

Election 2020: Election Outcome Scenarios – Appendix 2  
Official Times for Release of State-by-state Results (From Earliest to Last)



November 1, 2020

Polls Close (EST)	State	Method for Counting In-person Votes (Electronic Machines or Paper Ballots)	Ballot Counting Info and Timeline of Results for Battleground States
7 p.m.	Georgia	Electronic	State begins processing ballots in advance but does not begin counting votes until Election Day. Results could be finalized on Election Night.
	Indiana	Paper and electronic	
	Kentucky	Paper and electronic	
	South Carolina	Electronic	State expects results to be finalized on Election Night.
	Vermont	Paper ballots	
	Virginia	Paper ballots	
7:30 p.m.	North Carolina	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots 14 days before Election Day.  While a Federal Appeals Court recently affirmed that North Carolina could count ballots received within nine days of Election Day, the state expects results to be finalized on Election Night.
	Ohio	Paper and electronic	Absentee ballots may be scanned prior to the election.  The state has cautioned that results might not be finalized on Election Night.
	West Virginia	Paper and electronic	
8 p.m.	Alabama	Paper ballots	
	Connecticut	Paper ballots	
	Delaware	Electronic	
	District of Columbia	Paper and electronic	
	Florida	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots 22 days before Election Day. Results could be expected on Election Night.
	Illinois	Paper and electronic	
	Maine	Paper ballots	Results could be expected on Election Night, but Maine’s use of ranked-choice voting could delay final results.
	Maryland	Paper ballots	
	Mississippi	Paper and electronic	
	Missouri	Paper and electronic	
	New Hampshire	Paper ballots	
	New Jersey	Electronic	
	Oklahoma	Paper and electronic	
	Pennsylvania	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots on Election Day.  US Supreme Court recently affirmed Pennsylvania’s decision to count absentee ballots through November 6. The state expects results to be finalized by November 6.
	Rhode Island	Paper ballots	
	Tennessee	Paper and electronic	
8:30 p.m.	Arkansas	Paper and electronic	



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9 p.m.	Arizona	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots 14 days before Election Day. Results could be finalized on Election Night.
	Colorado	Mail-in only	State expects results to be finalized by the night of November 4.
	Kansas	Paper and electronic	
	Louisiana	Electronic	
	Michigan	Paper ballots	State begins counting ballots on Election Day. Results should not be expected on Election Night.
	Minnesota	Paper ballots	State begins processing ballots in advance but does not begin counting votes until Election Day. State expects results to be finalized on Election Night.
	Nebraska	Paper ballots	
	New Mexico	Paper ballots	
	New York	Paper ballots	
	North Dakota	Paper ballots	
	South Dakota	Paper ballots	
	Texas	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots four days before Election Day. State has suggested results could be expected on Election Night.
	Wisconsin	Paper and electronic	State begins counting ballots on Election Day. Results could be expected on Election Night.
	Wyoming	Paper and electronic	
10 p.m.	Iowa	Paper ballots	State begins counting ballots on Election Day. Results could be expected on Election Night.
	Montana	Paper ballots	Results should be expected on Election Night.
	Nevada	Paper and electronic	State begins processing ballots in advance but does not begin counting votes until Election Day. Results could be expected on Election Night.
	Utah	Paper and electronic	
11 p.m.	California	Paper and electronic	
	Hawaii	Paper and electronic	
	Idaho	Paper and electronic	
	Oregon	Mail-in only	
	Washington	Mail-in only	
1 a.m. on November 4	Alaska	Paper and electronic	