



**2024 Spring Election
City of Madison Media Kit**

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City of Madison Election Statistics *as of February 29, 2024*

Registered Voters: 185,546

Voting Age Population, estimated by Wisconsin Department of Administration: 240,759

Polling Locations: 107

Wards: 161

In-Person Absentee Voting Sites: 34

Poll Workers on Election Day: up to 2,400

Wards with No Registered Voters: Wards 125, 126, 131, 137, 141, 142, 143, 148, 149, 152, 155, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161

Ward with Less than 10 Registered Voters: Wards 120, 121, 129, 136, 144, 151, 154, 156

Number of ballot styles in the City of Madison for this election: 73

I Voted Stickers in the City of Madison were designed by [Katina Maclin](#).



Polling Place Changes: The Clerk's Office sends a postcard notice to all registered voters whose polling location has changed. Polling locations are selected based on accessibility, proximity to the neighborhood they serve, adequate space for voting, and no rental charge. Facilities that serve as polling locations are providing a public service to the community.

- Ward 40 has been moved from Bethany Evangelical Free Church to Trinity Lutheran Church for greater accessibility.
- Wards 45, 51, and 126 have been moved from the Majestic Theater to NoVo apartments, which will offer more space and easier access for curbside voting.
- Ward 61 has been moved from DeJope Residence Hall to the Frank Holt Center due to construction.
- Now that construction is complete, Wards 75 and 133 are moving back from the Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter to the Badger Rock Neighborhood Center.
- We are looking for a new polling location for ward 89. Mount Olive Lutheran Church just withdrew as a polling location.
- Wards 90 and 135 are moving from Wellspring United Methodist Church to Stephens Elementary School. Wellspring is no longer a polling location because it has closed.
- Ward 104 is returning to Yahara Bay Distillery. The business agreed to serve as a polling location once again, in response to voter requests.
- Wards 109, 110, and 138 are moving to a second polling location at Blackhawk Church. These wards had been voting at the Princeton Club, but that business has withdrawn as a polling location.

Presidential Preference Primary Election	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	% Turnout	Election Day Registrations	Absentees Issued	Absentees Returned to be Counted	In-Person Absentees	Poll Workers
4/2020	173,927	97,995	56.3%	3,246	87,890	66,997	4,930	1,246
4/2016	179,146	118,219	66%	26,271	11,126	10,272	5,550	2,033
4/2012	165,312	46,452	28%	2,716	6,665	5,190	2,110	1,168
2/2008	164,000	87,992	54%	25,043	7,193	6,624	1,777	619
2/2004	143,343	76,058	53%	17,385	4,121	3,711	1,062	347
4/2000	135,805	34,566	25%	3,361	1,683	1,475	445	107

Presidential Preference

Wisconsin has an Open Primary. Voters choose one party on their ballot and vote in that party's primary. Voters do not designate a political party when they register to vote. They cast a secret ballot, so there is no record of which party's primary they have chosen for casting their vote.

Sample Ballots


The City of Madison will have 73 different ballot styles this election. Ballot styles are specific for ward, county supervisor district, and school district splits.

If a polling place has more than one ballot style, a stripe of color at the top of the ballot helps poll workers make sure they issue each voter the correct ballot style. The poll book, voter slip, and stripe at the top of the ballot are all color coordinated.

Voters can see their sample ballot by looking up their voter record or address at <https://MyVote.wi.gov>.



Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/3	3/4	3/5 Last Day to Establish Residency Voters who move after today will not be eligible to vote at their new address and will need to vote from their previous address.	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9
3/10	3/11 Care Facility Absentee Voting Begins Special Voting Deputy Election Officials bring absentee ballots to voters at 27 care facilities in the City.	3/12 Absentees Mailed to voters with requests on file. Track the status of your absentee at https://MyVote.wi.gov	3/13 Voter Registration Closes Final day to register via mail or online.	3/14	3/15	3/16
3/17	3/18 Do Not Delay Absentees requested after today might not have enough time to travel through the mail.	3/19 In-Person Absentee Voting Begins Hours & locations	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23 Public Test City Clerk's Office tests electronic election equipment to ensure accurate results.
3/24	3/25 Mail It Back Monday Voters returning absentees via mail are encouraged to do so by today.	3/26 Hospitalized Voters may begin requesting absentee ballots .	3/27	3/28 Absentee via Mail Request Deadline for most voters, but Post Office might not deliver by Tuesday	3/29 Final Day to Register at Absentee Sites Voters may still register at the polls on Election Day.	3/30
3/31 Final Day of In-Person Absentee Voting Hours & locations	4/1	4/2 Election Day Polls open 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m. Election results are posted on County Clerk's website. 	4/3	4/4	4/5 Provisional Deadline Provisional voters have until 4 p.m. to get a copy of their ID to the Clerk's Office.	4/6

New Absentee Envelopes

Wisconsin has updated its absentee envelopes. The absentee mailer envelope will be printed in red and blue. The certificate envelope used to return the ballot to the Clerk's Office will be printed in purple for most voters. Nursing home absentee voters will have an envelope printed in teal. Military and overseas absentee voters will have an envelope printed in brown.

The new certificate envelope now has a space for the voter's witness to print their name. This section must be completed.

The Voter Information section of the absentee certificate envelope will contain a label generated by the City Clerk's Office.


In order for the absentee ballot to be counted, it must be returned to the Clerk's Office in time to be counted at the polls on Election Day. That means the Clerk's Office needs to receive the ballot no later than Election Day. The postmark does not count.

The absentee certificate envelope must contain:

- Voter signature
- Witness signature
- Printed name of witness
- Witness address

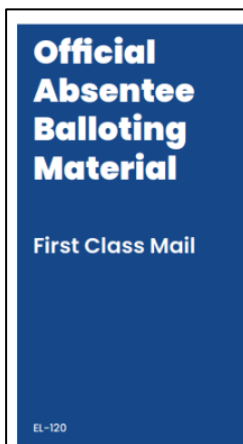
Yellow highlighting on the absentee certificate envelope indicates which sections must be completed in order for the ballot to count.

The [instructions](#) mailed with each absentee ballot have also been updated.

Official Absentee Ballot Certificate & Application			
CLERK OR DEPUTY >> Initial Here >>		In-person absentee voter showed valid POI _____	Voter exempt from or met POI requirement _____
STEP 1 CLERK OR VOTER must complete this part			
Voter Information			Election Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> City Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Village Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Town Name:			
Name (Last, First, Middle) _____			
Street Address _____			
County _____		City _____	
State _____	Zip _____	Ward _____	Ald. Dist _____
STEP 2 VOTER must complete this part			
I certify, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), that:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a resident of the ward or of the aldermanic district of the municipality in the county of the state of Wisconsin indicated hereon OR I am entitled to vote in the ward or aldermanic district at the election indicated hereon • I am not voting at any other location in this election • I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the ward on Election Day, or I have changed my residence within the state from one ward to another less than 28 days before the election • I displayed the ballot unmarked to the witness and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed it in this envelope in a manner that no one but myself and an assistant under s. 6.87 (5), if I requested assistance, could know how I voted • I requested this ballot and this is the original or a copy of that request 			
X			
Voter Signature			
Certification of Assistant (if applicable) I certify that the voter is unable to sign their name due to a disability and that I signed the voter's name at the direction and request of the voter			
Assistant Signature _____			
STEP 3 WITNESS must complete this part			
I the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that:			
 WITNESS REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am an adult U.S. citizen • The above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as stated • I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk). • I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any candidate or measure 		
X			
Witness Signature			

Witness Printed Name			

Witness Address (Number, Street Name, City)			



Return Service Requested

New Signs at the Polls

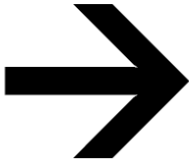
As a Center for Election Excellence, the City Clerk's Office has worked with the Center for Civic Design to update the signs that are posted in each polling location.

Spring Primary polling locations tried out the signs below in February and provided the Clerk's Office with feedback. Some adjustments will be made based on this feedback, and every polling location will have new signs to help voters navigate the polling place in April.


Each sign includes English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, and Hmong languages, along with a helpful icon. Previously, the signs did not have any icons other than arrows. Poll workers had separate signs to post in English and in Spanish.

Voting

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Register here

Regístrese aquí
在此註冊
Sau Npe Ntawm No

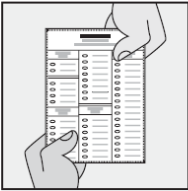


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Get your ballot here

Obtenga su papeleta de votaciones aquí
在這裏獲取您的選票
Txais koj daim npav xaiv tsa ntawm no

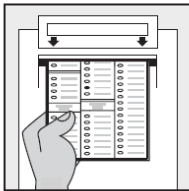


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Ballots counted here

Las papeletas se cuentan aquí
選票在這裏計數
Cov Npav Xaiv Tsa raug suav ntawm noa



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Media Visits

Members of the media are welcome to visit our absentee voting sites and polling locations. There is no need to notify the Clerk's Office in advance. When you arrive onsite, check in with a Clerk's Office employee at the absentee voting site, or with the Chief Inspector at the polling location.

Observation at the polls begins at 7 a.m., when the poll open. The closing of the polls is open for anyone to observe.

Interviews with voters should occur outside of the voting area, and only after the voters have finished voting. The media may take photographs or video as long as the Chief Inspector at the polling location determines that this would not be disruptive, and any voters pictured give their consent. (Confidential voters are victims of stalking or domestic abuse, and it is imperative that nobody be able to figure out the neighborhood in which they reside due to seeing them pictured at the polls.)

Images captured at the polls or absentee voting sites may not show how someone marked their ballot. Voters are entitled to cast a secret ballot.

The Clerk's Office will provide updates on daily absentee statistics via X/Twitter, @MadisonWIClerk. On Election Day, the Clerk's Office will provide updates on voter turnout via X/Twitter after polling locations call at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with their turnout numbers by ward. The Clerk's Office calculates turnout based on the number of pre-registered voters because they have that data by ward and use these numbers to determine whether they need to deliver more ballots to any polling location. Voter turnout numbers include the absentee ballots processed at each location, which City of Madison poll workers do throughout Election Day at every polling place. Final turnout percentages might not be calculated until the following morning.

Interviews

Any questions about referenda questions should be directed to the Mayor or the City Attorney. The City Clerk's Office will not be commenting on anything that is on the ballot.

Questions about processes or data may be directed to the Deputy Clerk or City Clerk by calling (608) 266-4601 or sending an e-mail message to Clerk@cityofmadison.com.

B-Roll

The best opportunity to capture B-Roll would probably be at the public test of election equipment. We don't have many good visuals in our temporary office space.

Election Results

Election results will be posted on the Dane County Clerk's website on election night.



My Vote WI

Voters are encouraged to verify their voter registration online at <https://MyVote.wi.gov>. Voters may also use the MyVote site to:

- Register to vote up to 20 days before an election if their address is up-to-date with the DMV.
- Find out what will be on their ballot.
- Request an absentee ballot.
- Track the status of their absentee request.
- Verify that their absentee ballot has been received by the City Clerk's Office.
- Verify their polling place.

Voter Eligibility

To be eligible to vote you must:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be age 18 or older by Election Day.
- Have resided at your current address at least 28 consecutive days before election.
- Have, if convicted of a felony, completed terms of sentence including probation/parole/extended supervision.
- Have not placed a bet or wager on the outcome of the election.
- Have not been adjudicated incompetent to vote (only a judge can make such a ruling).
- Have not already voted in this election.



Voter Registration

Registration is open until 20 days before an election. It takes 28 days to establish residency at a new address. Temporary absence does not affect residency. Time spent away from your residence still counts toward the residency requirement as long as you intend to return. When registering, you must present a document showing your current name at your current address. You cannot register to vote at a post office box.

Voters need to update their registration when they move, even if moving to another unit in the same apartment complex. If a voter changes their name, the name change goes into effect for voting purposes once they update the name on their ID. A name change also requires a new registration form.

Proof of address may be presented in either paper or electronic format. It must include the voter's name and current address. If the document has an expiration date, it cannot be expired.

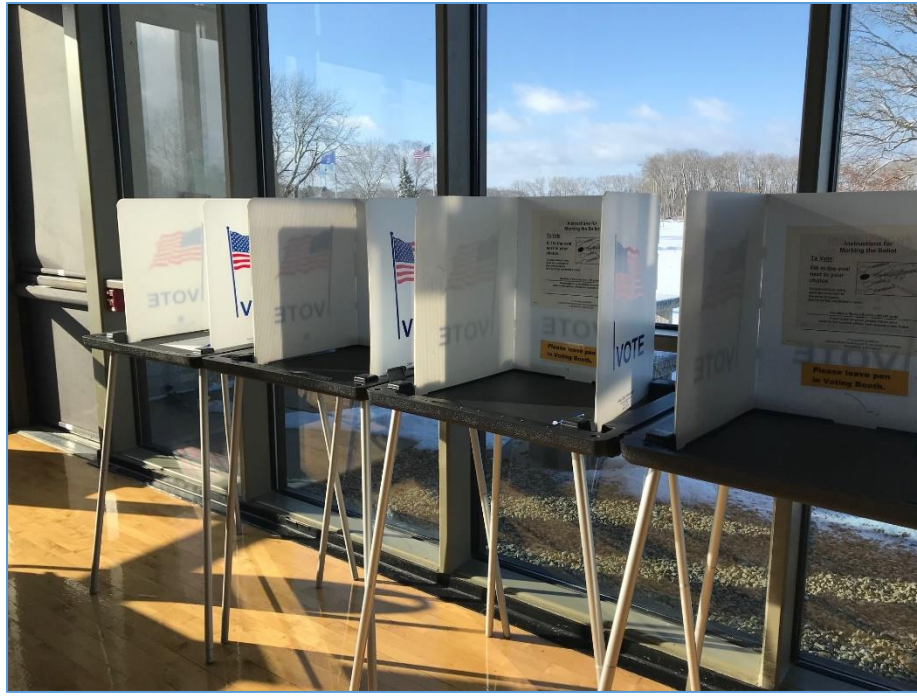
Acceptable Proof of Address

- Utility bill issued within the last 90 days
- Bank, credit union, credit card, or mortgage statement
- Current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin identification card
- Paycheck
- Government-issued document (federal, state, county, municipal, tribal, UW, Madison College, or public school)
- Certified housing list provided to the City Clerk's Office by UW-Madison or Edgewood College (must show student ID; available at the polls and absentee voting sites)
- Check issued by a unit of government
- Real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the previous year
- Residential lease effective on the day of registration (cannot be used if registering to vote by mail)
- Contract or intake document issued when admitted to a nursing home or care facility
- College fee statement issued in the last nine months, accompanied by student ID card
- Affidavit from a public or private social service agency, on letterhead, identifying an individual who is homeless and indicating where that individual resides
- Official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- Identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business, which has a photograph of the cardholder, but not a business card.

During in-person absentee voting, voters may register at an in-person absentee voting site through the Friday before the election. They will need to show proof of address.

On Election Day, voters may register to vote at their polling location with proof of address.





Confidential Voter Registration

Voters affected by domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking may register as confidential voters. The names and addresses of confidential voters are not included in voter lists released by the state.

The names and addresses of confidential voters are not included in the alphabetical listing of voters on the poll book. Confidential voter names and unique identifying numbers are listed in the back of the poll book, on a page that is not open to public inspection.

When voting at the polls or voting absentee in person, confidential voters do not state a name and address. Instead, they present a confidential voter card from the Clerk's Office. Confidential voters are exempt from showing voter ID.

Confidential voter registration is only available in the Clerk's Office. City of Madison residents may register confidentially in the City Clerk's Office, temporarily located in room 153 of the Madison Municipal Building (215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard). If not already registered, they will need to show Proof of Residence.

Voters registering confidentially must present one of these documents:

- Restraining order or injunction currently in effect
- Affidavit from Chief of Police, Sheriff, or District Attorney dated within last 30 days
- Signed statement from the operator or agent of a shelter, dated within last 30 days, indicating that the voter resides in the shelter
- Statement signed by a representative of a service provider for survivors of domestic abuse or sexual assault, indicating that the voter received services from that provider within 24 months of the date on the statement
- Proof of participation in the Wisconsin Department of Justice Safe at Home address confidentiality program

Voters Experiencing Homelessness

Voters who do not have a traditional street address may register to vote using the map on the back of the registration form to indicate a location where they spend time or they return to on a regular basis. If they had previously established residence at an address and intend to return to that location, they may remain registered at that previous address. Their residence for voting purposes could be a shelter or park. The Clerk's Office needs to be able to pin the location on a map. The voter may use a letter from a social service agency (public or private) as Proof of Address.

Ex-Felons and Incarcerated Voters

An individual convicted of a felony may register to vote once they have completed the terms of their sentence, including probation, parole, or extended supervision.

Someone convicted of a misdemeanor and not a felony remains eligible to vote, even if they are incarcerated. A jail or prison in which a voter is incarcerated may not be used as their voting address. Their voting address would be the address at which they resided prior to incarceration. Incarcerated voters do not qualify as indefinitely confined absentee voters.





Voter ID

Voters must present an acceptable form of ID for their vote to be counted.

Voter ID is used to prove identity. It does **not** need to show a current address. Election officials look at the type of ID presented, the name and photograph on the ID, and the expiration date of the ID. A driver license or ID from another state is not an acceptable form of ID for voting in Wisconsin.

Whether a Wisconsin ID or Wisconsin driver license complies with the federal Real ID Act of 2005 does not matter when it comes to voting. Wisconsin ID cards that do not comply with Real ID requirements **are acceptable** forms of voter ID.

Acceptable Forms of Voter ID

- Wisconsin driver license*
- WI DOT-issued photo ID card*
- U.S. passport*
- Military ID card*
- Certificate of naturalization issued within last 2 years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver license or state ID receipt
- ID card issued by a Native American Tribe, regardless of expiration
- ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college—must contain issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within 2 years of issuance. If the ID is expired, proof of current enrollment is also required.
- Unexpired Veterans Affairs ID card

**Expiration must be after the last November election (November 8, 2022).*

Obtaining a Wisconsin ID

Anyone who is eligible to vote but does not have a Wisconsin license or ID card may [obtain a free ID](#) for voting. Voters who are missing any part of the required documentation may [petition the DMV](#) to verify their identity for them.

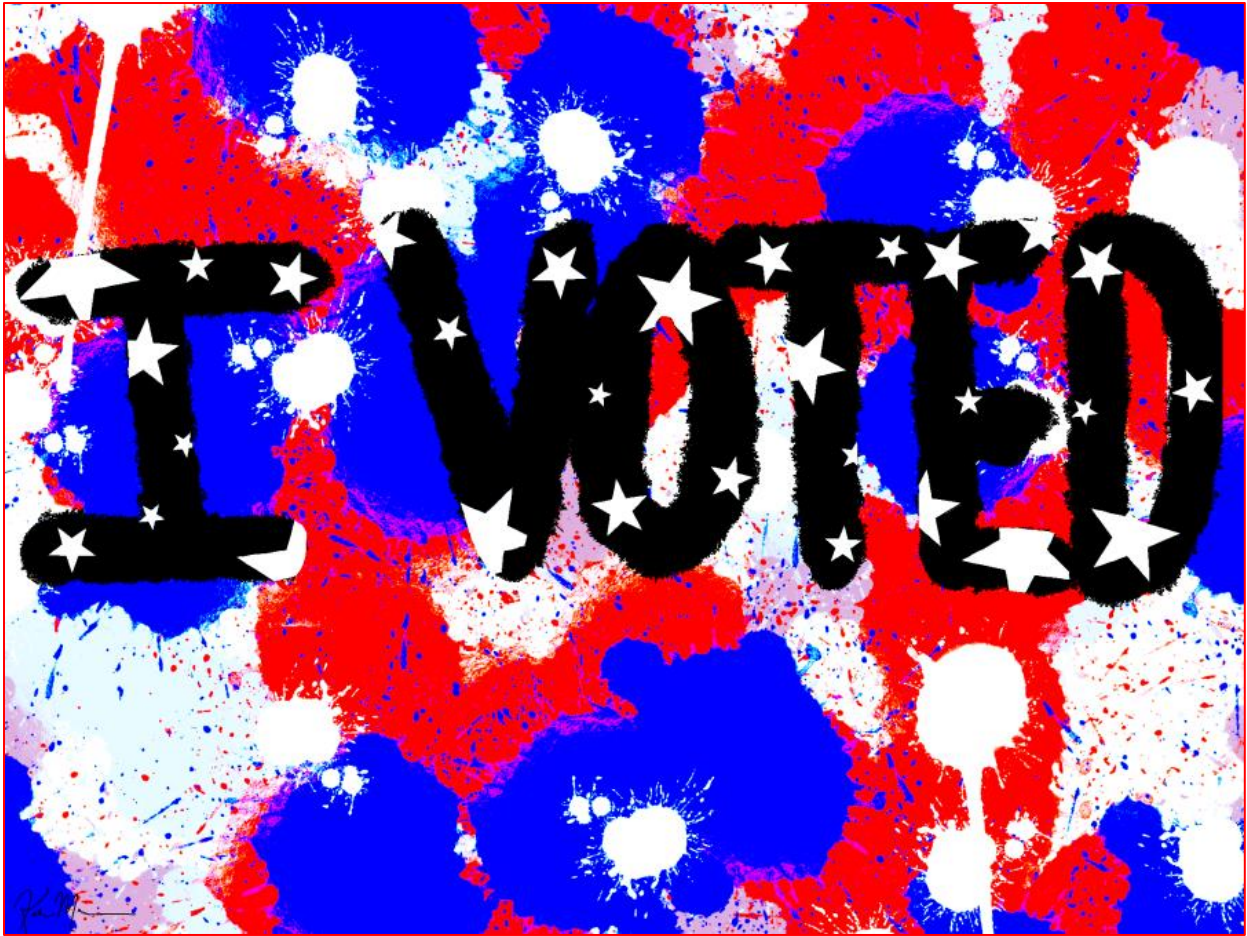
For the shortest lines, visit the DMV mid-morning or mid-afternoon, and try to avoid Mondays, Fridays, and the beginning and end of each month. ID customers are given priority service at the DMV. Everyone who is in the office at closing time will be served.

The Dane County Voter ID Coalition provides free assistance with obtaining transportation to the DMV and walking through the DMV application process. This is a joint effort of the League of Women Voters of Dane County and the Dane County NAACP. Their helpline is (608) 285-2141.

Voter ID Exceptions

Voter ID is not required for:

- Military absentee voters
- Confidential Voters
- Absentee voters indefinitely confined to their homes due to age or disability
- Residents of nursing homes or care facilities with Special Voting Deputies bringing their absentee ballot to the facility



Absentee Voting Via Mail

Voters may submit an absentee request at <https://MyVote.wi.gov>, or may send the City Clerk's Office a written request that includes:

- Name
- Address where registered to vote
- Address to which the ballot should be mailed
- Signature
- Copy of Voter ID, if not already on file in Clerk's Office

Absentee requests may be sent via email to voting@cityofmadison.com, or mailed to:

City Clerk's Office
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd #105
Madison, WI 53703

The City Clerk's Office will begin mailing absentee ballots for this election by March 12. It issues each ballot within a business day of receiving the request as long as the voter is registered and the Clerk's Office has a copy of their Voter ID on file. Absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office in time for delivery to the polls on Election Day.

Absentee ballots that are delivered to the Clerk's Office after Election Day remain sealed and are not counted.

Absentee Delivery

The City Clerk's Office provides postage on the certificate envelope that is used to return an absentee ballot via mail. Because mail is sent from Madison to Milwaukee to be sorted, it takes up to a week for USPS to deliver a ballot mailed within the City of Madison. The Clerk's Office highly recommends that voters returning their absentee ballot via mail put the ballot in the mail no later than Monday, March 25.

Voters may hand-deliver the absentee ballot they received through the mail to the City Clerk's Office until in-person absentee voting begins on March 19. From March 19 through March 31, voters may deliver their absentee ballot received through the mail to City Clerk's Office employees at any of our [in-person absentee voting sites](#). Voters hand-delivering their absentee ballot received through the mail on Election Day should take their ballot directly to their polling location.

Under the Voting Rights Act, voters needing assistance with the mailing or delivery of their absentee ballot due to a disability are permitted to receive assistance from a person of their choice, as long as the person providing assistance is not the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union. Otherwise, voters are required to mail or deliver their own absentee ballot.



Indefinitely Confined Voters

Voters who, for the foreseeable future, limit travel outside their home because of age, physical illness, or infirmity, or are disabled for an indefinite period, may request that absentee ballots be mailed to them for all future elections. Each voter makes the decision of whether they are indefinitely confined based upon their current situation. Being indefinitely confined does not require permanent or total inability to travel outside of the home.

Indefinitely confined voters are not required to submit Voter ID when requesting absentee ballots via mail. These absentee requests may be submitted via <https://MyVote.wi.gov>, via e-mail, or through the mail. Indefinitely confined absentee voters continue to receive ballots for every election until they fail to return a ballot, or request to be removed from the indefinitely confined absentee list.

Voters in Care Facilities

Any voter who resides in a qualifying care facility and requests an absentee ballot will have their ballot brought to their facility by Election Official Special Voting Deputies. This process, known as SVD voting, is the exclusive means of absentee voting for occupants of residential care facilities and qualified retirement homes.

Special Voting Deputies are election officials trained and deputized by the City Clerk's Office to perform the duties of SVD voting. Special Voting Deputies visit each facility twice the third week prior to the election. The scheduled days and times are publicly noticed and posted at each facility. Special Voting Deputies must make two attempts to deliver an absentee ballot before that ballot can be mailed to the voter.

Observation of SVD visits is limited to one observer from the Republican Party and one observer from the Democratic Party.

Hospitalized Voters

Hospitalized voters may appoint an agent to pick up their ballot from the City Clerk's Office within seven days of Election Day. The agent needs to bring the hospitalized voter's ID and [absentee request](#) to the City Clerk's Office. The hospitalized absentee voting process is available until 5:00 pm on Election Day.

If the voter needs to register or update their voter registration, their agent will bring a completed voter registration application and Proof of Address to the Clerk's Office, in addition to the voter's absentee request and ID. The agent must go to the Municipal Clerk's Office for where the voter resides, regardless of where the voter is hospitalized.

The City Clerk's Office issues an absentee ballot, absentee envelope, and instruction letter for the hospitalized voter. The agent delivers this packet of materials to the voter at the hospital.

Once the voter has cast their ballot, the agent delivers the sealed absentee envelope to the City Clerk's Office. The absentee envelope must be sealed and the voter signature, witness signature, witness name, and witness address must be on the envelope certificate.

In-Person Absentee Voting

In-Person Absentee Voting will take place **March 19-31**. Voter registration will not be available at absentee voting sites on March 30 or 31, per state law. Only City of Madison residents may register and/or vote absentee at City of Madison absentee voting sites.

Voters need to show the absentee clerk their Voter ID in order to be issued an absentee ballot, even if the Clerk's Office has a copy of their ID on file. If a voter is not already registered to vote at their current address, they may register, with Proof of Residence, at an absentee voting location through Friday, March 29.

In-Person Absentee Voting Process

1. The absentee clerk provides an absentee envelope on which the voter writes their name, address, and date of birth. This helps ensure that the absentee clerk selects the correct voter when processing the absentee request.
2. The absentee clerk checks the voter's ID and stamps the City Clerk's initials on the absentee envelope to indicate that the voter had provided ID.
3. The absentee clerk uses the state's voter registration system to verify that the voter is registered, and to process the absentee request. The absentee clerk generates a label that they affix to the absentee envelope. They ask the voter to verify that their name and address are listed correctly on the label.
4. The absentee clerk stamps Absentee on a ballot card, writes the ward number, and stamps the City Clerk's initials on the card. They activate the ballot card for the voter's ward using the ExpressVote accessible voting device. This device offers a touchscreen with large print and high contrast, a Braille keypad, compatibility with Sip & Puff devices, and Spanish translation. Using this device for in-person absentee voting also eliminates the need to keep each site stocked with 73 different ballot styles.
5. The absentee clerk steps back to give the voter privacy, and the voter follows the ExpressVote prompts to select the candidates of their choice.
6. The voter reviews and approves their selections before the ExpressVote prints the voter's selections on the ballot card. Once the ballot card is printed, the voter may feed the card back into the ExpressVote to review their selections again. They may also read the selections printed on the ballot card.
7. The voter folds their ballot card in half and seals it in their absentee envelope.
8. The voter signs their envelope in the presence of the absentee clerk. The absentee clerk signs as the voter's witness, prints their name, and stamps the City Clerk's Office address for the witness address.
9. At the end of the voting shift for the day, the absentee ballot is delivered to the City Clerk's Office in a courier bag with a tamper-evident seal. The absentee clerk and the courier both verify the number of absentees and the tamper-evident seal number. They document the unique serial number on the tamper-evident seal, and the number of absentees in the courier bag.
10. City Clerk's Office personnel verify the serial number on the tamper-evident seal, and the number of absentee envelopes sealed inside the courier bag.
11. Absentee ballots remain sealed in their certificate envelope and secured by the Clerk's Office until delivered to the voter's polling place to be processed on Election Day.
12. On Election Day, poll workers at the voter's polling location verify that the certificate on the absentee envelope is complete, announce the voter's name and address at the poll book, assign the voter a number, open the absentee envelope, and insert the ballot into the tabulator to be counted. To protect the secrecy of the ballot, poll workers process absentee ballots in groups of at least three, completely separate the envelopes from the ballots after checking the envelopes in at the poll book, and shuffle the ballots before unfolding them for processing.

In-Person Absentee Hours & Locations

Libraries

Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N High Point Rd
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

Central Library, 201 W Mifflin St
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30
2 – 4 p.m. Sundays, March 24 & 31

Goodman South Madison Library
2222 S Park St
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30
2 – 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24

Hawthorne Library, 2707 E Washington Ave
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

Lakeview Library, 2845 N Sherman Ave
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30
2 – 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24

Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Rd
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

Monroe Street Library, 1705 Monroe St
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30

UW– Madison

UW– Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St
11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29

UW– Madison Union South, 1308 W Dayton St
11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29



UW-Madison Health Sciences Learning Center
750 Highland Ave
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays, March 25-29

Edgewood

Edgewood College – The Commons
1000 Edgewood College Dr
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. weekdays, March 25-29

Madison College

Madison College
Goodman South Madison Campus
2429 Perry St
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. weekdays, March 25-29

Madison College Truax Campus
1701 Wright St
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. weekdays, March 25-29

Community Gathering Spaces

Badger Rock Neighborhood Center
501 E Badger Rd
5 – 8 p.m. Fridays, March 22 & 29

Boys & Girls Club – Allied, 4619 Jenewein Rd
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays, March 25-29

Bridge-Lake Point-Waunona Neighborhood Center, 1917 Lake Point Dr
10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fridays, March 22 & 29

Catholic Multicultural Center

1862 Beld St
1– 5 p.m. Tuesdays, March 19 & 26
1– 5 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28

Centro Hispano, 810 W Badger Rd
By appointment – call Clerk’s Office, (608)266-4601

Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church/Lake Edge United Church of Christ, 4200 Buckeye Rd
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sundays, March 24 & 31

Eagle Heights Community Center
611 Eagle Heights Dr
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28

East Madison Community Center
8 Straubel Court
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays, March 25 -29

Elver Park Neighborhood Center/WI Youth Company
1201 McKenna Blvd
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesdays, March 19 & 26
10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28

Fountain of Life Church, 633 W Badger Rd
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sundays, March 24 & 31

Freedom Inc, 2110 Luann Ln
3 – 7 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28
3 – 7 p.m. Fridays, March 22 & 29

Global Market & Food Hall
2161 Zeier Rd
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sundays, March 24 & 31

Hmong Institute, 4402 Femrite Dr
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 19 & 26
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 21 & 28
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fridays, March 22 & 29

Lussier Community Education Center
55 S Gammon Rd
9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 20 & 27

Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29

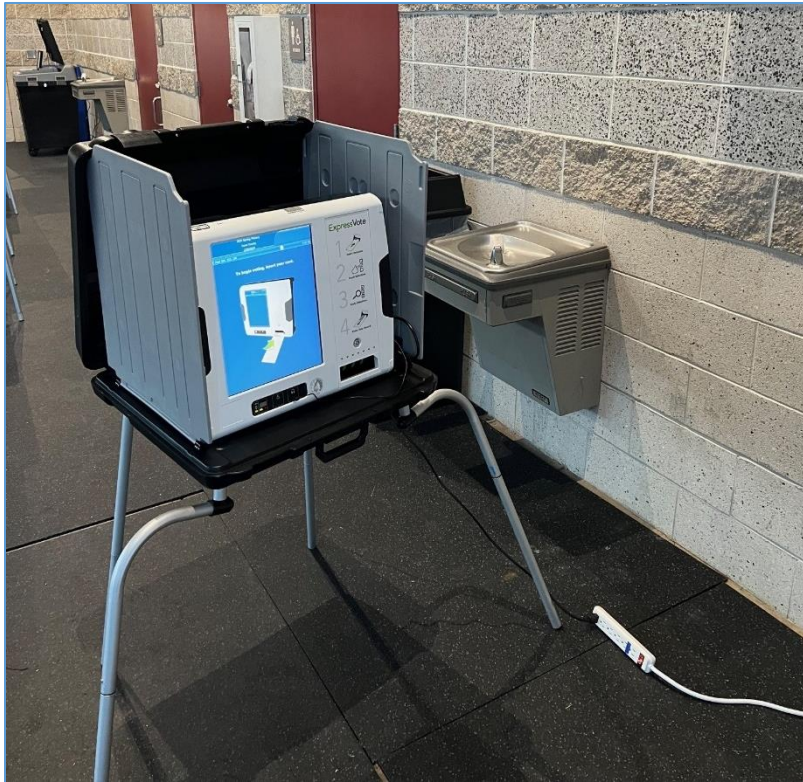
Rebalanced – Life Wellness Association Men's Health & Education Center, 588 Grand Canyon Dr
By appointment – call Clerk’s Office, (608)266-4601

Urban League of Greater Madison, 2222 S Park St
By appointment – call Clerk’s Office, (608)266-4601

Urban League Southwest Employment Center
1233 McKenna Blvd
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday, March 25
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesdays, March 19 & 26
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesdays, March 20 & 27
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fridays, March 22 & 29

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr
9 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. weekdays, March 19-29
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 & 30
Noon – 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24





Voting at the Polls

Polling places across Wisconsin open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All eligible voters who are in line at 8:00 p.m. get to vote.

Voters are encouraged to verify their polling location via <https://MyVote.wi.gov> or www.cityofmadison.com/WhereDoIvote before heading to the polls on Election Day.

A greeter at each polling location helps voters determine whether they are at the correct polling location, and whether they should go to the poll book or to the voter registration station.

At the poll book, pre-registered voters state their name and address. Voters who are unable to state their name and address due to a disability may have someone else do so on their behalf. Voters prove their identity at the poll book by presenting their Voter ID, and they sign or make their mark by their name on the poll book. Voters unable to sign the poll book due to a disability are exempt from the signature requirement.

If a voter had been issued an absentee ballot, the poll workers will ask the voter whether they mailed or delivered their absentee ballot to the Clerk's Office. Voters who had returned their absentee ballot may not vote at the polls on Election Day. Voters who were issued an absentee ballot but did not return that absentee are permitted to vote at the polls on Election Day.

Poll workers assign each voter a sequential voter number, write that number by the voter's name on duplicate copies of the poll book, and hand the voter a voter slip.



The voter takes the voter slip to the ballot table, and exchanges the voter slip for a ballot. Two poll workers initial the voter's ballot and indicate the ward number on the ballot. Voters have a choice between a ballot they mark with pen, or a ballot card they mark using the ExpressVote accessible voting device.

To mark a ballot with pen, the voter should use a ballpoint black or blue pen to fill in at least half of the oval next to the name of their candidate. Gel pens should not be used because the ink doesn't dry fast enough and can gum up inside the tabulator scanner bed, causing ballot jams. Red pens or green pens should not be used because the tabulator might not recognize ballot markings in those colors.

If a voter makes a mistake when marking their ballot, they may ask a poll worker for a replacement ballot. The voter partially tears the erroneously marked ballot and places it in an envelope for Discarded Ballots. The voter may only get two replacement ballots.

To mark a ballot card using the ExpressVote accessible voting device, the voter should follow the prompts on the screen or given audibly through headphones. Large print, high contrast, and Spanish translation are available on the ExpressVote. Voters may use the ExpressVote touchscreen or a Braille keypad to make their selections. The ExpressVote is compatible with sip-and-puff devices.

Once the voter has marked their ballot, they insert it in the tabulator to be counted. The voter should wait for a thank you message to appear on the screen.

Poll workers double-check that anyone registering at the polls on Election Day is at the correct polling place for their new address. Voters who need to register or update their registration complete a registration form and show the poll worker Proof of Address. The Proof of Address may be on paper or in an electronic format. The poll worker at the registration table makes sure the form is complete, and documents what the voter showed to prove their address. Next, the voter takes their registration form to a second registration official.

The second registration official reviews the registration form for completeness and adds the voter to the handwritten poll list of new registrations. The voter shows Voter ID to this poll worker, and the poll worker assigns a voter number. The voter is given a voter slip that they may exchange for a ballot at the ballot table.

Voters who move within 28 days of Election Day need to vote from their previous address, at the polling place for that address.

Polling Locations

Wards 1, 155 - Westminster Senior Apartments,
6160 Dell Dr

Wards 2, 3 - Fire Station #14, 3201 Dairy Dr

Ward 4 - City Church, 4909 E Buckeye Rd

Wards 5, 6 - Elvejhem Elementary School, 5106
Academy Dr

Wards 7, 121 - Door Creek Church, 6602 Dominion
Dr

Wards 8, 122, 123 - Steamfitters Local 601 Training
Center, 6310 Town Center Dr

Ward 9 - Oak Park Place, 718 Jupiter Dr

Ward 10 - Messiah Lutheran Church, 5202 Cottage
Grove Rd

Ward 11 - New Beginnings Church, 602 Acewood
Blvd

Ward 12 - Kennedy Elementary School, 221
Meadowlark Dr

Ward 13 - Hy-Vee, 3801 E Washington Ave

Ward 14 - LaFollette High School, 702 Pflaum Rd

Ward 15 - Lake Edge United Church of Christ, 4200
Buckeye Rd

Ward 16 - Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd

Ward 17 - Whitehorse Middle School, 218 Schenk
St

Wards 18, 154 - Hawthorne Library, 2707 E
Washington Ave

Ward 19 - Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave

Wards 20, 21 - Nakoosa Trail Fleet Facility, 4151
Nakoosa Trail

Wards 22, 143 - Fire Station #11, 4011 Morgan Way

Wards 23, 157 - Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge,
5565 Tancho Dr

Wards 24, 124, 125 - Sandburg Elementary School,
4114 Donald Dr

Ward 25 - Eastside Lutheran, 2310 Independence
Lane

Wards 26, 128 - East Madison Community Center, 8
Straubel Ct

Wards 27, 127 - Hawthorne Elementary, 3344
Concord Ave

Ward 28 - Bashford United Methodist Church, 329
North St



Ward 29 - East High School, 2222 E Washington
Ave

Wards 30, 130 - Tenney Park Pavilion, 402 N
Thornton Ave

Ward 31 - Door Creek Church – Northside, 1181 N
Sherman Ave

Ward 32 - Lakeview Library, 2845 N Sherman Ave

Ward 33 - Sherman Ave United Methodist Church,
3705 N Sherman Ave

Wards 34, 129 - Black Hawk Middle School, 1402
Wyoming Way

Ward 35 - TPC Wisconsin, 5000 N Sherman Ave

Ward 36 - Warner Park CRC, 1625 Northport Dr

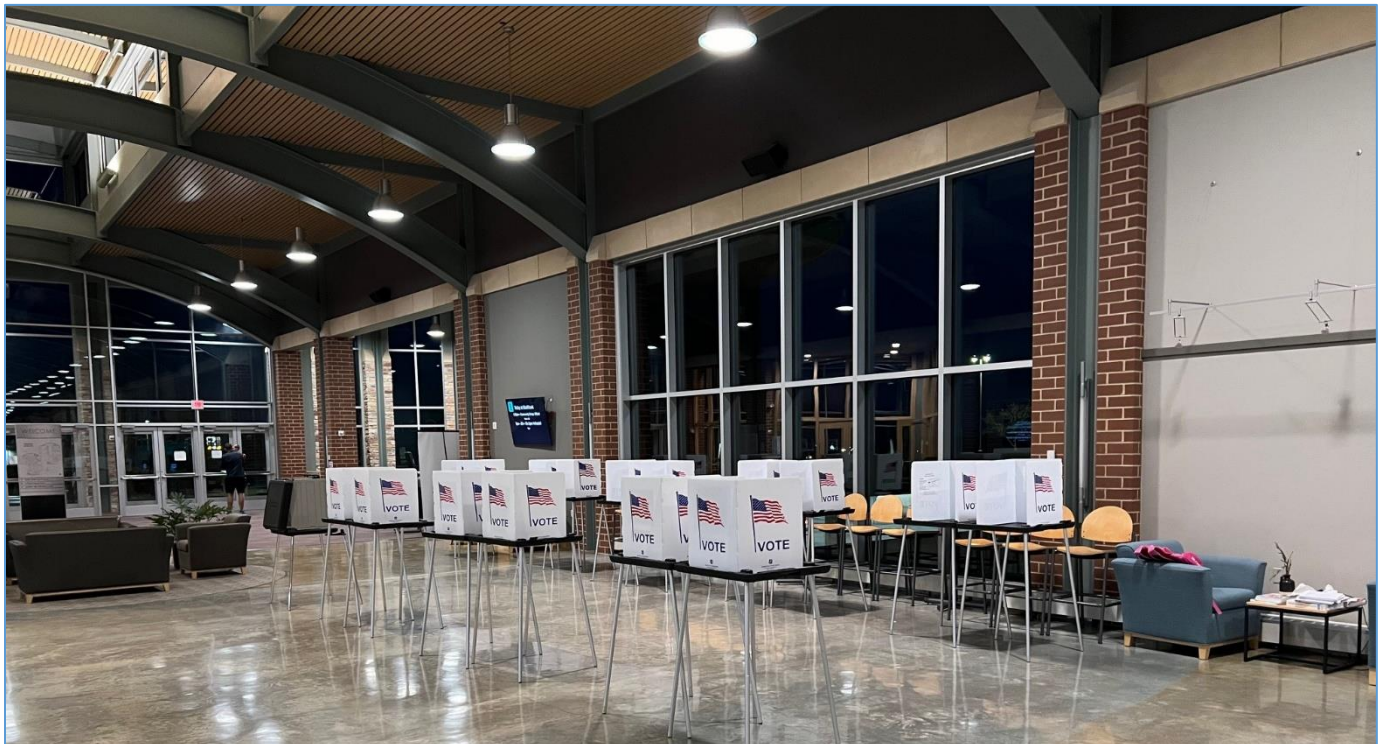


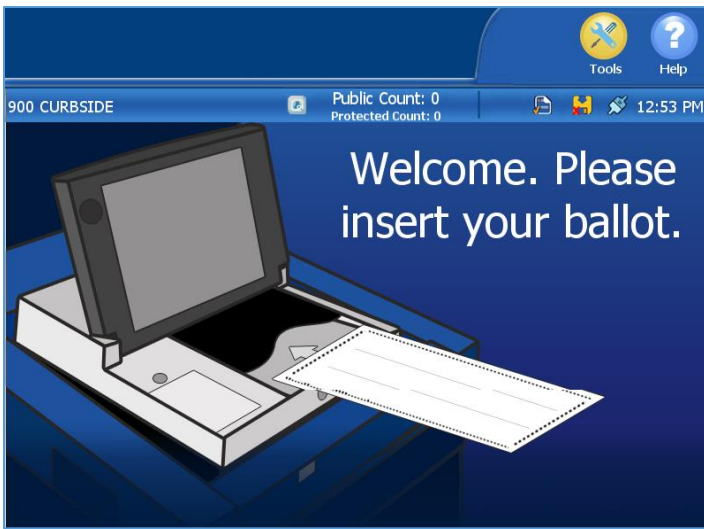
Ward 37 - Lindbergh Elementary School, 4500 Kennedy Rd
 Ward 38 - Mendota Elementary School, 4002 School Rd
 Wards 39, 131 - Vera Court Neighborhood Center, 614 Vera Ct
 Ward 40 - Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago St
 Ward 41 - Lapham Elementary School, 1045 E Dayton St
 Ward 42 - O’Keeffe Middle School, 510 S Thornton Ave
 Ward 43 - Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham St
 Ward 44 - Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 504 S Brearly St
 Wards 45, 51, 126 - NoVo Apartments, 216 S Pinckney St
 Ward 46 - Gates of Heaven, 302 E Gorham St
 Ward 47 - Bethel Lutheran, 312 Wisconsin Ave
 Ward 48 - Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St
 Ward 49 - Hillel at the University of Wisconsin, 611 Langdon St
 Ward 50 - Chazen Museum of Art, 750 University Ave
 Ward 52 - Central Library, 201 W Mifflin St
 Ward 53 - Capitol Lakes, 333 W Main St
 Ward 54 - Madison Senior Center, 330 W Mifflin St
 Ward 55 - 641 W Main St Apartments, 641 W Main St
 Ward 56 - Nicholas Recreation Center, 797 W Dayton St

Ward 57 - Gordon Dining & Event Center, 770 W Dayton St
 Ward 58 - Smith Hall, 35 N Park St
 Ward 59 - Union South, 1308 W Dayton St
 Wards 60, 134 - Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St
 Ward 61 - Holt Center, 1650 Kronshage Dr
 Ward 62 - Eagle Heights Community Center, 611 Eagle Hts
 Ward 63 - First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave
 Ward 64 - Blessed Sacrament Church, 2111 Rowley Ave
 Ward 65 - West High School, 30 Ash St
 Ward 66 - First Baptist Church, 518 N Franklin Ave
 Ward 67 - Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd
 Ward 68 - Brittingham Apartments, 755 Braxton Pl
 Ward 69 - St James Catholic School, 1204 St James Ct
 Ward 70 - Edgewood Rennebohm Library 959 Edgewood College Dr
 Ward 71 - Wingra School, 718 Gilmore St
 Ward 72 - Trinity United Methodist Church. 1123 Vilas Ave
 Ward 73 - Goodman Parks Maintenance, 1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy
 Ward 74 - Bridge – Lake Point – Waunona, 1917 Lake Point Dr
 Wards 75, 133 - Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, 501 E Badger Rd
 Wards 76, 132 - Catholic Multicultural Center, 1862 Beld St
 Wards 77, 145 - Village on Park, 2300 S Park St
 Wards 78, 79 - Leopold Elementary School, 2602 Post Rd
 Ward 80 - Thoreau Elementary School, 3870 Nakoma Rd
 Ward 81 - Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Rd
 Ward 82 - Toki Middle School, 5606 Russett Rd
 Ward 83 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd
 Wards 84, 99 - Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Rd

Ward 85 - Midvale Elementary School, 502
Caromar Dr
Ward 86 - Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd
Wards 87, 88 - Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326
S Segoe Rd
Ward 89 – To Be Determined
Wards 90, 135 - Stephens Elementary School, 120 S
Rosa Rd
Wards 91, 92 - Asbury Church, 6101 University Ave
Ward 93 - John Muir Elementary, 6602 Inner Dr
Ward 94 - Oakwood Village University Woods, 6205
Mineral Point Rd
Wards 95, 97, 136, 151, 152 - Anana Elementary
School, 6323 Woodington Way
Ward 96 - Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N High Point
Rd
Ward 98 - Huegel Elementary, 2601 Prairie Rd
Ward 100 - Urban League SW Employment Ctr,
1233 McKenna Blvd
Wards 101, 120, 142, 156 - Elver Park Shelter, 1250
McKenna Blvd
Ward 102 - Elver Neighborhood Center/WI Youth
Company, 1201 McKenna Blvd
Ward 103 - Chapel Valley Church, 3102 Prairie Rd

Ward 104 - Yahara Bay Distillery, 6250 Nesbitt Rd
#200
Wards 105, 106 - Chavez Elementary School, 3502
Maple Grove Dr
Wards 107, 111, 159 - Point of Grace Church, 7026
Raymond Rd
Ward 108 - Timberlake Village Apts Community
Room, 7425 Timberlake Trl
Wards 109, 110, 138 - Blackhawk Church, Atrium
South, 9620 Brader Way
Wards 112, 113, 158 - Olson Elementary School,
801 Redan Dr
Wards 114, 118, 139, 140, 141 - Blackhawk Church,
9620 Brader Way
Wards 115, 137 - Lussier Community Education Ctr,
55 S Gammon Rd
Ward 116 - High Point Church, 7702 Old Sauk Rd
Ward 117 - Attic Angel Association, 640 Junction Rd
Ward 119 - Middleton United Church of Christ, 645
Schewe Rd
Wards 144, 146, 153 - Madison College – Goodman
South, 2429 Perry St
Wards 147, 148, 149, 150 - UW Arboretum Visitor
Center, 2880 Longenecker Dr





Election Equipment

The City of Madison uses the ES&S DS200 to tabulate election results at each polling location. Voters use a black or blue ballpoint pen to mark the oval next to the candidate of their choice. To cast write-in votes, they mark the oval next to the write-in space for an office, and print the candidate's name. Voters using the ExpressVote to print their selections on a ballot card also insert their ballot card in the DS200 to be counted. Every vote has a paper trail.

Ballots can be inserted into the DS200 in any orientation (right side up, backward, or upside down). If the DS200 does not detect any ballot markings, or detects too many votes cast for a single office, the touchscreen will notify the voter and provide the voter with an opportunity to retrieve their ballot and ask a poll worker for a replacement ballot. Voters are encouraged to wait for the tabulator screen to display the message "Thank you for voting. Your ballot has been counted."

Ten days before each election, the City Clerk's Office conducts a public test of election equipment to verify that the DS200 used at each polling location will accurately tally the votes cast. The Clerk's Office confirms that each tabulator will accurately tally votes for each candidate, notify the voter if too many candidates are selected for any office on the ballot, and notify the voter if the ballot is blank. Thousands of ballots are tested for each election.

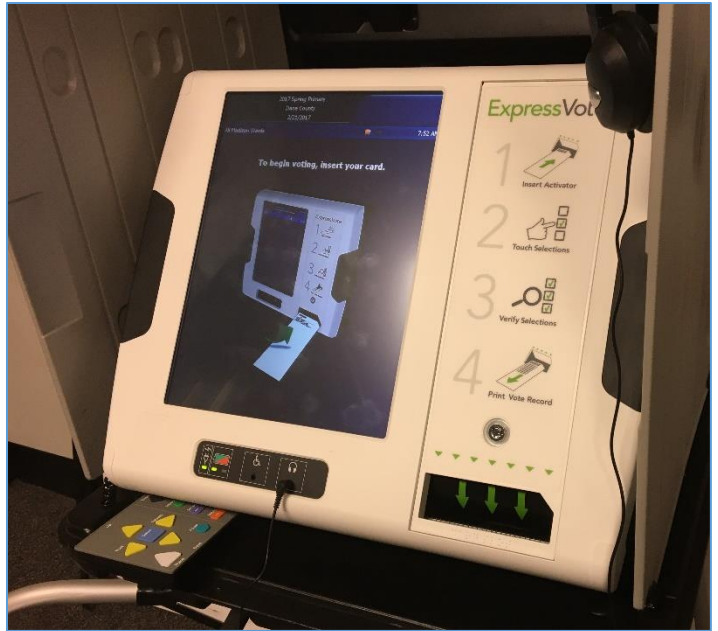
After testing each DS200 for accuracy, Clerk's Office personnel secure the ballot box and scanner with tamper-evident seals marked with unique serial numbers. The Clerk's Office documents these serial numbers on the Inspectors' Statement to be used at each polling location, and the Chief Inspector at each polling place verifies those seals and serial numbers when they open the polls on election morning.

After the election, the Dane County Clerk's Office randomly selects wards to audit, counts the ballots cast in those wards, and compares those results to the tabulator results from Election Day. Voters may conduct their own audit, utilizing the ballot images the Dane County Clerk's Office posts [online](#) after election results have been certified.

Accessibility

All polling places must be accessible to voters with disabilities. The Wisconsin Elections Commission audits polling places for accessibility. On election morning, City of Madison poll workers use an accessibility checklist prepared by Disability Rights Wisconsin to identify and address any barriers.

Voters unable to enter the polling location due to a disability may vote from the curb of their polling place. They may call the Clerk's Office at (608)266-4601 so the poll workers can be notified to meet them at the curb. An alternative way to notify poll workers is to send someone into the polling place to request curbside assistance for the voter.



Poll workers announce the name and address of the curbside voter at the poll book, and announce that the voter will be receiving their ballot at the curb. Two poll workers bring the voter a ballot, marking pen, and secrecy sleeve. Once the voter has marked their ballot, the two poll workers carry it back into the polling place, announce that they have returned with the curbside voter's ballot, and insert the ballot into the tabulator to be counted.

Voters unable to sign the poll book due to a disability are exempt from the requirement to sign or make their mark on the poll book.

Voters unable to state their name and address at the poll book may designate someone else to state their name and address.

Voters who need help marking their ballot have three options:

1. They may bring someone to the polling place with them to assist in marking the ballot. The assistant cannot be their employer or labor union representative. The person assisting does not need to be an eligible voter. The poll workers record the name and address of the person assisting, and the assistant needs to sign the ballot.
2. The voter may use the ExpressVote ballot marking device, which will mark their ballot with the selections they make on a touch screen or Braille keypad. The ExpressVote offers large print and high contrast on its touch screen, has headphones, and is compatible with sip & puff devices. The voter is able to double-check their selections before the ExpressVote prints the ballot card. The ballot is counted by the same tabulator that counts ballots marked by pen.
3. The voter may ask a poll worker or another individual at the polling location to assist in marking their ballot.

Provisional Voting

Provisional ballots are issued in only two circumstances.

- 1. Voter unable to show poll workers an acceptable Voter ID.** These voters have until 4 p.m. the Friday of election week to get a copy of their ID to the City Clerk's Office. There is no need to go to the Clerk's Office in person; the ID can be sent via e-mail or fax. Madison Public Libraries provide free assistance with scanning the ID and sending it to the City Clerk's Office via e-mail.
- 2. Someone registering to vote at the polls has a current & valid Wisconsin driver license but does not provide the driver license number on their registration form.** If someone registering to vote has a current and valid Wisconsin driver license, they must list their driver license number on the form. If they don't have their driver license with them, they can call the Department of Transportation for the number. Voters unable or unwilling to write down their Wisconsin driver license number may cast a provisional ballot. They will have until 4 p.m. the Friday of election week to get their Wisconsin driver license number to the City Clerk's Office. These voters need to provide Proof of Residence in order to register and receive the provisional ballot. A lack of Proof of Residence is not a situation for which a provisional ballot may be issued.

Provisional Process

Provisional voters are assigned a sequential Provisional Voter number that is written on the back of their ballot next to a stamp that says, Section 6.97. Poll workers give the voter a provisional ballot envelope on which the voter writes their name, address, and date of birth. The voter also indicates on the envelope that they are a United States citizen.

Once the voter has marked their ballot, they seal it in the provisional envelope. The voter signs the envelope in the presence of a poll worker, and the poll worker signs as their witness. The voter is given a handout about how to make sure their provisional ballot is counted. They are also given a handout about the ID Petition Process at the DMV for eligible voters who do not have all of the certified documents the DMV requires of ID applicants.

If a provisional voter returns to the polls on Election Day with an acceptable form of Voter ID or with their missing Wisconsin driver license number, they are assigned a regular voter number and are given a fresh ballot to mark and cast as a secret ballot.

When a provisional voter gets a copy of their ID or their missing Wisconsin driver license number to the Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. the Friday of election week, the City of Madison Board of Canvassers counts their provisional ballot at the canvass that Friday.

Nearly all of the provisional ballots issued in the City of Madison are issued due to the voter needing an acceptable form of Voter ID. Typically, one-third of provisional voters in the City of Madison will provide the documentation needed for their ballot to be counted by the Board of Canvassers.

Provisional voters can track the status of their provisional ballot via <https://MyVote.wi.gov>. The My Vote Wisconsin website will indicate whether the Clerk's Office has received their documentation. The site is updated during the Board of Canvassers meeting to indicate whether a provisional ballot has been counted.

Election Observers

Anyone, other than a candidate in the election, may be an observer at the polls on Election Day, or at an absentee voting site. Observers are often affiliated with a political party, with a candidate on the ballot, or with other interested organizations. City of Madison polling locations have also had election administrators from other countries as observers on Election Day.

Observers need to sign in with the Chief Inspector. They are given an observer name badge to wear and must stay within a designated observation area that is three to eight feet away from the process they are observing. City of Madison poll workers use painter's tape to designate the boundaries of observer areas when they set up the polls on election morning.



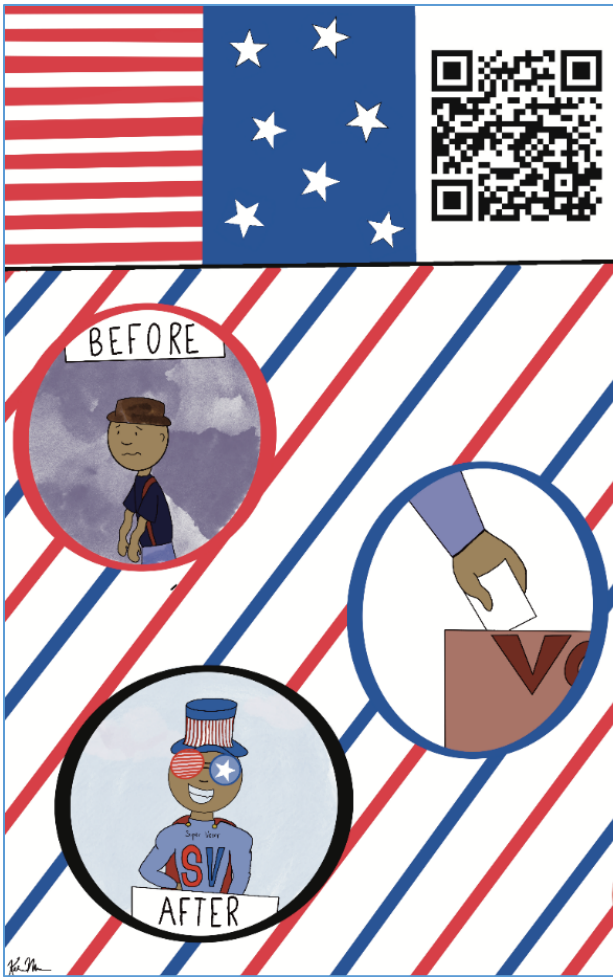
Observers may not interact with voters unless the interaction is initiated by the voter. They may not examine documents that contain confidential information, such as voter registration forms, Proof of Residence documents, driver licenses, ID cards, or the confidential voter pages of the poll book. They must be able to hear the interactions between voters and poll workers.

Observers may silently use their cell phones while in the polling location but cannot talk on their phones inside the polling place or take pictures or video during voting hours.

Observers who become disruptive or who refuse to follow the observer rules are given one warning by the Chief Inspector. If they remain disruptive, they are ordered to leave the polling place. The Chief Inspector may direct law enforcement to assist in removing a disruptive observer.

The closing of the polls is open for anyone to observe, including candidates.

Observation of the absentee voting process administered by Special Voting Deputies at nursing homes and care facilities is limited to one observer from the Republican Party and one observer from the Democratic Party. The observer must notify the City Clerk's Office of their intent to observe by the end of the day prior to the SVD visit.



Working at the Polls

All City of Madison poll workers are required to complete one hour of training prior to every election they work. Madison poll workers rotate duties every couple of hours. New poll workers are paired with experienced poll workers.

The City of Madison pays its poll workers the current living wage, which is \$15.87 an hour. Madison offers two shifts on Election Day: 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. to the close of the polls.

The City Clerk's Office uses the [Voting Technology Project Toolkit](#) to determine poll worker staffing levels for each polling location, aiming to keep voter lines less than 15 minutes long after the initial 7 a.m. rush. When possible, poll workers are scheduled to work at their own polling location.

In order to serve as a poll worker, an individual needs to be eligible to vote in Dane County, and able to read, write, and understand the English language. They may not be a candidate on the ballot or the immediate family member of a candidate on the ballot.

High School Student Poll Workers

High school students who are at least 16 years old may serve as poll workers on Election Day as long as they have permission from their parent and high school principal.

High school student poll workers are excused from school for the day and are paid the same rate as other poll workers (the current living wage for the City of Madison). They may perform any poll worker task but may not challenge a voter.

Some of the City of Madison's current Chief Inspectors started working at the polls when they were high school students.

UW-Madison Student Poll Workers

UW-Madison students may be [excused from class](#) on Election Day in order to work at the polls. Students need to notify their instructors of their commitment to work at the polls at least two weeks prior to Election Day.

About the City Clerk's Office

City Clerk's Office Goal

Our goal is that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot, and have that ballot counted.

City Clerk's Office Mission

Our team serves to provide equitable access to open government by promoting the inclusion and full participation of all residents in the democratic process. We are committed to achieving our mission through facilitating the right to vote, providing access to open meetings and open records, providing impartial license administration, and offering support for the legislative process.

Core Values

- Continual Improvement
- Leaders in Innovation
- Equity, Empowerment, and Engagement
- Respect for Each Customer
- Key Resource for Information
- Service with Integrity and Empathy

In 2020, the Clerk's Office applied an [equity lens](#) to examine the relationship between the pandemic and [voting access](#) for City of Madison residents. It has incorporated lessons learned during that process in its preparations for subsequent elections.

All eleven Clerk's Office employees are cross trained on all office duties. All Clerk's Office employees are either working toward or have already earned the designation of a Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk ([WCMC](#)) through the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association. The City Clerk is a Wisconsin Certified Professional Clerk ([WCPC](#)). The current team has over 103 years of combined experience in elections administration.

The City of Madison has been selected by the [U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence](#) as part of the inaugural cohort of [Centers for Election Excellence](#).

