

# Your Guide to Voting in Iowa



GENERAL ELECTION

**Election Day is**  
**Nov. 3, 2026**

## What's on the ballot?

- ✓ 1 U.S. Senate seat
- ✓ 4 U.S. House seats
- ✓ 25 State Senate seats
- ✓ 100 State House seats
- ✓ Governor and Lieutenant Governor (shared ticket)
- ✓ Attorney General
- ✓ Secretary of State
- ✓ Additional statewide offices, Iowa Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and District judges
- ✓ County offices, school boards, and ballot measures

See who's on your ballot: [sos.iowa.gov/voters/candidates](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/candidates)



FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

[sos.iowa.gov/voters/  
find-my-precinctpolling-place](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/find-my-precinctpolling-place)



EARLY VOTING

**Oct. 14 – Nov. 2, 2026**

You can vote early at your county auditor's office. In addition, some counties may offer satellite voting locations.

[sos.iowa.gov/auditors](https://sos.iowa.gov/auditors)



Mail and online voter registration deadline is  
**Oct. 19, 2026**

## Three ways to register:

### Register online

Register online with an Iowa driver's license or non-driver ID number and the last 5 digits of your SSN.

[mymvd.iowadot.gov/VoterRegistration](https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/VoterRegistration)

### Register by mail

Download a registration form online and mail it to your county auditor.

[sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/voteapp.pdf](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/voteapp.pdf)

### Register in person

You can register in person at your county auditor's office or same-day at your polling place on Election Day.

[sos.iowa.gov/auditors](https://sos.iowa.gov/auditors)



### REGISTRATION ID RULES

To register online or by mail you'll need to provide your Iowa driver's license or non-driver ID number plus the last 4 or 5 digits of your SSN.



CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

[sos.iowa.gov/voters/am-i-registered-vote](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/am-i-registered-vote)

# Voting in person

## POLLING HOURS

**7:00am – 8:00pm**  
**Nov. 3, 2026**

As long as you are in line before 8:00pm you may cast your ballot.

## What to bring

Photo ID is required to vote. Acceptable forms include:

- ✓ Iowa driver's license or non-driver ID card
- ✓ Iowa voter ID card
- ✓ U.S. passport
- ✓ U.S. military ID or veteran ID
- ✓ Tribal ID or document

You're also allowed to bring personal notes on the ballot issues and candidates with you into the polling place.

## DON'T HAVE ID?

A registered voter from your precinct can sign an oath vouching for your identity and residency, or you can use the same proof-of-residence documents listed under same-day registration.

[sos.iowa.gov/elections-and-voting-faqs](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections-and-voting-faqs)

## Same-day voter registration

You can register and vote the same day at your polling place. You must provide valid ID and proof of residence. Find out more about acceptable documentation:

[sos.iowa.gov/voters/election-day](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/election-day)

# Voting by mail

## MAIL VOTING DEADLINES

Mail ballot applications must be received by

**5:00pm Oct. 19, 2026**

Mail ballots must be received by

**8:00pm Nov. 3, 2026**

## Who can vote by mail

Any registered Iowa voter may cast a ballot by mail. No excuse is required.

## How to request your mail ballot

Submit an absentee ballot application to your county auditor. You'll need your Iowa driver's license or non-driver ID number or the 4-digit PIN from your Voter ID card.

[sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf)

## Returning your mail ballot

Return your ballot by mail or in person at the auditor's office. **It cannot be dropped off at a polling place on Election Day, only at your county auditor's office.**

Only you, someone in your household, or an immediate family member may return your ballot. If you are blind or have a disability, you may designate a "delivery agent" instead, who must hand-deliver it to the auditor's office and can return no more than two ballots per election.

## DROP BOXES

Some counties have a secure drop box at the auditor's office. Check with your county for availability.



## TRACK YOUR BALLOT

[apps.sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/absentee/search](https://apps.sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/absentee/search)

**Need  
assistance?**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
ELECTIONS DIVISION  
**515-281-0145**

FREE MULTILINGUAL  
NONPARTISAN HELP LINE  
**1-866-687-8683**

ACCESSIBLE VOTING  
[sos.iowa.gov/voters/elections-accessibility](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/elections-accessibility)