Quick Facts About District of Columbia

Total Voting Eligible Population: 540,685
United States Election Project

Total Turnout in 2020 Election: 346,491
United States Election Project

Number of House Seats in 2022: N/A

2020 Presidential Vote %: 5R 92D 3I

Overall Tally: 19/32.5

Who Votes: 8/11
Voter Registration: 5/5 HIGH
Representation & Participation: 3/6 MEDIUM

How to Vote: 3.5/10.5
Voting in Person: 1.5/5.5 FAIR
Voting by Mail: 2/5 FAIR

Protecting the Vote: 7.5/11
Election Security: 4/6 MEDIUM
Independence & Integrity: 3.5/5 MEDIUM

Scores as of 11/01/2021
District of Columbia's Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

Click on each issue for more information and to see where the state fits into the national landscape.

**KEY**

- ✅ Indicates state law or policy
- ✅ Indicates local laws or policies and/or partial law
- ✗ Indicates no law or policy
- Enumeration not applicable

### Who Votes

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## How to Vote

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**Voting in Person Total**: 1.5/5.5

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**Independence & Integrity Total** 3.5/5

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