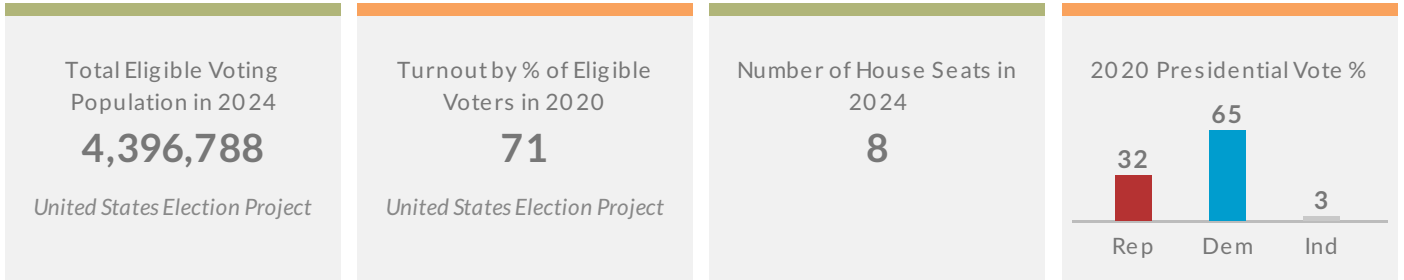
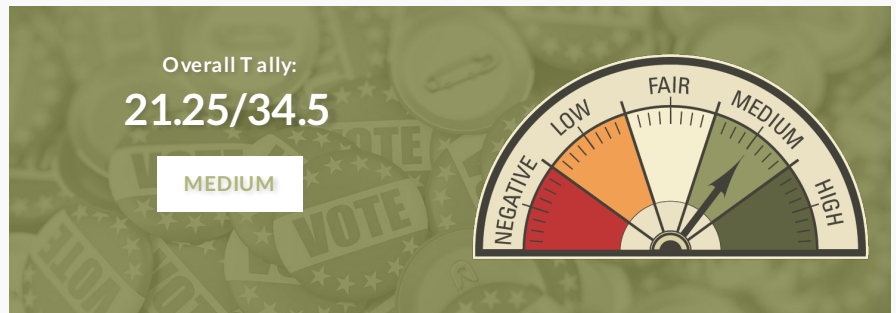


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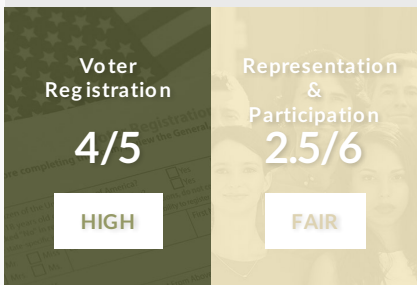
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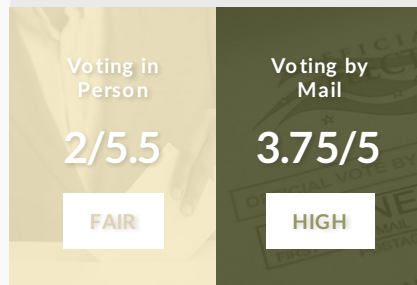
## Maryland's Democracy Tally



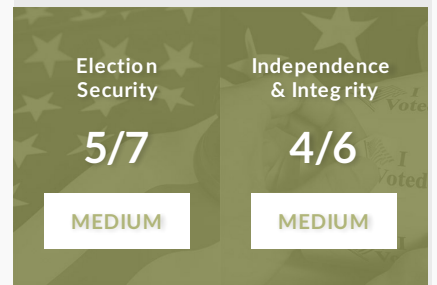
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### How to Vote: 5.75/10.5



### Protecting the Vote: 9/13








# Maryland'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
<b>Negative Law:</b> 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
<b>Negative Law:</b> Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives	<b>NEGATIVE LAW</b>	<b>-0.5/-1</b>
Voter Preregistration		1/1
<b>Voter Registration Total</b>	<b>4/5</b>	

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		0.5/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People		1/1
<b>Representation &amp; Participation Total</b>	<b>2.5/6</b>	

# How to Vote

Voting in Person	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Curbside Voting for Voters with Disabilities		0/0.5
Election Day Holidays and Paid Time Off to Vote		1/1
Adequate Early Voting Period		0.5/1
<b>Negative Law:</b> Voting Wait Time and Line Length	<b>NEGATIVE LAW</b>	<b>-1/-1</b>
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
<b>Voting in Person Total</b>	<b>2/5.5</b>	

Voting by Mail	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Availability of No-Excuse Absentee Voting		1/1
All-Mail Voting States		0/1
<b>Negative Law:</b> Added Requirements to Return Absentee Ballots	No Negative Law	0/-0.5
<b>Negative Law:</b> Third Party Ballot Collection Policies	<b>NEGATIVE LAW</b>	<b>-0.25/-0.5</b>
Ballot Drop Box Policies & Availability		0.5/0.5
Mail Ballot Receipt Deadlines		0.5/0.5
Prepaid Ballot Postage		0.5/0.5
Online Absentee Ballot Application Availability		1/1
Permanent Absentee Voter List Availability		0.5/0.5
<b>Voting by Mail Total</b>	<b>3.75/5</b>	

# Protecting the Vote

Election Security	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Ballot & Signature Cure Availability (Opportunity for Voter to Correct Errors)		1/1
Protections Against Election Disinformation		1/1
Ballot Tracking for Mail Voting		1/1
Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification		0/1
Security of Voting Machines (Hand Marked Paper Ballots)		1/1
Post-Election Audits Required		1/1
Risk-Limiting Audits		0/1
<b>Election Security Total</b>	<b>5/7</b>	

Independence & Integrity	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
<b>Negative Law:</b> Election Officials Face Threats of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines	No Negative Law	0/-1.0
<b>Negative Law:</b> 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	✓	0.5/0.5
Independence of State Congressional Redistricting	✗	0/1
Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies	✓	1/1
<b>Negative Law:</b> Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices	No Negative Law	0/-1
Laws Protecting Election Officials Against Threats	✓	1/1
<b>Independence &amp; Integrity Total</b>	<b>4/6</b>	