

Know your **Voting Rights**



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About this booklet

This booklet is designed to give you all the information you need about fundamental voting rights for primary and general elections in Colorado, including the who, when, where, and how of voting in Colorado.

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office is committed to protecting the right of every eligible Coloradan to vote, and to making sure voting is easy and secure.

Visit [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) for trusted election information.

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Who can vote in Colorado?

You are allowed to vote in Colorado if you:

- are a citizen of the United States;
- are at least 18 years old by Election Day;
- have been a resident of Colorado for at least 22 days prior to Election Day (If less than 22 days, including on Election Day, you may vote in a U.S. Presidential race only); and
- are not currently incarcerated for a felony sentence.



You are allowed to vote if you:

- are on parole for a felony conviction;
- are in jail awaiting trial;
- are serving a sentence for a misdemeanor conviction;
- are on probation;
- have a criminal record; or
- have a behavioral or mental health disorder and are confined in a state institution.



When and where can I vote in Colorado?

- For state primary, coordinated, and general elections, mail ballots will be automatically mailed to you approximately three weeks before the election if you are registered to vote.
- You can mail your ballot back to your County Clerk or place your ballot in any 24-hour county ballot drop box in the state.
- Ballots must be returned and in possession of your County Clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.



- A ballot received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted unless you are a military or overseas voter.
- You can also vote in-person for statewide races at any voter center near you. To be able to vote on all local, county, state and other races, please visit a voter center in your county.
- If you are in line to cast a ballot at a voter center by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, you are allowed to vote and your vote will be counted.
- To find your nearest drop box or voter center go to [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)



How can I make sure my vote is counted?

First, make sure you are registered to vote.

- To register to vote, or to check or update your voter registration online, go to [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)
- You can also register to vote in-person at a voter center, even on Election Day.

You can track the status of your ballot using BallotTrax. Sign up at [ballottrax.coloradosos.gov](https://www.ballottrax.coloradosos.gov).



Voters currently experiencing homelessness

If you are unhoused, you can vote.

- To register to vote you must have both a home address and mailing address.
- Your home address may be a park, campground, homeless shelter, or other place you regularly come back to.
- Your mailing address can be anywhere you can receive a ballot in the mail. That address can be a post office box so long as the post office box isn't listed as your home address.



Incarcerated/Detained Voters

If you are incarcerated in Colorado you can vote while in jail so long as you are not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction.

County Sheriffs and County Clerks are required by Colorado law to make sure people in jail who are eligible to vote can cast a ballot.

Sheriffs and Clerks are required to:

- Let eligible incarcerated individuals vote in person from the jail on at least one day during general elections;



- Give you access to a designated location to drop off your mail ballot; and
- Provide you the opportunity to register to vote and update your voter registration.

Voters who require disability accommodations

All vote centers are required to be accessible and have accessible voting machines.

If you have a disability, you may also be able to access your ballot online at myballot.coloradosos.gov up to 25 days before Election Day.



- Though the ballot is online, you must print the ballot and sign the accessible ballot application. You can return this packet by mail, at a drop box, or vote center before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. A copy of a valid state-issued ID may be accepted instead of a signature.
- If you have trouble seeing or marking a ballot because of a disability, you can return a ballot electronically. Visit myballot.coloradosos.gov for more information.



Voting while in College or University

Eligible students attending college or a university can vote wherever they consider their residency to be.

- You can use a student ID to register to vote in Colorado.
- If you are a student from out of state, you may only vote in one state's election.



Voters who have difficulty speaking English

If you have difficulty understanding English, you can call the Colorado Language Assistance Hotline at 303-860-6970 for help.

- Translators will translate ballots into Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, and other languages upon request.
- Some counties are required to have ballots in Spanish at voting centers. Go to GoVoteColorado.gov to learn more.



Votantes que tienen dificultad para hablar inglés

Los votantes que tienen dificultad para entender inglés pueden llamar a la línea directa para votantes multilingüe de Colorado al 303-860-6970 para obtener ayuda.

- Los traductores traducirán las boletas al español.
- En algunos condados se requiere que las boletas estén en español en los centros de votación. Visite VayaVotarColorado.gov para obtener más información.



Voting from a group residential facility

Group residential facilities such as assisted living homes are required by law to make sure their residents can exercise their right to vote.

- Group residential facilities should have a plan to help you, which may include taking you to voter centers or helping you drop off your ballot in a drop box.



- Group residential facilities are not permitted to prevent or discourage you from voting.
- County clerks are required to deliver to, and pick up ballots from, any group residential facility that has more than seven voters who do not otherwise have access to their mail.



Standing up to voter intimidation

- It is a crime to intimidate or threaten another person and discourage them from voting.
- It is a crime in Colorado to conceal or open carry a firearm within 100 feet of any voter center or drop box. Additional restrictions on carrying a firearm may apply beyond 100 feet.
- Every voter has a right to a secret ballot in Colorado. You are not required to tell anyone how you voted.



- Campaigning within 100 feet of any voter center or drop box is prohibited.
- If you think you know of someone engaging in voter intimidation, please contact your County Clerk immediately. Find contact information at [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)
- You can also call local law enforcement, the Colorado Attorney General's Office (720-508-6000), or the U.S. Department of Justice (1-800-225-5324).

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