Fact Sheet | 2024 General Election

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Key Dates

10/15/24	Voter registration deadline
10/16/24	First day to mail ballots
11/5/24	Election Day
11/12/24	Last day to accept postmarked ballots
12/2/24	Last day to for counties to certify the election
12/12/24	Last day for Secretary of State to certify the election
12/17/24	Convening of Electoral College electors

Oregon's Modern and Secure Vote-by-Mail System | Overview

Oregon has the most convenient voting system in the country. Since adopting vote-by-mail, Oregon consistently ranks as a national leader in voter turnout and security.

Voters' pamphlets with information on ballot measures and candidates are sent to Oregon residents two to three weeks before each statewide election, giving voters time to research issues on the ballot, including state and local measures and candidates.

All active registered voters receive an official ballot in the mail to complete and return. The ballot can be mailed back or dropped off at any **official drop box** across the state. Voters may also vote in person at any county elections office.

Ballots must be received or mailed with a valid postmark by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voter Registration

The voter registration deadline for the 2024 General Election is October 15, 2024.

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<u>Voter Registration Methods</u>
- Automatic voter registration through the DMV
- Online voter registration at OregonVotes.gov
- Through the mail using Oregon's voter registration form
- In person at any county elections office
- In person at any NVRA agency
- 16- and 17-year-old Oregonians may pre-register if they meet the other requirements for eligibility. They will not receive a ballot until they are 18.

<u>Election Integrity Procedures</u>
- Oregon maintains accurate and up-to-date voter registrations lists. The lists are updated continuously to remove ineligible voters and add newly registered voters through the state's automatic voter registration process.
- To be eligible to vote in Oregon, you must be 18 years old, a United States citizen, and a resident of Oregon.

Pre-Election Procedures

- August 27, 2024 — Filing deadline for candidates
- October 16, 2024 — First day to mail ballots to voters
- October 17, 2024 — First daily ballot returns posted online
  - *Please note the date and time the daily ballot returns are updated. Daily ballot returns are generally posted in the morning. The most reliable figure is the day prior to the most recent update. For example, the daily returns posted on November 5 will show data up to November 4, but November 3 will be the most reliable figure.*

Voting Procedures

Oregon votes by mail. All active registered voters receive an official ballot in the mail to complete and return. Voters must sign the envelope for their ballot to be counted. The ballot can be mailed or dropped off at any **official drop box** across the state. Voters may also vote in person at any county elections office.

- September 21, 2024 — Last day to mail military and overseas ballots.
- October 16, 2024 — First day to mail domestic ballots
- October 18, 2024 — Last day to mail domestic ballots

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- November 5, 2024 — Election Day
  - *Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before November 5th and arrive in elections offices by November 12th. Ballots returned by drop site or in-person voting must be in by 8 p.m. on November 5. A person in line at 8 p.m. at a drop site or in-person voting location is considered on time.*

Election Integrity Procedures
- Each ballot envelope has a unique ID that is connected to an individual's voter registration, ensuring that voters can only cast one ballot.
- A required signature is reviewed by elections officials to ensure that the voter is who they say they are.
- Additional security procedures are in place to ensure that ballots cannot be forged.
- Every county elections office has a security plan that complies with national standards.

Vote counting and reporting procedures

Counties may open envelopes and prepare ballots for tabulation prior to November 5. On November 5 at 8 p.m. counties may begin tabulating votes and reporting results.

All counties are required to post results on election night shortly after 8 pm. The data is posted on each county website and uploaded to a statewide reporting system, which is available to the public on Election Day at results.oregonvotes.gov.

Each county must post a schedule for reporting additional results on their website. Those schedules are linked from each county's page on results.oregonvotes.gov.

- November 12 – Last day to receive ballots with an on-time postmark.
- November 26 – Last day to resolve ballot challenges
- December 2 – Last day for counties to certify their elections
- December 5 – Last day for Governor to declare into law measures approved by voters
- December 12 – Last day for Secretary of State to certify the statewide election
- December 17 – Convening of Electoral College electors

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Recount Procedures

- **Automatic recounts**: Automatic recounts occur when the votes separating the top two candidates do not exceed one-fifth of one percent of the total votes cast (ORS 258.290). The formula is *Total Vote * .002 = Automatic Recount Threshold*.
- **Demand recounts**: A candidate, county clerk, or the Secretary of State may demand a recount in a candidate race. Any voter may demand a recount in a ballot measure contest. The deadline to demand recounts is December 17. The person making the demand will pay for the recount (up to a maximum of $8,000) unless the results change.

Election Integrity Procedures
- **Tabulation**: All ballots are tabulated by certified voting machines that produce more accurate results than hand counts. Voting machines are certified by the Election Administration Commission, they are never connected to the internet, and physical access to the machines is restricted. Prior to every election, voting machines are tested to ensure they are producing accurate results. These tests are repeated after tabulation is complete.
- **Post Election Audits**: Oregon conducts post-election audits in all 36 counties to verify that the results are accurate. The results of audits are available to the public upon request.
- **Transparency**: Post election procedures are done in full view of the public. Voters, party officials, and the press may visit any county elections office during the election to witness their procedures.