

# Get out the vote in

# Washington

### 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.

# Washington's absentee and mail-in voting procedures

## Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:

· Every voter receives a mail-in ballot by default

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

• No announced changes to voting procedures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

### Election Day: November 3



# Deadlines to know for voting in Washington

### Voter registration deadline:

### October 26, 2020

Eight days before an election; 29 days if registering by mail or online.

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

## Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

### **Application Not Required**

Automatically sends ballots to all eligible voters

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

Submitted to a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) or postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

#### **Voter ID Requirements**

#### To vote at a voting center:

Your signature on ballot declaration or provisional ballot must match voter registration record, or you must provide photo ID such as:

- Driver's license
- ID card
- Student ID card
- Tribal ID card
- Employer ID card

### Register to Vote

https://blackeconomicalliance.org/register-to-vote/

### **Verify Your Registration**



#### **State Election Office**

https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections

Information is current as of: August 24, 2020

# How can you register to vote in Washington?

To register to vote, visit

https://blackeconomicalliance.org/registerto-vote/



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