

VOTING

in New Jersey 2022



Why should you vote?

Voting is your right and responsibility in our democracy. Your vote is your voice in issues affecting you and every American!



Why does it matter?

When you vote in a government election, you are choosing who you would like to represent you. Citizens vote for leaders to represent them and their interests. When everyone who is able to vote votes, our leaders better represent our ideas and interests.

Who can vote in a government election?

You can vote in U.S. federal, state, and local elections

if you:



Are a U.S. citizen.

(Some areas allow non-citizens to vote in local elections only)



Meet your state's residency requirements.

(You can be homeless and still meet these requirements.)



Are 18 years old on or before Election Day.



Have a developmental or intellectual disability.

You have the right to vote even if you live in a developmental center, group home, or someplace where you receive residential care. You may have the right to vote even if you have a guardian (depending on the terms of the guardianship).

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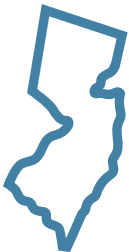


The General Election is Nov. 8, 2022



What should you do to prepare to vote?

You have to **register** to be able to vote. The deadline to be register is **October 18, 2022**. Register to vote or check your registration status [here](#).



How do you vote in New Jersey?

You can vote **by mail, in person early voting, or at your polling place** on Election Day. Check the state website for instructions to vote in general elections [here](#).

TIP

It is a good idea to learn about the candidates and issues. You can watch the news or read the newspaper, and you can learn more online about different issues and the candidates. Here are some websites where you can learn more about candidates:

Ballotpedia:

<https://ballotpedia.org/elections>

Ballotready:

<https://ballotready.org/nj>

League of Women Voters of New Jersey:

<https://lwvj.org/>

Additional Helpful Information

Vote BY MAIL



You can vote-by-mail by completing the [Application for Vote-By-Mail Ballot](#) and returning the application to your [County Clerk](#).

To get it by mail, you must apply by Nov. 1. If you would like to pick it up in person, you must do so by 3:00 pm Nov. 7. You must return your ballot by 8:00 pm on Election Day to your county Board of Elections in person or deposit it in an authorized drop box. If you'd like to mail your ballot, it must be postmarked on or before 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Vote IN PERSON



Find your [polling place](#) location.

Vote EARLY



Early voting is available Oct. 29—Nov. 6. Check for [locations](#).



IMPORTANT READ: This voting resource developed by the Boggs' Center answers more questions about voting and is written in clear language for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Read now: [Voting: It's your Right \(English and Spanish Version available\)](#)