

## Mail Ballot Return Deadlines

The table below provides the mail ballot return deadlines for all 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC).

The states are color coordinated in accordance with the map included in the 2023 Briefing Book Article titled *Mail Ballot Return Deadlines*.<sup>1</sup>

State	Deadline	Compared to Kansas Deadline
Alabama	by 12:00 pm on election day	Before
Alaska	within 10 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Arizona	by 7:00 pm on election day	Before
Arkansas	by 7:30 pm on election day	Before
California	no later than 7 days after the day of the election	After
Colorado	by 7:00 pm on election day	Before
Connecticut	by close of polls on election day	Before
District of Columbia	within 7 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Delaware	by close of polls on election day	Before
Florida	by 7:00 pm on election day	Before
Georgia	by close of polls on election day	Before
Hawaii	by close of polls on election day	Before
Idaho	by 8:00 pm on election day	Before
Illinois	within 14 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Indiana	by 6:00 pm on election day	Before
Iowa	before close of polls on election day	Before
Kansas	by the 3rd day following the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	--
Kentucky	before close of polls on election day	Before
Louisiana	on the day before the day of the election	Before
Maine	by close of polls on election day	Before
Maryland	within 10 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Massachusetts	by 5:00 pm on the 3rd day after an election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	Same
Michigan	by close of polls on election day	Before
Minnesota	by close of polls on election day	Before
Mississippi	within 5 business days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Missouri	by close of polls on election day	Before
Montana	by close of polls on election day	Before
Nebraska	by close of polls on election day	Before
Nevada	by 5:00 pm on the 4th day following the election if postmarked by the day of the election	After
New Hampshire	by 5:00 pm on election day	Before

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New Jersey	within 144 hours (6 days) of the close of polls if postmarked on or before the day of the election; mail-delivered ballots without postmarks that arrive within 48 hours of the close of the polls are considered valid	After
New Mexico	by 7:00 pm on election day	Before
New York	within 7 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
North Carolina	within 3 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	Same
North Dakota	must be received before the canvass which takes place at 4:00 pm on the 13th day after the election and must be postmarked by the day before the day of the election	After
Ohio	within 10 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Oklahoma	by 7:00 pm on election day	Before
Oregon	within 7 days of the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Pennsylvania	by 8:00 pm on election day	Before
Rhode Island	by close of polls on election day	Before
South Carolina	by close of polls on election day	Before
South Dakota	by close of polls on election day	Before
Tennessee	by close of polls on election day	Before
Texas	by 5:00 pm on the day after the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	Before
Utah	must be received before 12:00 pm on the day of the official canvass, which takes place between 7 and 14 days after the day of the election, if postmarked by the day before the election	After
Vermont	by close of polls on election day	Before
Virginia	before 12:00 pm on the 3rd day after the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	Same
Washington	no deadline specified; ballots received after the election that are postmarked before the day of the election are counted	Not specified
West Virginia	must be received before the canvass which begins on the 5th day after the election if postmarked on or before the day of the election	After
Wisconsin	by 8:00 pm on election day	Before
Wyoming	by close of polls on election day	Before

<sup>1</sup><http://www.kslegresearch.org/KLRD-web/Publications/BriefingBook/2023-Briefing-Book-updated.pdf>