

MONTANA DEMOCRACY PROFILE

Quick Facts About Montana

Total Eligible Voting
Population in 2024

887,675

United States Election Project

Turnout by % of Eligible
Voters in 2020

73

United States Election Project

Number of House Seats in
2024

2

2020 Presidential Vote %

57

41

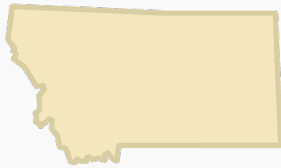
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Montana's Democracy Tally



Overall Tally:
17/34.5

FAIR



Who Votes: **4.5/11**

Voter
Registration

0.25/5

LOW

Representation
&
Participation
4.25/6

MEDIUM

How to Vote: **5/10.5**

Voting in
Person

2.5/5.5

FAIR

Voting by
Mail

2.5/5

MEDIUM

Protecting the Vote: **7.5/13**

Election
Security

6/7

HIGH

Independence
& Integrity


1.5/6


FAIR


Montana'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		0/1
Negative Law: Voter Roll Purges Based Solely on Infrequent Voting	NEGATIVE LAW	-1/-1
Online Voter Registration		0/1
Registration Deadlines		1/1
Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)		0/1
Negative Law: Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives	No Negative Law	0/-1
Voter Preregistration		0.25/1
Voter Registration Total	0.25/5	

Representation & Participation	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Direct Citizen Initiative Process		1/1
Native American Voting Protections		0/1
Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems		0.75/1
Voter Registration Rates		0.5/1
Voter Turnout Percentage		1/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People		1/1
Representation & Participation Total	4.25/6	

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		0.5/1
Adequate Early Voting Period		1/1
Negative Law: Voting Wait Time and Line Length	No Negative Law	0/-1
Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures		0/1
Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places)		0/1
Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting		0.5/1
Voting in Person Total	2.5/5.5	

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		0.5/0.5
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	2.5/5	

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	✓	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	6/7	

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	NEGATIVE LAW	-1/-1
Efficient Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing	✓	1/1
Guns in Polling Places	✗	0/0.5
State Level Voting Rights Acts	✗	0/1
"Voter Intent" Laws to Standardize Ballot Interpretation	✓	0.5/0.5
Independence of State Congressional Redistricting	✓	1/1
Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies	✓	1/1
Negative Law: Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices	NEGATIVE LAW	-1/-1
Laws Protecting Election Officials Against Threats	✗	0/1
Independence & Integrity Total	1.5/6	