

# Get out the vote in **Alabama**

## 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 record-high 66.6% in 2012 to 59.6% in 2016.

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

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

- Excuse required to request an absentee ballot

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

- Coronavirus updates: Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility requirements suspended, allowing all voters to cast ballots by mail in the November 3, 2020, general election.

## How can you register to vote in Alabama?

To register to vote, visit <https://blackeconomicalliance.org/register-to-vote/>



**Register**

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

**Election Day: November 3**



## Deadlines to know for voting in Alabama

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 19, 2020**

Fifteen days before an election.

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

Request must be received by

**October 29, 2020**

Five days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

By mail: Postmarked by November 2, 2020 and received by noon November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

In person: November 2, 2020 by 5:00 pm.

## Voter ID Requirements

### Unexpired Photo ID at the polls:

- AL Driver's license or Nondriver ID #
- State-Issued ID (AL or any other state)
- Federal-government issued ID including US Passport
- Employee ID from governmental entity of Federal Government or AL
- Student or employee ID from AL post-high school institution
- Military ID
- Tribal ID

# or expired less than 60 days

If an eligible voter doesn't have a valid ID and is positively identified by 2 election officials, they can so state in a sworn affidavit so such voter can vote a regular ballot.

## Verify Your Registration



**Verify**

## State Election Office

<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/election-information>

Information is current as of: August 24, 2020