

# Get out the vote in Illinois

**Election Day: November 3**

## Why should you vote?

Voting is the one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

## Illinois'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: Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.



## Deadlines to know for voting in Illinois

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 6, 2020**

Twenty-eight days before an election; 16 days before if registering online.

Same-day registration is permitted from 27 days before the election and on Election Day;

Availability and locations of same-day and Election Day registration vary by county

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

Request must be received by

**October 29, 2020**

Five days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

Must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received within 14 days.



## How can you register to vote in Illinois?

To register to vote in Illinois, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

You can begin the registration process through Illinois's Online Voter Registration System.

State Election Office

<http://www.elections.il.gov>

Online Voter Registration System

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