

Absentee Voting in Wisconsin



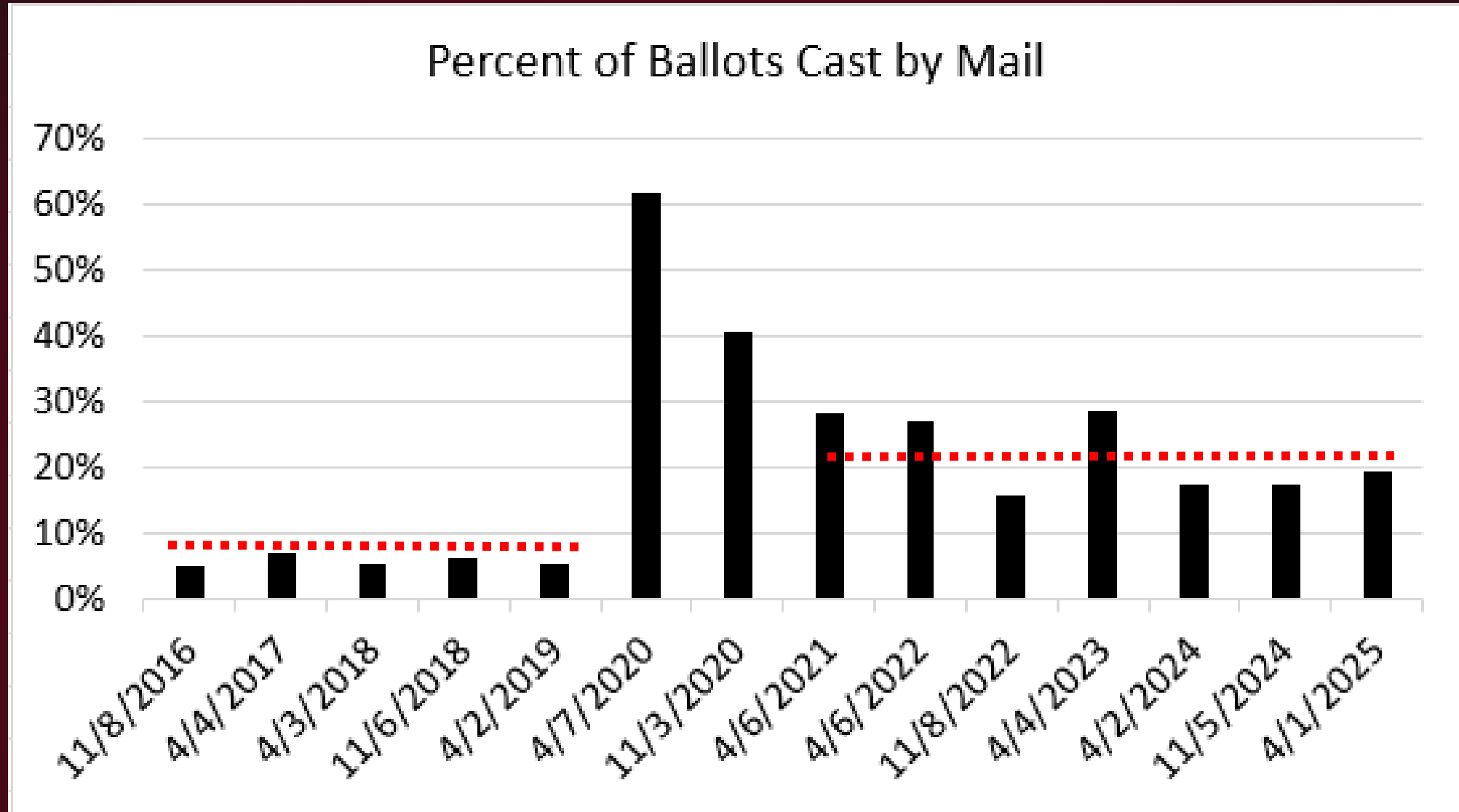
Introductions

Who are Wisconsin Absentee Voters?

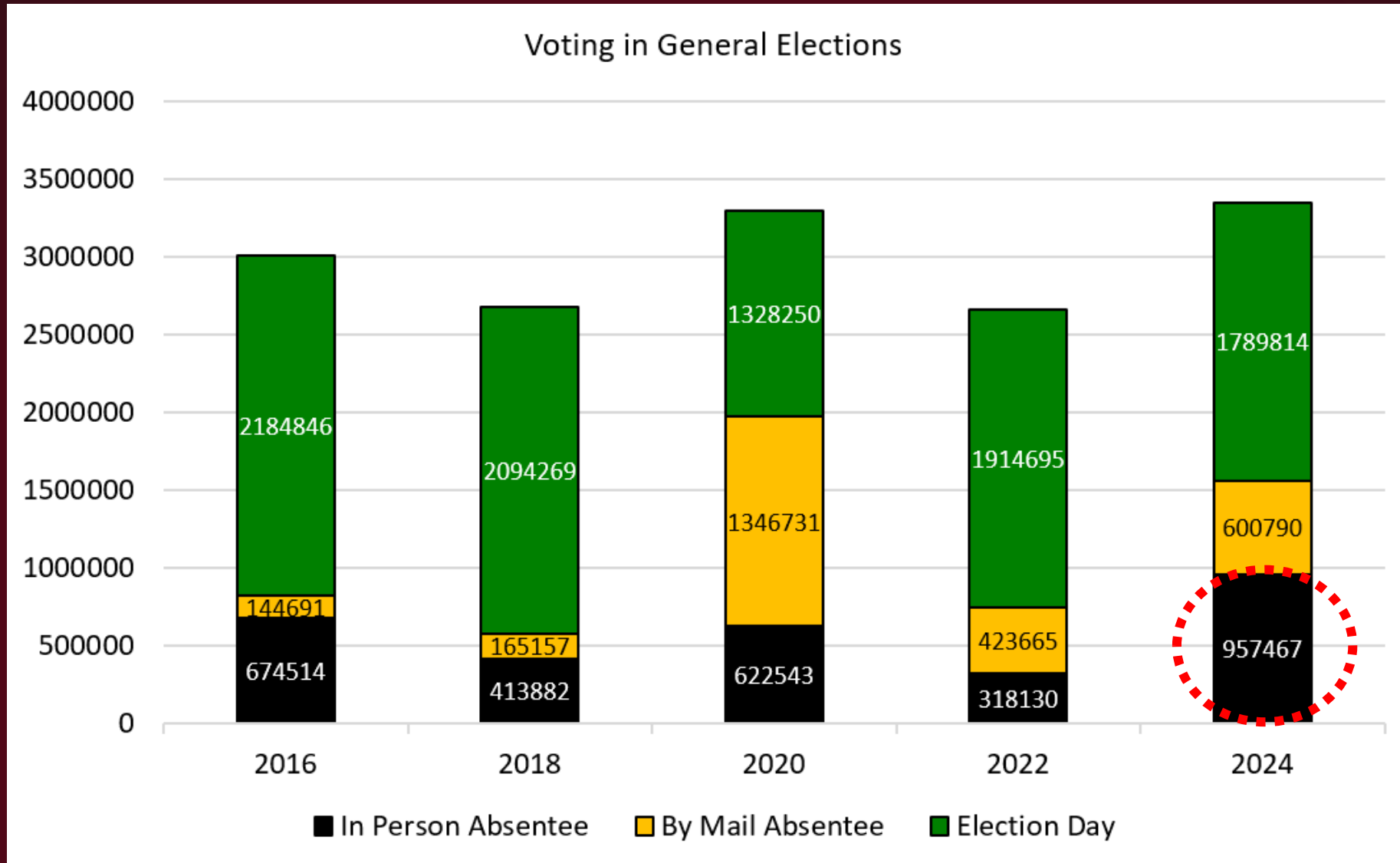
- **Any qualified elector of this state who registers* may vote by absentee ballot (Wis. Stat. §6.20)**
- **Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request an absentee ballot (Wis. Stat. §6.85(1))**

*Military voters do not have to register to vote absentee

WI Absentee Voting – By Mail

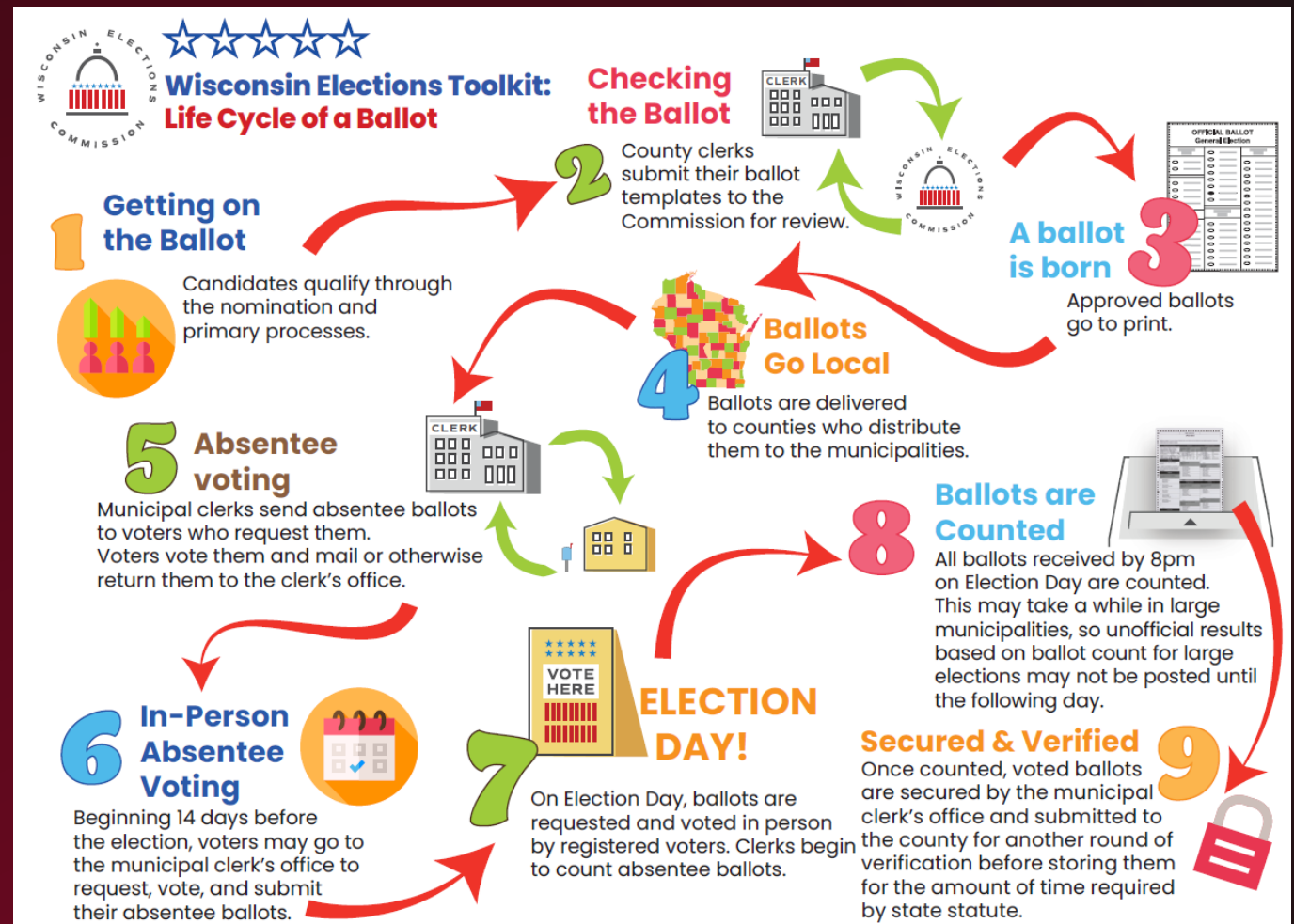


WI Absentee Voting – General Elections



How is Absentee Voting Secure?

- Voter registration
- Only ballots that were lawfully issued get counted
- Municipal clerks are the gatekeepers
- Public data and voter engagement
- Pollbooks, canvass, and certification



WI Election Officials Roles

WEC

- Provide training & guidance to clerks
- Assist voters
- Ensure, track, & report compliance with federal law
- Liaise with clerks, voters, USPS, 3rd party groups (to a point), federal govt.

County

- Order & distribute ballot materials
- Act as WV providers, in some cases

Municipality

- Process registration and Ballot applications
- Send ballot materials in a timely manner
- Track ballot disposition & report to WEC

**21 or 47
days
before the
election**

**Deadline
to mail
ballots for
active
requests**

**4th Monday
before the
election**

**SVDs can
start
visiting
care
facilities**

**Must be
completed by
5p Monday
before
election**

**14 days
before
election**

**In-Person
Absentee
Voting
may
begin**

**Must end no
later than
Sunday
before
election**

**Thurs., Fri.,
before and
on Election
Day**

**Deadlines
for voters
to request
absentee
ballots**

**Election
Day**

**Absentee
ballots are
processed
(numbered
& cast)**

**Insufficient
ballots
rejected
after 8pm
on Election
Day**

Federal & State Ballot Request Forms



Federal Ballot Request Forms

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- May be used for registration and/or ballot application
- Must be mailed for registration
- May be emailed for ballot request

Federal Write-in Ballot (FWAB)

- May be used for ballot request & as a ballot
- Official ballot must be sent upon receipt
- If used as a ballot & official ballot is not received, remake at polls

Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Print clearly in blue or black ink, please see back for instructions.

This form is for absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States. It is used to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and update your contact information. See your state's guidelines at FVAP.gov.

1. Who are you? Pick one.

I request an absentee ballot for all elections I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine -OR- I am an eligible spouse or dependent. I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return. I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my intent to return is uncertain. I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, I have never lived in the United States.

Last name: _____ Suffix (Jr., II) _____ Mr. Miss
First name: _____ Previous names (if applicable): _____
Middle name: _____ Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
Social Security Number: _____ Driver's license or State ID#: _____

2. What is your address?

Your voting materials will be sent to this address. See instructions on the other side of form.

Street address: _____ Apt. #: _____
City, town, village: _____ State: _____
County: _____ ZIP: _____

3. Where are you now? You MUST give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.

Your mailing address. (Different from above) _____ Your mail forwarding address. (If different from mailing address) _____

4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.

Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Email: _____ Phone: _____
Alternate email: _____ Fax: _____

5. What are your preferences for future elections?

A. Do you want to register and request a ballot for all elections you are eligible to vote in? Yes No
B. How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office? Mail Email or online Fax
C. What is your political party for primary elections? _____

6. What additional information must you provide?

Alabama requires two witness signatures; Alaska, Virginia and Wisconsin, require one witness signature. Puerto Rico and Vermont need more information, see back for instructions. Additional state guidelines can be found at FVAP.gov.

7. You must read and sign this statement.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.
- In voting, I have marked and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except those authorized to assist voters under State and Federal law.

Official Backup Ballot
Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Have you already registered and requested an absentee ballot?
Some states allow you to use this form to register and request ballots for future elections. Visit FVAP.gov for more details.

Vote by writing the NAME or PARTY of the candidates you choose. To find out about specific federal candidates and races go to FVAP.gov.

Use this form to vote for federal offices. Refer to your state or territory's instant runoff voting or ranked choice voting) contests. Learn more online at FVAP.gov. (driver's license) on this ballot. If you are voting for Delegate or other office in the U.S. Virgin Islands, you may vote for Delegate or other office or ballot initiatives.

Political party

Standard Form 186 (Rev.01-2023), OMB No. 0704-0502

Sign here X

Sign here X

X

Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot (Municipal Clerk) If in-person voter, check here:

Absentee ballots may also be requested at MyVote.wi.gov

Confidential Elector ID# (HINDI - sequential #) (Official Use Only) WisVote ID # (Official Use Only) Ward No.

Instructions

Detailed instructions for completion are on the back of this form. Return this form to your municipal clerk when completed.

- You must be registered to vote before you can receive an absentee ballot. You can confirm your voter registration at <https://myvote.wi.gov>

⚠️ PHOTO ID REQUIRED, unless you qualify for an exception. See instructions on back for exceptions.

VOTER INFORMATION

1 Municipality Town Village City County

2 Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of Birth Phone

3 Residence Address: Street Apt. Number

4 Fill in the appropriate circle --

I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY

MAIL Mail VOTE IN CLERK'S OFFICE Apt. Car / C / I FAX Fax EMAIL Email

I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE

6 The election(s) on the All elections from today For indefinitely-confirmed request absentee ballot statements in order to (Wis. Stats. §§ 12.13(3))

TEMPORARILY HOSPITAL

7 I certify that I cannot act as my agent, pursuant to Agent Last Name AGENT: I certify that I am received solely for the benefit and then returned to the Agent Signature X

ASSISTANT DECLARATION

I certify that the application is made by Agent Signature X

VOTER DECLARATION / CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a qualified elector, and immediately preceding this election, I was registered to vote. **Please sign below to certify.** Voter Signature X

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WI Ballot Request Forms

Absentee Ballot Request Form (EL-121)

- May be emailed

MyVote

- Military can request a ballot here without registering
- Military & Permanently O/S voters may select to receive ballot online and when ballots are ready, download the materials from MyVote to print and mail

Digital ballot materials must be mailed back to be received by the clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day!

The screenshot shows the MyVote Wisconsin website. At the top, there is a search bar with options to search by name or address. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: My Voter Info, Find My Polling Place, What's On My Ballot, Update My Name or Address, Register To Vote, Vote Absentee By Mail, Track My Ballot, and Vote Absentee In Person. A red banner at the top of the main content area reads "NEXT STATEWIDE ELECTION" with a Wisconsin state icon. Below this, the "2026 Spring Election" is announced for Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Five circular icons with text links are displayed: "Vote Absentee By Mail", "Where Do I Vote?", "What's On My Ballot?", "Register To Vote", and "Track My Ballot". At the bottom, a footer contains a red star icon, the text "ABSENTEE VOTING", and a link to "Wisconsin Election Deadlines".

EL-121 WI Ballot Request Form Sections

I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT BY:		(Ballot will be mailed to the address above if no preference is indicated. Absentee ballots may not be forwarded.)			
5	<input type="radio"/> MAIL	Mailing Address: Street Number & Name			
	<input type="radio"/> VOTE IN CLERK'S OFFICE	Apt. Number	City	State & ZIP	
		Care Facility Name (if applicable)		C / O (if applicable)	
	<input type="radio"/> FAX	Fax Number	For Military and Overseas Voters Only		Voter must have a computer and printer when receiving a ballot by fax or email. Voted ballots must be returned by mail.
<input type="radio"/> EMAIL	Email Address	For Military and Overseas Voters Only			
1	Municipality	<input type="radio"/> Town <input type="radio"/> Village <input type="radio"/> City	County		
2	Last Name	First Name			
	Middle Name	Suffix (e.g. Jr, II, etc.)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		

Ballot Application Requirements

- Voter name
- Address to send it to
- How to send it (delivery method; Temp. O/S can't get ballots online)
- Photo ID (temp O/S only)

FPCA & FWAB Ballot Request Form Sections

3. Where are you now? You MUST give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.	
Your mailing address. (Different from above)	Your mail forwarding address. (If different from mailing address)
[Redacted]	
4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.	
Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.	
Email:	Phone:
Alternate email:	Fax:
5. What are your preferences for upcoming elections?	
A. How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office? (Select One)	B. What is your political party for primary elections?
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email or online <input type="checkbox"/> Fax	[Redacted]

Remember, a voter other than a military voter must be registered to receive a ballot. Military must provide DOB, if not registered.

WisVote/MyVote Reminders

Absentee Requests & Ballots

- Remember to check Pending Absentee Applications view
- Accept or Decline as needed
- Email notification of request will include voter type in subject line

noreply.WEC.UAT@wi.gov

Absentee Ballot Request - Military - McVoterson, Johnathon

An absentee ballot request has been received from MyVote from a voter in your municipality!

- If ballot is not ready online at time of request, no email is sent to voter when it is.

Absentee tracking

- All updates in WisVote will appear on MyVote site
- Includes IMB tracking info
- Can notify voter of issues with a returned ballot

Absentee request submitted Jan 17, 2024	Absentee request approved Jan 17, 2024	Preparing your absentee ballot Jan 22, 2024	Absentee ballot sent Jan 22, 2024	Please contact your clerk to resolve an issue with your ballot.
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*Deactivated ballots cannot be tracked on MyVote!



State & Federal Absentee Ballot Certificates & Ballots

What are you Sending & Receiving?

Clerks Mail to Voters

Inside Election Mail
Envelope

- Ballot
- Return Certificate
Envelope
- Instructions

Voters Mail to Clerks

- Return Envelope*
- Ballot

*may or may not have
certificate on outside

Absentee Certificate Envelopes

Official Absentee Ballot Certificate & Application

CLERK or DEPUTY Initial Here >> In-person absentee voter showed valid PCI Voter exempt from or met PCI requirement

STEP 1 CLERK OR VOTER must complete this part

Voter Information

City Name: _____ Election Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Village Name: _____
 Town Name: _____
 Name (Last, First, Middle) _____
 Street Address _____
 County _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Ward _____ Aid. Dist. _____

STEP 2 VOTER must complete this part

I certify, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), that:

- I am a resident of the ward or of the aldermanic district of the municipality in the county of the state of Wisconsin indicated hereon OR I am entitled to vote in the ward or aldermanic district at the election indicated hereon
- I am not voting at any other location in this election
- I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the ward on Election Day, or I have changed my residence within the state from one ward to another less than 28 days before the election
- I displayed the ballot unmarked to the witness and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed it in this envelope in a manner that no one but myself and an assistant under s. 6.87 (5), if I requested assistance, could know how I voted
- I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request

X
Voter Signature
 Certification of Assistant (if applicable)
 I certify that the voter is unable to sign their name due to a disability and that I signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter

Assistant Signature _____

STEP 3 WITNESS must complete this part

I the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:

- I am an adult U.S. citizen
- The above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as stated
- I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk)
- I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure

WITNESS REQUIRED

X
Witness Signature

Witness Printed Name

Witness Address (Number, Street Name, City)

Official Absentee Ballot Certificate & Application

CLERK or DEPUTY Initial Here >> Voter exempt from or met PCI requirement MILITARY & OVERSEAS

STEP 1 CLERK OR VOTER must complete this part

Voter Information

City Name: _____ Election Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Village Name: _____
 Town Name: _____
 Name (Last, First, Middle) _____
 Street Address _____
 County _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Ward _____ Aid. Dist. _____

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- I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request

X
Voter Signature Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Certification of Assistant (if applicable)
 I certify that the voter is unable to sign their name due to a disability and that I signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter

Assistant signature _____

STEP 3 WITNESS must complete this part

I the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:

- I am at least 18 years old
- The above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as stated
- I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk)
- I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure

WITNESS REQUIRED

X
Witness Signature

Witness Printed Name

Witness Address (Number, Street Name, City)

Official Absentee Ballot Certificate & Application

CLERK or DEPUTY Initial Here >> Voter exempt from or met PCI requirement SVD

STEP 1 CLERK OR VOTER must complete this part

Voter Information

City Name: _____ Election Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Village Name: _____
 Town Name: _____
 Name (Last, First, Middle) _____
 Street Address _____
 County _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Ward _____ Aid. Dist. _____

STEP 2 VOTER must complete this part

I certify, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), that:

- I am a resident of the ward or of the aldermanic district of the municipality in the county of the state of Wisconsin indicated hereon OR I am entitled to vote in the ward or aldermanic district at the election indicated hereon
- I am not voting at any other location in this election
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- I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request

X
Voter Signature
 Certification of Assistant (if applicable)
 I certify that the voter is unable to sign their name due to a disability and that I signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter

Assistant Signature _____

STEP 3 SVD must complete this part

I the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:

- I am an adult U.S. citizen
- I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk)
- I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure
- I further certify that the name and address of the voter is correct as shown

X
Deputy #1 Signature X **Deputy #2 Signature**

Deputy #1 Printed Name **Deputy #2 Printed Name**

Deputy #1 Address (Number, Street Name, City) **Deputy #2 Address (Number, Street Name, City)**

Variations of the 122M Certificate


Official Absentee Ballot Certificate & Application

CLERK or DEPUTY Initial Here >>		Voter exempt from or met POI requirement _____	MILITARY & OVERSEAS
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STEP 1 - CLERK or VOTER must complete this part

Voter Information Election Date (mm/dd/yyyy): **11/5/2024**

City Name: _____ Ballot Type: _____
 Village Name: **CITY OF MADISON - DANE COUNTY**
 Town Name: _____

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____ Mailing ID: 9295564
 Voter, Ima 

Street Address _____
 201 W Washington Ave

County DANE COUNTY City MADISON Ballot Style: MMSD Schools

State WI Zip 53715 Ward City of Madison - Ward 73 Ald. Dist _____

STEP 2 - VOTER must complete this part

I certify, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), that:

- I am a resident of the ward or of the aldermanic district of the municipality in the county of the state of Wisconsin indicated hereon OR I am entitled to vote in the ward or aldermanic district at the election indicated hereon
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- I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request

Voter Signature **X** Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

WisVote/Email

STEP 3 - WITNESS must complete this part

I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:

- I am at least 18 years of age
- The above statements are true and the voter is duly qualified to execute the ballot
- I am not a candidate for any office in the election and I am not a candidate for any office in the election (except in cases where I am a candidate for a municipal clerk).
- I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure.

Witness Signature _____

Witness Printed Name _____

Witness Address (Number, Street Name, City) _____

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION/CERTIFICATION

Note: With certain exceptions, an elector who mails or personally delivers an absentee ballot to the municipal clerk at an election is not permitted to vote in person at the same election on Election Day. Wis. Stat. § 6.86(6).

Voter. Complete the information below and sign the certification in the presence of a witness who must also sign.

06/17/2025	CITY OF MADISON - DANE COUNTY	Mailing Id: 3443718
CITY OF MADISON - DANE COUNTY - WD-051		
Ima Voter 201 W Washington Ave Unit 303 Madison, WI 53703		

CERTIFICATION OF VOTER (Required!)

I certify, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), that:

- I am a resident of the ward or of the aldermanic district of the municipality in the county of the state of Wisconsin indicated hereon OR I am entitled to vote in the ward or aldermanic district at the election indicated hereon
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- I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request

X _____ Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

MyVote/Online

Certification of Assistant (if applicable)

I certify that the voter is unable to sign their name due to a disability and that I signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter.

Assistant Name _____

CERTIFICATION OF WITNESS (Required!)

I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:

- I am at least 18 years of age
- The above statements are true and the voter is duly qualified to execute the ballot
- I am not a candidate for any office in the election and I am not a candidate for any office in the election (except in cases where I am a candidate for a municipal clerk).
- I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure.

X _____

Witness Signature _____

Witness Printed Name _____

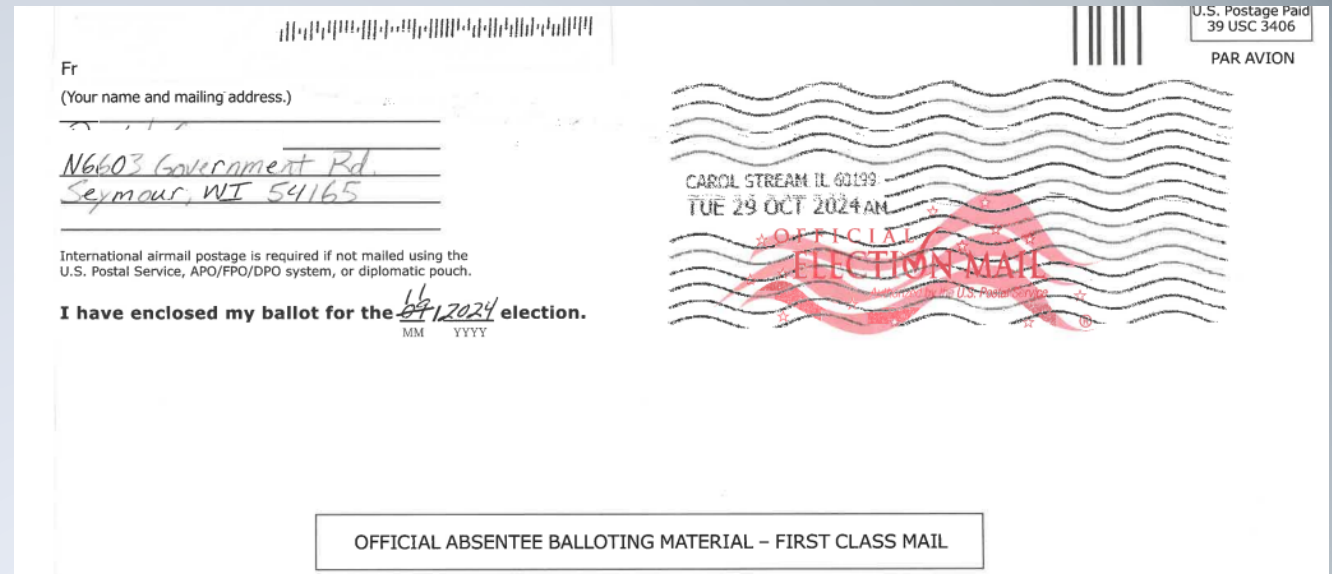
Witness Address (Number, Street Name, City) _____

Instructions for Voters

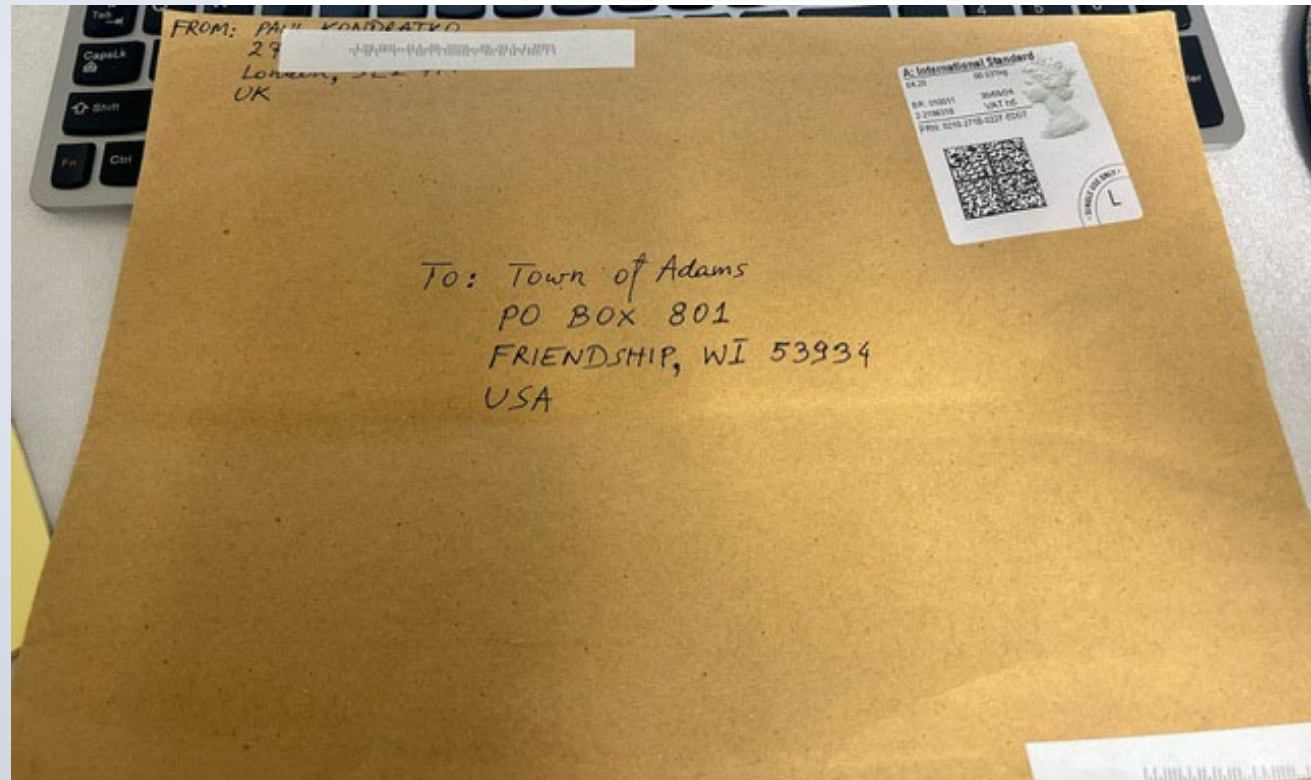
- Most voters receive the EL-128 (Standard Uniform Instructions) from you.
- There are variations based on who the voter is and how they are receiving their materials.
- Uniform Instructions are prescribed by the Commission and mustn't be changed!
- Federal instructions are provided with federal forms but voters don't always follow instructions.

I got an Envelope in the Mail and...

- It doesn't look like anything I've ever seen before.
- It doesn't have anything on the outside that tells me what is inside but I think it might be a ballot.



OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST CLASS MAIL



Updates to Guidance & Election Day



New! What to watch for on Election Day

Permanently Overseas voters in person

- Will have an "Overseas" notation in the poll book; must complete a full registration with POR

Military voters in person

- Will have a "Military Must RGSTR" notation in the poll book if they have not provided POR; must register

All voters must vote from the polling place that serves their Wisconsin residence & must present photo ID to get a ballot when voting in person.

Key takeaway:

UOCAVA protections and privileges only apply to absentee voting (including IPAV).
On Election Day, in person, all voters are treated the same!

Questions for WEC?

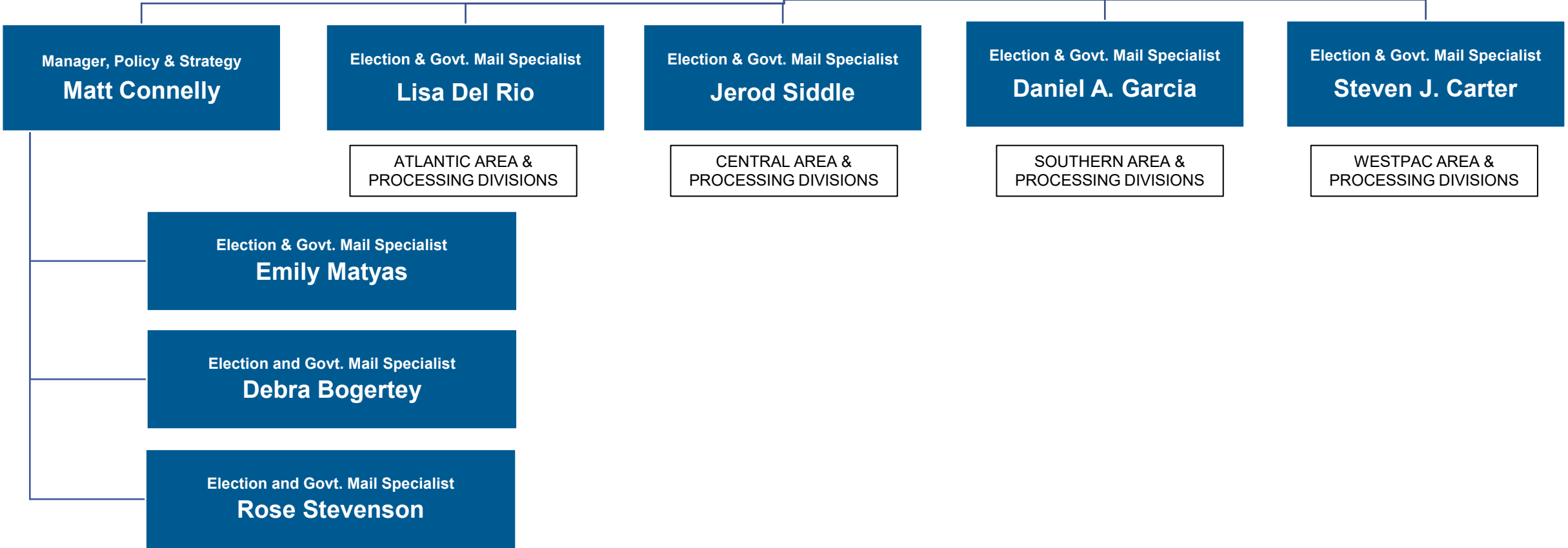
Central Wisconsin Conference Election Mail Update

Adrienne Marshall – Director Election and Gov't
Mail Services

October 1, 2025

ELECTION & GOVERNMENT MAIL SERVICES

Director of Election & Government Mail Services
Adrienne Marshall



USPS - Areas and Districts Map

Central

Jerod Siddle



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Atlantic

Lisa Del Rio



Lisa.Delrio@usps.gov

Southern

Daniel Alvillar Garcia



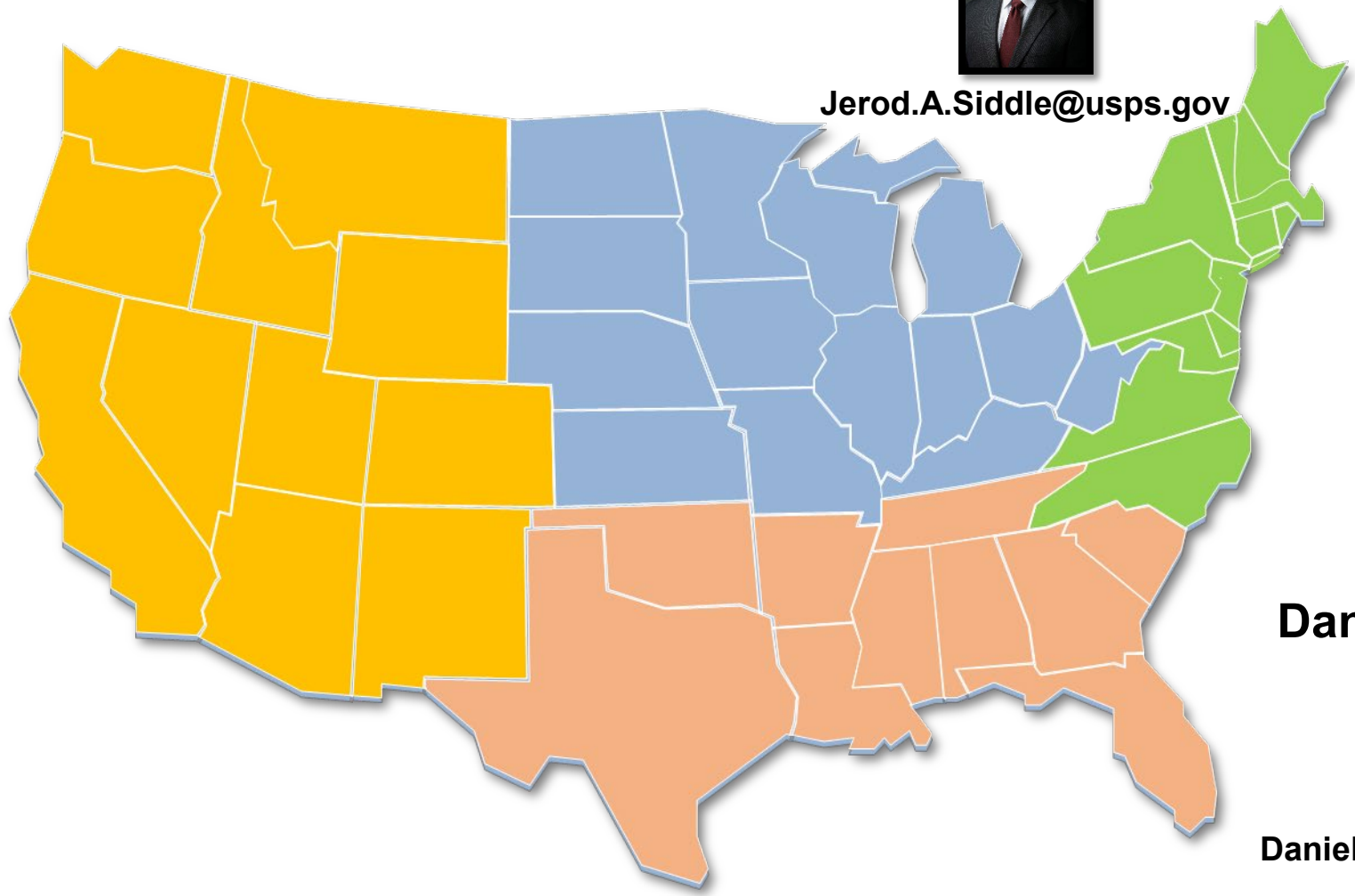
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USPS – Wisconsin Customer Relations Team



Stan Franke
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Central Area



LaVerne Morgan-Hill
Manager Customer Relations

The Postal Service's Role in the Election Process

The U.S. Postal Service is responsible for processing, transporting, and delivering the nation's Election Mail.

The Postal Service is committed to fulfilling our role in the electoral process when public policy makers choose to utilize the mail as a part of their election system.

We are proud to provide a secure, efficient, and effective way for citizens to participate in elections when election officials choose to use the mail as part of the voting process.

We employ a robust and proven process to ensure proper handling of all Election Mail, including ballots.

Our Message to Voters Opting to Use the Mail to Cast a Ballot

If you are eligible to vote by mail and choose to do so, you should plan ahead to give yourself enough time to complete and return your ballot by your state's deadlines.

Be sure to know your state's requirements and recommendations on receiving a blank ballot and mailing your completed ballot

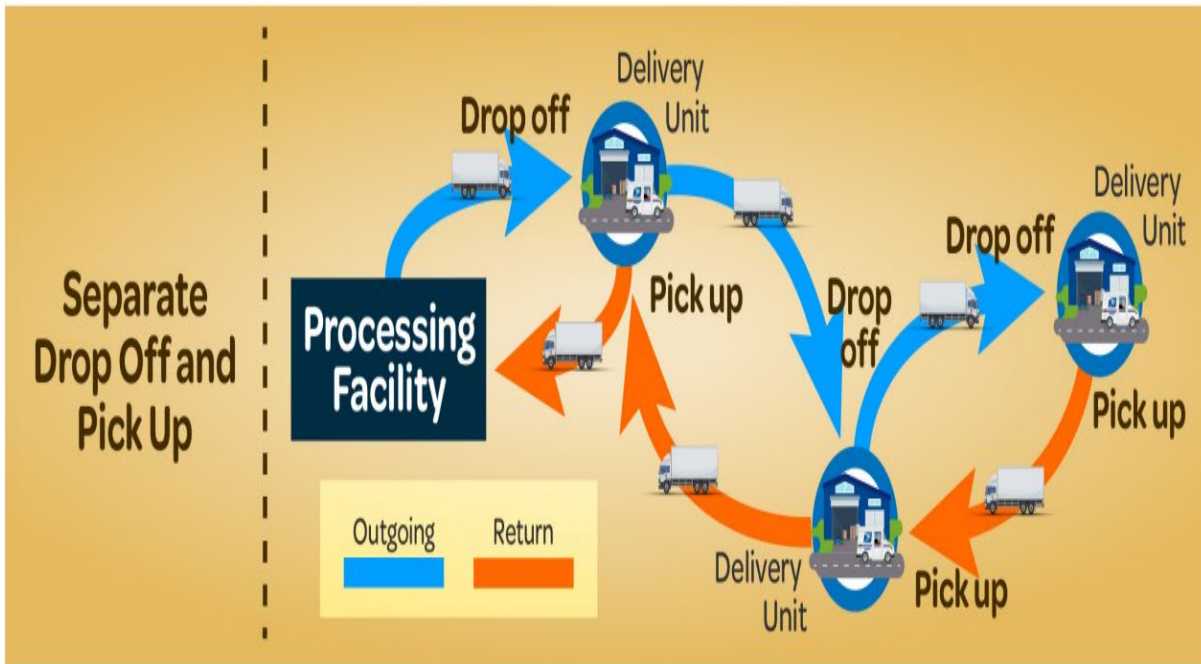
Mail your completed ballot before Election Day, and at least one week before the deadline by which your completed ballot must be received by your local election official. Some states may recommend allowing even more time for mailing completed ballots.

A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to his or her return ballot by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate when dropping off the ballot

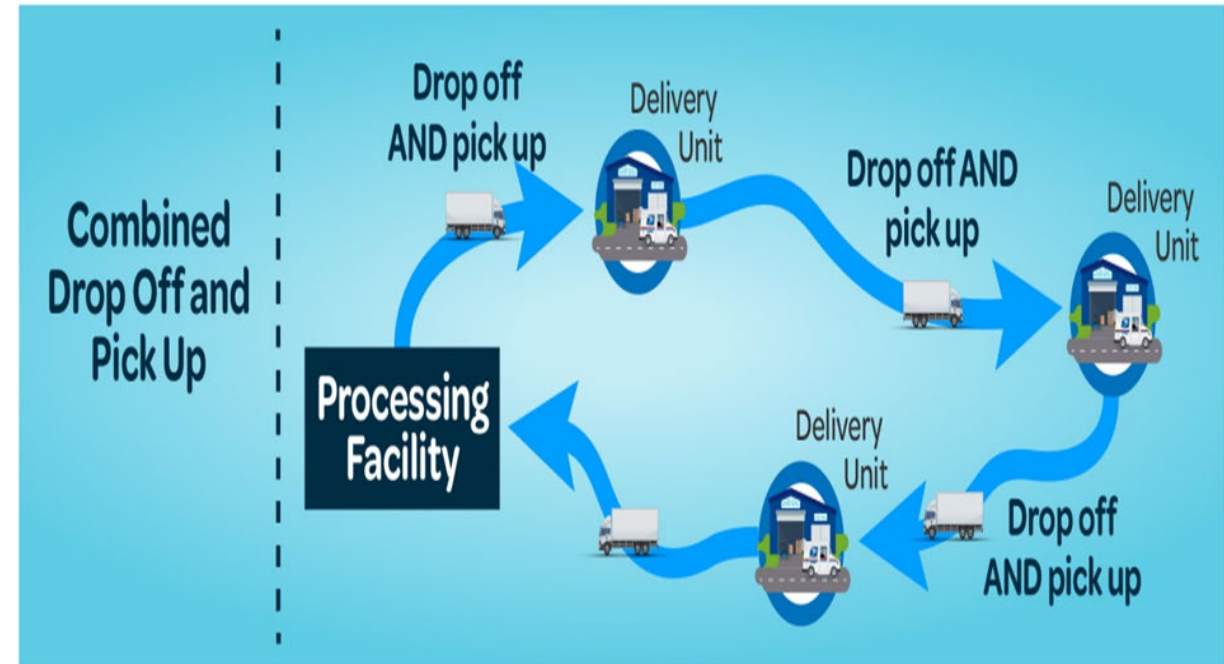
Recent Updates

Service Standard Refinements

Legacy Process



Current and Future Process



Postmark Definition

- August 12, 2025 – Proposed rule filed in the Federal Register
- Comment Period ended 9/11/2025
- Proposed addition to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) add Section 608.11 “Postmarks and Postal Possession.”
 - This Section will explain that, while the presence of a postmark on a mailpiece confirms that the Postal Service was in possession of the mailpiece on the date of the postmark’s inscription, the postmark date does not inherently or necessarily align with the date on which the Postal Service first took possession of a mailpiece.
 - In addition, this Section will advise customers of the options available if they want evidence of the exact date on which the Postal Service first accepted possession of their mailpiece.

Upcoming

Coming in 2026!

- **2026 Election Mail Guide (Kit 600) Published online – January 2026**
 - Distribution to All State Executives and Local Jurisdiction Administrators – early 2026
 - Updated Pub 631 & 632
 - STID Finder Tool
 - Election Mail Checkbox
- **National Election Mail Day – 2026 National Postal Forum**
 - Phoenix Convention Center, Arizona
 - May 3-6
 - MSP- Election Mail Service Provider Training and Certification



Resources

- [USPS Election and Government Mail Services](#)
- [USPS Election Mail Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [USPS Voting by Mail Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [USPS Ballot Service Type Identifier Tool](#)
- [USPS Service Standard Changes](#)
- [USPS Service Standard FAQ](#)

Questions?

Thank you!

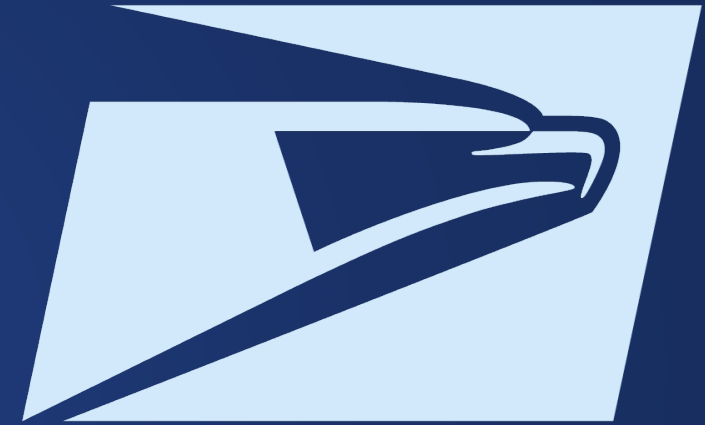
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