

# Get out the vote in New York

## 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.

## New York'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: Voters in the November 3, 2020, general election can cite concerns over COVID-19 as a valid excuse for voting absentee.



## How can you register to vote in New York?

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 New York

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 9, 2020**

Twenty-five days before an 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 2, 2020 and received by November 10, 2020.

In person: Must be received by close of polls on Election Day.

## Voter ID Requirements

**NO ID REQUIRED FOR MOST VOTERS.**  
FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS IN A FEDERAL ELECTION:

Voter registration requires,

in this order:

- Current driver's license number or
- Last 4 digits of social security number or
- State-assigned unique number
- If haven't provided above information
- Photo ID or
- Copy of utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document including check\*

\* shows voter's name and address

## Register to Vote

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## Verify Your Registration



**Verify**

## State Election Office

<https://www.elections.ny.gov>