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HOW DOES YOUR VOTE GET COUNTED?



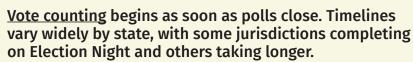
POLLS CLOSE & VOTING ENDS



In-person <u>voting ends</u> as polling places close. Some states may continue to accept postmarked mail ballots after Election Day.

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VOTE COUNTING BEGINS







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VOTE COUNTS COMPLETED & VERIFIED

Once vote counting is completed, the <u>canvass</u> <u>process</u> verifies that all cast votes are valid and official vote totals are compiled.

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RESULTS CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

Most states require <u>post-election audits</u>, which confirm the accuracy of results and check for errors, often using random samples of ballots.





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RESULTS CERTIFIED

Once vote totals have been finalized and verified through the canvass and audits, officials legally confirm the results of the election. This is called certification.

