NORTH DAKOTA DEMOCRACY PROFILE

Quick Facts About North Dakota

Total Eligible Voting Population in 2024

580,564

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Turnout by % of Eligible Voters in 2020

64

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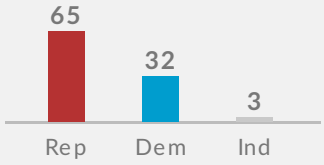
Number of House Seats in 2024

1

2020 Presidential Vote %



North Dakota's Democracy Tally

Overall Tally:

15.75/34.5

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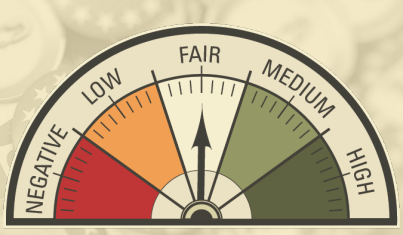

Who Votes: 6.75/11

Voter Registration

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Representation & Participation

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How to Vote: 3.5/10.5

Voting in Person

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Voting by Mail

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Protecting the Vote: 5.5/13

Election Security

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Independence & Integrity

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North Dakota'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	No Negative Law	0/-1
Online Voter Registration	✓	1/1
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	✓	1/1
Voter Registration Total	**3/5**	

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	✓	1/1
Voter Turnout Percentage	✗	0/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People	✓	1/1
Representation & Participation Total	**3.75/6**	

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	✗	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	✗	0/1
Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places)	✓	1/1
Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting	NEGATIVE LAW	-0.5/1
Voting in Person Total	**1.5/5.5**	

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	**NEGATIVE LAW**	**-0.25/-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	✓	0.25/0.5
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	✗	0/1
Risk-Limiting Audits	✗	0/1
Election Security Total	**3/7**	

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	✗	0/0.5
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	**2.5/6**	