👋 Hello from Tobias Read, Secretary of State of Oregon

I’m reaching out to tell you how we’re keeping elections safe, secure, and accessible.



Voting by mail is a safe, trustworthy way to vote

- **Oregon has been an all vote-by-mail state for nearly 30 years.**
- Voting by mail is tried and true way to run elections. 150,000 soldiers voted by mail during the Civil War, and the military continues to vote by mail today.
- Oregon uses barcodes to track ballots and verifies ID and eligibility for every voter.

Election officials make sure only eligible votes are counted

- **Oregon only sends mail ballots to active eligible voters,** and voters can only vote once.
- **Oregon regularly updates our voter lists** to remove voters who have moved, died, or are no longer eligible. During the 2024 elections, this nationwide effort resulted in removing over 21 million records.
- **Election night isn’t always results night.** Election workers need time to count every single vote. It’s normal for it to take days before results are final as all eligible ballots are processed and counted.

Elections are a transparent, trustworthy process

- Oregon offers ballot tracking so you can see exactly when your ballot was mailed and received by your election office. **Check your ballot status here.**
- All states allow people from any political party to be observers when counting ballots.
- You can watch ballot-counting at **your county elections office** either in person or often online via livestream.

Voting machines are thoroughly tested and reliable

- **Oregon law requires vote-counting machines to be tested for accuracy before and after each election.** Election officials conduct each test in public. The public can also watch while ballots are counted.
- **Vote-tallying machines are never connected to the internet.**
- After the election, **ballots are preserved and audited by counties.**



For more voting information, go to oregonvotes.gov

TRUSTWORTHY RESOURCES

oregonvotes.gov/register

oregonvotes.gov/myvote

oregonvotes.gov/dropbox

oregonvotes.gov/toolkit

results.oregonvotes.gov

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All art in this toolkit is from the Election Assistance Commission's social media toolkit, which is free and available to the public.

We’re here to answer any of your voting questions

- Follow the Oregon Secretary of State’s Elections Division on social media for trustworthy and accurate information:

  @OregonElections on Instagram
  @OregonElections on Facebook
  @OregonElections on BlueSky
  @OregonElections on X/Twitter
  @OregonElections on YouTube

- Contact us if you’re confused about any part of the voting process. We’re happy to answer your questions.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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