

Every week from August 18-September 8, the Office of the Secretary of the State will distribute a Connecticut 2025 Municipal Primaries Fact Sheet to the media.

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Monday, August 25, 2025



Help us show why **voting local matters** and how eligible voters can cast their ballots in the **September primaries**.



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Timely Election-Related News to Report on August 25-31

Key information that voters need to know about Connecticut's upcoming 2025 Municipal Primary Elections, and that **you should report on this week**:

Absentee ballots for the primary are available and should be applied for now. If you missed our August 18 media fact sheet, [click here for a detailed overview of Connecticut's absentee voting process](#) it provided. It's important voters know that absentee voting is a 2-step process: 1. Applying for a ballot 2. Receiving and returning the ballot. Also note that despite the fact that voters approved a constitutional amendment in 2024 to allow for no-excuse absentee voting, the General Assembly has not yet enacted the needed legislation for it to take effect. As a result, **Connecticut law still permits absentee voting only for specific reasons**. Nothing has changed.

- **Early voting begins next week**, running from September 2-7 as noted in the chart on page 2. Also on pages 2-3 is an Early Voting FAQ that can help you in your reporting. Note that during Early Voting, a new voter may register with a party by noon the business day before they wish to vote.
- **Only voters registered as a Democratic or Republican can cast a ballot** in their local party's primary election. For those eligible, there are 3 ways to vote:
 - In person during Early Voting period (September 2-7)
 - On Primary Election Day (September 9)
 - By absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by the voter's Town Clerk by 8 p.m. on September 9.

Other Key Primary Dates You & Your Audience Should Know

- **Friday, August 29 at 12 p.m.:** Deadline for a currently unaffiliated voter to affiliate in person and vote during the Early Voting period.
- **Monday, September 8 at 12 p.m.:** The deadline for (1) a new voter, or (2) a voter who's been registered as unaffiliated for at least three months, to register in person, at their local Registrars' office, and vote on Primary Election Day, September 9.
- **Tuesday, September 9:** Primary Election Day.



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Early Voting FAQ

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.

How does Early Voting differ from absentee voting?

Absentee ballot voting requires a reason.

Early Voting is available to every voter, without a specific reason needed. Early Voting may be done only 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 for their [Early Voting location](https://MyVote.CT.gov).

Can I vote on weekends?

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

Primary Early Voting

Tuesday, September 2	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, September 3	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, September 4	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, September 5	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 6	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, September 7	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Primary Election Day

Tuesday, September 9	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Important to know: 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 and clicking on the link for "[Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location](https://MyVote.ct.gov)." Sites will be posted before the end of August. They can find their Primary Day location at MyVote.ct.gov/lookup.

How is it ensured that people do not vote twice?

The election official at each Early Voting location will check the voter registry to see whether the voter has returned an absentee ballot or voted at any other location. The system does not allow the official to issue a ballot if the voter has already voted.

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.

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Early Voting FAQs continued

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When is the Early Voting period?

EV period lasts from Tuesday, September 2, to Sunday, September 7, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except for September 2 and 4, 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 and click on the link for "[Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location.](#)" Sites will be posted before the end of August. Voters can find their Primary Day location at 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 chose this option.



Help Educate About Early Voting September 2-7

Suggested text for print media:

In towns with primary elections, early voting runs September 2–7, giving 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 most towns. Hours are 10 a.m.–6 p.m., except on September 2 and 4, when extended hours are 8 a.m.–8 p.m. To find your early voting location, visit MyVote.ct.gov, click on "Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location," and make a plan to participate. Early voting is designed to ensure every eligible voter has the chance to weigh in on the issues that matter most in their community.

Suggested text for broadcast media:

Elections are coming up in towns with primaries, and early voting makes it easier for everyone's voice to be heard. If your town is having a primary, from September 2nd through the 7th you can vote in person, before Election Day, at your town's early voting location. Most days, hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but on September 2 and 4, polls are open longer, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Local elections have the biggest impact on your daily life, so make sure you have your say. To find out where you can vote early in your town, visit MyVote.ct.gov and click on the link for "Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location."



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Is There a List of Towns Having Primaries?

No. The best way to know if a town is having a primary is to contact its Registrars of Voters or Town Clerk. As a service to voters, **the Secretary of the State's Office posts sample ballots**, listed by town, on a rolling basis, as our office receives information from Towns Clerks. The deadline for Town Clerks to file the needed paperwork was August 20, and it can take up to a week after that for sample ballots to be posted.

The scoop on ...

Currently and Previously Incarcerated Voter Eligibility

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.

Follow this link for information on [restoring voting rights](#) or how to register online at MyVote.CT.gov/register.

2025 Vote Sees 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 streamlines absentee ballot access for eligible incarcerated voters.** Using a form made specifically for the Department of Correction, these voters can now more reliably apply for, receive, and return their ballots in a timely manner. It's a reform that strengthens oversight as it also chips away at the hurdles to election access faced by incarcerated voters. It also reflects our Office's ongoing work and commitment to removing barriers and expanding access for every eligible voter in Connecticut.



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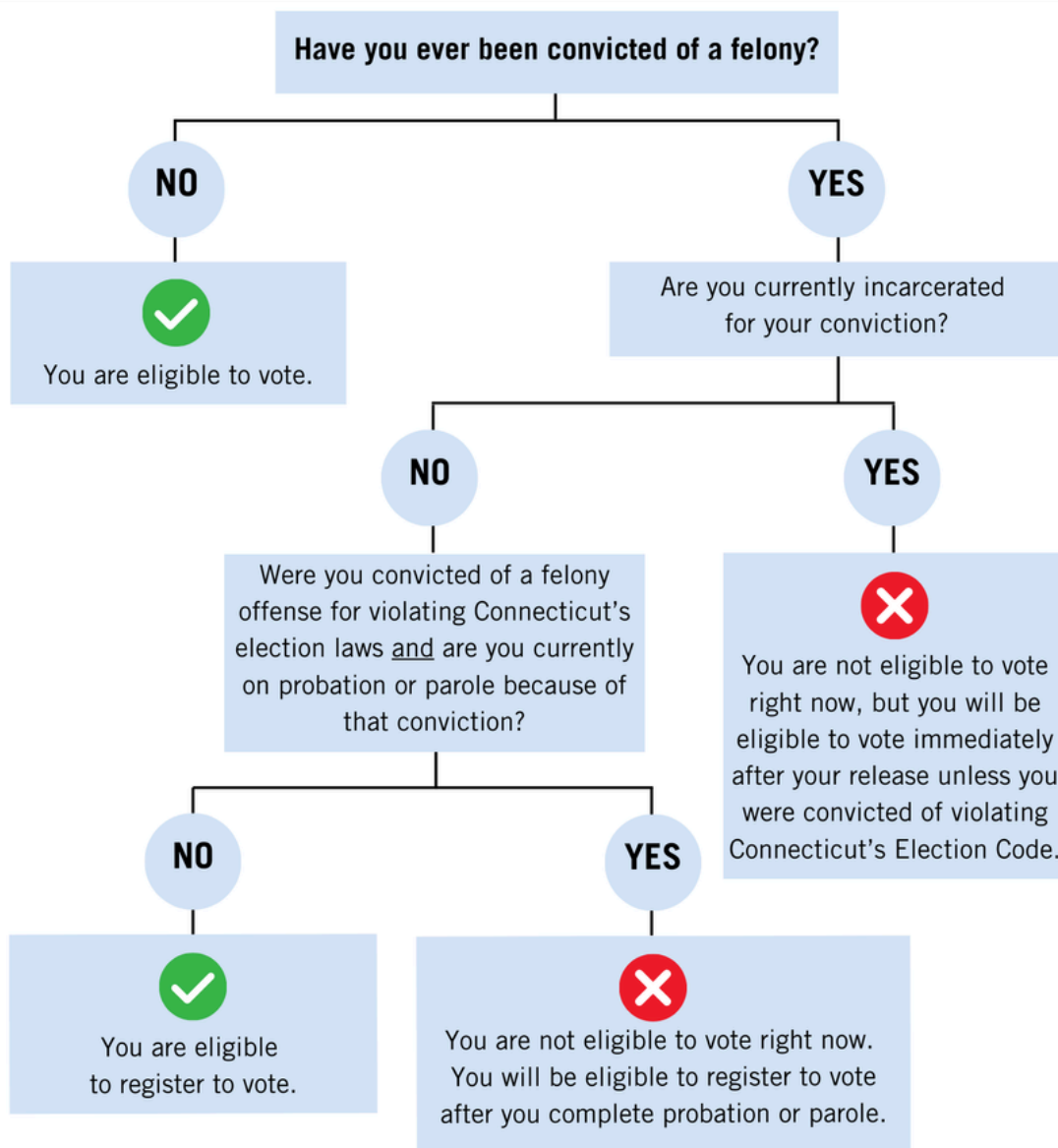


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Am I eligible to vote in Connecticut if I've been incarcerated?



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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](#)

Exciting news to cover: New Early Voting on Up to 5 State College Campuses Will Make History in September

For the first time in state history, up to five public college campuses will serve as early voting locations during Connecticut's September 2–7 primary elections. Thanks to legislation passed during the 2025 General Assembly Session, students registered in the towns where these schools are located will be able to cast their ballots right on campus.

These new sites planned for UConn, Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western Connecticut State University -- with some logistics still being worked out -- 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.

With extended hours on September 2 and 4 (8 a.m.–8 p.m.) and regular hours the other days (10 a.m.–6 p.m.), this change could have a real impact on college students who wish to vote, but otherwise would not be able to do so.

- At the DMV and other voter registration agencies

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](#).

Now is a Good Time for Voters to Check Their Voting Location

Connecticut voters can easily find their Early Voting location by visiting [MyVote.ct.gov](#) and clicking on the link for ["Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location."](#) Sites will be posted before the end of August. They can find their Primary Day location at [MyVote.ct.gov/lookup](#).



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[MyVote.CT.gov](#)

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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
- On Election Day: (866) 733-2463 or email elections@ct.gov

Absentee Ballot Information at MyVote.ct.gov/Absentee

Downloadable Early Voting One-Sheets in English & Spanish at Civics101.ct.gov

Office of the Secretary of the State Elections & Voter Information at MyVote.ct.gov

Online Voter Registration at VoterRegistration.ct.gov

Voter Registration Lookup Tool at MyVote.ct.gov/lookup

[Election Night Results Reporting](#)

[Election Results Archive](#)

[Connecticut General Statutes Title 9 – Elections](#)



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