



# GET OUT THE VOTE



in **South Dakota**

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 Closed**

State law allows parties to determine whether unaffiliated voters may participate in the nomination contests before each election cycle. In this type of system, parties may let in unaffiliated voters, while still excluding members of opposing parties.



## 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 or in-person

### EARLY VOTING:



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY



**JUNE 2**



DEADLINES TO KNOW  
FOR VOTING IN

**South Dakota**



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

**May 18**

15 days before the election.

ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN VOTING  
BALLOT DEADLINES:

Request must be received by

**June 1**

1 day before the election at 5 PM.

BALLOT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**Mail receipt by  
Election Day**

Must be received by the close of polls on  
Election Day.

## HOW YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

To register to vote in South Dakota, 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 South Dakota's Online Voter Registration System.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION