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Know Your Voting Rights

Everything you need to know to
successfully cast your ballot, and know
your ballot is counted

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The Trend is Clear: Less Access, More Hurdles

Over the last 16 years Ohio voters have lost:

“Golden Week”

Supplemental voter ID options

19 Days of the overall voting window

Over 16,000 poll workers

Over 1,500 local polling locations

6 days to cure provisional ballots

Voter Registration Eligibility and Deadline

Ohio's Voter Registration Deadline is Monday, October 5th.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1.) A US citizen
- 2.) An Ohio resident for 30 days preceding the election
- 3.) 18 years old by Election Day
- 4.) Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- 5.) Not judge incompetent by a local Probate Court

Voter ID

In Ohio – what ID you possess directly impacts how you should plan to vote.



Voter ID



In-Person (early and ED)

- Drivers License
- State ID
- Interim ID Issued by BMV
- Passport
- Federal or state issued military ID



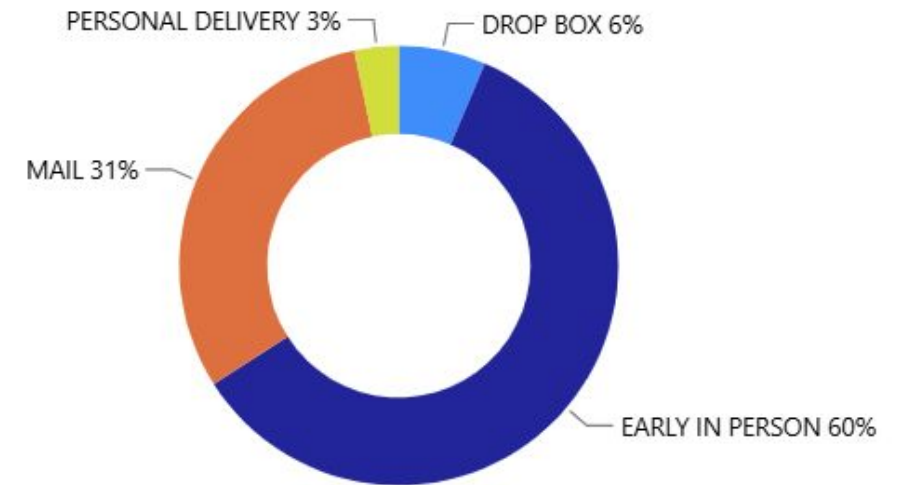
By Mail (x2)

- Name
- DOB
- Address
- Drivers license number OR Last 4 SSN
- Signature

Absentee Voting (2024 snapshot)

- Nearly 1 million Ohioans cast their ballot by mail
 - 805K by voters age 65+
- 2,262,514 total absentee votes cast
- Nearly 40% of all votes were cast early
- No substantiated evidence of increased voter fraud

Ballot Return Method



Absentee Voting



Step 1. Confirm Voter Registration Status

Recent law changes prohibit voters with mismatches between their voter registration file and other government databases (BMV/SSA) from voting by mail.



Step 2. Request your Ballot now

You can currently request your ballot now, and your ballot will be in the first wave mailed out after the voter registration deadline.



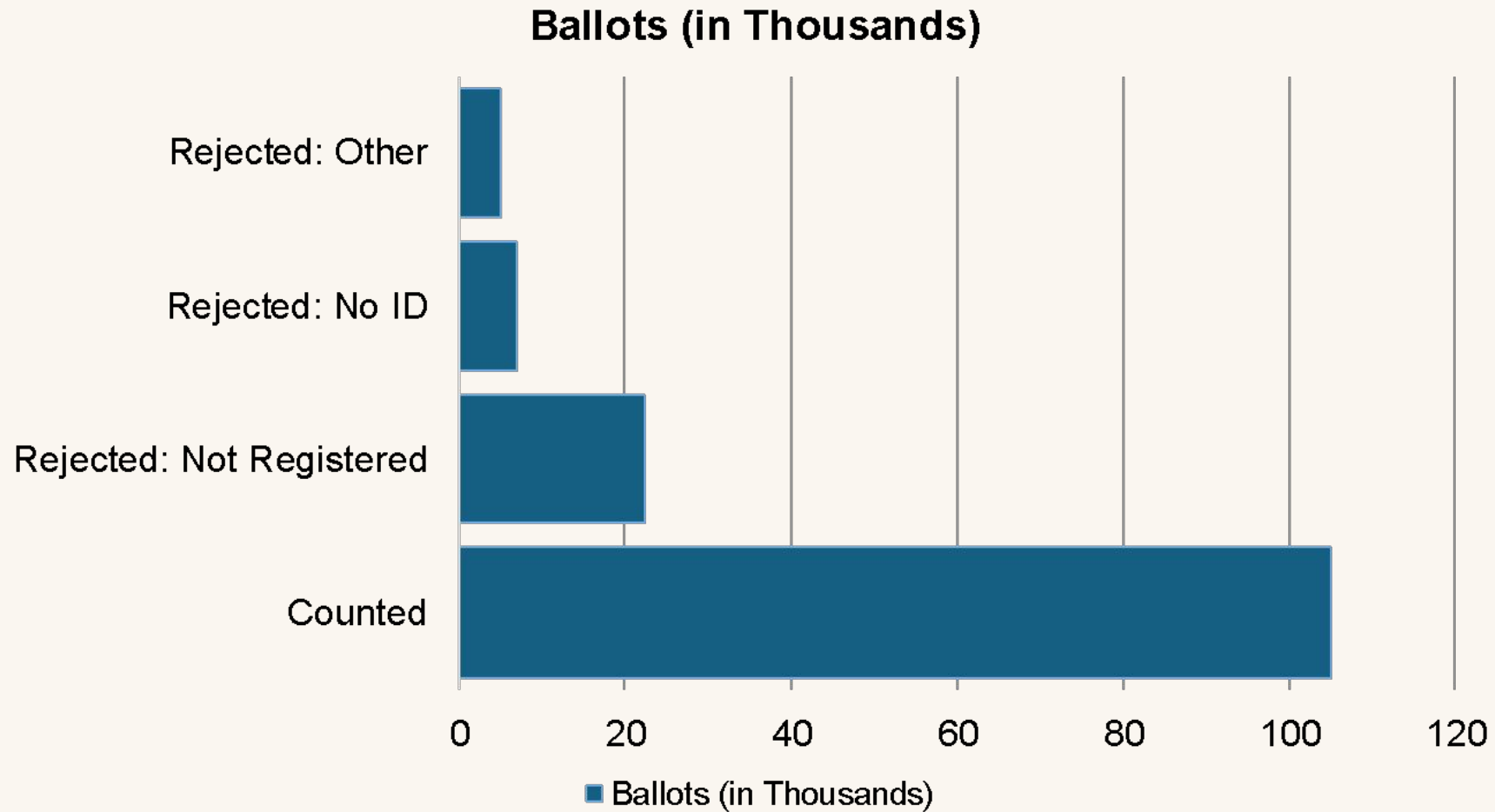
Step. 3 Track Your Ballot

The Secretary of State's office allows you to track your ballot through the mail.

What is a provisional ballot?

A **provisional ballot** is used when a voter's eligibility cannot be immediately verified on Election Day. The ballot is the same as a regular ballot but is held **provisionally** until election officials confirm your eligibility.

Provisional Ballots 2024



Provisional Voting: Tips and Recommendations

1.) **Check you Voter Registration!**

Provisional Ballots are a great safety valve – but if we can avoid voting provisionally, we want to

2.) **Voting provisionally doesn't mean you've done anything illegal or wrong**

Federal law allows anyone who enters a polling place to cast a provisional ballot

3.) **Do not leave the polling location without voting!**

If there are questions about your eligibility vote a provisional ballot before leaving

4.) **You aren't done when you leave the voting booth!**

You must return to your county Board of Elections within four days after election day to “cure” your ballot.

Recent election Law Changes

SB 293: Voter Registration, Mail In Ballots, Voter Challenges

Law requires constant review of voter registration records and **“flagging” voters with mismatched data**

Public records indicate voters most affected by these changes are **voters with punctuation marks in their name**

Mail-in ballots now must be received by your Board of Elections by **7:30pm on Election Day**

Voters with a “non-citizen” designation on their DL **will be challenged** at the polls

THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS

MONDAY, 10/5!

REGISTER NOW @

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Unique Threats We Face in 2026

Trump Administration Mail Ballot Executive Order

- The TL;DR – Nothing has changed with our mail ballot rules or process due to this EO
- BUT that could change at any time
- SCOTUS is currently reviewing an appeal to allow the new mail ballot rule to take effect
- We are waiting to hear the decision from the Supreme Court

DHS/ICE/National Guard at the Polls

- First off, how crazy is it that this is even a thing??
- DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin has not ruled out sending ICE agents to polling locations
- Dept. of Justice is sending 1,000 observers to polling sites across the country

Get Involved: Election Protection

Ways to Fight Back and Get Involved

Volunteer for Election Protection!!

- Poll Monitoring
- Social Media Ambassador
- BOE Teams
- Command Center Volunteer

Attend the ACLU OH's Power and Purpose Training

Mason – 9/26

Cleveland – 10/17

Voting Problems? Call or Text:

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