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# **National Trends**

- As of October 21st, over 30 million people have already voted in the 2020 election, both by mail and early in-person. Another 38 million people have an outstanding mail ballot. The number of people who have already voted or requested a ballot represents just over 50% of the total votes cast in the 2016 general election.
- Using modeled partisanship combined with party affiliation where it's available, we can estimate that Democrats hold a 21.4% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (up from 20.8% on 10/19) and a 4.0% advantage in early in-person votes (up from 3.6% on 10/19). Democrats have many more ballots outstanding than Republicans by a margin of 15.7% (up from 14.7% on 10/19).
- Younger voters continue to lag in returning mail ballots and voting early in-person. Voters aged 18-29 make up 17.5% of registered voters but are just 8.3% of mail ballots cast (up from 7.8% on 10/19) and 9.1% of early in-person votes (no change since 10/19). Voters 65 and older make up 24.3% of registered voters but are 46.8% of mail ballots cast (down from 48.3% on 10/19) and 37.9% of early in-person votes (up slightly from 37.6% on 10/19).
- Women continue to outpace men in total votes cast. Women have a 5.6% registration advantage over men but are 9.9% ahead in mail ballots and 10.6% ahead in early in-person votes.
- First time voters make up 5.3% of mail ballots cast (up from 4.9% on 10/19), however they hold 15.0% of mail ballots outstanding.

# **Presidential Battleground**

#### Florida

- 2,489,951 voters in Florida have cast their ballots by mail with another 3,325,558 voters having outstanding mail ballots.
- Democrats are outpacing Republicans in mail ballots cast by 19.0% (no change from 10/19). Democrats have many more outstanding mail ballots than Republicans by a margin of 9.9% (no change from 10/19). This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Latinx voters currently make up 13.3% of mail ballots cast (no change from 10/19), though they represent 17.8% of registered voters in the state.
- Black voters currently make up 14.2% of registered voters and 11.3% of mail ballots cast.
- Age disparities are particularly pronounced in Florida where voters 65 and older make up 28.2% of registered voters but 53.2% of mail ballots cast.

#### Pennsylvania

- 878,448 voters in Pennsylvania have cast their ballots by mail with another 1,822,185 having an outstanding mail ballot.
- Black voters in Pennsylvania are overperforming their registration rates. Black voters make up 11.8% of registered voters in the state but currently represent 14.1% of mail ballots cast. AAPI voters are also slightly overperforming, with 2.11% of ballots cast while representing 1.95% of registered voters.
- Democrats continue to significantly outpace Republicans in mail ballots cast. They currently hold a 56.2% advantage (down from 58.3% on 10/19). This is based on official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- White college-educated voters are overperforming their registration rates. They make up 36.0% of white registered voters but are 43.1% of mail ballots cast by white voters. White non-college voters, on the other hand, are 49.1% of white registered voters and 44.9% of ballots cast by white voters.

#### Michigan

- 1,512,076 voters in Michigan have cast their ballots by mail with another 36,451 having voted early in-person. 1,398,749 people have outstanding mail ballots.
- Modeled Republicans are currently outpacing modeled Democrats in mail ballots cast by 0.7% (down from 1.7% on 10/19).
- Black voters make up 11.9% of mail ballots cast (up from 10.9% on 10/19).

• White college-educated voters in Michigan are outperforming their registration rates by 7.6% (33.0% of white registered voters and 40.6% of mail ballots cast by white voters).

### Wisconsin

- 831,563 voters in Wisconsin have cast their ballots and another 506,212 have an outstanding mail ballot.
- Modeled Democrats are leading modeled Republicans in mail ballots cast by 0.7% (up from 0.6% on 10/19).
- Women are outpacing men in mail ballots cast by 14.2% (no change from 10/19) despite only having a 5.6% registration advantage.

#### Nevada

- 171,215 voters in Nevada have cast their ballots by mail with another 87,651 having voted early in-person. The state of Nevada sent mail ballots to all registered voters this year, so there is no data about ballot requests to report.
- Democrats are currently outpacing Republicans by 24.2% in mail ballots cast (up from 23.4% on 10/19) and by 6.1% in early in-person votes (down from 20.2% on 10/19). Early in-person voting has only been happening since Saturday, Oct. 17th, so the numbers are still relatively small, which is why there has been such a large shift in vote share. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Nevada continues to have a high number of first time voters. 14.0% of mail ballots have come from first time voters (up from 13.9% on 10/19), which is well ahead of the 5.3% national average.
- Latinx voters make up 11.6% of mail ballots cast (up from 11.3% on 10/19) and 13.2% of early inperson votes. Black voters make up 7.3% of mail ballots cast (up from 7.0% on 10/19) and 10.6% of early in-person votes.

# Senate Battleground

#### Georgia

- 660,721 voters in Georgia have cast their mail ballots and 809,073 people have voted early inperson. Another 897,024 voters have outstanding mail ballots.
- Modeled Democrats hold a 6.4% advantage over modeled Republicans in mail ballots cast (no change from 10/19). Modeled Republicans, however, hold a 5.6% advantage in early in-person votes (down from 6.2% on 10/19).

- Black voters make up 33.6% of registered voters in the state and currently represent 34.3% of mail ballots cast (no change from 10/19) and 33.4% of early in-person votes (up slightly from 33.3% on 10/19).
- Older Black voters are significantly outperforming their registration rates. Black voters over 40 make up 56.5% of registered Black voters, but represent 87.2% of mail ballots cast by Black voters and 77.1% of early in-person votes from Black voters.

## **North Carolina**

- 635,108 voters in North Carolina have cast their mail ballots and another 1,186,586 have voted early in-person.
- Black voters continue to over-index among early in-person voters, making up 28.2% of votes (down from 29.3% on 10/19) compared to 23.1% of registered voters.
- Among early in-person votes, Democrats hold a 12.5% advantage over Republicans (down from 14.6% on 10/19). Among mail ballots cast, that gap increases to 30.8% (down from 31.5% on 10/19). This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- First time voters make up 8.1% of mail ballots cast (up from 7.8% on 10/19), which is well ahead of the 5.3% national average.

#### lowa

- 414,644 voters in Iowa have cast their ballots by mail with another 91,907 having voted early inperson. 267,570 more voters have outstanding mail ballots.
- Democrats currently hold a 29.3% advantage over Republicans in mail ballots cast (down from 30.9% on 10/19). That gap shrinks to 7.1% among early in-person votes (down from 7.7% on 10/19). This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- College-educated white voters make up 33.7% of white registered voters but make up 39.4% of mail ballots cast by white voters (no change from 10/19) and 41.9% of early in-person votes from white voters (up slightly from 41.6% on 10/19).

## Arizona

- 640,325 voters have cast their ballots by mail with another 2,382,959 having an outstanding mail ballot.
- Democrats are currently outpacing Republicans in mail ballots cast by 13.1% (down from 14.5% on 10/19). Republicans hold a 3.2% advantage in outstanding mail ballots. This is using official party registration, not modeled partisanship.
- Latinx voters make up 13.0% of ballots returned (up from 12.4% on 10/19).

• Voters aged 18-29 make up 18.5% of registered voters in Arizona but just 7.5% of mail ballots cast (up from 7.2% on 10/19). Conversely, voters 65 and older make up 26.2% of registered voters but 47.0% of mail ballots cast (down from 48.1% on 10/19).