



# ELECTION 2020

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(274-8683)

Bilingual assistance is available in English, Mandarin (普通话/普通话),  
Cantonese (廣東話/广东话), Korean (한국어), Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt),  
Tagalog, Urdu (اردو), Hindi (हिन्दी), and Bengali (বাংলা).



## Are You Ready to Vote: WASHINGTON?

Updated Tuesday, October 13, 2020

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

### Key Dates

- Friday, October 16 – Early voting begins.
- Monday, October 26 – Online and mail registrations must be received eight days before Election Day.
- Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day! Make sure to return your ballot by mail or by ballot box by 8 pm on Election Day.

### Who can vote in Washington

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state for at least 30 days prior to election day
- At least 18 years old by election day
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction

**You must be registered to vote in in order to cast a ballot.**

### Voter Registration: Are you registered?

- Election Day Voter Registration: You can register to vote at your vote center during early voting and on Election Day until 8 pm.
- Have you registered to vote before?
  - Yes
    - Confirm you are still registered where you live now: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>
    - If you are no longer registered, re-register today: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>
    - If you are not registered at the correct address, update your registration: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>
  - No
    - Register today!
      - Online: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>
        - You will need: Washington driver's license or state ID
      - Mail:
        - Download, print, and complete a voter registration form here: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx> or request one to be mailed to you: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/register-mail.aspx>
          - Voter registration forms available in:
            - [Amharic / አማርኛ](#)
            - [Arabic / العربية](#)
            - [Bengali / বাংলা](#)
            - [Burmese / ဗမာ](#)

- [Khmer \(Cambodian\) / ខ្មែរ](#)
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- Make sure you have the necessary documentation to register.

## How to vote

- Washington votes by mail every election. If you are registered to vote in Washington, you will receive a ballot in the mail. Confirm your registration at <https://voter.votewa.gov>. You must be a registered voter in Washington to receive a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed the week of October 14. Your packet will include a ballot, a secrecy envelope or secrecy sleeve for your voted ballot, and a return envelope with pre-paid postage. If you are a registered voter and do not receive your ballot, contact your county elections department.
- Instructions are included with your ballot. After completing your ballot, you can follow the instructions on the envelope.
- Did you sign the return envelope? Your county elections department reviews your signature and compares it to your voter registration records. They will contact you if there's a problem with your signature. If you are unable to sign the declaration, make a mark in front of two witnesses and have them sign in the designated spaces.
- To turn in your ballot you can:
  - Return your ballot by official drop box. Complete [list](#) of drop boxes available at <https://sos.wa.gov/elections>. There are nearly 500 drop boxes and voting centers statewide. Drop boxes are open 24/7 during the voting period and close promptly at 8 pm on Election Day.
  - Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. Your ballot must be deposited or postmarked by Election Day.

## Voting in person at vote centers

Vote centers are available to register new voters, update current voter records, obtain a voter registration card, and to provide assistance to voters who need help completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment are available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

- If you'd like to vote early:
  - Early voting begins Friday, October 16. Each county opens a voting center prior to each general election. Each voting center is open during business hours and ends at 8 pm on the day of the general election. You can locate your nearest voting center by logging into <https://voter.votewa.gov> or contacting your county's elections department.

- If you plan to vote on Election Day:
  - You can locate your nearest voting center by logging into <https://voter.votewa.gov> or contacting your county's elections department.
- Know Your Rights: Provisional Ballots
  - Washington provides in person same-day registration services at county elections offices and provisional ballots are not common. A provisional ballot is a ballot issued to a person seeking to vote who might otherwise be denied the opportunity to vote a regular ballot. Provisional ballots are researched to confirm the voter's registration before the ballot is counted.

## Language Assistance

You have the right to language assistance during voting.

- Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act requires certain jurisdictions to provide in-language voting materials in areas with a significant number of limited English proficient voters. In Washington, King County must provide materials in Chinese and Vietnamese.
- **Under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act you can bring your own interpreter/or translator to the voting center, as long as they are not your employer or an agent of your union.**
  - TIP: If you need language assistance, ask for help and find a person willing to help!

## When voting, you have the right to:

- Bring someone of your choice to help you vote in the voting booth if you have some difficulty with English.
- Receive language assistance from the government in certain places.
- Vote without being intimidated or discriminated against by others.
  - Intimidation or discrimination at the polls may look like harassing you or denying you the right to vote because of your accent or challenging your right to vote under the false stereotype that you are not a citizen because of your race.

**For more information, visit:**

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>  
[www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/election2020](http://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/election2020)

**If you have any questions about voting, no matter how big or small,**  
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