Get out the vote in Ohio

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, 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.

Ohio’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: Absentee/mail-in voting in the state’s primary extended to April 27, 2020; no announced changes for the November 3, 2020 general election.

How can you register to vote in Ohio?

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

You can begin the registration process through Ohio’s Online Voter Registration System.

Deadlines to know for voting in Ohio

Voter registration deadline:

October 4, 2020
Thirty days before an election.

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by October 31, 2020
Three days before the election

Ballot submission deadline:

In person: Received by 7:30 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

By mail: Postmarked by November 2 and received within 10 days.

Information is current as of: September 21, 2020