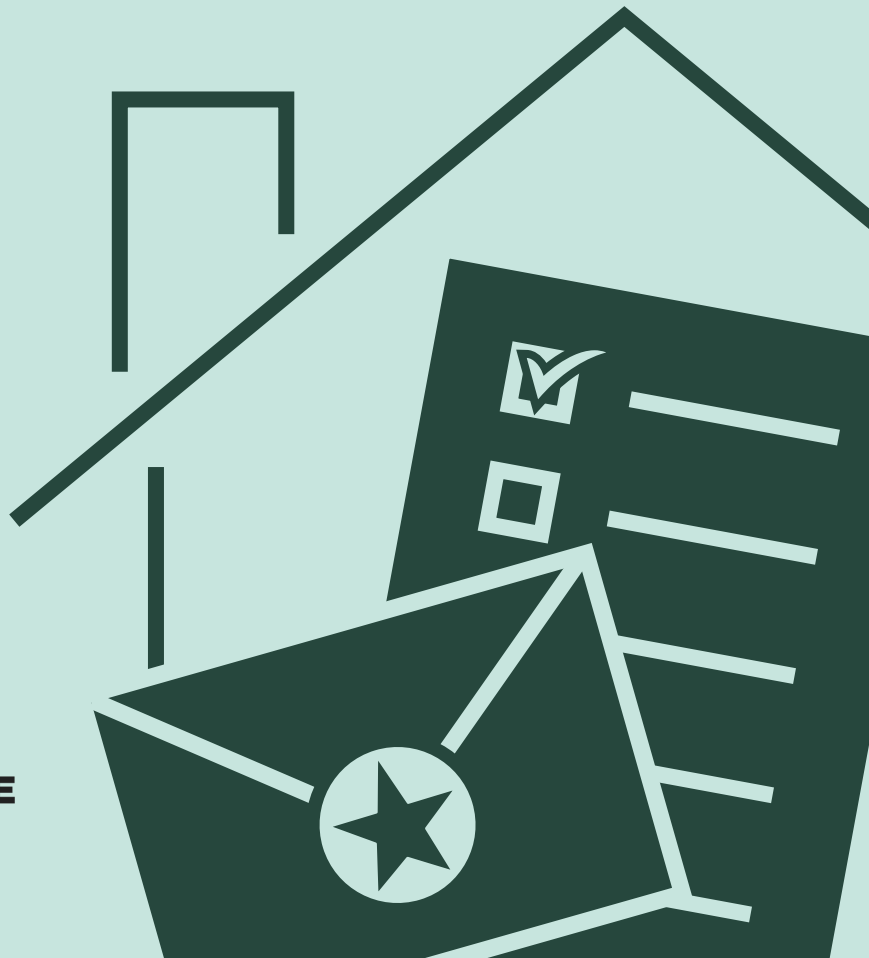F

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Vote By Mail for Secure Elections in 2020 — and Beyond

A Step-by-Step Guide for Oklahoma

In-depth materials and guidelines for local election administrators, secretaries of states, legislators, and advocates to help Oklahoma handle more mailed-out ballots.
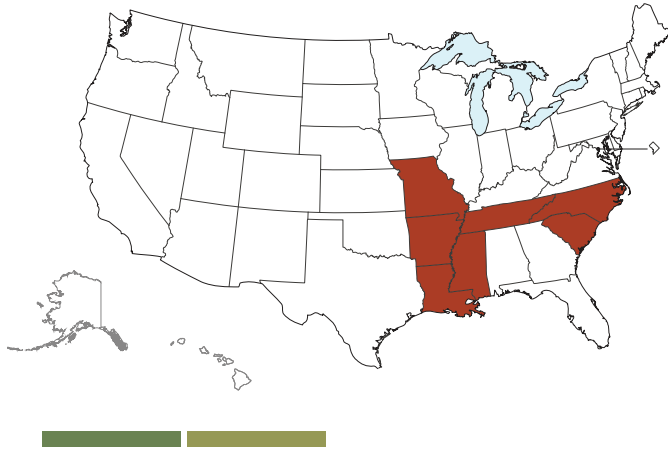
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Voting in Oklahoma

Oklahoma has more than 2.1 million registered voters in its 77 counties, ranging from 1,404 in Harmon County to 408,000 in Oklahoma County. In the 2018 election, 6 percent of Oklahomans voted absentee. This ranged from less than 1 percent in Johnston County to 9.7 percent in Oklahoma County. Of that election s 6,353 poll workers, 83 percent were age 60 or older   an age group at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

One-third of Oklahoma s registered voters cast ballots in the March 3 presidential primary   a dip compared with the 2016 primary turnout but 10 percentage points higher than 2012 s. Nearly 4 percent of voters cast votes by mail   approximately twice as many as in the 2016 presidential primary. In preparation for the June 30 primary, Oklahoma s state legislature passed a bill reducing the requirements for absentee voter veri cation and waiving the need for notary or witness signature so long as voters provide proof of identi cation.

Oklahoma's grade for Vote By Mail preparedness

Grades based on 15 factors covering

- Ease of access
- Ballot security
- Election infrastructure
- Administrative ef ciency

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Ways in which Oklahoma is already prepared

- Allows any voter to request an absentee ballot.
- Allows voters to register and request an absentee ballot online.