



A Guide to Michigan Voter  
Registration for Tribal Communities  
(for non-tribal elections)

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## Options for voting

- **Vote by mail:** Registered voters can vote by mail using an absentee ballot. Learn more at [Michigan.gov/VoteByMail](https://Michigan.gov/VoteByMail).
- **Vote early in person:** Michigan now offers at least nine days of early in-person voting. Learn more and find an early voting site near you at [Michigan.gov/EarlyVoting](https://Michigan.gov/EarlyVoting).
- **Vote in person on Election Day:** Registered voters can cast a ballot at their local polling place on Election Day. Find your polling place online at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote).

	How to register	Deadline	Requirements
<b>Online</b>	Visit <a href="https://Michigan.gov/Vote">Michigan.gov/Vote</a> to register to vote online.	15 days before Election Day.	A U.S. Social Security number <b>and</b> a Michigan driver's license or ID number.
<b>By mail</b>	Print an application online at <a href="https://Michigan.gov/Vote">Michigan.gov/Vote</a> , or request one by mail from your clerk. Find your local clerk at <a href="https://Michigan.gov/Vote">Michigan.gov/Vote</a> .	Must be postmarked at least 15 days before Election Day.	A U.S. Social Security number <b>or</b> a Michigan driver's license or ID number.
<b>In person</b>	Visit your local clerk's office to register. Find your local clerk's office at <a href="https://Michigan.gov/Vote">Michigan.gov/Vote</a> .	By 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.	You will be asked for a photo ID when registering in person. A valid, non-expired tribal photo ID meets this requirement. If you don't have one, you can sign an affidavit and can still register to vote.  Within 14 days of an election, you must also provide <b>proof of residency</b> .

### ***What is proof of residency?***

Within 14 days of an election, proof of residency is required when registering to vote. Proof of residency is an official document that lists your current name and address and may be paper or digital (displayed on a mobile phone, for example). This may include a valid tribal I.D., a utility bill, a bank or credit card statement, a lease agreement, or an official letter from your tribal housing department stating your name and address.

### ***What if I have a criminal record?***

Returning citizens and individuals with a felony or misdemeanor conviction can register to vote in Michigan if they are not actively serving a sentence in jail or prison. Michiganders on probation, or who are detained pretrial or presentencing can also register to vote.

## How to request an absentee ballot

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail using an absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, you must complete and submit an absentee ballot application.

	<b>Your options</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>
<b>Requesting an absentee ballot</b>	<p><b>Online:</b> Complete an absentee ballot application online at Michigan.gov/Vote</p> <p><b>By mail:</b> Request an absentee ballot application by mail from your local clerk and return it using prepaid postage.</p> <p><b>In person:</b> Visit your local clerk's office to request an absentee ballot in person.</p> <p>Find your local clerk at Michigan.gov/Vote.</p>	<p>Applications are available 75 days before an election.</p> <p>To avoid mailing delays, request and return your application by mail <i>at least</i> 14 days prior to Election Day. Tribal communities experiencing significant mailing delays may consider mailing their completed application earlier.</p> <p>Request an absentee ballot application in person by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before Election Day.</p>

<p><b>Returning a ballot</b></p>	<p><b>By mail:</b> You may return your completed absentee ballot by mail. The envelope provided will have prepaid postage.</p> <p><b>To your clerk’s office or drop box:</b> You may return your ballot to your clerk’s office or a secure drop box in your jurisdiction.</p> <p><b>To your early voting site or Election Day polling place:</b> You may return your absentee ballot for tabulation at your polling location.</p>	<p>Absentee ballots are available by mail or in person beginning 40 days prior to every election.</p> <p>Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your local clerk or in a drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.</p> <p>To avoid potential mailing delays, request and return your absentee ballot by mail <i>at least</i> 14 days prior to Election Day. Tribal communities experiencing significant mailing delays may consider mailing their completed ballot earlier.</p>
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***Can I track my ballot status?***

Voters can track the status of their application and absentee ballot at Michigan.gov/Vote, and can sign up for email updates. Voters may also contact their local clerk’s office with questions.

***Can I return another person’s ballot?***

Individuals legally allowed to return a voter’s ballot include the voter, a member of their immediate family, a person residing in their household, a mail carrier, or an authorized election official.

**Vote early in person**

Michigan voters have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an early voting site before Election Day.

- **When to vote early:** The early voting period takes place for a minimum of nine days, ending the Sunday before an election.
- **Where to vote early:** Voters can visit an early voting site in their area to cast a ballot in person during the early voting period. Voters can look up their assigned early voting site(s) up to 60 days prior to Election Day at Michigan.gov/Vote.

*Some cities, townships, and counties may partner to provide a shared early voting site.*

- **Early voting requirements:** You must be a registered voter in Michigan to vote early in person. Voters with criminal records who are not currently serving a sentence are permitted to vote. Voters will be asked for a photo ID. A valid photo tribal ID will satisfy this requirement. If you don't have one, you can sign a simple form called an affidavit and then you can still vote.

### Vote at a polling place on Election Day

- **Find your polling place:** Voters can look up their assigned polling place online at Michigan.gov/Vote or may contact their local clerk's office.
- **Election Day voting requirements:** You must be a registered voter in Michigan to vote on Election Day. Voters with criminal records who are not currently serving a sentence are permitted to vote. Voters will be asked for a photo ID. A valid photo tribal ID will satisfy this requirement. If you don't have one, you can sign a simple form called an affidavit and then you can still vote.

### Dates and deadlines for the Nov. 5, 2024 Presidential Election

- **Oct. 21** is the last day to register to vote online or by mail.
- **Oct. 26 through Nov. 3** is the statewide early in-person voting period.
- **Nov. 4 at 4 p.m.** is the deadline to request an absentee ballot in person at your local clerk's office.
- **Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.** is the deadline to:
  - ✓ Register to vote in person at your local clerk's office.
  - ✓ Get in line to vote at your polling place.
  - ✓ Return your completed absentee ballot to your local clerk's office or ballot drop box.

### Voting with a tribal ID

When arriving at a voting location to cast a ballot, you will be asked for a photo ID. A valid tribal photo ID satisfies this requirement. However, a photo ID is not required to vote in

Michigan. If you do not have a photo ID, you may sign an affidavit and will be issued a ballot as usual.

### Voter protection

If you encounter issues when voting, are turned away, or if you experience or witness voter intimidation, contact the voter protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE / (866) 687-8683 for assistance in English, or 888-VE-Y-VOTA / (888) 839-8682 for assistance in Spanish.