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# Connecticut 2025 Municipal Elections Media Fact Sheet

Wednesday, October 15, 2025



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## Election-Related News to Report October 15-20

Key items for you to report about this week to **help your audience be better informed about Connecticut's upcoming 2025 Municipal Elections** in November include:

- For those eligible to vote but not yet registered, **Friday, October 17, is the last day to register before Early Voting begins.** Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m., while in-person registration at local Registrars of Voters' offices closes at 8 p.m. After the 17th, no new registrations will be accepted until Early Voting starts on October 20. During Early Voting, **Same-Day Registration** will be available at all Early Voting locations. **Learn more about Same-Day Registration on page 2.**
- Early Voting begins next week, on Monday, October 20, and runs through Sunday, November 2, with times listed in the chart on page 2. Each town will have at least one Early Voting location. Voters can find their Early Voting location by visiting [MyVote.ct.gov](https://MyVote.ct.gov) and clicking on the link for **"Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location."** They can also confirm their Election Day polling place at [MyVote.ct.gov/lookup](https://MyVote.ct.gov/lookup).

### Suggested Text for Sharing Information About Early Voting:

Early Voting in Connecticut runs October 20 to November 2 and includes two weekends of Saturday and Sunday voting designed to give voters more opportunities to have their voices heard in the local races that impact daily life the most. Early voting is in person, with at least one designated location in every town. Hours are 10 a.m.–6 p.m., except on October 28 and 30, when extended hours are 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Connecticut residents who are eligible to vote, but not yet registered, can take advantage of Same-Day Registration (SDR), which allows people who are at least 18 years old and U.S. citizens to register and then vote that same day. For details or to find your early voting location, visit [MyVote.ct.gov](https://MyVote.ct.gov).





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## Same-Day Registration During Early Voting

During Early Voting, Same-Day Registration (SDR) will be available throughout the state, allowing eligible Connecticut residents who are not yet registered — or who are registered in one town but have moved to another — to register and then vote that same day.

State law requires all towns to have SDR at Early Voting locations. Voters should contact their local Registrars of Voters or Town Clerk if they have a question.

Same-Day Registration will also be available on Election Day, November 4, but generally takes place at Town Hall. Again, voters should contact their local Registrars or Town Clerk if they have a question.

## Early Voting FAQ: What You and Your Audience Need to Know

### What is Early Voting?

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

### What should voters expect at the Early Voting location?

When voters arrive at the Early Voting location, they will check in and be verified as an eligible voter. They will then receive a ballot with an envelope. They will complete their ballot at a privacy booth and seal it in the approved envelope. Before leaving, they 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.

**Important to share:** While the process of Early Voting will be the same as in 2024, the location of Early Voting in some towns has changed. Connecticut voters can easily find their Early Voting location by visiting [MyVote.ct.gov](https://MyVote.ct.gov) and clicking on the link for **"Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location."** They can find their Election Day location at [MyVote.ct.gov/lookup](https://MyVote.ct.gov/lookup).

### How does Early Voting differ from absentee voting?

Early voting is not the same as absentee voting. Absentee voting allows you to cast your vote from home or elsewhere, because you are not able to cast your vote in person. **Absentee ballot voting requires a reason.** Early Voting is available to

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## Early Voting Dates and Times

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • 10 AM - 6 PM October 20 | • 10 AM - 6 PM October 25 | • 8 AM - 8 PM October 30  |
| • 10 AM - 6 PM October 21 | • 10 AM - 6 PM October 26 | • 10 AM - 6 PM October 31 |
| • 10 AM - 6 PM October 22 | • 10 AM - 6 PM October 27 | • 10 AM - 6 PM November 1 |
| • 10 AM - 6 PM October 23 | • 8 AM - 8 PM October 28  | • 10 AM - 6 PM November 2 |
| • 10 AM - 6 PM October 24 | • 10 AM - 6 PM October 29 |                           |



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## Early Voting 101 continued

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every voter, without a specific reason needed. Early Voting allows you to cast your ballot in person, at an Early Voting location, during a specific time period before Election Day that's set by state statute. Early Voting may only be done in-person, not via mail or drop box.

### How many Early Voting locations will be in each city/town?

Each town/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. Voters can check their municipality's website for Early Voting locations or visit **[MyVote.CT.gov](https://myvote.ct.gov) for their Early Voting location.**

### Can I vote on weekends?

Yes. Early Voting includes Saturdays and Sundays. See the chart above for specific dates.

### How is it ensured that people do not vote twice?

Election officials check to see whether the voter has returned an absentee ballot or voted at any other location. If a person has voted both by absentee and in person, the absentee ballot will be nullified and only the in-person vote counted.

### Does Early Voting exist in other states?

Yes. Most states have some form of Early Voting.

### What hasn't changed since the start of Early Voting?

Voters can still vote via absentee ballot or on Election Day as usual. Election Day hours remain the same, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

### When is the Early Voting period?

The Early Voting period runs from October 20 to November 2 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except for October 28 and 30, when Early Voting locations will have extended hours from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Where is my town's Early Voting location?

To find their Early Voting location, voters should visit **[MyVote.ct.gov](https://myvote.ct.gov)** and click on the link for **"Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location."** Voters can find their Election Day location at **[MyVote.ct.gov/lookup](https://myvote.ct.gov/lookup)**.

### Why should I choose Early Voting?

Early Voting may be the right option for you if you are unsure of your availability on Election Day. Advocates have cited reasons such as unreliable transportation, inconsistent health, uncertain work schedules, parenting or caregiving, poor weather for nervous drivers, or qualified absentee ballot users who prefer to vote in person as just a few of the reasons a voter might choose this option.



## Please Remind Voters to Check Their Registration!

It's important for voters to confirm their registration status ahead of Election Day to ensure their information is current and they know exactly where to vote. Connecticut residents can verify their registration, party affiliation, and polling location in under a minute using the online lookup tool at **[myvote.ct.gov/lookup](https://myvote.ct.gov/lookup)**. Sharing this link helps reduce confusion and delays at the polls.





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## The scoop on ...

## Voter Eligibility for Those Currently or Previously Incarcerated

### Voting if currently incarcerated for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial

Individuals currently incarcerated **can vote** so long as they are a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age by the next election, PLUS:

- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

Facility unit and re-entry counselors can give eligible incarcerated individuals the address of their Registrars of Voters' and Town Clerk's offices to correspond about voter registration and voting in the next election. Absentee ballot applications are also available in all Connecticut prison facilities.

### Voting if previously incarcerated

If you were convicted of a felony, you can restore your voting rights in Connecticut upon release from incarceration. **Being on probation or parole does not prevent you from restoring your voting rights.** However, if the felony offense is for violating Connecticut election laws, you must then complete your probation and/or parole before becoming re-eligible to vote.

### Newsorthy: 2026 Will Bring Expanded Ballot Access for Eligible Incarcerated Voters

During the 2025 General Assembly Session, the Secretary of the State's Office worked with local advocates to help secure **passage of a new law that, starting in January 2026, will streamline absentee ballot access for eligible incarcerated voters.** Using a form made specifically for the Department of Correction, these voters will be able to more reliably apply for, receive, and return their ballots in a timely manner. The reform strengthens oversight; chips away at the hurdles to election access faced by incarcerated voters; and reflects the Office of the Secretary of the State's ongoing commitment to removing barriers and expanding access for every eligible voter in Connecticut.

Learn about restoring voting rights or how to register online at [MyVote.CT.gov/register](https://MyVote.CT.gov/register).





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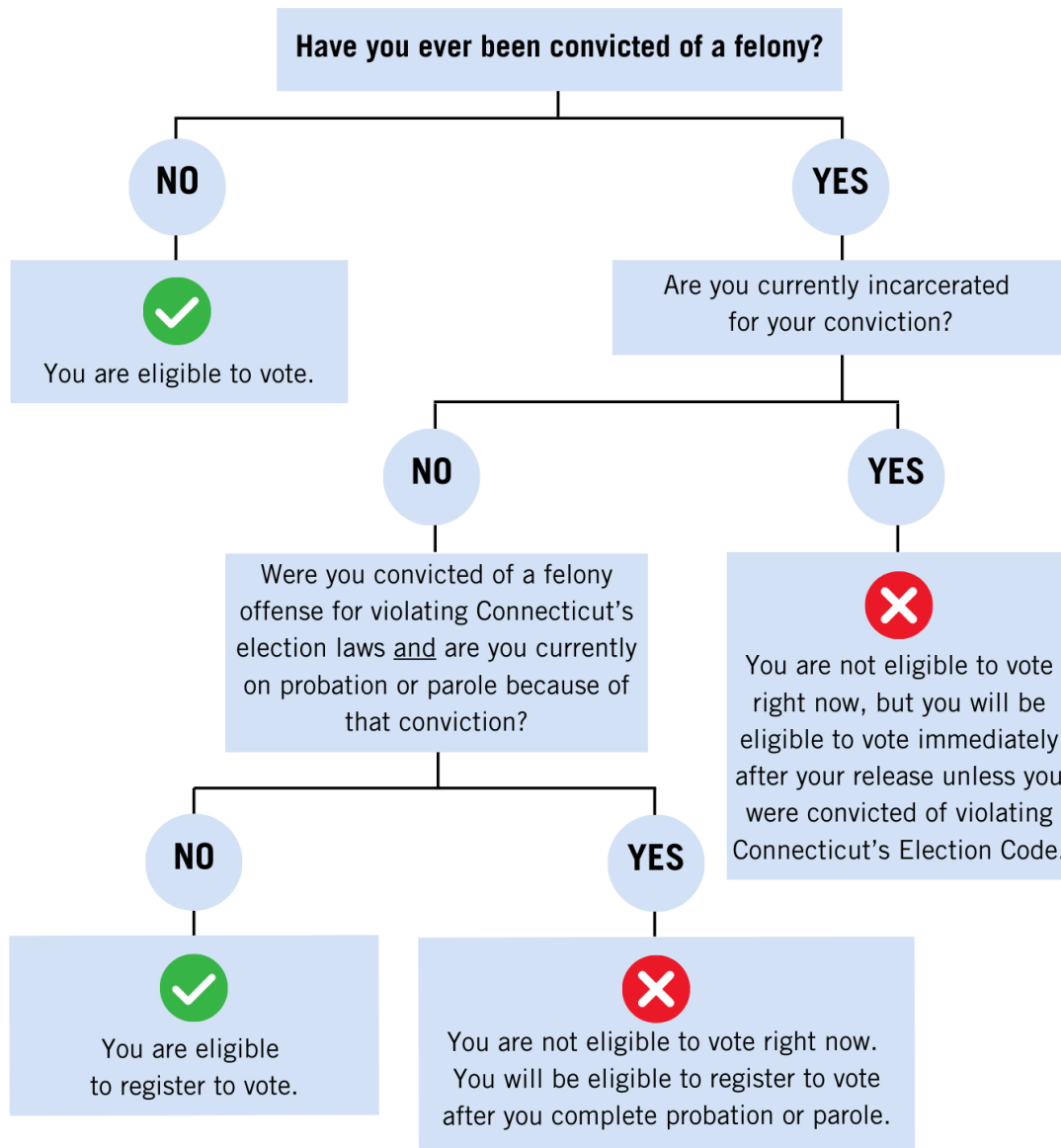


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## Am I eligible to vote in Connecticut if I've been incarcerated?



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### College Students and Voting

**College students may choose to vote in their hometown or in their college town whether it is in Connecticut or out-of-state**

- If you are a commuter, register in the town where you live
- If your hometown is in Connecticut and your college is in Connecticut, register in the town where you would like to vote
- If your hometown is out-of-state and your college is in Connecticut, register in the town in the state where you would like to vote
- If your hometown is in Connecticut and your college is out of state, register in the town in the state where you would like to vote (Note: other states may have residency requirements)

**College students must be registered to vote in the town where they plan to vote.**

- If you attend college out-of-state and want to vote in that state, contact the local election office in that state for the proper procedures
- In order to vote in Connecticut, you must be registered to vote in the appropriate town in Connecticut. If you are already registered, you may need to change your address if you will vote in a town different than where you are registered. In Connecticut, registering to vote is simple and may be done:
  - **Online if you have a Connecticut driver's license**
  - By Mail
  - In person with your **Registrar of Voters**
  - At the DMV and other voter registration agencies



REPORTERS: Few issues cause more confusion than where college students — especially those studying out of state — are allowed to register and vote. Help clarify their options before Election Day. **PLUS turn to page 7 for exciting and timely college-related Early Voting news!**

**Connecticut students who are 18, U.S. citizens, and studying or serving abroad can vote** while living outside of the United States by **requesting an absentee ballot through the Secretary of the State's website** or **through the Federal Voting Assistance Program.**

**If you're registered in your Connecticut hometown, attending college out of state, but plan to vote at home by absentee ballot, remember that your Town Clerk must receive your completed ballot no later than 8 p.m. Election Day. Find everything you need to know about absentee voting here.**



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**Exciting news to share!**

## Early Voting to be Located at 5 State College Campuses

For the first time in state history, Connecticut's five four-year public college campuses will serve as Early Voting locations during the 2025 municipal elections.

All registered voters in these towns can vote on campus during the Early Voting period that runs from Monday, October 20, through Sunday, November 2. **Please see page 2 of this document for Early Voting hours.** Unlike on Election Day – where most towns have multiple district-based polling places – during Early Voting most towns have just one or two in-person Early Voting sites.

The addition of campus-based Early Voting sites is thanks to legislation passed during the 2025 General Assembly Session. Legislators voted to establish sites at Connecticut public colleges where at least 1,000 students live on campus or in other school-run housing. It will allow residential students who live in school housing to register in the towns where these schools are located and then cast in-person early ballots right on campus.

The sites are designed to make voting more accessible for a community that often does not have access to the transportation needed to travel to a polling location. The locations will not be open on Election Day, November 4; only during the Early Voting period.

School	On-campus Early Voting location	Votes in	Student must be registered in
Central Connecticut State University	Memorial Hall	New Britain	New Britain
Eastern Connecticut State University	J. Eugene Smith Library, Willimantic Community Room	Windham	Windham
Southern Connecticut State University	Schwartz Hall, Basement Conference Room	New Haven	New Haven
UConn (Storrs campus)	Barnes & Noble Book Store	Mansfield	Mansfield
Western Connecticut State University	Midtown Campus Student Center, Wolves Den	Danbury	Danbury





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## Websites, Resources, and Contact Information

### November 4, 2025 Municipal Election Calendar

#### **Report on Voting Issues**

- During Early Voting: (860) 256-2925 or email [elections@ct.gov](mailto:elections@ct.gov)
- On Election Day: (866) 733-2463 or email [elections@ct.gov](mailto:elections@ct.gov)
- Any time to the **Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Committee**: (866) 733-2463, (866) SEEC-INFO or **through the SEEC website**

#### **Absentee Ballot Information at [MyVote.ct.gov/Absentee](https://MyVote.ct.gov/Absentee)**

#### **Downloadable Early Voting One-Sheets in English & Spanish at [Civics101.ct.gov](https://Civics101.ct.gov)**

#### **Office of the Secretary of the State Elections & Voter Information at [MyVote.ct.gov](https://MyVote.ct.gov)**

#### **Online Voter Registration at [VoterRegistration.ct.gov](https://VoterRegistration.ct.gov)**

#### **Voter Registration Lookup Tool at [MyVote.ct.gov/lookup](https://MyVote.ct.gov/lookup)**

#### **Early Voting Locations**

#### **Election Day Polling Place Lookup**

#### **Election Night Results Reporting**

#### **Election Results Archive**

#### **Connecticut General Statutes Title 9 – Elections**



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