Quick Facts About Pennsylvania

**Pennsylvania's Democracy Tally**

**Overall Tally:** 13.75/33.5
- FAIR

**Who Votes:** 4.7/11
- Voter Registration: 2.75/5 (MEDIUM)
- Representation & Participation: 2/6 (FAIR)

**How to Vote:** 4.5/10.5
- Voting in Person: 1.5/5.5 (FAIR)
- Voting by Mail: 3/5 (MEDIUM)

**Protecting the Vote:** 4.5/12
- Election Security: 5/6 (HIGH)
- Independence & Integrity: -0.5/6 (NEGATIVE)

Scores as of 07/22/2023
Pennsylvania'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.

### Who Votes

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

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