

NASS Survey: State Deadlines to Mail Military and Overseas Voters Absentee Ballot

<b>State</b>	<b>Already Mailed or Begun Mailing Materials (as of Sept. 23, 2004)</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Alabama	Not sure	The exact date when ballots are mailed to overseas voters is determined by probate judges. However, the ballots must be mailed no later than Oct. 5, 2004.
Alaska	Yes	60 days before election and the ballots are mailed continuously up until election; last day to receive application for absentee ballot is 7 days before election
Arizona	Yes	Special write-in ballots are mailed no later than 45 days prior to election. Regular absentee ballots are mailed no earlier than 33 days prior to the election. The state began mailing these ballots on Sept. 30, 2004.
Arkansas	no	must begin mailing no later than 25 days prior to election (this is also the deadline for ballot to be ready); can mail them up until 7 days prior to election
California	yes	60 days before election. Mailed them on Sept. 3, 2004 ; Oct. 26, 2004, is the last day to request absentee ballot
Colorado	no	Counties receive ballots first week in October and begin mailing them then.
Connecticut	yes	Started mailing special write-in ballots on Sept. 15, 2004; will start mailing regular absentee ballots on Oct. 1, 2004
Delaware	yes	Mailed as soon as ballot was set on Sept. 18, 2004
Florida	yes	Started mailing ballots on September 18, 2004
Georgia	yes	Must begin mailing no later than 45 days prior to a general election
Idaho	yes	Must begin mailing no later than 45 days prior to election
Illinois	yes	Must begin 60 days prior to election; can mail them up until 10 days before election
Indiana	no	Must begin no later than September 30, 2004; can be sent out via fax until day before election (as long as they are returned by fax before the close of the polls on election day)

Iowa	yes	Must begin mailing special write-in ballots no later than 90 days before election; must begin mailing regular absentee ballots no later than 40 days prior to the election
Kansas	yes	Must begin mailing no later than 45 days prior to election. Mailed them on September 18, 2004; can mail them until election day (via fax), but the ballots must be returned by the close of polls
Kentucky	yes	Counties received the ballots on Sept. 15, 2004, and started mailing them then
Louisiana	yes	Must begin no later than 45 days prior to election.
Maine	yes	Must begin mailing not later than 45 days prior to election. Provided blank absentee ballots for military and overseas voters to town clerks on July 30, 2004.
Maryland	Not yet (due to litigation)	Counties may begin mailing the ballots as soon as they receive them. One county (Montgomery) received theirs on September 27, 2004; remaining counties will probably get their ballots last week in September (delayed due to litigation); have until second Friday after election to get ballots back to state
Massachusetts	no	Mailed after they are printed and sent to counties (usually mailed 3 weeks before the election)
Michigan	yes	Ballot is supposed to be printed and sent to counties no later than 45 days prior to election. However, it's whenever the counties receive the ballot and begin mailing them. Some counties have begun to mail ballots and some have not begun the process yet.
Minnesota	no	Counties can start mailing Oct. 1, 2004.
Mississippi	yes	45 days prior to election
Missouri	yes	the sixth Tuesday prior to the election
Montana	Maybe (if some counties had ballots early)	Must begin no later than 30 days prior to the election.
Nebraska	yes	Special write-in ballots were mailed no later than Sept. 3, 2004; regular absentee ballots were mailed no later than Sept. 17, 2004
Nevada	yes	Ballots are prepared and distributed (a little late due to ballot question litigation) on Sept. 23, 2004.

New Hampshire	no	Ballots are sent to town clerks no later than 30 days prior to election (will get to town clerks by Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> to be mailed out by them)
New Jersey	yes	Began mailing them on Sept. 23, 2004
New Mexico	Not yet (due to litigation)	Must begin mailing no later than 45 days before the election. However, due to litigation, they have not been mailed out.
New York	no	32 days prior to election
North Carolina	yes	Began Sept. 13, 2004
North Dakota	yes	Must begin mailing no later than 40 days prior to election. Mailed them on Sept. 23, 2004.
Ohio	yes	Some counties may have started mailing ballots on Sept. 24, 2004. All counties began mailing them on Sept. 28, 2004.
Oklahoma	yes	Have been mailing for several weeks
Oregon	yes	No later than 45 days prior to the election. Mailed them on Sept. 18, 2004.
Pennsylvania	yes	Special write-in ballots were mailed to overseas voters who claimed that they were living in remote areas on August 24, 2004. Regular ballots were mailed to overseas voters who did not claim remoteness on Sept. 20, 2004.
Rhode Island	yes	Special write-in ballots are mailed no later than 45 days prior to election. These ballots were mailed on Sept. 17, 2004. Regular ballots will be mailed the first week in October (due to late primary).
South Carolina	yes	Special write-in ballots are mailed at least 90 days prior to election. These ballots were mailed August 2, 2004. The regular absentee ballot varies by county (some may have already mailed them and some may not have started mailing ballots). The counties usually start mailing the regular ballot approximately. 30 – 40 days prior to the election.
South Dakota	yes	Some counties may have started prior to Sept. 21, 2004, but all had to mail them out no later than 6 weeks prior to election
Tennessee	yes	No later than 45 days prior to the election
Texas	yes	The exact date that the counties began mailing out absentee ballots depends on when they

		received them. Ballots were mailed to the counties on Sept. 15, 2004.
Utah	yes	Must be mailed no later than 45 days prior to the canvass. Started mailing them on September 24, 2004.
Vermont	no	30 days prior to election
Virginia	yes	Must be mailed on or before Sept. 27, 2004.
Washington	no	Must be mailed no later than Oct. 15, 2004. However, no absentee ballots may be mailed any earlier than 20 days before the election.
West Virginia	yes	42 days prior to the election. Began mailing them on Sept. 21, 2004.
Wisconsin	yes	Special write-in ballots must be mailed no later than 90 days before the election. These ballots were mailed in August. Regular absentee ballots will be mailed on October 2, 2004.
Wyoming	yes	Sept. 23, 2004.
District of Columbia	yes	No later than 45 days prior to the election.