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### Mail Ballot Deadlines, 2012-2022

Table 1 tracks the mail ballot deadlines across six election cycles from 2012 to 2022. The sources for the data were NASS (2012-2016) and the EAVS Policy Survey (2018-2022). The EAVS did not ask states for mail ballot return deadlines before 2018. Thirty-seven states and territories (66%) saw no change in their mail ballot return/received by deadlines between 2012-2022. The remaining 19 states, territories, and the District of Columbia (34%) saw at least one change in their deadlines across the same period.

Table 2 highlights the 19 states, territories, and federal district, that saw changes over time. Ten states (53%) changed their dates for the first time in 2020, and three states (16%) changed their dates for the first time in 2016 and 2022, respectively. Two states changed their dates for the first time in 2014 (11%) and one state in 2018 (5%). Overall, the 19 states changed their dates an average of two times between 2012-2022.

**Table 1: Mail Ballot Return Deadlines, 2012-2022**

State	2012: (Election Day Nov 6)	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)
<b>Alabama</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Noon on Election Day	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 4	Ballot must be delivered in person by 11/7 or postmarked by 11/7 and received by 11/8.	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Alaska</b>	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Nov 16th	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 14	Deadline to return an electronic transmission ballot is 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked	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

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			no later than 11/8 and received by 11/18.			
<b>Arizona</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Arkansas</b>	7:30 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day, Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>California</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than 11/8 and received by 11/11.	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 3 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 17 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 calendar days after Election Day
<b>Colorado</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Connecticut</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>Delaware</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day

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<b>District of Columbia</b>	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Nov 16th	Postmarked by Nov 4; Received by Nov 14	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 days after Election Day
<b>Florida</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Georgia</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Hawaii</b>	6:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Idaho</b>	8:00 PM Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Illinois</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 18	Ballot must be postmarked by 11/8 or have certification date prior to 11/8 and be received by 11/22.	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
<b>Indiana</b>	6:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Iowa</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Noon on Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 10	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/7. Mail absentee ballots must	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

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			be postmarked before 11/8 and received by 11/4.			
<b>Kansas</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>Kentucky</b>	6:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Louisiana</b>	4:30 PM on November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 3	11/7	Received 1 day before Election Day	Received by 1 day before Election Day	Received 1 day before Election Day
<b>Maine</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Maryland</b>	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by 10:00am on Nov 16th	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
<b>Massachusetts</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day;	Postmarked by Election Day;

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					Received 3 days after Election Day	Received 3 calendar days after Election Day
<b>Michigan</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Minnesota</b>	3:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Mississippi</b>	5:00 PM on Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	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
<b>Missouri</b>	7:00 PM Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Montana</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Nebraska</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Nevada</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>New Hampshire</b>	5:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day

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<b>New Jersey</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>New Mexico</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>New York</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by Nov 11	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be received by 11/8. Mail absentee ballot must be postmarked by 11/7 and received no later than 11/15.	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
<b>North Carolina</b>	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by 5:00 PM on Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	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
<b>North Dakota</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by county	Postmarked by Nov 3; Received by county canvass	Absentee ballot delivered in person must be	Postmarked 1 day before Election Day;	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day;	Postmarked by 1 day before Election Day;

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	canvassing meeting		received by 11/7. Mail absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than 11/7 and received by county canvass (11/14).	Received 6 days after Election Day	Received by 6 days after Election Day	Received 13 calendar days after Election Day
<b>Ohio</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Nov 16th	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
<b>Oklahoma</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Oregon</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	N/A (all mail)	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 7 calendar days after Election Day
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Received by November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Received by Oct 31	11/4	Received 4 days before Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Rhode Island</b>	9:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by 7 calendar days after

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						Election Day
<b>South Carolina</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>South Dakota</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Tennessee</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Texas</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>Utah</b>	Postmarked by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Received by Noon on the date of canvass	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
<b>Vermont</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Virginia</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	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



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<b>Washington</b>	Postmarked by Election Day	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 days after Election Day
<b>West Virginia</b>	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	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
<b>Wisconsin</b>	8:00 PM on Election Day	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
<b>Wyoming</b>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Nov 4	11/8	Postmarked by Election Day; Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>American Samoa</b>	-	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day;	Postmarked by Election Day;	Postmarked by Election Day;

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				Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day	Received by Election Day
<b>Guam</b>	-	-	-	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
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	-	-	-	Postmarked 30 days before Election Day; Received by Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day
<b>Virgin Islands</b>	-	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 10 days after Election Day	Received 10 calendars after Election Day
<b>Northern Mariana Islands</b>	-	-	-	-	Postmarked by Election Day; Received 14 days after Election Day	Received by Election Day

**Table 2**

<b>State</b>	<b>Years when Mail Ballot Received by Date Changed</b>
<b>California</b>	Received by date changed in 2016, 2020, and 2022
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Received by date changed in 2016, 2020, and 2022
<b>Iowa</b>	Received by date changed 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>Mississippi</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>Nevada</b>	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022
<b>New Jersey</b>	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022
<b>North Carolina</b>	Received by date changed in 2020 but went back to the previous deadline in 2022
<b>North Dakota</b>	Received by date changed in 2022
<b>Oregon</b>	Received by date changed in 2022
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Received by date changed in 2022
<b>Texas</b>	Received by date changed in 2018
<b>Utah</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>Virginia</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>West Virginia</b>	Received by date changed in 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Received by date changed in 2016 and 2018
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Received by date changed in 2020
<b>Northern Mariana Islands</b>	Received by date changed in 2020 and 2022