

# 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION: AT A GLANCE

ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 4, 2024

All applications and information can be found at [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote) and [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

## Important Dates & Deadlines:

### **Party Affiliation Declaration Deadline:**

- April 10, 2024 (Form must be received by this date)

### **Voter Registration Deadline** (by mail or online):

- May 14, 2024 (Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date)

### **Vote-By-Mail Application Deadline** (by mail):

- May 28, 2024 (County Clerk must receive application by this date)

### **In-Person Early Voting Period:**

- May 29, 2024 through June 2, 2024 (Polls will be open from 10 am – 8 pm Weekdays and Saturday, and from 10 am – 6 pm on Sunday)

### **Vote-By-Mail Application Deadline** (in-person):

- June 3, 2024 by 3 pm, at your County Clerk's office

### **2024 NJ Primary Election Date:**

- June 4, 2024 (Polls will be open 6 am – 8 pm)

## **What is a primary? Am I eligible to vote in the New Jersey Primary?**

A primary is an election that allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to represent them in an upcoming general election. In New Jersey only registered members of a political party may nominate that party's candidates. Unaffiliated voters can declare a party when voting in a primary. Currently, only the Republican and Democratic parties use a primary election system.



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## **Am I eligible to vote and how can I register to vote?**

To register to vote in NJ, you must be: a United States citizen; at least 17 years old (and understand you cannot vote until you reach the age of 18); a resident of the county for 30 days before the election; and not currently serving a sentence of incarceration because of a felony conviction. You can register to vote if you are on parole or probation. The voter registration deadline for the June Primary Election is May 14, 2024.

## **What are my voting options?**

There are 3 ways to vote in the June Primary Election:

### **1. In-Person on Election Day:**

- Vote in-person, using a voting machine, at your polling place: 6 am – 8 pm on June 4, 2024.

### **2. In-Person During Early Voting:**

- Vote in-person, using a voting machine, during the early voting period: May 29 to June 2, 2024.

### **3. By Mail:**

- Registered voters can apply for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot ahead of the application deadline.
- Return your Vote-By-Mail Ballot:
  - **Secure Ballot Drop Box;** place your Vote-By-Mail Ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8 pm on Election Day
  - **By Mail;** your ballot must be postmarked by 8 pm on Election Day
  - **In-Person;** deliver your Vote-By-Mail Ballot to your county's Board of Elections office by 8 pm on Election Day



### **I want to vote in-person. Where is my polling location?**

You have two options for voting in-person. You can vote early using an early voting polling center in your county from May 29, 2024 through June 2, 2024. You can also vote at your designated polling place on Election Day (June 4, 2024). Visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) or [www.lwvni.org/vote](http://www.lwvni.org/vote) to learn more and to find your polling place. Your election day polling location will also be listed on your sample ballot. Voters receive sample ballots in the mail about a week before Election Day.

### **How can I Vote-By-Mail?**

In New Jersey, any eligible registered voter can Vote-By-Mail, but you do need to apply. To receive your Vote-By-Mail Ballot by mail, the application must be received by your County Clerk by May 28, 2024. Voters can also apply in-person to the County Clerk up until 3 pm on June 3, 2024. See "*I am not currently affiliated with a political party*" section for details on **unaffiliated voters and Vote-By-Mail**.

### **How do I return my Vote-By-Mail Ballot?**

Do not wait until the last minute to return your Vote-By-Mail Ballot. Return your ballot in one of three ways: Bring your ballot to a secure ballot drop box location in your county before polls close on Election Day - visit [Vote.NJ.Gov](http://Vote.NJ.Gov) for drop box locations. Return your ballot by mail - it must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections within 144 hours (6 days) after the close of polls. Or bring your ballot in-person to your county's Board of Elections office before polls close on Election Day.

### **How do I become a poll worker?**

Poll workers play an extremely important role in every election. This is a paid position and training will be provided. **Apply at [PollWorker.NJ.Gov](http://PollWorker.NJ.Gov).**

### **How do I learn about the candidates?**

Candidate forums are essential venues to help voters learn more about a candidate and their stance on key issues. Candidates might also vocalize their opinions through the local newspaper and news channel, on social media, at local community meetings, and send out campaign material. **You can learn about candidates running for federal, state, and local office by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).**

### **What is in-person early voting?**

New Jersey voters can vote early in-person, using a voting machine, at designated early voting polling locations. Early voting will be available from May 29, 2024 through June 2, 2024. During this time, the polls will be open from 10 am – 8 pm on Weekdays and Saturday, and from 10 am – 6 pm on Sunday. Check with your county for early voting polling locations or visit [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote).

### **Who am I voting for when I vote in a primary?**

Primary elections happen at all levels of government. During the June 2024 Primary Election voters will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate to U.S. Congress in their district, candidate for one U.S. Senate seat, candidate for U.S. President, and various local races. Declared party members vote to choose which candidate will be that party's nominee to appear on the ballot in an upcoming general election.

### **I am currently affiliated with a political party but want to change my affiliation before the primaries. What do I do?**

The deadline to change party affiliation is April 10, 2024. You must file a Party Affiliation Declaration Form. Print and complete the form at [lwvnj.org/vote](http://lwvnj.org/vote), then return it to the Commissioner of Registration or your municipal clerk.

### **I am not currently affiliated with a political party but want to vote in the upcoming primary election. What do I do?**

Unaffiliated voters have different options for declaring a party depending on the method of voting.

- All unaffiliated voters can declare their affiliation in-person at the polls on Primary Election Day or during the early voting period.
- Unaffiliated voters who automatically receive Vote-By-Mail Ballots will no longer be sent ballots for the primary election. Instead, to receive a Vote-By-Mail Ballot, these voters must declare a party by filling out a party affiliation declaration form and returning it to the municipal clerk or county Commissioner of Registration by the mail or in-person Vote-By-Mail application deadlines (see dates above).
- Unaffiliated voters not signed up to Vote-By-Mail that wish to do so must declare their party and apply for a mail-in ballot by the Vote-By-Mail application deadlines (see dates above).

Visit [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote) for more information regarding this law change. Unaffiliated voters participating in a primary election retain affiliation with that party unless they file a party affiliation declaration form after the election.