

VOTE 2020

Introductions



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*Vote as if
your life
depends
on it
because it
does!*

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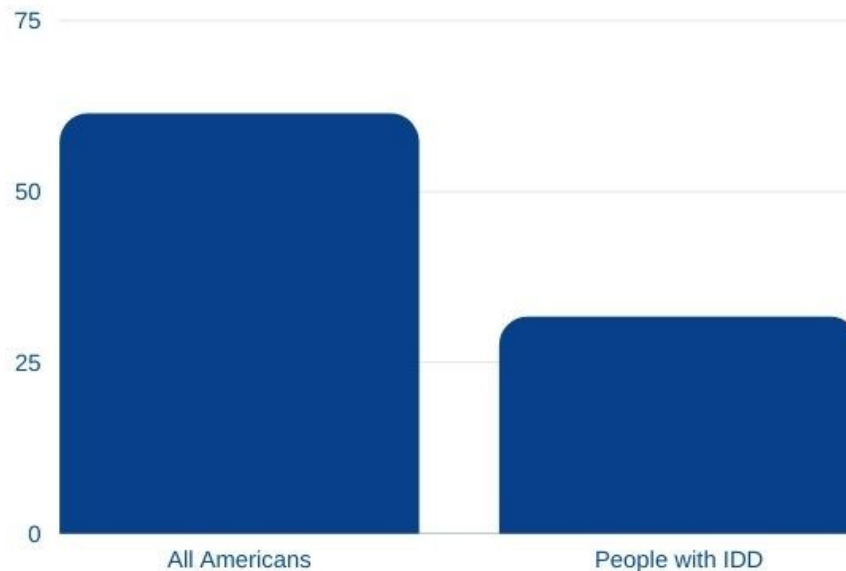


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YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Only 31.7% of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities voted in 2016, compared to 61.4% of all Americans*



*US Census and 2017-2018 National Core Indicators Project



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The Ripple Effect of the Disability Vote

- Over 35 million eligible voters are people with disabilities
- Over 62 million eligible voters are either PWD or family members with PWD in their household
- Millions more are connected to disability



COVID-19 Challenges



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html>

- Fewer in-person registration drives
- Need to vote from home
- Need for safety at polling locations
- Staffing for polling locations
- Needs for Accessibility



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What to do



Get registered or confirm your registration



Plan how best to vote this year



Learn about candidates



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Registration



- Know the deadline for your state
- Know how to do it
 - In-person
 - Online
 - By mail
- Confirm that your Registration is current
- Help others register



Voter Registration Deadlines tool



Voting is one of the most important rights of a US citizen. It allows people to choose leaders they feel will best represent their needs on the local, state, and federal levels. You can make real change by being an educated voter in your community. Use the chart below to make sure you are registered to Vote by the 2020 deadline.

State	Voter Registration Deadline Date	Election Day Registration Deadline	Website to learn more
Alabama	Monday, October 19, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person: 15 days before Election Day. • By Mail: Postmarked 15 days before Election Day. • Online: 15 days before Election Day. 	N/A	www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes
Alaska	Sunday, October 4, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person: 30 days before Election Day. • Online: 30 days before Election Day. Saturday, October 3, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Mail: Postmarked 30 days before Election Day. If this falls on a Sunday, postmarked 31 days before Election Day. 	N/A	www.elections.alaska.gov
Arizona	Monday, October 5, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person: 29 days before Election Day, or on the next immediate business day if the deadline falls on a legal holiday or weekend. • By Mail: Postmarked 29 days before Election Day, or on the next immediate business day if the deadline falls on a legal holiday or weekend. • Online: 29 days before Election Day. 	N/A	www.azsos.gov/elections



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Registration tools



- [Deadline by state](#)
- [Help getting ID](#)
- [Places to check your registration](#)
- [Share online registration](#)
- [Guardianship and Voting](#)



Planning



- Will you vote by mail?
 - Request ballot
 - Get help filling out
 - Know deadlines
- Will you vote in person?
 - Find location
 - Plan for getting there
 - Consider early voting if possible
- Check guardianship



Guardianship and voting tool



Guardianship and Voting

Voting laws for people with intellectual disabilities and/or guardians are different in each state. Find out the rules about voting where you live. If you don't have the right to vote or are unsure if you have right to vote, connect with your state's Protection and Advocacy Agency to help you get that right. See the end of this document for additional resources.*

State	Can I vote if I have an intellectual disability?	Can I vote if I have a guardian?	How can I get more information to better understand my right to vote?
Alabama	Yes	Sometimes. It depends what kind of guardian you have.	https://adap.ua.edu
Alaska	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	http://dlcak.org/
Arizona	Yes	No. But you can go to a judge to get your right to vote back! Ask your P&A for help.	https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org
Arkansas	Yes	Check with your P&A. The Arkansas P&A is called Disability Rights Arkansas.	http://disabilityrightsar.org/
California	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	http://disabilityrightscal.org/
Colorado	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes	http://disabilitylawco.org/
Connecticut	Yes	Yes, but your guardian needs to file a form to ask the judge if you can vote.	http://disrightsct.org/
Delaware	Yes	It depends. The judge decides when you get your guardian.	http://declasi.org/
Florida	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	http://%20disabilityrightsflorida.org
Georgia	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	http://thegao.org/
Hawaii	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	http://hawaiidisabilityrights.org/



Planning Tools



Know Your Options

- [Plain Language and easy read guides tool kit](#)
- [Learn about Voting by Mail](#)
- [Learn about early voting](#)
- [Learn about assessable voting](#)
- [Video: Overcoming Voting Barriers](#)



Learn about Candidates



- Find sample ballot
- Learn about candidates
 - Media
 - Issue organizations
 - Candidate websites
- What issues are important to you?



Elections 2020



President

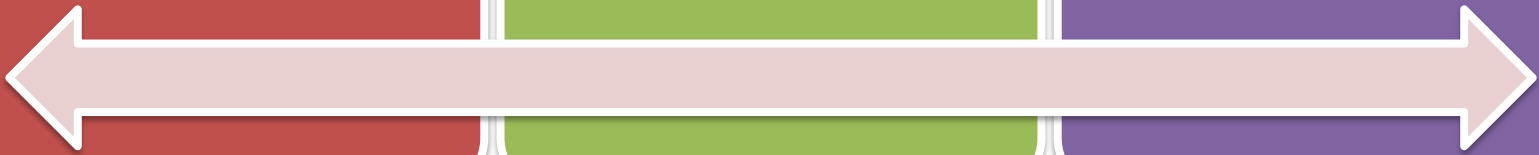


All 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives

35 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested.



State and local races



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SAMPLE BALLOT

2016 GENERAL ELECTION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NOVEMBER 8, 2016



Straight Party		Democratic <input type="checkbox"/>	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>	Constitution Party <input type="checkbox"/>	Green <input type="checkbox"/>	Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN	
Presidential Electors <small>(Vote for the candidates of one party for President and Vice-President or insert the names of candidates.)</small>	HILLARY CLINTON President TIM KAINE Vice President Democratic	DONALD J TRUMP President MICHAEL R PENCE Vice President Republican	DARRELL L CASTLE President SCOTT N BRADLEY Vice President Constitution Party	JILL STEIN President AJAMU BARAKA Vice President Green	GARY JOHNSON President WILLIAM WELD Vice President Libertarian	Write-In		
United States Senator <small>(Vote For One)</small>	KATIE MCGINTY Democratic	PAT TOOMEY Republican	EDWARD T CLIFFORD III Libertarian				Write-In	
Attorney General <small>(Vote For One)</small>	JOSH SHAPIRO Democratic	JOHN RAFFERTY Republican	Write-In					
Auditor General <small>(Vote For One)</small>	EUGENE A DEPASQUALE Democratic	JOHN BROWN Republican	JOHN J SWEENEY Green				ROY A MINET Libertarian	Write-In
State Treasurer <small>(Vote For One)</small>	JOE TORSSELLA Democratic	OTTO VOIT Republican	KRISTIN COMBS Green				JAMES BABB Libertarian	Write-In
Representative in Congress 13th District <small>(Vote For One)</small>	BRENDAN F BOYLE Democratic	Write-In						
Senator in the General Assembly 7th District <small>(Vote For One)</small>	VINCENT HUGHES Democratic	Write-In						
Representative in the General Assembly 148th District <small>(Vote For One)</small>	MARY JO DALEY Democratic	ED FLOCCO Republican	Write-In					
SPECIAL ELECTION								
Whitemarsh Supervisor <small>(Vote For One)</small>	MICHAEL DROSSNER Democratic	JOHN L WILLIAMS Republican	Write-In					

QUESTION	
Proposed Constitutional Amendment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE <small>Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges, and magisterial district judges be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years?</small>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

I DO NOT WANT TO VOTE ON ANY OFFICE, CANDIDATE OR ISSUE
No Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

- INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING**
1. SELECT CANDIDATE BY PRESSING SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE. AN ARROW WILL LIGHT NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.

TO CHANGE A SELECTION, PRESS THE SQUARE AGAIN. THE ARROW WILL DISAPPEAR AND YOU MAY MAKE ANOTHER CHOICE.
 2. VOTE ENTIRE BALLOT, IF DESIRED. WHEN FINISHED, PRESS THE "CAST VOTE BUTTON" AND EXIT THE BOOTH.
 3. DO NOT PRESS CAST VOTE BUTTON UNTIL YOU ARE SURE YOU ARE FINISHED VOTING!

- TO CAST A WRITE-IN BALLOT**
1. PRESS WRITE-IN SQUARE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE.
 2. THE ARROW WILL FLASH. (NOTE: THE ARROW WILL CONTINUE FLASHING UNTIL THE WRITE-IN IS COMPLETE.)
 3. USING THE WRITE-IN KEYPAD BELOW, KEY IN THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE YOU WISH TO WRITE-IN. YOU CAN SEE THE LETTERS APPEAR IN THE WINDOW.
 4. IF YOU MAKE AN ERROR ON A WRITE-IN, PRESS THE ARROW KEY TO THE LEFT. TO MAKE A SPACE PRESS THE ARROW KEY TO THE RIGHT.
 5. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED KEYING THE NAME, PRESS "ENTER" ON THE WRITE-IN KEYPAD.

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Learn about Candidates Tools



- Find sample ballot
 - Election board website
 - Local advocates
- Learn about candidates
 - Media
 - Issue organizations
- [Video: Being an Educated Voter](#)



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- Meet deadlines
- Overcome barriers
 - Transportation
 - Guardianship
 - Accessibility
- Help others



VOTE Tools



- [Federal Voting Rights Card](#)
- [ADA Polling Place Solutions](#)

you have the right to:

- Vote privately and independently
- Have an accessible polling place with voting machines for voters with disabilities

you may either:

- Seek assistance from workers at the polling place who have been trained to use the accessible voting machine, or
- Bring someone to help you vote

You may request your local election officials to tell you about any voting aids, voting assistance, and absentee ballot procedures that are available.



Why do you vote?



- Think of at least one reason why you vote
- Write it down
- Share with AUCD!
 - Email to rrodders@aucd.org
 - Submit on our [website](#)
- Remember: **your vote is YOUR vote!**



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More Tools

Disability Community

- [Your Vote Counts: A Self-Advocate's Guide to Voting in the U.S.](#) ASAN toolkit focuses on voting
- [Find REV UP in Your State](#)
- www.onevotenow.org: voting website from NACDD
- www.ndrn.org/voting/: Voting website from NDRN

Voting Community

- <https://www.whenweallvote.org/>
- <https://www.vote.org/>
- <https://www.lwv.org/>



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