



GET OUT THE VOTE



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:

Partially Open

This system allows voters to cross party lines, but their ballot selection may be regarded as a form of registration with the corresponding party.



ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING PROCEDURES

Permanent absentee/ mail-in voting procedures:

- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot
- Applications can be submitted by mail, in-person, or email

EARLY VOTING:

Begins



February 5

Ends



March 17

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY



MARCH 17



DEADLINES TO KNOW FOR VOTING IN

Illinois



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

February 17

28 days before the election; 16 days before if registering online. Same-day registration is permitted from 27 days before the election and on Election Day.

ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN VOTING BALLOT DEADLINES:

Request must be received by

March 12

5 days before the election for mail requests;
1 day before the election for in-person requests.

BALLOT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Postmarked by Election Day

Must be received within 14 days of the election if postmarked on or before Election Day.

HOW YOU CAN 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.

STATE ELECTION OFFICE

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

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION