



# GET OUT THE VOTE

## in **California**

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2024, only 64% 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 2026 election cycle.

### PRIMARY ELECTION TYPE:

## **Top-Two**

Candidates are listed on a common ballot regardless of party. In this system, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election.



### ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING PROCEDURES

#### Permanent absentee/ mail-in voting procedures:

Ballots are delivered to all voters.

### EARLY VOTING:

Begins



**May 4**

Ends



**June 2**

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY



**JUNE 2**



### DEADLINES TO KNOW FOR VOTING IN

## **California**



### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

**May 18**

15 days before the election. Same-day registration is permitted 14 days before the election and on Election Day.

### ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN VOTING BALLOT DEADLINES:

**Ballots are delivered  
to all voters**

### BALLOT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**Postmarked by  
Election Day**

Must be received no later than seven days after Election Day.

## HOW YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN CALIFORNIA

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

**STATE ELECTION OFFICE**

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

**ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**