Get out the vote in Illinois

Why should you vote?
Voting is 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.

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
https://ova.elections.il.gov/

Information is current as of: September 8, 2020

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.