



## Mail Ballot Receipt Deadline

No updates required since April 12, 2024

### Background

Most states require voters returning absentee or mail ballots to ensure their ballots are received by the appropriate authority by Election Day. A number of states allow ballots to be received a certain number of days after Election Day if the ballot envelope is postmarked on or before Election Day. Finally, some states require absentee ballots to be received prior to Election Day.

### Scoring

- Mail ballot receipt deadline on or after Election Day, 1/2 point
- Mail ballot receipt deadline before Election Day, 0 points

### Summary Table

Category	Number	List
Mail ballot receipt deadline on or after Election Day	48 states & D.C.	Alaska Alabama Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Delaware D.C. Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska



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		Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington Wisconsin Wyoming
<b>Mail ballot receipt deadline before Election Day</b>	2 states	Arkansas Louisiana



## State-by-State Sources and More Detail

### Alabama (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election and must be received by noon on the day of the election ([Ala. Code § 17-11-18](#)).

### Alaska (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received by 10 days after election day ([Alaska Admin. Code tit. 6, § 25.145](#)).

### Arizona (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on the day of the election ([Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-547](#)).

### Arkansas (0)

- Ballots must be received by 7:30 pm on the day of the election if sent by mail or by the Friday before the election for hand-delivered ballots ([Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411](#)).

### California (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 17 days after the election ([Cal. Elec. Code § 3020](#)).

### Colorado (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on the day of the election ([Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-13.5-1006](#)).

### Connecticut (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-140b](#)).

### Delaware (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Del. Code tit. 15, § 5508](#)).

### D.C. (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 7 days after the election ([D.C. Mun. Regs. § 3-702](#)).

### Florida (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on the day of the election ([Fla. Stat. §101.65](#)).



Georgia (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-385](#)).

Hawaii (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Haw. Rev. Stat. § 11-104](#)).

Idaho (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on the day of the election ([Idaho Code § 34-1005](#)).

Illinois (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 14 days after the election ([10 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/19-8](#)).

Indiana (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 6:00 pm on the day of the election ([Ind. Code § 3-11-10-11](#)).

Iowa (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Iowa Code § 53.17](#)).

Kansas (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 3 days after the election ([Kan. Stat. Ann. § 25-1132](#)).

Kentucky (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.086](#)).

Louisiana (0)

- Ballots must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the election ([La. Stat. Ann. § 18:1308\(C\)](#)).

Maine (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on the day of the election ([Me. Stat. tit. 21-A, §755](#)).



#### Maryland (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 10:00 am on the second Friday after the election ([Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 9-505](#)).

#### Massachusetts (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the hour before the close of polls on election day ([Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 54, § 95](#)).

#### Michigan (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.765](#)).

#### Minnesota (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day for mailed Ballots and by 3:00 pm on election day for hand-delivered ballot ([Minn. Stat. § 203B.08](#)).

#### Mississippi (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 5 business days after the election ([Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-637](#)).

#### Missouri (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.293](#)).

#### Montana (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Mont. Code Ann. § 13-13-232](#)).

#### Nebraska (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-950](#)).

#### Nevada (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm on the fourth day following an election ([AB 321 \(2021\)](#)).

#### New Hampshire (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm on election day ([N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 657:22](#)).

#### New Jersey (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 144 hours after the polls close ([N.J. Stat. Ann. § 19:63-22](#)).



#### New Mexico (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on election day ([N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-6-10\(B\)](#)).

#### New York (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 7 days after the election ([N.Y. Elec. Law § 8-412](#)).

#### North Carolina (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the close of polls on election day ([SB747](#), 2023)
- Previously, ballots were required to be postmarked by election day and received no later than 5:00 pm 3 days after the election (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-231). This was changed by [SB747](#) (2023).

#### North Dakota (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by the day before election day and received no later than the end of the official canvass. If the ballot is postmarked on election day it must be received by the close of polls on election day ([N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-09](#)).

#### Ohio (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by the day before election day and received no later than 4 days after the election. If the ballot is postmarked on election day it must be received by the close of polls on election day ([Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3509.05](#)).

#### Oklahoma (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on election day ([Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-104](#)).

#### Oregon (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day ([Or. Rev. Stat. §253.070](#)).

#### Pennsylvania (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day ([25 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3146.8](#)).

#### Rhode Island (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day ([17 R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-20-16](#)).

#### South Carolina (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([S.C. Code Ann. § 7-15-230](#)).



#### South Dakota (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([S.D. Codified Laws § 12-19-12](#)).

#### Tennessee (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-304](#)).

#### Texas (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 5:00 pm the day after the election ([Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 86.007](#)).

#### Utah (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by the day before election day and received no later than noon on the day of the county canvass ([Utah Code Ann. § 20A-3a-204](#)).

#### Vermont (1/2)

- Ballots must be returned to the town clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on the day of the election ([Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, § 2543](#)).

#### Virginia (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than noon 3 days after the election ([Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-709](#)).

#### Washington (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than 5 days after the election ([Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.40.091](#)).

#### West Virginia (1/2)

- Ballots must be postmarked by election day and received no later than the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvass ([W. Va. Code § 3-3-5](#)).

#### Wisconsin (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day ([Wis. Stat. § 6.87](#)).

#### Wyoming (1/2)

- Ballots must be received by the time the polls close on election day ([Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 22-9-119](#)).