

When does early voting start in every state?

Here's when early voting begins in each state.

(Note, the below dates represent the earliest date that voters statewide can send for a ballot or vote in person without a special exemption.)

Alabama — There's no universal early voting in Alabama, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) (Military) to vote absentee.

Alaska — Oct. 24.

Arizona — Oct. 12. Local counties are still finalizing the locations where voters can vote in-person, but ballots for mail-in voting begin going out on the 12th.

Arkansas — Oct. 24.

California — Early voting opening dates are set by the county/municipality. Oct. 10 is the first day to vote early in Los Angeles County.

Colorado — Oct. 24.

Connecticut — There is no early voting in Connecticut, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

District of Columbia — Oct. 22 at One Judiciary Square, Oct. 29 for all other locations.

Delaware — There is no early voting in Delaware, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Florida — All counties are required to allow voting from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5. Some have the option to start earlier.

Georgia — Oct. 17. Voters can sign up for an absentee ballot starting Sept. 20.

Hawaii — Oct. 25.

Idaho — Sept. 23. Counties must send out absentee ballot requests no later than the 23rd, but are allowed to offer early voting. Early voting opening dates are set by the county/municipality.

Illinois — Sept. 29 to Nov. 7. Starting Sept. 29, voters can only cast their ballots at their local election authority or a temporary location, but early voting expands to permanent polling places starting Oct. 24.

Indiana — Oct. 12. Early voting starts at the local county election board office or another designated location, but with an excuse, voters can cast a ballot by mail.

Iowa — Sept. 29.

Kansas — Oct. 19. Counties are allowed to set earlier extended early voting dates.

Kentucky — There is no early voting in Kentucky, unless voters have a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Louisiana — Oct. 25 to Nov. 1.

Maine — Oct. 9 is the general opening date, but the state allows you to vote as soon as the ballots are printed, and some people have already cast their ballots.

Maryland — Oct. 27 to Nov. 3.

Massachusetts — Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

Michigan — There is no early voting in Michigan, as voters require a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Minnesota — Sept. 23.

Mississippi — There is no early voting in Mississippi, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Missouri — There is no early voting in Missouri, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Montana — In-person early voting begins as soon as ballots are ready, which is expected to be around Oct. 11.

Nebraska — Oct. 3. The counties mail out requests starting on the 3rd, but the first day to vote early in-person is Oct. 7.

Nevada — Oct. 22.

New Hampshire — There is no early voting in New Hampshire, unless voters have a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

New Jersey — Sept. 24. In-person early voting may begin sooner (it starts as soon as ballots are available), but mail-in ballots are sent out beginning on the 24th.

New Mexico — Oct. 11 to Nov. 5. Voters can apply for an absentee ballot on Oct. 11, but starting on the 22nd they can vote early in person.

New York — There is no early voting in New York, as voters require a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

North Carolina — Sept. 9, Oct. 20 to Nov. 5. Absentee ballots have already been sent out, but the formal early voting period does not start until October.

North Dakota — Sept. 29. Absentee and mail ballots can be sent out by county officials starting on the 29th, but the exact date might vary from one location to the next.

Ohio — Oct. 12.

Oklahoma — Nov. 3 to Nov. 5.

Oregon — Oct. 19.

Pennsylvania — There is no early voting in Pennsylvania, as voters need a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Rhode Island — There is no early voting in Rhode Island, unless voters have a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

South Carolina — There is no early voting in South Carolina, unless voters have a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee. The state does, however, give voters more absentee leeway than many.

South Dakota — Sept. 23.

Tennessee — Oct. 19 to Nov. 3.

Texas — Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

Utah — Oct. 25 to Nov. 4.

Virginia — There is no early voting in Virginia, unless voters have a state-approved [excuse](#) to vote absentee.

Vermont — Sept. 23 to Nov. 7. Early voting could start before the 23rd, but it will not begin any later than that date.

Washington — Oct. 21. Some voters may receive their ballot earlier, but this is the latest counties can mail them out.

West Virginia — Oct. 26 to Nov. 5.

Wisconsin — Early voting opening dates are set by the county/municipality. Wisconsin Rapids began voting Sept. 19.

Wyoming — Sept. 23 to Nov. 7.