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Mail Ballot Deadlines, 2014-2024

Table 1 tracks the mail ballot deadlines across six election cycles from 2014 to 2024. The sources for the data were NASS (2014-2016) and the EAVS Policy Survey (2018-2024). The EAVS did not ask states for mail ballot return deadlines before 2018. Thirty-six states and territories (64%) saw no change in their mail ballot return/received by deadlines between 2014-2024. The remaining 20 states, territories, and the District of Columbia (36%) saw at least one change in their deadlines across the same period. **This resource does not include Uniformed and Overseas Civilian Act Voter (UOCAVA) deadlines, which are often beyond Election Day.**

Table 2 highlights the 20 states, territories, and federal district, that saw changes over time. Ten states (50%) changed their dates for the first time in 2020, and three states (15%) changed their dates for the first time in 2016 and 2022, respectively. Two states changed their dates for the first time in 2014 (10%) and one state in 2018 and 2024, respectively (5%). Overall, the 20 states changed their dates by an average of two times between 2014-2024.

Table 1: Mail Ballot Return Deadlines, 2014-2024

State	2014: (Election Day Nov 4)	2016: (Election Day Nov 8)	2018: (Election Day Nov 6)	2020: (Election Day Nov 3)	2022: (Election Day Nov 8)	2024: (Election Day Nov 5)	New deadline as of 5/2026
Alabama	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 4	Ballot must be delivered in person by 11/7 or	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day;	Postmarked by 1 day before Election	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A

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		postmarked by 11/7 and received by 11/8.	Received by Election Day	Day; Received by Election Day			
Alaska	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 14	Deadline to return an electronic transmission ballot is 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than 11/8 and received by 11/18.	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/15	N/A
Arizona	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Arkansas	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day, Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
California	Nov 4	Absentee ballot delivered in person must	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 17	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt	N/A

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		be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than 11/8 and received by 11/11.	days after Election Day	days after Election Day	calendar days after Election Day	deadline: 11/12	
Colorado	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Connecticut	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Delaware	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
District of Columbia	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 14	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt	N/A

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				days after Election Day	days after Election Day	deadline: 11/15	
Florida	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Georgia	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Hawaii	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Idaho	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Illinois	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 18	Ballot must be postmarked by 11/8 or have certification date prior to	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/19	N/A

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		11/8 and be received by 11/22.					
Indiana	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Iowa	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 10	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/7. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked before 11/8 and received by 11/4.	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received 6 days after Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Kansas	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 business days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/8	11/3
Kentucky	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked 1 day before Election	Postmarked by Election Day;	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A

State	2014: (Election Day Nov 4)	2016: (Election Day Nov 8)	2018: (Election Day Nov 6)	2020: (Election Day Nov 3)	2022: (Election Day Nov 8)	2024: (Election Day Nov 5)	New deadline as of 5/2026
			Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day			
Louisiana	Nov 3	11/7	Received 1 day before Election Day	Received by 1 day before Election Day	Received 1 day before Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/4	N/A
Maine	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Maryland	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received Nov 14	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked by 11/8 and received no later than 11/18.	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/15	N/A
Massachusetts	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/8	N/A

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Michigan	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Minnesota	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Mississippi	Nov 3	Deadline to receive absentee ballots is 11/7. Mail absentee ballots received on 11/8 will be counted for Presidential race only.	Postmarked 30 days before Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 5 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 5 business days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/12	N/A
Missouri	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Montana	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A

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Nebraska	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Nevada	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 4 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/9	N/A
New Hampshire	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
New Jersey	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 6 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/11	N/A
New Mexico	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
New York	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 11	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/12	N/A

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		ballot must be postmarked by 11/7 and received no later than 11/15.					
North Carolina	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 7	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballot must be postmarked by 11/8 and received no later than 11/11.	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 9 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 business days after Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
North Dakota	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by county canvass	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/7. Mail absentee ballots must be	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 6 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received by 6 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received 13 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/4; Receipt deadline: 11/17	11/3

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		postmarked no later than 11/7 and received by county canvass (11/14).					
Ohio	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 14	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked by 11/7. and received by 11/18.	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received by 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 10 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/4; Receipt deadline: 11/9	11/3
Oklahoma	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Oregon	Nov 4	N/A (all mail)	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 calendar days	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/12	N/A

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					after Election Day		
Pennsylvania	Received by Oct 31	11/4	Received 4 days before Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Rhode Island	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by 7 calendar days after Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
South Carolina	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
South Dakota	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Tennessee	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Texas	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 1 day after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 1 day after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 1 business day after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/6	N/A

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Utah	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by canvass	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballot must be postmarked by 11/7 and received by canvass (11/22).	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received 13 days after Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received 13 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/4; Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Vermont	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Virginia	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/8	N/A
Washington	Postmarked by Nov 4	N/A (all mail)	Postmarked by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 20 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 20 calendar	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/26	N/A

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					days after Election Day		
West Virginia	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 10	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/7. Mail absentee ballot must be postmarked by 11/8 and received by canvass (11/14).	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 5 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 6 calendar days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/12	N/A
Wisconsin	Nov 4	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8 Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked by 11/8 and received by 11/11.	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A

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Wyoming	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
American Samoa	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A
Guam	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 business days after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 11/20	N/A
Puerto Rico	-	-	Postmarked 30 days before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt deadline: 12/30	
U.S. Virgin Islands	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10	Received 10 calendars after Election Day	Postmark deadline: 11/5; Receipt	N/A

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			days after Election Day	days after Election Day		deadline: 11/15	
Northern Mariana Islands	-	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Received by Election Day	Receipt deadline: 11/5	N/A

Table 2

State	Years when Mail Ballot Received by Date Changed
California	Received by date changed in 2016, 2020, and 2022
District of Columbia	Received by date changed in 2016, 2020, 2022, and 2024
Iowa	Received by date changed in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022
Kansas	Received by date changed in 2026
Massachusetts	Received by date changed in 2020
Mississippi	Received by date changed in 2020
Nevada	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022
New Jersey	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022
North Carolina	Received by date changed in 2020, 2022, and 2024
North Dakota	Received by date changed in 2022 and 2026
Ohio	Received by date changed in 2026
Oregon	Received by date changed in 2022
Pennsylvania	Received by date changed in 2020
Rhode Island	Received by date changed in 2022 and 2024
Texas	Received by date changed in 2018

Utah	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2024
Virginia	Received by date changed in 2020
Washington	Received by date change in 2024
West Virginia	Received by date changed in 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024
Wisconsin	Received by date changed in 2016 and 2018
Puerto Rico	Received by date changed in 2020
Northern Mariana Islands	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022