

Your Guide to Voting in North Carolina



GENERAL ELECTION

Election Day is
Nov. 3, 2026

What's on the ballot?

- ✓ **1** U.S. Senate seat
- ✓ **14** U.S. House seats
- ✓ **50** State Senate seats
- ✓ **120** State House seats
- ✓ State constitutional amendments
- ✓ Supreme Court Associate Justice
- ✓ Court of Appeals Judges
- ✓ Local judges and district attorneys
- ✓ Local and county offices including sheriffs, county commissioners, and board of education members



VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND MORE VOTING INFO

Visit www.ncvoter.org



EARLY VOTING

Oct. 15 – 31, 2026

Early voting sites are different than your Election Day voting location. You may vote early at any early voting site in your county. Hours and days of the week in operation may vary by site.

vt.ncsbe.gov/EVSite



Voter registration deadline is
Oct. 9, 2026

Three ways to register:

Register online

Register online with a valid DMV-ID number or SSN.

bit.ly/4gNsklK

Register by mail

Download and complete a voter registration form and mail it to your County Board of Elections.

bit.ly/3SnPwPr

Register in person

Register in person at any DMV location or County Board of Elections office. Same-day in-person registration is also available during early voting but not on Election Day.

vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo



REGISTRATION ID RULES

First-time registrants will be asked for an ID showing their current address when they vote for the first time.



CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

Visit vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup

Voting in person

POLLING HOURS

6:30am – 7:30pm

Nov. 3, 2026

As long as you are in line before 7:30pm you may cast your ballot.

What to bring

Photo ID is required to vote. Acceptable forms include:

Any of the following that is unexpired or expired within the past year

- ✓ North Carolina driver's license or non-operator ID
- ✓ Driver's license or non-driver ID from another U.S. state or territory
- ✓ U.S. Passport or passport card
- ✓ College or university student photo ID
- ✓ State or local government or charter school employee photo ID
- ✓ Free North Carolina voter ID issued by a County Board of Elections
www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id/get-free-voter-photo-id

Any of the following regardless of expiration date

- ✓ Military or veterans photo ID card
- ✓ Tribal enrollment photo ID card
- ✓ Public assistance photo ID card issued by a North Carolina or U.S. government agency

A voter 65 or older may use an expired form of acceptable ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

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

DON'T HAVE ID?

You may still vote on Election Day by filling out an ID Exception Form and casting a provisional ballot.

Voting by mail

MAIL VOTING DEADLINES

Last day to request an absentee ballot is

Oct. 20, 2026

Absentee ballots must be received by

7:30pm Nov. 3, 2026

Who can vote by mail

Any registered North Carolina voter may request a mail-in absentee ballot. No excuse is required. Either one notary public or two witnesses must be present when you mark your ballot. They should observe you marking it but not how you vote.

How to request your mail ballot

You can apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, or in person at your County Board of Elections office.

www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-mail

Returning your mail ballot

Ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections by 7:30pm on Election Day. You must include a photocopy of acceptable ID or complete an ID Exception Form.

You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off in person at your County Board of Elections office or an early voting site in your county. You may not return your ballot to a polling place on Election Day.

If you're personally unable to return your ballot, it can be returned for you by someone who lives at the same residence, a close family member, or a caregiver.



TRACK YOUR BALLOT

Visit northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter

If there is an issue with your ballot, you'll have until noon on Friday, Nov. 10, 2026 to fix it.

**Need
assistance?**

COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS CONTACT INFO
bit.ly/4h47jo3

FREE MULTILINGUAL
NONPARTISAN HELP LINE
888-687-8683

ACCESSIBLE VOTING
INFORMATION
bit.ly/4gEjPsZ