

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT EARLY VOTING IN CONNECTICUT

### WHICH ELECTION WILL BE THE FIRST to have early voting available?

Early Voting will begin with the Presidential Preference Primary. The early voting dates for this election have been modified to reflect the Good Friday holiday and Easter Sunday. Early Voting will be held Tuesday, March 26 through Thursday, March 28 and Saturday, March 30. Presidential Preference Primary Day is Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT at the early voting location?

When you arrive at the Early Voting location, you will check in and be verified as an eligible voter. You will then receive your ballot with an envelope. You will complete your ballot at a privacy booth and seal it in the approved envelope. Before you leave you will place the sealed envelope in the secure receptacle as instructed by the election officials. Ballots will be secured unopened until Election Day.

### WHEN will ballots be counted?

Ballots cast during Early Voting will be sealed and stored securely in each town. They will be opened and counted on Election Day.

### HOW DOES EARLY VOTING DIFFER from voting by absentee ballot?

Absentee Ballot voting requires a reason (from a list of six found at [MyVote.CT.gov](https://MyVote.CT.gov)). Early Voting is available to every eligible voter without a specific reason. Early Voting may be done only in-person, not via mail or drop box.

### HOW MANY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS will be in each city or town?

Each town or city will have at least one Early Voting location. If the population is 20,000 or more, the local legislative body will decide whether to have additional locations. Check your municipality's website in March for its early voting location or visit [MyVote.CT.gov](https://MyVote.CT.gov).

### CAN I VOTE on weekends?

Yes. Early Voting includes Saturdays and Sundays for most elections (see calendar for specific dates).

### HOW IS IT ENSURED people do not vote twice?

The election official at your Early Voting location will record that you've cast your ballot, preventing you from voting early at any other location, submitting an absentee ballot, or voting on Election Day.

### MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE during the early voting period?

You may register and vote on the same day during the Early Voting period before regular general elections. For primary election details, see detailed instructions on [MyVote.CT.gov](https://MyVote.CT.gov).

### DOES EARLY VOTING EXIST in other states?

Although new to Connecticut this year, 46 other states already offer some form of Early Voting.

### WHAT hasn't changed?

You can still vote via Absentee Ballot or on Election Day as usual. Elections in Connecticut are still safe and secure.



### REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

[MyVote.CT.gov/register](https://MyVote.CT.gov/register)



### FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

[MyVote.CT.gov/lookup](https://MyVote.CT.gov/lookup)



### VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

[MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots](https://MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots)



### ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

[Civics101.CT.gov](https://Civics101.CT.gov)

# EARLY VOTING

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### What is Early Voting?

Early Voting allows you to vote in person safely and securely before Election Day.



Stephanie Thomas, Connecticut Secretary of the State

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**APRIL 2, 2024**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

A Presidential Preference Primary is an election where voters in a political party vote for the candidate of that party that they would like to be their presidential candidate in the upcoming General Election.

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DAYS

**EARLY VOTING**  
MARCH 26 27 28 30  
10 am - 6 pm

#### ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTY ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**January 2, 2024**

Last day to switch parties prior to the April 2nd election

**March 25, 2024 at Noon**

Deadline for unaffiliated voters who want to vote during the early voting period to enroll in a party

#### **Voter Registration for Early Voting**

If you are not yet registered but want to vote during the early voting period before the Presidential Preference Primary, file your voter registration application (for a party holding a primary) with the registrars of voters in your town by noon on the business day before the day you want to vote

**April 1, 2024 at Noon**

Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk in your town of residence to vote on April 2

Deadline for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party in person for voting on April 2

**AUGUST 13, 2024**

PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary is an election where voters in a political party choose the candidates of that party that they would like to be their candidates in the upcoming General Election.

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DAYS

**EARLY VOTING**  
AUGUST 5 - 11  
10 am - 6 pm, 8 am - 8 pm on August 6 and 8

#### ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTY ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**May 13, 2024**

Last day to switch parties prior to the August 13th election

**August 2, 2024 at Noon**

Deadline for unaffiliated voters who want to vote during the Early Voting period to enroll in a party

#### **Voter Registration for Early Voting**

If you are not yet registered but want to vote during the Early Voting period before the Primary Election, file your voter registration application (for a party holding a primary) with the registrars of voters in your town by noon on the business day before the day you want to vote

**August 12, 2024 at Noon**

Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk in your town of residence to vote on August 13

Deadline for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party in person for voting on to vote on August 13

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election is where all eligible voters elect candidates to office. In Connecticut, there is a general election every year.

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DAYS

**EARLY VOTING**  
OCTOBER 21 - 31  
NOVEMBER 1 - 3  
10 am - 6 pm  
8 am - 8 pm on October 29 and 31

#### ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Friday, October 18, 2024**

Deadline for voter registration **by mail** to be post-marked

Deadline for voter registration **at the DMV** by close of business

Deadline for voter registration **online** by 11:59 pm

Deadline for voter registration **in person** by 8:00 pm

#### **Same Day Voter Registration**

If you are not registered, but want to vote during the early voting period, you may register in person every day of Early Voting at the early voting location

If you are not registered, but want to vote on Election Day, you may register in person on Election Day at your Election Day Registration site

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