Pocket Guide: New York State Voter Facts

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NEW YORK VOTER FACT SHEET

VOTER FAQS:

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE?

- How Old Do I Need to Be? At least 18 years-old by Election day. If you are 16 or 17 you can pre-register to vote.
- Can I Register Online? Yes, if you have a DMV issued license or ID.
- I Have a Felony Record, Can I Still Register? Yes, must not be on parole for a felony conviction (unless parole pardoned or restored rights of citizenship).
- I Am Homeless, How Do I Register? Use the address or cross streets for wherever you sleep.
- Where Do I Register in Person? At your County Election office.
- Is There a Residency Requirement? Yes, you must be a resident of the state and the county/township for 30 days before you vote.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN-PERSON?

- Do I Need ID to Vote? No, unless your registration information doesn't match.
- When Can I Vote? See the Important Dates.
- I Have a Disability, Are Polling Places Accessible to Me? Accessible polling locations are available.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VOTING BY MAIL?

Who Can Vote By Mail? Anyone registered voter using the proper excuses - absent from county, illness, COVID-19.

How Do I Apply for a Vote By Mail Ballot? In person or by mail. See Helpful Links: RequestTrack absentee ballot.

How Do I Return My Ballot? By mail (postage paid) or in-person drop off.

When Is My Ballot Due? Postmarked by 5pm on November 2. We recommend you send in your ballot by Early Voting Day, October 30th.

How Do I Track My Ballot? See Helpful Links: RequestTrack absentee ballot

* SOURCE: New York State Board of Elections. Please note that the information contained herein is accurate as of 12/17/2021. The best way to get correct information — particularly in light of COVID — is to check with New York State's or New York City's Board of Elections.