

30 DAYS OF VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



Everyday, for 30 days, we will be posting a new fact about voting. The full list of myths and facts will also be available on our website!

Important Voting Dates in NJ:

Voter Registration Deadline - October 14th

Early Voting - October 25 to November 2

Mail-In Ballot Application Deadline - October 28

General Election - November 4

VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

You can't vote if you
have a guardian.



TRUTH

You can vote even if you
have a guardian. A judge
has to take that specific
right away from you.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

My vote doesn't matter.



TRUTH

Over 35 million people with disabilities are eligible to vote in the United States. In 2020 only 17.7 million of those people voted.

Imagine if they all voted.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I registered after the Primary election so I can't vote in the General election.



TRUTH

As long as you are registered 21 days before an election, you can vote in that election.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

All voting ends at 8pm.



TRUTH

If you are online at your polling place when the clock turns to 8pm you are still eligible to vote. The line closes at 8pm but everyone on line before 8pm can still vote.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

Absentee Ballots are
only counted in close
races.



TRUTH

All votes are counted.
Mail-in votes and
absentee votes are
counted with in person
votes.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have to vote for everything on the ballot or my vote doesn't count.



TRUTH

You can submit a partially completed ballot and your vote still counts. Vote for one topic/person or vote for them all, it will still be counted.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have to vote for my registered political party.



TRUTH

In a general election you can vote for any political party or cause. In the Primary Elections you must vote for your registered political party.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

Only designated polling locations are accessible.



TRUTH

In the United States polling places are legally required to be accessible to everyone.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

A driver's license is the only acceptable form of ID at the polls.



TRUTH

Other acceptable forms of ID include:

- Military or Gov ID
- Student or Job ID
- Store Membership card
- Bank Statement
- Sample Ballot
- Any Other Official Document



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

A Person with a
disability can't serve as
a poll worker.



TRUTH

People with disabilities
CAN serve as a poll
worker with
accomodations available
under the ADA.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

Election night results
are the final count.



TRUTH

Election night counts are
unofficial. It could take
2-3 weeks for an official
count.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

If I have a vote-by-mail ballot, it needs to be mailed to count.



TRUTH

You can return your completed vote-by-mail ballot to your county's Board of Elections office by 8pm on election day.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have to tell people
who I voted for or who I
plan to vote for.



TRUTH

Votes are kept secret
and you do not have to
talk about your votes
unless you want to tell
people.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

If I can't find a ride to the polling place on election day then I can't vote.



TRUTH

There are a few ways to make sure you can get to the polling place.

- Uber/Lyft/Taxi
- Call your candidate
- Early voting
- Mail In Voting
- Local Libraries and Clubs



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I am labeled as an inactive voter so I can't vote.



TRUTH

You can update your status to 'Active Voter' through the online voter registration portal or by using a paper registration form.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have to go into the voting booth alone, even if I need support.



TRUTH

Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act gives every voter the right to bring someone into the booth with them.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I didn't vote in the Primary Election so I can't vote in the General Election



TRUTH

The Primaries and the General Election are two different elections. You can vote in one or both.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I always vote by mail so
I can't vote in person.



TRUTH

You can 'Opt-Out' of
Voting by mail at
Vote.NJ.Gov or you can
drop off your completed
vote-by-mail ballot at
your county's Board of
Elections office on
election day.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I mailed in my vote on election day and it will get to my Board of Elections after voting day so my vote won't count.



TRUTH

As long as your ballot is POSTMARKED by Election Day your vote will count. This means it needs to be picked up by your mail carrier and stamped the day of voting.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

Mail-in Ballots require a witness or notary.



TRUTH

Mail-In ballots require a voter's signature ONLY.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I made a mistake on my Mail-In ballot, or I lost my Mail-In ballot so I can't vote.



TRUTH

You can request a replacement Mail-In Ballot from your County Clerk.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I forgot to sign my Mail-In Ballot when I mailed it in so my vote won't count.



TRUTH

The County Board of Elections will provide you an opportunity to certify that you did cast that ballot. Call them to clarify.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

My Mail-In Ballot
signature doesn't
match my voting record
signature so my vote
won't count.



TRUTH

The County Board of
Elections will provide
you an opportunity to
certify that you did cast
that ballot. Call them to
clarify.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have to mail in a copy of my ID with my Mail-In Ballot.



TRUTH

Your Mail-In Ballot only requires your voter signature. If it is your first time voting you may need to include a copy of your ID.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I turn 18 on election day so I have to wait until after my birthday to register.



TRUTH

If you will be 18 on Election Day you can register to vote at 17.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I can't make it to the
polls on election day so
I can't vote.



TRUTH

NJ has early voting. You
can go in-person to vote
October 25-November 2
at the early voting
locations in your county.
No appointment needed,
just walk in.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I was convicted of a crime and I spent time in jail or prison so I can't vote.



TRUTH

If you are not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States you CAN vote in NJ.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I have never voted before so I can't vote now.



TRUTH

You can vote as long as you are:

- 18 years old
- US Citizen
- Registered to vote in NJ
- NJ resident
- Lived in your voting precinct for at least 30 days



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I live in another state but attend college in NJ. I have to vote where I live.



TRUTH

As a student you are eligible to vote in NJ if you reside in another state but attend college in NJ.



VOTING MYTHS VS VOTING FACTS



MYTH

I live in NJ but attend college in another state. I have to vote where I go to school.



TRUTH

As a student you are eligible to vote in NJ if you live in NJ but attend college in another state.

