

Cast with Confidence

What Michigan voters should know in 2026

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Your 2026 voter checklist

Check your voter registration status

Choose how to turn in your ballot

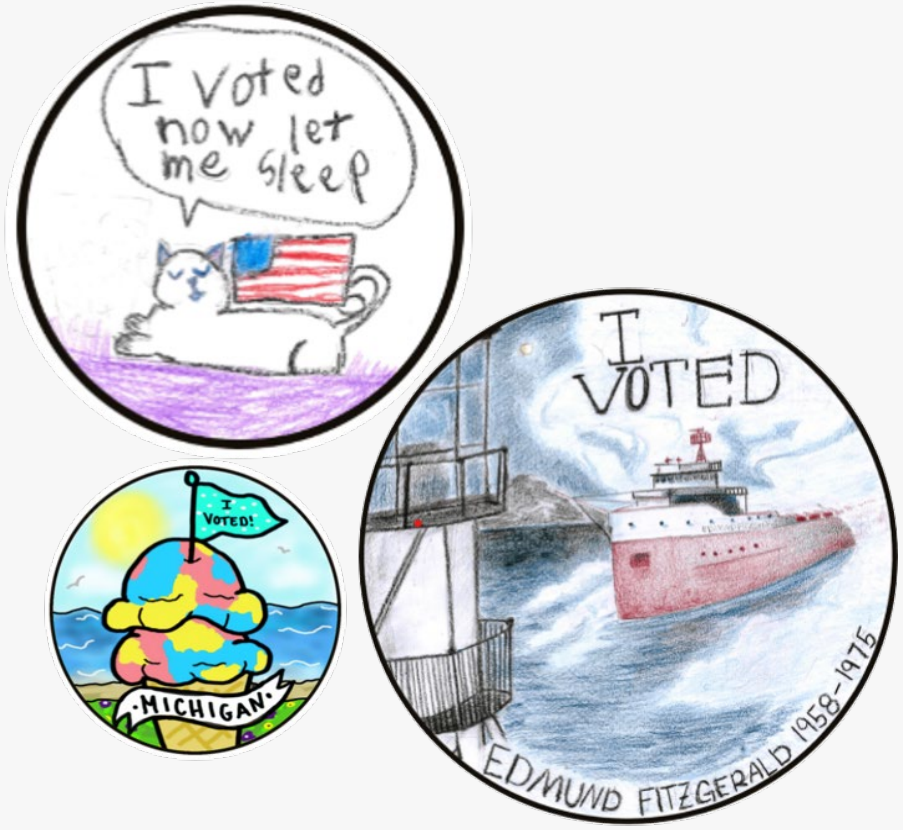
- vote early in person,
- vote by mail, or
- vote on Election Day

Review your ballot

Visit mi.gov/vote to:

- check your registration status
- find your polling place
- review a sample ballot

Vote



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2026 November General Election dates

Monday, Oct. 19: Last day to register to vote online at **mi.gov/vote**

Saturday, Oct. 24: First day of statewide early, in-person voting

Friday, Oct. 30 @ 5 p.m.: Deadline to request a mail ballot

Sunday, Nov. 1: Last day of statewide early voting

Monday, Nov. 2 @ 4 p.m.: Last day to request a mail ballot in person at local clerk's office

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Election Day. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Get in line to vote at a polling place
- Return your mail ballot
- Register to vote in person at your local clerk's office

Nothing changes but the stickers

Cut through the noise

- Options for voting has not changed for Michigan's Elections.
- Mail voting **is available** for the 2026 Elections.
  - Voters can track their ballot online at **mi.gov/vote**
- If you have concerns about going to a polling place this year for any reason, you can vote by mail (absentee voting).



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Drop Boxes are available in every city and township

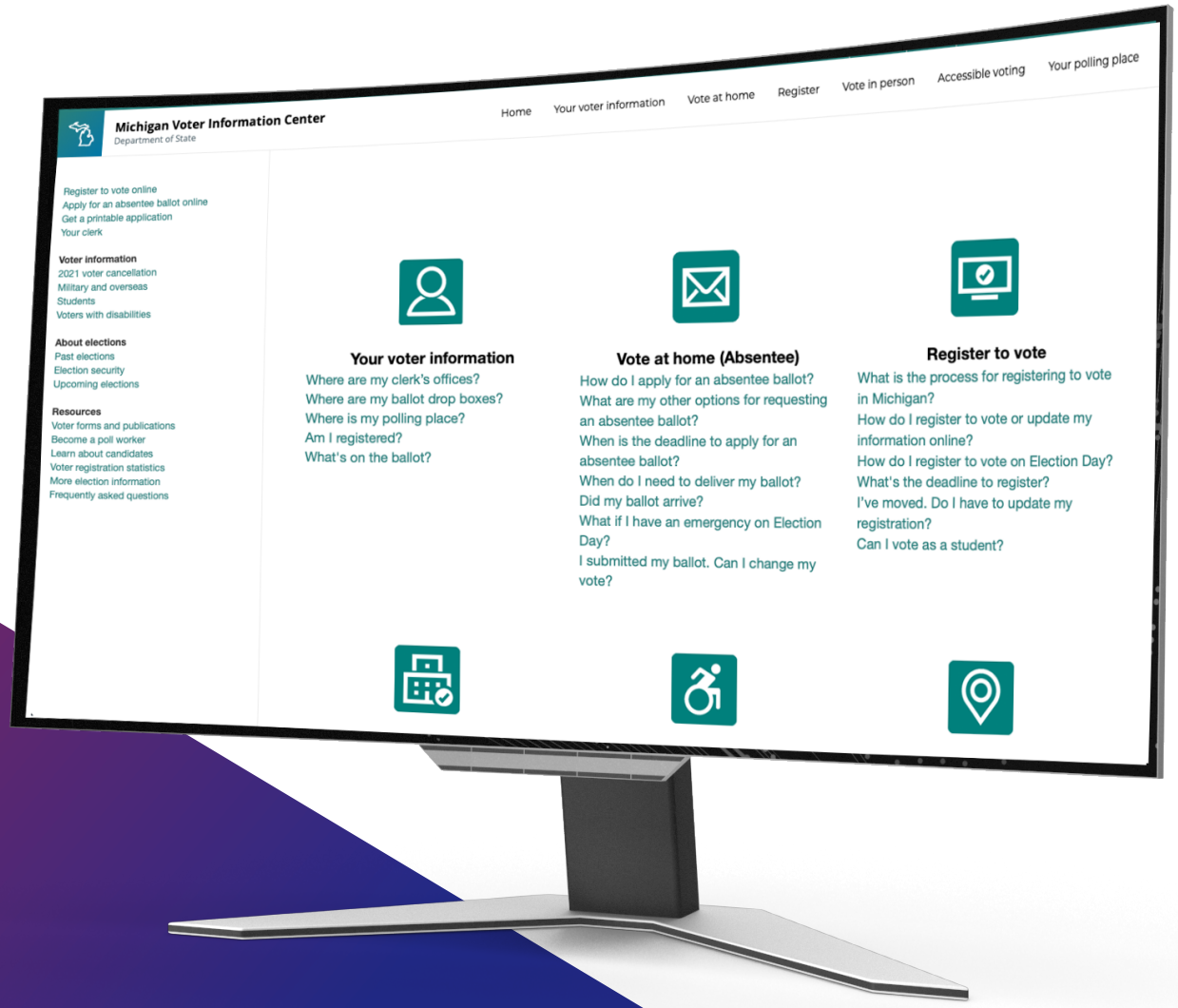
Every community in Michigan has convenient, accessible, and secure ballot drop boxes for voters to return their mail ballots.

Look up your drop box locations at mi.gov/vote.



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Register to vote, update registration, view a sample ballot, and more



Voter registration

To register to vote in Michigan, you must be:

- **a U.S. citizen**
- **a Michigan resident for at least 30 days**
- **at least 17.5 years old***
- **not *currently* serving a sentence in jail or prison**

*Must be 18 years old to vote in an election. Preregistration is available at 16 years of age.

Voter registration

Check your status at mi.gov/vote

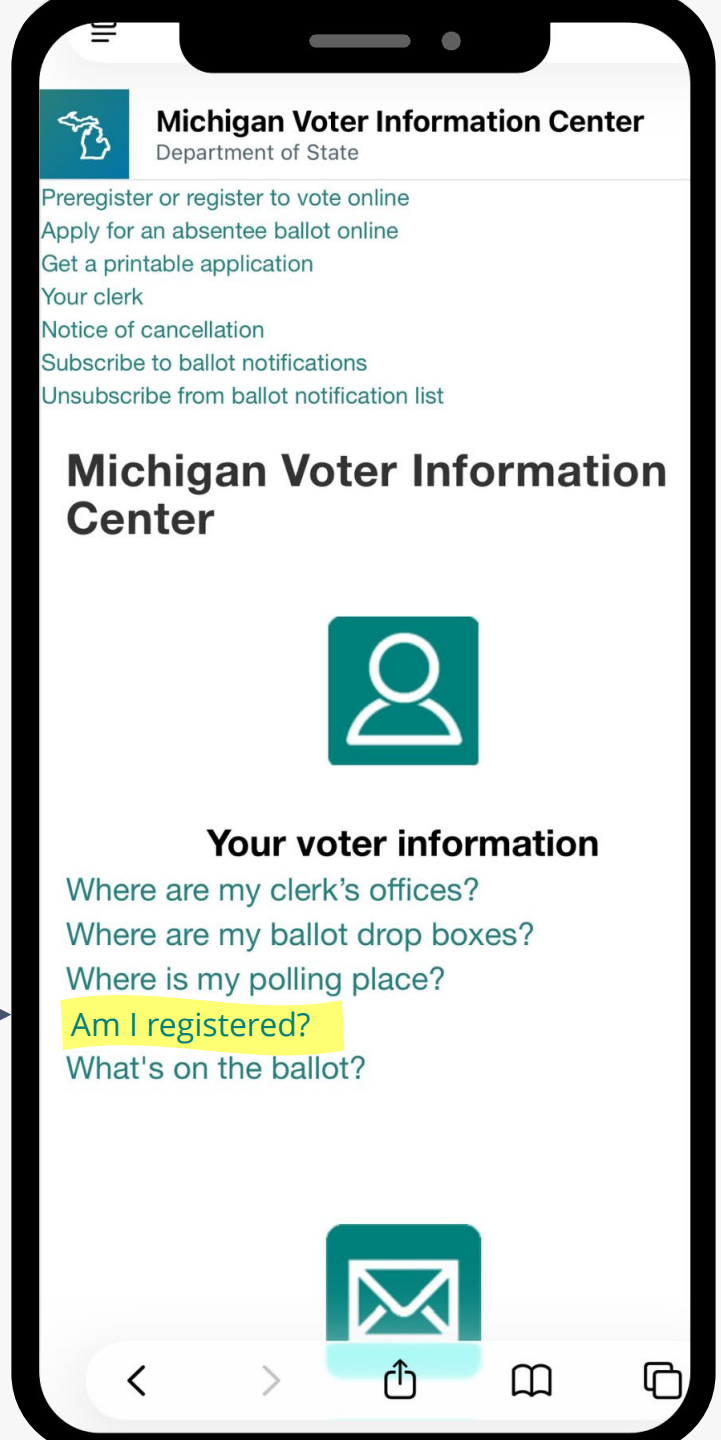
Select *"Am I registered?"*

Why is it important to check?

You may be unaware your status has changed!

Your registration status can change due to:

- SOS branch transactions like receiving a state ID
- updates to your official mailing address
- long stretches of inactive voter history



Dates and deadlines

Online voter registration

15+ days before an election, you can register to vote or update your address online at **mi.gov/vote**.

Online registration deadline:

August Primary: Mon., July 20

November General: Mon., Oct. 19



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Register to vote on Election Day

Unregistered voters can register to vote up to and on Election Day at their local clerk's office with of proof of residency.

Find your local clerk's office at **mi.gov/vote**.

Voter registration deadline: 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Frequently asked questions



Do I need to update my voter registration address if I moved?

Yes. Update your voter registration address by re-registering to vote online at **mi.gov/vote.** This will also update your driver's license address.

Frequently asked questions



If I’m a legal resident in Michigan, but not a U.S. citizen, can I vote?

No. It is illegal for non-U.S. citizens to register to vote, or to vote in elections within the United States.



Voting options

Convenient ways to cast your ballot

STATE OF MICHIGAN
E PLURIBUS UNUM
TUEBOR
SI QUAERIS PENINSULAM AMOENAM
CIRCUMSPICE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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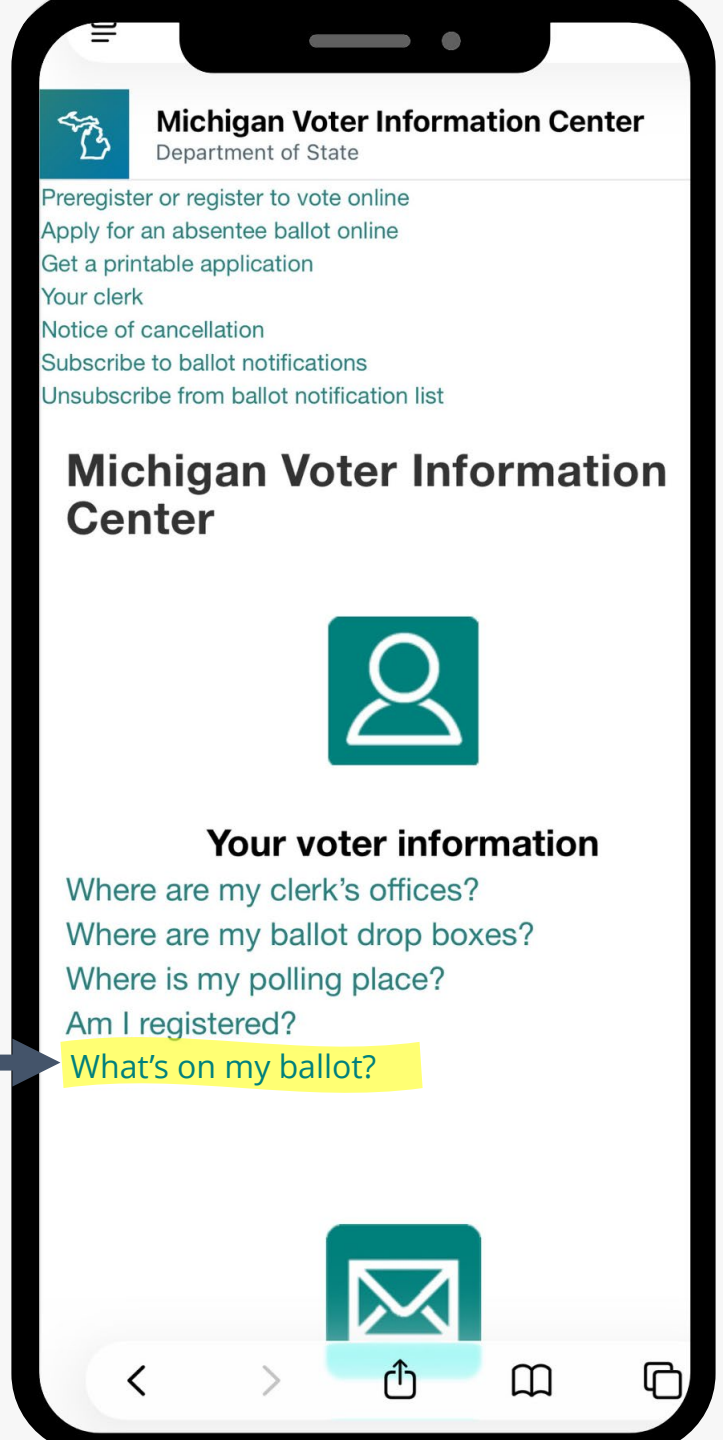
Preview your ballot

Preview a sample ballot at mi.gov/vote

Select *"What's on my ballot?"*

How can I learn more about candidates and ballot issues?

- Use nonpartisan voter guides like vote411.org
- Visit candidate or initiative webpages
- Attend local town halls
- Review your local media resources
- Ask an organization you trust for voter guides or resources



Options for voting



Vote by mail (absentee voting)

Vote at home or at your local clerk's office



Vote early (in person)

Vote before Election Day at an early vote site



Or vote on Election Day (in person)

Visit your polling place on Election Day to vote

Vote by mail

Request a ballot by mail at mi.gov/vote

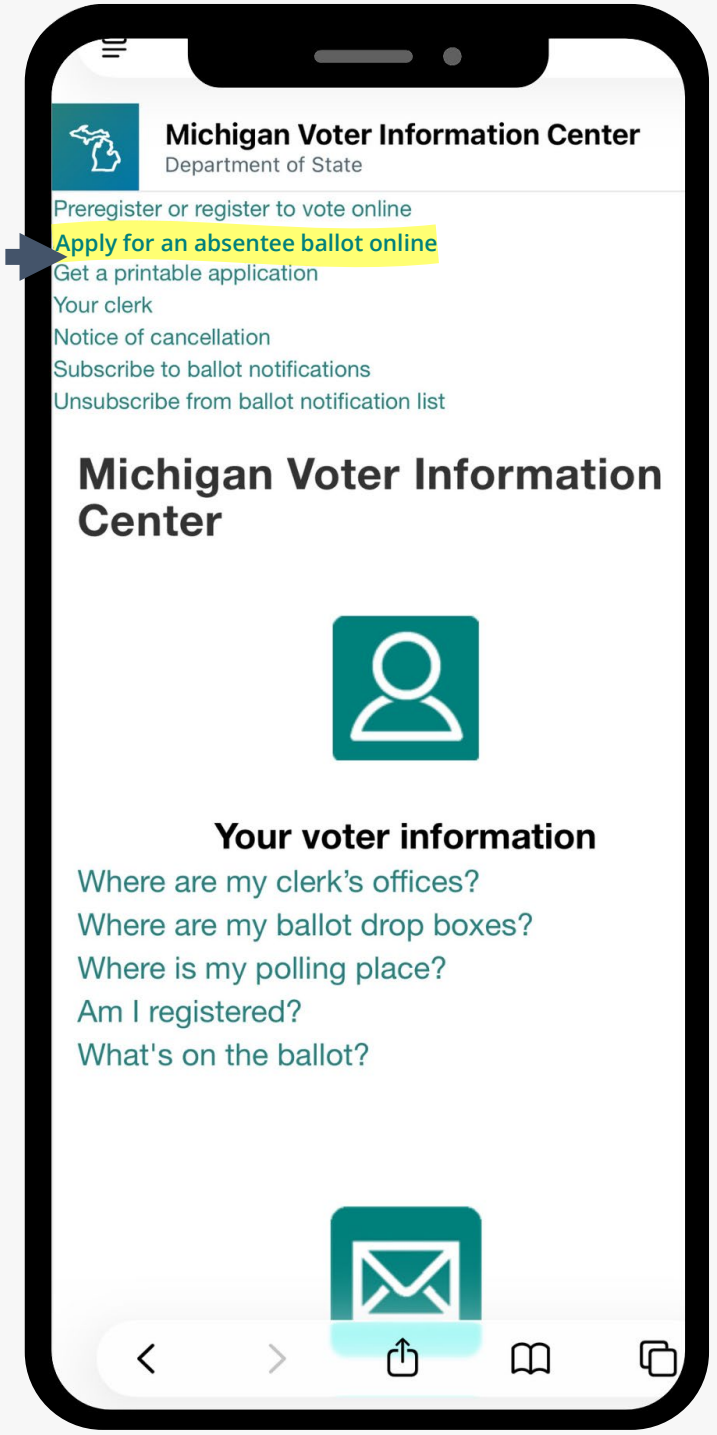
Select "***Apply for an absentee ballot online***".

Receive your ballot

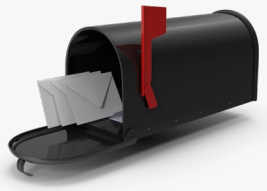
Ballots are mailed up to 40 days before Election Day.

Request an absentee ballot in person

You can also request an absentee ballot in person at your local clerk's office.



Options to return your mail ballot



By mail

Return it by mail using provided return postage.

Deadline: Must be received by your clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.



By drop box

Use your official ballot drop box in your city or township.

Deadline: Must be in the drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day.



By early voting site

Return it in person to your early voting site

Deadline: End of the early voting period.



At your clerk's office

Return it in person to your local clerk.

Deadline: Must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Accessible absentee voting

Accessible ballots allow voters with disabilities to mark the documents on an electronic device, using their own assistive technology, without visiting a polling place or clerk's office.

- **Michigan voters must apply by submitting an Accessible Absentee Ballot Application to their local clerk’s office by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 30.**
  After submitting the form, voters will receive a link to the accessible ballot.

- **A voter must complete the ballot, print it, place it in an envelope, and sign the back of the envelope to return to their local clerk’s office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

Where person who assists resident signs

I assert that:

- I am a United States citizen.
- I am qualified and registered to vote at the address listed.
- I am voting in conformity with state election law.
- I marked my ballot and placed it in this envelopoe without showing it to anyone.
- I am returning my ballot to the clerk's office by delivering it myself or a member of my immediate family or household, or sending it by public postal, express mail, or parcel post service, or other common carrier.

I understand that knowingly making a false statement is a misdemeanor.

Return date and time:

_____

☐Signature verified? Initial:___

☐Rejected? Reason:

_____

Voter, sign here in ink. Power of attorney is not acceptable.

This box must be signed or your vote will not be counted.

Sign Here

✕ _____ _____ *Date*

If someone assists you or helps you mark your ballot, they must sign and identify themselves.

I assisted the voter who is disabled or unable to mark his/her ballot according to his/her directions and without showing it to another person.

Assistant, sign here _____

Print name _____

Print full address _____

A person who assists an absent voter and knowingly makes a false statement is guilty of a felony.

Frequently asked questions

Can I return my completed ballot to any drop box in the state?

NO! You can find your official ballot drop box by visiting mi.gov/vote and selecting "where are my ballot drop boxes?

Frequently asked questions



I don’t know if my absentee ballot was received. What should I do?

Track your ballot online. Visit **mi.gov/vote** to track the status of your ballot or contact your local clerk’s office.

Frequently asked questions



I spilled something on my absentee ballot. What should I do?

Contact your local clerk's office. They can help issue you a new ballot. Find your local clerk at **mi.gov/vote**.

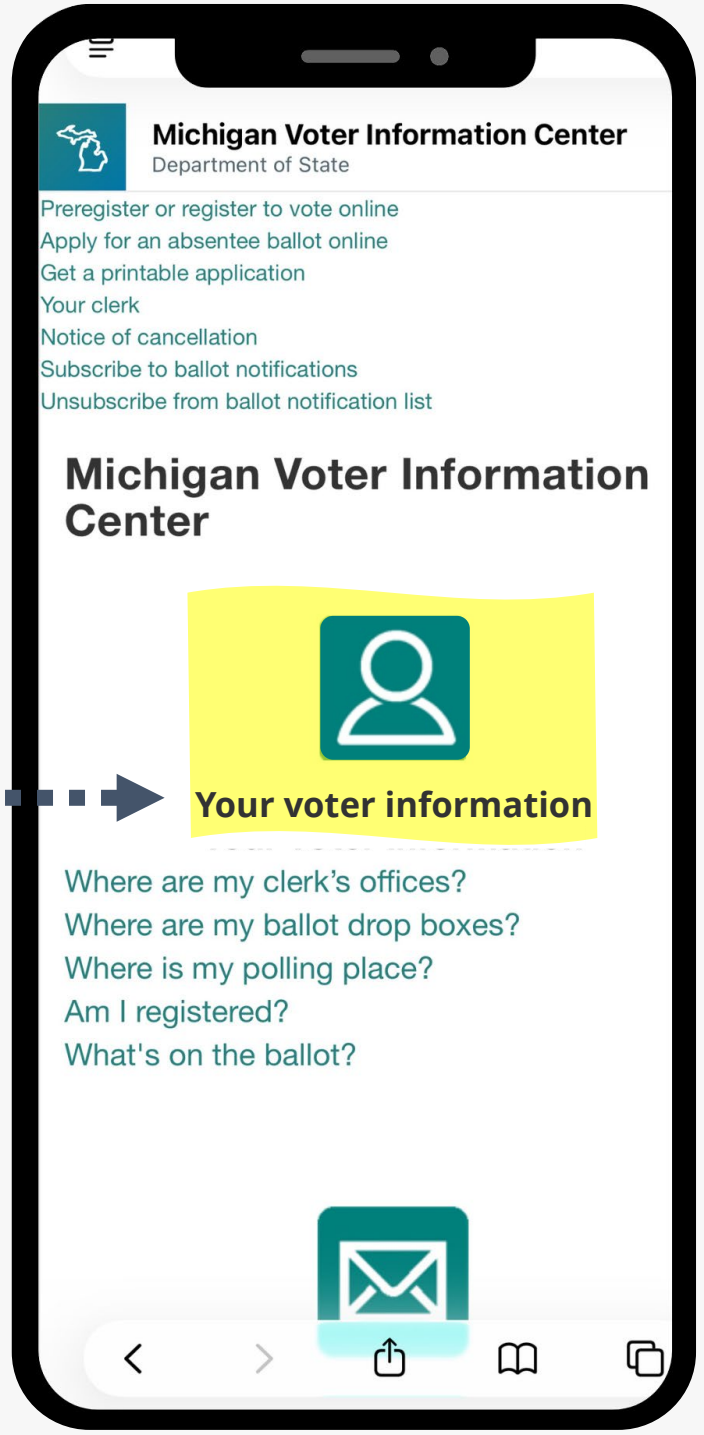
Early in-person voting

Find your early voting site at mi.gov/vote

Select "***Your voter information***"

Statewide early voting period

Takes place for **nine days in a row**, ending the Sunday before Election Day.



Shared early voting sites

Some cities and townships have shared early voting sites.

Voters from different cities and townships could share early voting sites or have more than one to choose from.

Early voting period

Saturday, Oct. 24

through

Sunday, Nov. 1

Early voting site hours can be different depending on where you live.

Early Voting Early Starts

- **East Lansing:** Monday, October 19
- **Ann Arbor:** Wednesday, October 21
- **Grand Rapids:** Wednesday, October 21



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Are my early voting site and polling place locations the same?

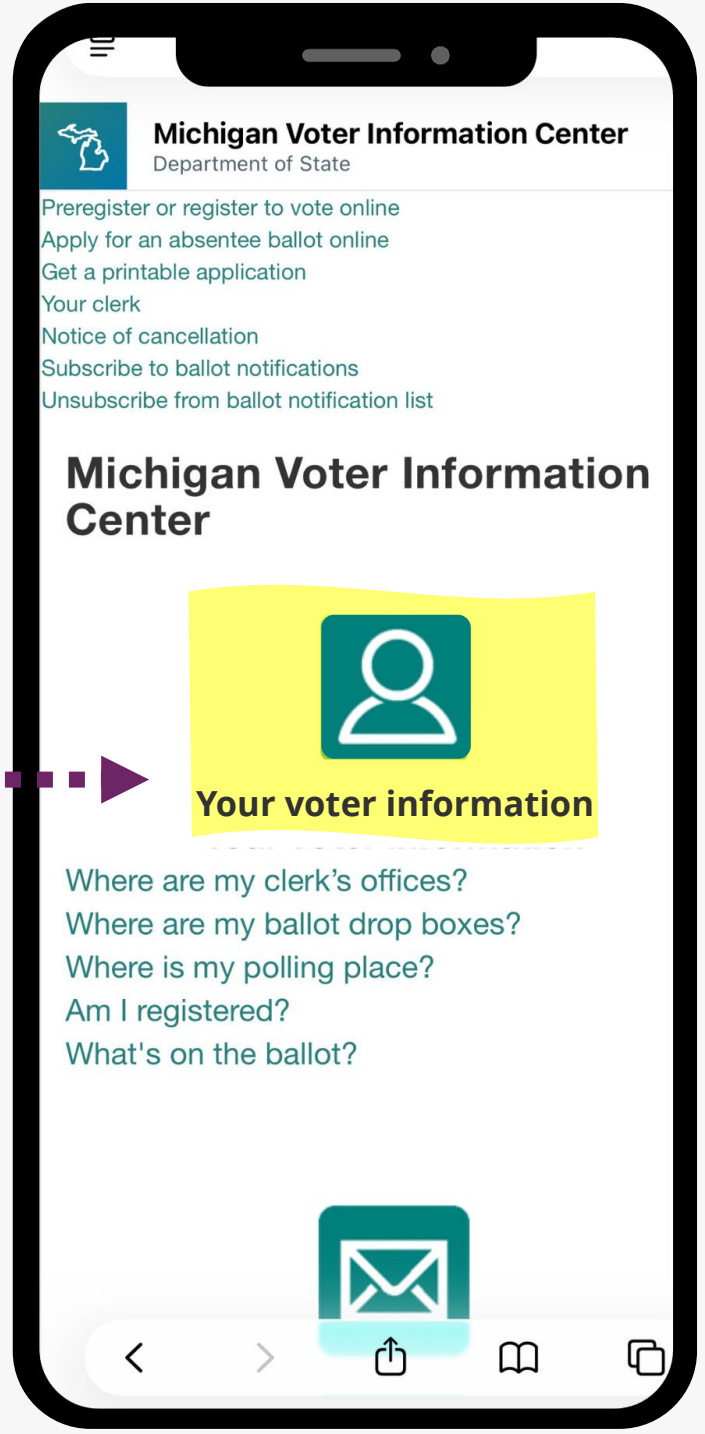
Maybe. Early voting site locations can be in a different place than your polling place location on Election Day. Check your early voting hours and locations at **mi.gov/vote**.

Vote on Election Day

- **Check your voter registration.**
- **Look up your polling place.**
- **Bring a photo ID.**
- **Vote.**

Photo ID is not required to vote

If you don't have a photo ID, you can still vote.
You'll be asked to sign an affidavit to attest your identity at your polling place and then you'll be issued a ballot.



Polling place do's and don'ts

DO

Bring a voting guide

But take it with you when you leave, do NOT leave it at your polling place.

Bring an interpreter

Bring an interpreter to the polls if you need help with translation. They cannot be your employer or an agent or officer of your labor union.

Take selfies out of voting area

Some polling places even set up selfie stations to celebrate Election Day.

DON'T

Bring campaign flyers

Flyers for candidates or ballot questions are not allowed within 100 feet of a polling place.

Wear campaign clothing

Campaign clothing and accessories are not allowed within 100 feet of a polling place (including hats, pins, stickers, etc.)

Take photos in the voting area

Taking pictures of voters is not allowed and could be considered voter intimidation or harassment.

Voter accessibility

Michigan voters have the right:

To accessible polling places
Federal and state laws require accessible polling locations.

To utilize Voter Assist Terminals (VATs)
for assistance casting a ballot.

To vote independently and privately with or without assistance, using a VAT, or with the assistance of a chosen helper.

Voter Assist Terminals

All voters, including voters with disabilities, may use a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) to cast a ballot

- Voter Assist Terminals help you mark a ballot using a touch screen, a controller with buttons, or personal adaptive devices.
- The device will mark and print the ballot with your selections.
- The completed ballot is then fed into a tabulator, which scans and records the votes.

Voting systems can vary from county to county. You can learn which device is used in your county by visiting Michigan.gov/Vote and selecting “Accessible Voting.”

Accessible voting

Curbside voting
On Election Day, you can also send someone into the polling place to request curbside voting on your behalf. Election officials will bring a ballot outside so you can vote.

Assistance casting a ballot
You can bring a person of your choosing with you to assist in casting your ballot.

That person CANNOT:

- Influence your vote
- Be your employer or an agent of your employer
- Be an officer or agent of a labor union

Frequently asked questions



I know where my polling place is. Should I still look it up?

Yes. Polling places can change, so check before you go.

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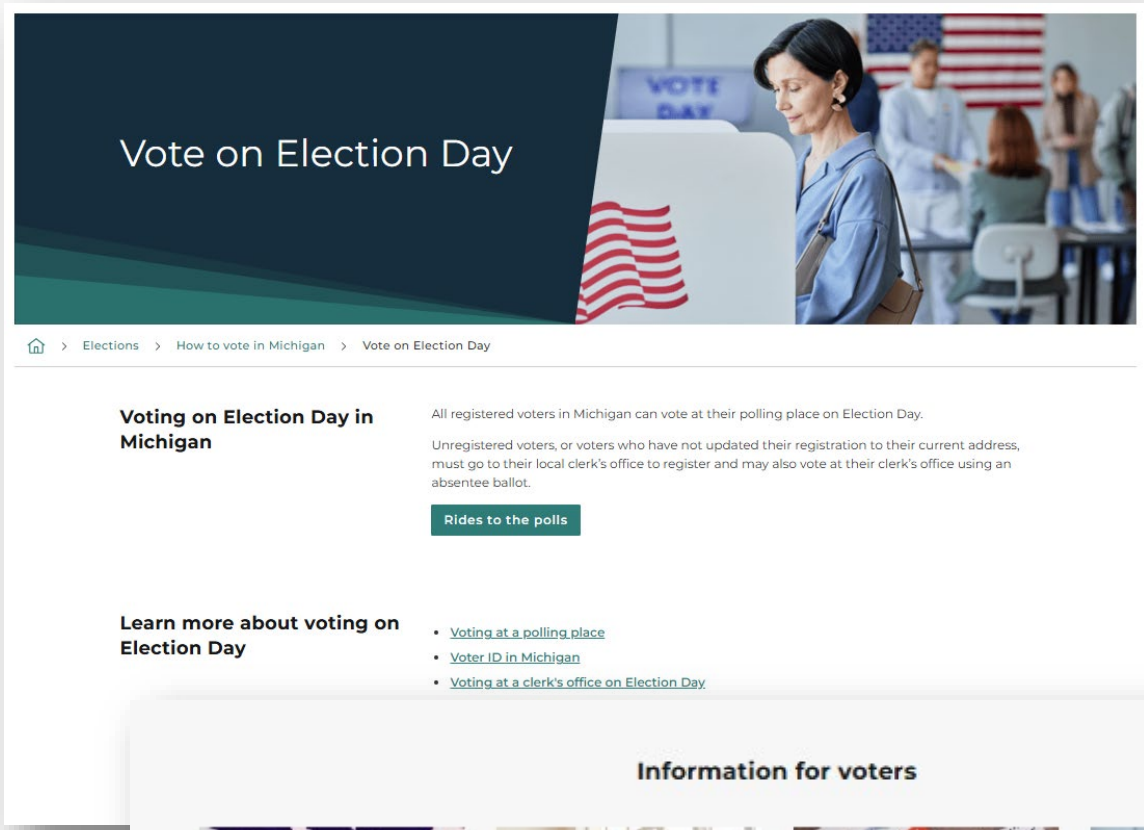
What should I do if I experience or witness voter intimidation?

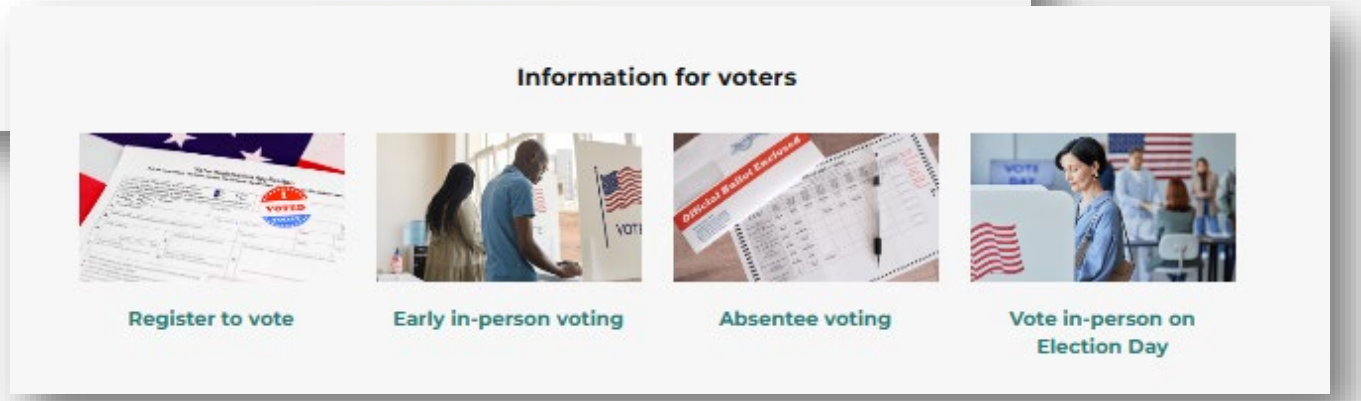
If you experience or witness voter intimidation, tell a poll worker and call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Voter intimidation might look like:

- taking photos or video of voters without permission
- people who aren't poll workers asking voters personal questions
- blocking an entrance to a polling place or early voting site

Information resources





Visit mi.gov/voting

Stay informed

Subscribe for newsletter updates

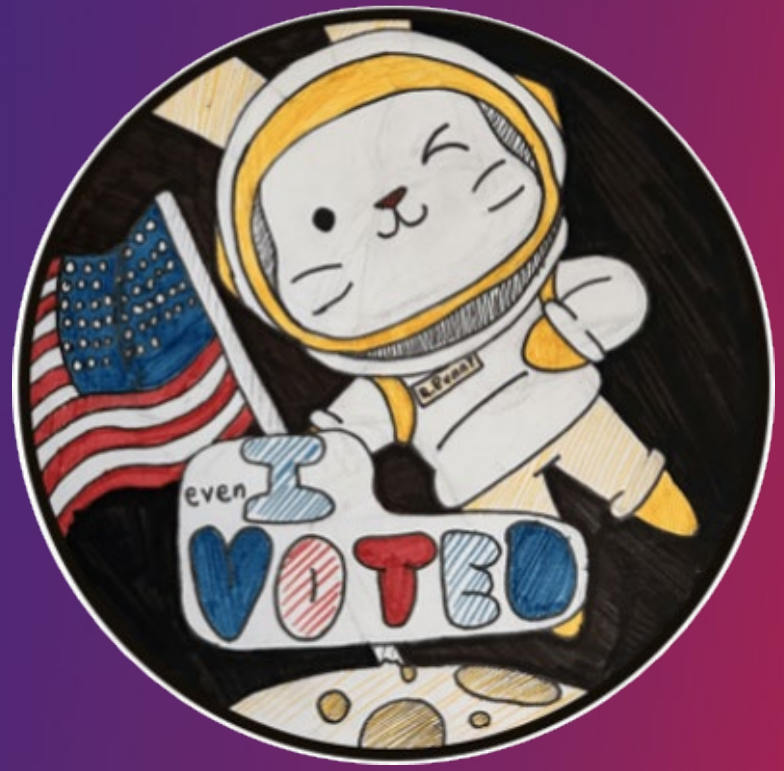
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- Voter education resources
- New election updates
- Help combat misinformation
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