

# Get out the vote in

## **Maryland**

## Why should you vote?

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, 43% of the eligible voting-age population (nearly 100 million Americans) did not cast a vote for president; and 38.6% did not vote for any office.

In 2016, the Black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling from a recordhigh 66.6% in 2012 to 59.6% in 2016.

## Maryland's absentee and mail-in voting procedures

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

No excuse required to request an absentee

#### 2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:

Coronavirus updates: Mail-in ballot applications sent automatically to all voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.



## How can you register to vote in Maryland?

To register to vote, visit

https://blackeconomicalliance.org/register-tovote/

For more information on voter eligibility you can also visit the State Board of Elections website.

#### **State Election Office**

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/

#### **Election Day: November 3**



### **Deadlines to know for** voting in Maryland

#### **Voter registration deadline:**

#### October 13, 2020

Twenty-one days before an election.

Same-day registration is permitted during early voting and on Election Day

#### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting begins the second Monday before the election.

In-person absentee voting ends the Thursday before the Election.

#### Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

#### October 27, 2020

Seven days before the election

#### **Ballot submission deadline:**

By mail: Postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by 10:00 am November 13.

In person: Received by 8:00 pm or close of polls on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

#### **Voter ID Requirements**

#### NO ID REQUIRED FOR MOST VOTERS.

FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS IN A FEDERAL ELECTION:

in this order:

- Current driver's license or copy of a current: number or
- Last 4 digits of social security number or
- State-assigned unique number
- \* shows voter's name and address
- Voter registration requires, If haven't provided above information show a current
  - Photo ID or
  - Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document including check\*

#### **Verify your registration**

