



Pre-Registration

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Background

Preregistration is a policy that allows eligible people as young as 16 to sign up to be registered to vote once they turn 18. Most states that allow preregistration will add applicants to voter lists under a pending status, which is then updated to active when the voter turns 18. Preregistration increases turnout and engagement for young voters, who are historically the least likely to exercise their right to vote.

Scoring

- State allows preregistration beginning at 16 years old, +1 point
- If state allows preregistration beginning at 17 years old, +1/2 point
- If state does not set specific age but allows preregistration if individual will turn 18 by the next election, +1/4 point
- If state allows preregistration only within six months or less of 18th birthday, 0 points

Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State allows preregistration beginning at 16	20 states & D.C.	California Colorado Delaware D.C. Florida Hawaii Illinois Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota New York North Carolina North Dakota* Oregon



		Rhode Island Utah Virginia Washington
State allows preregistration beginning at 17	4 states	Iowa Nevada New Jersey West Virginia
State does not specify age but allows preregistration if voter turns 18 before next election	21 states	Alabama Arizona Arkansas Connecticut Idaho Indiana Kansas Kentucky Mississippi Montana Nebraska New Hampshire Ohio Pennsylvania South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Vermont Wisconsin Wyoming
State allows preregistration only within 6 months of 18th birthday	5 states	Alaska Georgia Missouri Oklahoma Texas



State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Alabama Secretary of State](#)).

Alaska (0)

- State allows pre-registration if individual is within 90 days of 18th birthday ([AS §15.07.040](#)).

Arizona (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([A.R.S. § 16-101](#)).

Arkansas (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Arkansas Secretary of State](#))

California (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([CA Elec. Code §2102\(2\)\(d\)](#)).

Colorado (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([Colo. Rev. Stat. §1-2-101\(2\)\(a\)\(I\)](#)).

Connecticut (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 9-12](#)).

Delaware (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([15 Del. Code § 1701\(b\)](#)).

D.C. (1)

- Allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([D.C. Code § 1-1001.07\(a-2\)](#)).

Florida (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([Fla. Stat. § 97.041\(b\)](#)).



Georgia (0)

- State allows pre-registration for individuals when they turn 17.5 ([Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-216\(c\)](#)).

Hawaii (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([HRS §11-12](#)).

Idaho (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Idaho Code § 34-402](#)).

Illinois (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 (10 ILCS 5/3-6) ([IL SB 2123 \(2023\)](#)).

Indiana (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Ind. Code §3-7-13-1](#)).

Iowa (1/2)

- State allows pre-registration when individual turns 17 ([Iowa Code Election Laws §48A.5\(2\)](#)).

Kansas (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Kan. Rev. Stat. §25-2306](#)).

Kentucky (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Ky. Rev. Stat. §116.045](#)).

Louisiana (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([Louis. Rev. Stat. 18:101A\(3\)](#)).

Maine (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([21- M.R.S.A. §155](#)).

Maryland (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([MD Elec. Law §3-102](#)).

Massachusetts (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([M.G.L.A. 51 § 47A](#)).



Michigan (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([HB 4569 \(2023\)](#)).

Minnesota (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([Minn. Stat. Ann. §201.07](#)).

Mississippi (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-11](#)).

Missouri (0)

- State allows pre-registration for individuals when they turn 17.5 ([Mo. Rev. Stat §115.133\(1\)](#)).

Montana (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([MCA 13-2-205](#)).

Nebraska (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Neb. Rev. Stat §32-110](#)).

Nevada (1/2)

- State allows pre-registration when individual turns 17 ([Nev. Rev. Stat. 293.524](#)).

New Hampshire (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([NH RSA 654:7](#)).

New Jersey (1/2)

- State allows pre-registration when individual turns 17 ([NJ R.S. 19:31-5](#)).

New Mexico (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([N. M. Stat. Ann. § 1-4-2](#)).

New York (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([McKinney's Election Law § 5-210, § 5-507](#)).



North Carolina (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([N.C.G.S.A. § 163-82.1](#)).

North Dakota (1)

- North Dakota does not require voter registration.

Ohio (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([OH Rev. Code §3503.01](#)).

Oklahoma (0)

- State allows pre-registration for individuals when they turn 17.5 ([26 Okl. Stat. Ann. § 4-103](#)).

Oregon (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([ORS §247.016](#)).

Pennsylvania (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([25 Pa.C.S.A. § 1301](#)).

Rhode Island (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([RI Gen. Laws §17-9.1-33](#)).

South Carolina (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([S.C. Code § 7-5-120](#)).

South Dakota (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([SDCL § 12-3-1](#)).

Tennessee (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-104](#)).

Texas (0)

- State allows pre-registration when individual turns 17 years and 10 months ([Tex. El. Code Ann § 13.001](#)).

Utah (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([UT Code 20A-2-101.1](#)).



Vermont (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([17 V.S.A. § 2121](#)).

Virginia (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([VA Code Ann. § 24.2-403](#)).

Washington (1)

- State allows individuals to pre-register when they turn 16 ([Rev. Code of Wash. 29A.08.230](#)).

West Virginia (1/2)

- State allows pre-registration when individual turns 17 ([W. Va. Code §3-2-2](#)).

Wisconsin (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Wis. Stat. Ann. §6.05](#)).

Wyoming (1/4)

- State allows pre-registration if individual will turn 18 by the next election ([Wyo. Stat. §22-3-102](#)).

Democracy Map & Additional Resources

- See our Democracy Map: [Voter Pre-Registration](#), which is updated in real time.
- Research from CIRCLE at Tufts shows pre-registration increases turnout: <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/impact-voting-laws-youth-turnout-and-registration>