¡Vamos a Votar!

Civic Engagement Informational
Texas and Latinx Voting in 2016

Ranked 47th
National Voter Turnout Rate in 2016

66%
Of eligible Texan Latinx voters registered to vote in comparison to 84% on non-Latinx voters in 2016

18%
Of those who voted in Texas were Latinx in 2016
Why Vote?

Health
- Healthcare, COVID-19, & Stimulus Check

Security
- US Postal Service

Environment and Economy
- Clean Energy and Economic Prosperity

Racial Justice
- Police Reform and Equal Protection

What’s at Stake?

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
Voter Registration
Eligibility

Check these requirements beforehand:

- U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 18 years old by election day
- Be a resident of the county you are registering for
- Are not totally or partially mentally incapacitated
- If you have been convicted of a felony, in order to be eligible you must have:
  - Had sentence fully discharged; completed any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision; or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
  - Been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote
Register:

First: Check If You Are Registered:
https://www.votetexas.gov/register/index.html
If You Are Not Registered visit:
https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/vrapp/index.asp

- Fill out information accordingly
- Deadline: **October 5th, 2020** for November Election
Before Voting
Who is On the Ballot?

You ballot depends on your district for local and state positions but will remain the same for national candidates (https://tinyurl.com/TexasBallot20 for Texas)

U.S. and TEXAS positions available:

U.S President                        U.S. Senator
U.S. Representative               Railroad Commissioner
Sheriff                               Judges
Look up your ballot:

https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup

Input your home address (the one in which you are registered for) and see who will be on your ballot!
Research Candidates 101

Incumbent
Go to www.congress.gov to see what issues they have stood for in the past and their concentration.

Open Seats
Explore Candidates’ Websites
Attend Town Halls and Virtual Events

Fact Check
https://www.factcheck.org keeps up with candidates claims and statements.
Voting Time!
Important Election Dates and Deadlines - Texas*

October
First Day of Early Voting

October
Last Day to Vote by Mail

November
Election Day!

October
Last Day for Early Voting

* May vary by state. Please check your state’s website for more information
To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must:

- be 65 years or older;
- be sick or disabled (documented);
- be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or
- be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

COVID-19 concerns are not a valid reason to vote by mail in the state of Texas.
Mail-In Ballot contd.

Qualify to vote by mail? Register here: https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabbm.shtml

- Request or print an application.
- Application must be filled out (in black or blue ink), signed, and mailed to your election administrator in the county where you are registered to vote.
- VBM application must be received (not postmarked) by October 23, 2020 for the November 2020 election. Aim to send it in by October 16th.
- Follow-up by calling your local Elections Administrator or County Clerk around 10-14 days after sending your ballot
In-Person Voting

Step 1: Find your polling location:
Visit: [https://www.vote411.org/](https://www.vote411.org/) and input your address, you’ll see lots of information regarding voting including your polling location!

Step 2: Bring a valid Voter ID:
Photo ID’s may be up to 4 years expired, except for 70+ yr olds it may be expired for longer
This includes:
- TX driver’s license
- TX Election ID Certificate (issued DPS)
- TX Personal ID Card
- Handgun License
- Military ID Card
- US Passport Book or Card
- US Citizenship Certificate
Step 3: Show poll worker your Voter ID
Poll workers will verify that you are registered to vote and at the correct polling location.

Step 4: You will receive a paper ballot and begin voting!
Some polling places will have an electronic voting booth while others will not.

With electronic voting booth:
- Insert the paper ballot into machine, answer prompted questions, and make your selections as you continue through slides.
- Once you are done and click submit, your ballot will be printed with your selections, make your way over to a second machine (poll workers will guide you) and insert your ballot, boom you’re done!

No electronic booth? You will head over to an empty booth and make your selections with a pen, make sure to answer each category! Poll workers will advise you on where to turn in your ballot!
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Can’t Vote? Make an Impact!

**Phone Banking**
Join Voter Registration and Get Out The Vote Efforts through orgs like JOLT and Mi Familia Vota

**Census**
Filling out the Census is a way that all people can be represented regardless of immigration status

**Social Media**
Use your platform to show your support and educate others on issues that matter to you!

**Learn and Educate**
Help friends and family members with any Voter Registration and polling concerns
YOU are the change you have been waiting for.
Q&A

Questions?

¿Preguntas?

LULAC
Instagram: @utd_lulac
Email: lulac4690@gmail.com

Jolt
Twitter:
@JoltAction/@JoltInitiative
Instagram: @jolt.utd
Email:
socialmedia.utdjolt@gmail.com
Upcoming HHM Events

Follow @utdallasmc on IG for more info!

Visit the MC website to register for these events!
Thank You!

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We Are Texas—an Analysis of Young Latino Voters In the Lone Star State


Vote411
Texas Secretary of State
FactCheck.org
Contents of This Template

- How to register to vote, important dates and deadlines, how mail-in ballots work, Who is on the ballot?
- How to research candidates
Saturn
Saturn is the ringed one. It’s a gas giant, composed mostly of hydrogen and helium.

Jupiter
Jupiter is a gas giant and also the fourth-brightest object in the sky.

Mars
Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It’s full of iron oxide dust.
Problem

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System—it’s only a bit larger than our Moon.

Solution

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It’s full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its reddish cast.
Exercise

**MARS**
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**VENUS**
Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun.

**MERCURY**
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**JUPITER**
Jupiter is a gas giant and the fourth-brightest object in the sky.
A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words
Alternative Resources
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