

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAYS 2026	PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 23	GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOV. 3
Early voting days	June 13-21	Oct. 24-Nov. 1
Register in person or online by	June 13	Oct. 24
Register by mail	Must be received by June 13	Must be received by Oct. 24
Apply for absentee or vote by early mail ballot in person by	June 22	Nov. 2
Apply for absentee or vote by early mail ballot by mail/online	Must be received by June 13	Must be received by Oct. 24
Deliver ballot in person by close of polls	June 23 to poll site or BOE	Nov. 3 to poll site or BOE
Put ballot in mail (recommended to do so at least 7-days before postmark deadline)	Must be postmarked by June 23 Must be received by June 30	Must be postmarked by Nov. 3 Must be received by Nov. 10



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# VOTERS GUIDE

## PART I FACTS FOR VOTERS



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## Federal, State and Local Primaries Tuesday, June 23, 2026

## General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2026

### **FOR WHOM/WHAT WILL I BE VOTING FOR IN 2026?**

- Your representative to the U. S. House of Representatives
- Governor and Lt. Governor
- State Senate
- State Assembly
- State Comptroller
- State Attorney General
- Some village, town, county, special districts
- Go to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) for all ballot information

### **WHO CAN VOTE? To be eligible to vote you must:**

- be a United States citizen
- be 18-years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote (16- and 17-year-olds may pre-register)
- live at your present address at least 30 days before an election
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- be registered to vote

### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

- Online through NYS Department of Motor Vehicles website, <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> (must have a NYS driver's license, Learner Permit or Non-Driver ID)
- Online through the NYS Board of Elections website, <https://elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process> (must create a NY.gov account)
- In person on any business day at your county board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act (including some State University and City University campuses); see list of agencies here: <https://elections.ny.gov/national-voter-registration-act-nvra>
- By mail by completing a voter registration form available at BOEs, libraries, town halls, post offices, and the League of Women Voters. The form is also available to print at <https://elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process>

### **HOW DO I MAKE SURE I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

- Visit Voter Registration Search site on the NYS Board of Elections website, <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>
- Call your county board of elections – <https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoardRoster/CountyBoardRoster>

### **WHERE DO I VOTE?**

- Check the notice/postcard sent by your county board of elections prior to the June Primary Election with polling site locations, dates of elections and more
- Visit Voter Registration Search site on the NYS Board of Elections website <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> or visit [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org).
- Call your county board of elections

### **FOUR WAYS TO VOTE (2 IN PERSON, 2 BY MAIL)**

- Vote in person on primary or election day (assigned poll sites) at polling place or vote early in person during nine days leading up to election days. In NYC, you must vote at an assigned poll site during early voting; elsewhere in the state, you can vote early at any poll site in your county.
- Vote by mail with an absentee ballot or early mail ballot. You must submit an application to vote by absentee or early mail ballot. See below for instructions on how to apply.

### **WHEN MAY I VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

#### **Meet one of the qualifications:**

1. Absent from your county or, if a resident of New York City, absent from the five boroughs, on Election Day
2. Unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability
3. Unable to appear because you are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
4. A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
5. In jail or prison for any reason other than a felony conviction. This includes anyone who is awaiting grand jury action, awaiting trial, or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor.

### **WHEN MAY I VOTE BY EARLY MAIL BALLOT?**

- Any registered voter who is not currently incarcerated with a felony conviction may apply to vote by early mail ballot
- No excuse or qualification is required to vote by early mail ballot

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR VOTE EARLY BY MAIL BALLOT?**

- By using the online portal: <https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot>
- If you are visually impaired and require a ballot with accessible features, you may apply by using the online Accessible Absentee Ballot Application portal: <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible> and scrolling down.
- By going in person to your county board of elections
- By designating another person to deliver your application in person to your county board of elections and receive your ballot
- Complete your absentee or early mail ballot once received; follow the instructions provided. To return it, mail your ballot at least 7 days before the postmark deadline, or return it in person to your local board of elections by poll closing on Election Day. (See chart for in-person, postmark, and BOE receipt deadlines) Track your absentee or early mail ballot here: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

### **DO I NEED IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?**

- NO! Your signature is your identification to vote.
- You may, however, be asked for identification if it is the first time you are voting in person and you did not provide your drivers license # or SSN at the time of registration.

### **WHERE DO I FIND BALLOT AND CANDIDATE INFORMATION?**

- Go to [www.vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org), the League's electronic voter guide