WV ID
- Driver's license issued by another state
- U.S. passport or card
- U.S. Military card
- US or WV Government employee ID card
- Student ID card
- Concealed carry permit

#### Non-Photo ID:

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card or Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card
- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement (w/in 6 mos. of election date)
- Health insurance card issued to voter



## How can you register to vote in West 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.

## Register to Vote

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## Verify Your Registration



**Verify**

## State Election Office

<https://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.asp>



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