

Early Voting in Massachusetts FAQ and Talking Points

October 24th - November 4th

When, Where, and How to Early Vote

All registered Massachusetts voters are eligible to vote early
You can vote at any early voting location in your city or town
Early voting starts on October 24th and ends on November 4th
Call your town or city clerk or copy and paste this link into your browser to find an early voting location near you
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/EarlyVotingWeb/EarlyVotingSearch.aspx>
Please note that voting hours vary depending on the day and town

Early Voting by Mail

If you would like to vote early by mail, fill out the following early ballot application and mail it in to your town or city hall: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Early-Ballot-Application-2016.pdf>
Requested ballots will be mailed starting on Oct. 24th.
Early voting ballots are different from absentee ballots; anyone can request an early voting mail-in ballot

About Early Voting in MA

Governor Deval Patrick signed the early voting law in 2014, requiring cities and towns have at least one early voting site open during a 10-day window
This is the first year that early voting is available to Massachusetts voters
Early voting will be held from October 24th - November 4th
Early voting makes voting more accessible, increasing turnout especially for low-income voters, voters of color, young voter, and those who may have difficulty getting to the polls on Election Day
Some town clerks anticipate a 25-30% increase in voter turnout due to early voting
All valid early ballots will be counted on Election Day, along with ballots cast at polling places
When Governor Baker slashed funding for early voting, MA's Democratic legislature overrode his veto to ensure that early voting would be available for MA voters