

Voter Pre-Registration Fact Sheet

[Voter pre-registration](#): Preregistration is an election procedure that allows individuals younger than 18 years of age to register to vote, so they are eligible to cast a ballot when they reach 18, the voting age for all state and federal elections. Rules vary by state:

- Beginning at 16-years-old: California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah and Washington.
 - Almost 90,000 16- and 17-year-olds have preregistered to vote in California since a new law enacted in 2016 gave youth the opportunity to sign up to vote before they are eligible. ([CNN](#))
- Beginning at 17-years-old: Maine, Nevada (effective as of Jan. 1, 2018), New Jersey and West Virginia.
- Alaska permits registration anytime within 90 days before their 18th birthday.
- Georgia, Iowa and Missouri permit registration of those who are 17.5 (if they turn 18 before the next election).
- Texas permits registration at 17 years and 10 months.
- North Dakota does not require registration, but to qualify an individual must be eighteen years or older on Election Day.
- All other states do not specifically address an age for registration and instead allow registration if they turn 18 by the next election.

