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# HOW DOES YOUR VOTE GET COUNTED?

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## POLLS CLOSE & VOTING ENDS

In-person voting ends as polling places close. Some states may continue to accept postmarked mail ballots after Election Day.



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## VOTE COUNTING BEGINS

Vote counting begins as soon as polls close. Timelines vary widely by state, with some jurisdictions completing on Election Night and others taking longer.



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## VOTE COUNTS COMPLETED & VERIFIED

Once vote counting is completed, the canvass process verifies that all cast votes are valid and official vote totals are compiled.



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## RESULTS CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

Most states require post-election audits, which confirm the accuracy of results and check for errors, often using random samples of ballots.



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## RESULTS CERTIFIED

Once vote totals have been finalized and verified through the canvass and audits, officials legally confirm the results of the election. This is called certification.



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