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Early Voting in State Elections

32 states plus the District of Columbia permit any voter to cast a ballot in person before Election Day. No excuse or justification is required.

State	Early Voting Begins	Early Voting Ends	Locations	Hours and Days
Alaska AS §15.20.064, 15.20.045 and 6 AAC 25.500	15 days before election	Day of election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elections supervisors' offices• Other locations as designated by election director	Varies by location
Arizona ARS §16-541, 16-542	26 days before election	Friday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recorder's office• Any other locations in the county the recorder deems necessary	Not specified.
Arkansas AR Code §7-5-418	15 days before election	5pm Monday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offices of county clerk• Other locations as determined by county board of election commissioners	Not specified.
California Elec. Code §3001, 3018	29 days before election	Day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County election officials' offices• Satellite locations as determined by county election officials	Varies from county to county
Colorado CRS §1-8-202	10 days before a primary or special election 15 days before a general election	Friday before election	Each county clerk & recorder must establish at least one location, which must be accessible to voters with disabilities and must have online computer accessibility	Regular business hours (may be increased by county board of commissioners)

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District of Columbia	15 days before election	Saturday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Chambers • One satellite location in each ward 	8:30am – 7:00pm Sunday excluded
Florida^b Fla. Stat. §101.657	10 days before election May be offered 11 to 15 days before an election that contains state and federal races, at the discretion of the elections supervisor	3 days before election May end 2 days before an election that contains state and federal races, at the discretion of the elections supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main or branch offices of elections supervisors • Other sites designated by the elections supervisor (locations must provide all voters in that area with equal opportunity to vote) 	No less than 8 or more than 12 hours per day
Georgia GA Code §21-2-380 and 21-2-385(d)	4 th Monday prior to a primary or election; as soon as possible prior to a runoff	Friday immediately prior to a primary, election or runoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of registrars' offices • Other sites as designated by boards of registrars (must be a government building generally accessible to the public) 	Normal business hours on weekdays 9am-4pm on the 2 nd Saturday prior to primary, election or runoff Election officials may provide for early voting beyond regular business hours
Hawaii HRS §15-7	10 working days before election	Saturday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks' offices • Other sites designated by clerks 	Saturdays during the early voting period
Idaho ID Code §34-1006 and 34-1002	21 days before election	5pm, Friday before election	Determined by county clerk	Not specified.
Illinois 10 ILCS 5/19A-5	15 th day preceding election	3 rd day preceding election	Established by election authority, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal clerk's office • Township clerk's office • Road district clerk's office • County or local public agency office 	8:30-4:30 or 9:00-5:00 on weekdays 9:00-noon on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays Permanent early voting locations must stay open at least 8 hours on any holiday and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during the period.

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Indiana Ind. Code §3-11-4-1 and 3-11-10-26	29 days before election	Noon, day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of circuit court clerk County election board may adopt a resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to establish satellite offices for early voting 	Not specified
Iowa IA Code §53.10 and 53.11(b)	40 days before election	5pm, day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners' offices Satellite locations may be established by commissioner Satellite location must be established upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 100 eligible electors requesting a specific location 	A satellite station established by petition must be open at least one day for a minimum of six hours
Kansas KSA §25-1119, 25-1122a, 25-1123	20 days before election OR Tuesday before election (varies by county)	Noon, day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices of county election officers County election officers may designate satellite locations 	Not specified
Louisiana LRS 18:1303 and 1309	14 days before election	7 days before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrars' offices Registrar may provide alternate location in the courthouse or a public building in the immediate vicinity thereof One branch office of the registrar, as long as it is in a public building 	8:30am – 6:00pm, Monday through Saturday Holidays excluded
Maine^a Title 21-A §753B(2) and 753-B(8)	As soon as absentee ballots are available (30-45 days before election)	Day of election	County clerks' offices	During regular business hours on days when clerks' offices are open

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Maryland Election Law §10-301.1	Second Saturday before election	Thursday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established by State Board of Elections in collaboration with local boards Number required depends on county population and ranges from one to five per county 	8:00am – 8:00pm in a Presidential Election 10:00am – 8:00pm on weekdays and Saturday in all other elections Noon – 6:00pm on Sunday
Montana M.C.A. §13-13-205	30 days before election	Day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Not specified.
Nebraska N.R.S. §32-808 N.R.S. §32-938, 32-942	35 days before election	Day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County clerk or election commissioners' offices 	Not specified.
Nevada N.R.S. §293.356	3 rd Saturday preceding election	Friday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent places for early voting as designated by county clerk Branch polling places for early voting as designated by county clerk 	8am-6pm, Monday thru Friday of the first and second weeks Clerk may conduct early voting until 8pm during the second week At least four hours between 10am and 6pm on any Saturday that falls during the period Sundays and holidays are excepted, but a clerk may include them as early voting days.

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New Mexico N.M.S.A. §1-6-5(G)	3 rd Saturday before election	Saturday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks' offices and: • Class A counties with more than 200,000 registered voters: clerk must establish at least 12 alternate locations • Class A counties with 200,000 or fewer registered voters: clerk must establish at least 4 alternate locations • Non-class A counties with more than 10,000 registered voters: clerk must establish at least one alternate location • Non-class A counties with 10,000 or fewer registered voters: clerk's office and alternate locations as designated by clerk 	Hours are set by the clerk, and must begin no earlier than 7am and end no later than 9pm Each alternate location must be open for at least 8 consecutive hours on each day of early voting, and may be closed on Sundays and Mondays
North Carolina NCGS §163-227.2 (as amended in 2013 by HB 589)	2nd Thursday before election	1 pm on last Saturday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of county board of elections • The board can choose to offer satellite "one-stop voting" sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties will provide the same number of cumulative hours as previously
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North Dakota NDCC §16.1-07-15	Fifteen days before election	Day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the discretion of county auditor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county auditor chooses and publishes the hours
Ohio^b ORC §3509.02(B)	35 days before election	6pm Monday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main office of board of elections • Board may conduct voting at a branch office only under 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am-6pm on Friday and Monday • 8am-noon on Saturday • Not available on Sunday

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Oklahoma §26-14-115.4	Friday preceding an election	6 pm on day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a location designated by the county election board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am-6pm on Friday and Monday 8-1 on Saturday
South Dakota S.D.C.L. §12-19-2.1	45 days before election	3pm on election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of the person in charge of elections 	Regular office hours
Tennessee Tenn. Code §2-6-102(a)(1)	20 days before election	7 days before election	County election commission office	<p>Offices must be open a minimum of three consecutive hours on weekdays and Saturdays between 8:00am and 6:00pm during the early voting period</p> <p>On at least three days, offices must be open between 4:30pm and 7:00pm, and on at least one Saturday from 8:00am to 4:00pm</p>
Texas Tex. Elec. Code §85.001and 85.002	17 days before election	4 days prior to election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a room in the offices of the county clerk, or elsewhere as determined by the clerk Each county has one main early voting center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During business hours on weekdays unless Fewer than 1,000 voters, in which case 3 hours per day, or More than 100,000 voters, in which case 12 hours per day during the last week

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Utah Utah Code §20A-3-601	14 days before election	Friday before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In government offices as determined by election officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 4 days per week, and on the last day of the EV period
Vermont Tit. 17, §2531 thru 2537	45 days before election	5pm day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices of town clerks Clerks may make “mobile polling stations” available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
West Virginia W.V. Code §3-3-3 And SB 581	13 days before the election	3 days before the election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courthouse or the annex next to the courthouse County commission may designate additional areas, subject to requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State 	Must be open 9-5 on Saturdays through EV period
Wisconsin Wis. Code §6.86(1)(b)	3 rd Monday preceding the election	5pm or close of business (whichever is later) on the Friday preceding the election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Not specified.
Wyoming Wyo. Stat. §22-9-105 and 125	40 days before	Day before election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County clerks’ offices Courthouse or other public building 	Must be open regular hours on normal business days

- (a) May be excluded from some lists of states offering early voting. Rather than true early voting, voters are simply permitted to cast an absentee ballot in person at a clerk’s office.
- (b) The early voting period is currently being contested in court. The dates shown here reflect the latest changes as ordered by courts, but are subject to change as the cases make their way through the appeals process.