



# HOW TO VOTE IN COLORADO

## A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in Primary Election on Tuesday, June 25, 2024

**Note:** There are lots of different words and phrases used in voting and elections. We explain some of these words and phrases in this guide. Other definitions and examples can be found in our [Voting Language Resource](#).

There are also phrases that might change based on where you live. For example, in this guide, we use the term "local election office." In some cities and towns, this office might have a different name. Your local election office might be called the county clerk, county election commission, board of elections, or something else. You can find that information by clicking on the links for each state that we have included in the guide.



## REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?**
  - You can find out if you are already registered by visiting [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).
  - Register to vote online at Colorado's [online voter registration website](#).
  - Register to vote by downloading, filling out, and returning the Colorado [voter registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** The deadline to register by mail or online to vote is Monday, June 17. The voter registration deadline if you register and vote in person is Election Day, Tuesday, June 25.

- **Do I need an identification (ID) to register?** You will need a driver's license or non-driver state ID to register to vote. You can use your Social Security number if you don't have a driver's license or non-driver state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private.
- **Can I vote if I have a guardian?** In this state, if you have a guardian, you can still vote. For help understanding your right to vote and guardianship, contact the local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).
- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Some states take away your right to vote if you have gone to jail or prison. Learn about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also learn more from the [Campaign Legal Center](#) or [contact the local P&A](#).



## LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a primary election?** In some elections, only one person from each political party can run for an elected official position. For example, only 1 Democrat candidate and 1 Republican candidate can run in a race to become a Senator or Representative. But many people want to be elected officials, so the state hosts two elections. In the first election, every party votes on who their candidate will be. This is a primary election. Then, there is a second election that happens later with the winners of the primary election. This is the general election. In the general election, everyone votes for which of these candidates they want to elect to each office.
- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you are voting for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices,

such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot. If you are voting by marking a paper ballot and not using a voting machine, make sure to look at both sides of the ballot. Sometimes, your ballot has choices on both sides.

- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. [Learn about ballot measures](#) on our resource page.
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



## VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Most voters in this state vote by mail. Learn about voting by mail below. If you need help voting or you want to vote in person, you can go to a voter service and polling center. You can find your local voter service and polling center through the Colorado Secretary of State's website. [Find your voter service and polling center.](#)
- **Do I need an ID to vote in person?** This state requires voters to show an ID when voting in person. [Learn about voter ID.](#)
- **What if I need help with filling out my ballot?** You are allowed to have someone help you fill out your ballot.
- **Who can help me with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone you know to help you vote or ask for help from a poll worker at the voter service and polling center. Your boss cannot help you vote. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be your labor union representative. [Learn about labor unions](#) on our resource page.

- **Can I vote before Election Day?** This state allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. The Early Voting period starts on Monday, June 17. Vote early and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote outside of the voter service and polling center if it is inaccessible?** This state does not usually allow people to vote outside the voter service and polling center if it is inaccessible. You can contact the [local election office](#) to see if they will make this accommodation. You can also contact the [Secretary of State's office](#) for assistance or vote by mail.



## VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in this state can vote by mail. (If a voter service and polling center is not accessible to people with disabilities, this is another way for you to vote.)
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Colorado. Federal elections happen in even-numbered years. [Learn about federal elections](#) on our resource page.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** If you are registered to vote, the local election office will automatically send you a mail ballot. Be sure to register by the voter registration deadline to vote by mail.
- **Can I get an electronic vote by mail ballot?** This state allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic vote by mail ballot. They can fill out the ballot on their computer, print it, and return the ballot. Voters who are blind, have low vision, or have a physical disability that makes it difficult to fill out a paper ballot can return their ballot electronically. [Request an electronic vote by mail ballot.](#)
- **What if I need help with filling out my ballot?** You are allowed to have someone help you fill out your ballot.

- **Do I need to sign my ballot envelope?** Follow the instructions on the envelope to sign your envelope when asked. This state requires this signature to match the signature on your voter registration form. If you cannot sign the ballot envelope by yourself, you can make a mark on the envelope and the person helping you can sign the envelope as a witness.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or deliver it to the local election office or a drop box. Voters who vote on an electronic vote by mail ballot can return it electronically. Your ballot must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 25.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the local election office has received it. You can do this on the Colorado Secretary of State's website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more information on how to vote?** Check out the [Colorado Secretary of State's election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact the local P&A](#). If you need help, the phone number is 1-800-288-1376.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
  - [America Votes: Local Election Office Directory](#)
  - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
  - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
  - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
  - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)

- [Campaign Legal Center: Restore Your Vote](#)
- [VoteRiders: Voter ID Help](#)
- [Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE \(866-687-8683\)](#)



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