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Maryland State Board of Elections Announces 565,639 Voters Have Requested Mail-In Ballots for the 2026 Primary Election

First Phase of Ballot Mailings Will Be Mailed by Monday, May 11

ANNAPOLIS (May 5, 2026) — The Maryland State Board of Elections today announced that 565,639 voters have already requested mail-in ballots for the 2026 Primary Election. The SBE will begin transmitting Primary Election Ballots to voters who are eligible to vote in the primary election and requested a ballot in advance by Monday, May 11. For ballots sent by mail, it is expected that voters will receive their ballot within five days.

There is still time to request a mail-in ballot. To receive a ballot via mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) or submitted [online](#) by Tuesday, June 16. To receive your mail-in ballot via email, submit your request [online](#) no later than Friday, June 19.

To ensure the secure transmittal of mail-in ballots, voters can verify that their [local board of elections](#) received their mail-in ballot request and can track the status of their ballot by visiting SBE's [voter look-up website](#). If you want to receive and vote a mail-in ballot for all future Federal and State elections, sign up for the permanent mail-in ballot list using the mail-in ballot application.

“Voters who want to utilize mail-in ballots should request their ballot early to ensure you have plenty of time to return your voted ballot,” said Jared DeMarinis, State Administrator of Elections. “Mail-in ballots are convenient, secure, and trusted method of voting. Maryland employs tracking technology on the ballots ensuring confidence in the integrity of mail-in voting. Remember that ballot drop boxes are a great way to return your mail-in ballot.”

To return your voted mail-in ballot, the ballot must be postmarked by or before 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 23. If returned by hand, ballots must be dropped at a secure ballot drop box or local board of elections by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23.

Please remember to rely on your state and local government election officials as your trusted sources for election information. Additional information about Maryland's Primary Election, including deadlines to return your voted ballot, can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026 or by downloading the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple store](#).

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