What is different about voting in Washington?

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Vote by mail

Washington votes by mail every election.

We were the second state in the nation to adopt vote by mail and the first to provide all postage paid. A ballot is mailed at least 18 days before each election, ensuring you have time to cast an informed ballot without waiting in line.



Online voter registration

We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov**.





Top 2 Primary

Washington uses a Top 2 Primary system where the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the November General Election, regardless of their party preference.



No party affiliation



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Washington voters do not register by party affiliation. Vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference.

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Voters' Pamphlet

Only a few states produce a Voters' Pamphlet like this one. The state pamphlet is mailed to every household before each General Election.





Same day registration



Citizens can register and vote a ballot in person during the voting period until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).