

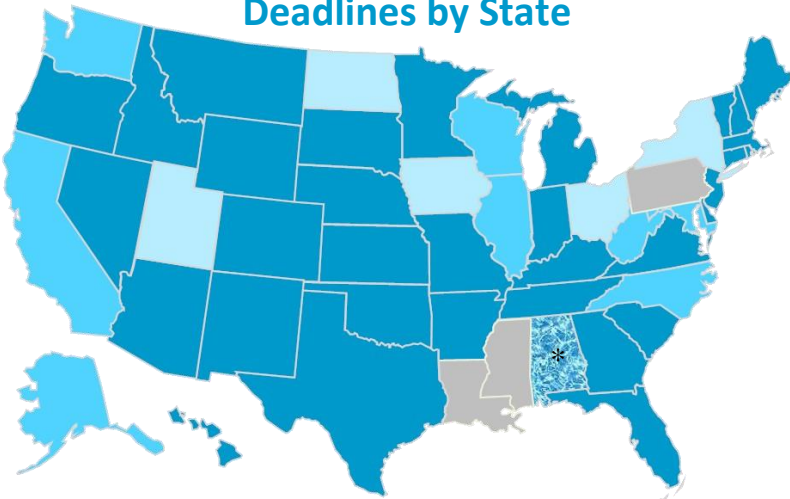
# Vote by Mail

## Postmark Deadlines for Ballots Updated September 2016



Each state allows citizens to vote by mail, but the laws regarding the dates by which ballots must be mailed or received differ from state to state. This document shows the postmark and ballot receipt deadlines for each state.

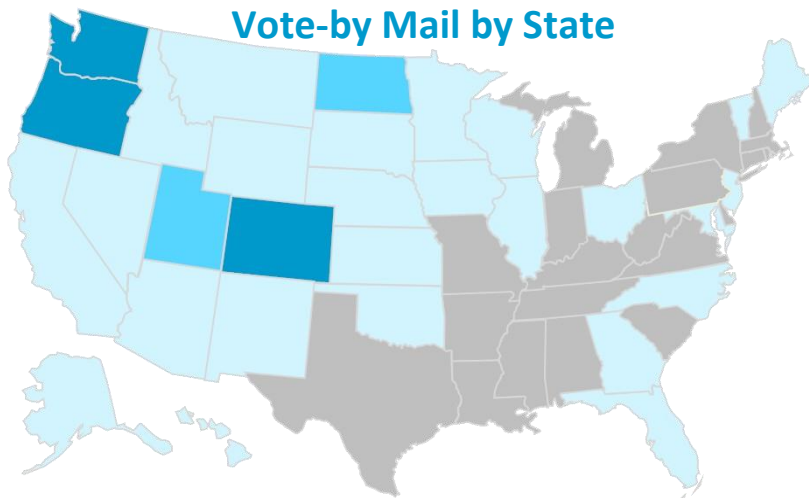
### Deadlines by State



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| Expressly allows Election Day postmark               | 8   |
| Expressly requires postmark before Election Day      | 6*  |
| Expressly requires receipt before Election Day       | 3   |
| Generally requires receipt on or before Election Day | 34* |

\*Total does not add to 50 states because Alabama falls into two categories: generally requiring receipt before election day and expressly requiring postmark before election day.

### Vote-by-Mail by State



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| Allows counties to conduct general elections by mail | 2  |
| Has no-excuse absentee voting                        | 25 |
| Absentee ballots by excuse only                      | 20 |
| Conducts all elections by mail                       | 3  |

| State          | Days before election postmark required | Days after election ballot can be received |
|----------------|--|--|
| Alabama        | 1                                      | 0  |
| Alaska         | 0                                      | 10   |
| Arizona        | —                                      | 0  |
| Arkansas       | —                                      | 0  |
| California     | 0                                      | 3  |
| Colorado       | —                                      | 0  |
| Connecticut    | —                                      | 0  |
| Delaware       | —                                      | 0  |
| Florida        | —                                      | 0  |
| Georgia        | —                                      | 0  |
| Hawaii         | —                                      | 0  |
| Idaho          | —                                      | 0  |
| Illinois       | 0                                      | 14   |
| Indiana        | —                                      | 0  |
| Iowa           | 1                                      | 6  |
| Kansas         | —                                      | 0  |
| Kentucky       | —                                      | 0  |
| Louisiana      | —                                      | -1   |
| Maine          | —                                      | 0  |
| Maryland       | 0                                      | 10   |
| Massachusetts  | —                                      | 0  |
| Michigan       | —                                      | 0  |
| Minnesota      | —                                      | 0  |
| Mississippi    | —                                      | -1   |
| Missouri       | —                                      | 0  |
| Montana        | —                                      | 0  |
| Nebraska       | —                                      | 0  |
| Nevada         | —                                      | 0  |
| New Hampshire  | —                                      | 0  |
| New Jersey     | —                                      | 0  |
| New Mexico     | —                                      | 0  |
| New York       | 1                                      | 7  |
| North Carolina | 0                                      | 3  |
| North Dakota   | 1                                      | 6  |
| Ohio           | 1                                      | 10   |
| Oklahoma       | —                                      | 0  |
| Oregon         | —                                      | 0  |
| Pennsylvania   | —                                      | -4   |
| Rhode Island   | —                                      | 0  |
| South Carolina | —                                      | 0  |
| South Dakota   | —                                      | 0  |
| Tennessee      | —                                      | 0  |
| Texas          | —                                      | 0  |
| Utah           | 1                                      | 14   |
| Vermont        | —                                      | 0  |
| Virginia       | —                                      | 0  |
| Washington     | 0                                      | Unspecified                                |
| West Virginia  | 0                                      | 6  |
| Wisconsin      | 0                                      | 3  |
| Wyoming        | —                                      | 0  |

Sources: National Association of Secretaries of State [Early Voting Dates and Absentee Ballot Deadlines for the 2016 General Election](#); and National Conference of State Legislatures [Absentee and Early Voting](#) and [All-Mail Elections](#).

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