

# 2021 GENERAL ELECTION: AT A GLANCE

This election, voters will have the opportunity to choose which candidates they think will best represent their interests as Governor, State Senator, and State Assembly Members of New Jersey. A number of local elections are also on the ballot.

All applications and information can be found at **[www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org)** and **[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)**

## NJ General Election: Important Dates & Deadlines:

### **Voter Registration Deadline** (by mail or online):

- October 12, 2021 (Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date)

### **In-person Early Voting Begins:**

- October 23, 2021 (Polls will be open from 10am-8pm weekdays and Saturdays, and from 10am-6pm on Sundays)

### **Vote By Mail Application Deadline** (by mail):

- October 26, 2021 (County Clerk must receive application by this date)

### **Last Day of In-person Early Voting:**

- October 31, 2021

### **Vote by Mail Application** (in person):

- November 1, 2021 by 3:00 pm, at your County Clerk's office

### **2021 NJ General Election Date:**

- November 2, 2021 (polls open 6 am – 8 pm)

## Am I eligible to vote and how can I register to vote?

To register to vote in NJ, you must be: a United States citizen; at least 17 years old (and understand you cannot vote until you reach the age of 18); a resident of the county for 30 days before the election; and not currently serving a sentence of incarceration because of a felony conviction. You can register to vote if you are on parole or probation. The voter registration deadline for the November General Election is October 12, 2021.

**ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Register to Vote Online:



Check Your Voter  
Registration Status:



NJ Voter Information Portal:



Vote411:



## How does COVID-19 Impact the November 2, 2021 General Election:

This election is expected to be held like pre-COVID New Jersey elections with in-person voting opportunities on voting machines, but please visit [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org) for updates closer to election day.

- Polling sites will be open for machine in-person voting. Voting centers will be open for in-person early voting.
- New Jersey voters need to apply to receive mail-in ballots. Voters will not automatically receive mail-in ballots unless they previously applied to receive them in every election.
- Voters may return mail-in ballots using a ballot drop box, through the U.S. postal system, or in-person at the county Board of Elections office. Mail-in ballots may not be dropped off at polling locations.

## What is in-person early voting?

New Jersey voters are now able to vote early in-person at a limited number of polling locations. Early voting will be available from October 23, 2021 to October 31, 2021. During this time, the polls will be open from 10am-8pm on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 10am-6pm on Sundays. Check with your county for early voting polling locations or go to the NJ Voter Information Portal.



### **I want to vote in person. Where is my polling location?**

You have multiple choices for voting in-person at a polling location. You can vote early using an early voting polling center: these are specific polling locations that will be open starting October 23. You can also vote at your polling place on Election Day. Visit [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org) or [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to learn more and to find your polling place. Your election day polling location will also be listed on your sample ballot. Voters receive sample ballots in the mail about a week before Election Day.

### **How can I vote by mail?**

In New Jersey, any eligible registered voter can Vote by Mail – you do not need a reason to request a Vote by Mail ballot, but you do need to apply. To receive your Vote by Mail ballot by mail, the application must be received by your County Clerk by October 26, 2021. Voters can also apply in person to the County Clerk up until 3:00 pm on November 1, 2021.

### **How do I return my mail-in ballot?**

Do not wait until the last minute to return your ballot. You may return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it, and it must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections within 144 hours (6 days) after the close of polls. You may also bring your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections office, or to a secure ballot drop box location before polls close on Election Day. Be sure to check with your county for drop box locations.

### **How do I become a poll worker?**

Poll workers play an extremely important role in every election. New Jersey is currently looking for individuals to help facilitate in-person voting for early voting and Election Day. This is a paid position and training will be provided. **Apply to be a poll worker below:**

Apply to Be a Poll Worker:



Print Out Mail-In  
Ballot Application:



Track Your Mail-In  
Ballot:



### **How do I know if my mail-in ballot was counted?**

Once you have applied for a mail-in ballot, you can track the process online. To track your mail-in ballot, go to the Track My Ballot page of the NJ DOS website. You can find this page through the NJ Voter Information Portal or [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org). From there, log into your My Voter Record account. If you do not already have an account, you can create one by selecting Set Up My Voter Record Account. You can confirm your voter registration information is correct before setting up an account by using the Am I Registered/Voter Search Tool on the website. You can find your Voter ID number here, as well. Once you have created and logged into your My Voter Record account, you can see your mail-in ballot status.

### **What happens if my mail-in ballot is temporarily rejected?**

Ballots can be rejected for a number of reasons, the most prevalent being a missing or non-matching signature. If your ballot is rejected because of a problem with your signature, you will receive a "Cure Letter" from your County Board of Elections that will include a Cure Form. When you complete this form, you will be declaring that this was your ballot and verifying your identity by providing information. You can deliver this form in-person to your county Board of Elections office, or return it by mail, email, or fax. Fill out the form as soon as you receive it. The deadline for the County Board of Elections to receive your ballot cure form is 48 hours prior to election certification.

### **How do I learn about the candidates?**

Candidate debates and forums are core features of U.S. politics that help voters learn more about a candidate and their stance on key issues. Candidates running for federal or statewide office are often easier to find information about. More local primary candidates typically vocalize their opinions through the local newspaper and news channel, participate in community candidate forums, and send out campaign material. Many candidates also create Facebook and Twitter accounts where you can learn more about their platforms. You can learn about candidates running for federal, state, and local office by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

### **Other questions?**

Email the League of Women Voters of New Jersey at [mmarks@lwvnj.org](mailto:mmarks@lwvnj.org), tweet us @LWVNJ, or reach out on Facebook [facebook.com/LWVNJ](https://facebook.com/LWVNJ).