DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEMOCRACY PROFILE

Quick Facts About District of Columbia

Total Eligible Voting Population in 2024

510,714

United States Election Project

Turnout by % of Eligible Voters in 2020

64

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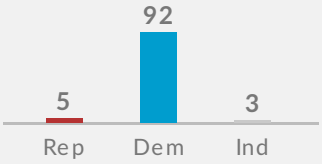
Number of House Seats in 2024

N/A

2020 Presidential Vote %



District of Columbia's Democracy Tally

Overall Tally:

19/34.5

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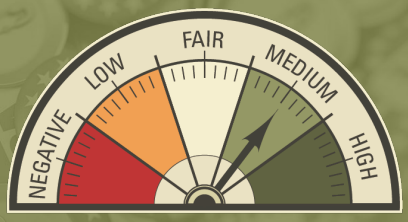

Who Votes: 6.5/11

Voter Registration

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Representation & Participation

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How to Vote: 5/10.5

Voting in Person

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Voting by Mail

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Protecting the Vote: 7.5/13

Election Security

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Independence & Integrity

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District of Columbia's Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

Click on each issue for more information and to see where the state fits into the national landscape.

KEY

- Indicates state law or policy
- Indicates local laws or policies and/or partial law
- Indicates no law or policy
- Enumeration not applicable

Who Votes

Voter Registration	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Automatic Voter Registration	✓	0.5/1
Negative Law: Voter Roll Purges Based Solely on Infrequent Voting	No Negative Law	0/-1
Online Voter Registration	✓	1/1
Registration Deadlines	✓	1/1
Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)	✓	1/1
Negative Law: Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives	No Negative Law	0/-1
Voter Preregistration	✓	1/1
Voter Registration Total	**4.5/5**	

Representation & Participation	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Direct Citizen Initiative Process	✗	0/1
Native American Voting Protections	✗	0/1
Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems	✗	0/1
Voter Registration Rates	✓	1/1
Voter Turnout Percentage	✗	0/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People	✓	1/1
Representation & Participation Total	**2/6**	

How to Vote

Voting in Person	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Curbside Voting for Voters with Disabilities	✓	0.5/0.5
Election Day Holidays and Paid Time Off to Vote	✗	0/1
Adequate Early Voting Period	✓	1/1
Negative Law: Voting Wait Time and Line Length	No Negative Law	0/-1
Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures	✓	0.5/1
Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places)	✗	0/1
Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting	✓	1/1
Voting in Person Total	**3/5.5**	

Voting by Mail	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Availability of No-Excuse Absentee Voting	✓	1/1
All-Mail Voting States	✗	0/1
Negative Law: Added Requirements to Return Absentee Ballots	No Negative Law	0/-0.5
Negative Law: Third Party Ballot Collection Policies	No Negative Law	0/-0.5
Ballot Drop Box Policies & Availability	✗	0/0.5
Mail Ballot Receipt Deadlines	✓	0.5/0.5
Prepaid Ballot Postage	✗	0/0.5
Online Absentee Ballot Application Availability	✗	0/1
Permanent Absentee Voter List Availability	✓	0.5/0.5
Voting by Mail Total	**2/5**	

Protecting the Vote

Election Security	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Ballot & Signature Cure Availability (Opportunity for Voter to Correct Errors)	✗	0/1
Protections Against Election Disinformation	✗	0/1
Ballot Tracking for Mail Voting	✓	1/1
Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification	✓	1/1
Security of Voting Machines (Hand Marked Paper Ballots)	✓	1/1
Post-Election Audits Required	✓	1/1
Risk-Limiting Audits	✗	0/1
Election Security Total	**4/7**	

Independence & Integrity	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Negative Law: Election Officials Face Threats of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines	No Negative Law	0/-1.0
Negative Law: State Legislature Interference in Elections	No Negative Law	0/-1
Efficient Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing	✓	1/1
Guns in Polling Places	✓	0.5/0.5
State Level Voting Rights Acts	✗	0/1
"Voter Intent" Laws to Standardize Ballot Interpretation	✗	0/0.5
Independence of State Congressional Redistricting	✓	1/1
Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies	✓	1/1
Negative Law: Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices	No Negative Law	0/-1
Laws Protecting Election Officials Against Threats	✗	0/1
Independence & Integrity Total	**3.5/6**	