

# A HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY [OF EARLY VOTING]

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# PREPARING TO LAUNCH

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The Framework  
for the Future





# WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

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*A system or practice by which votes are cast ahead of election day*

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In-Person Early Voting (46 States)

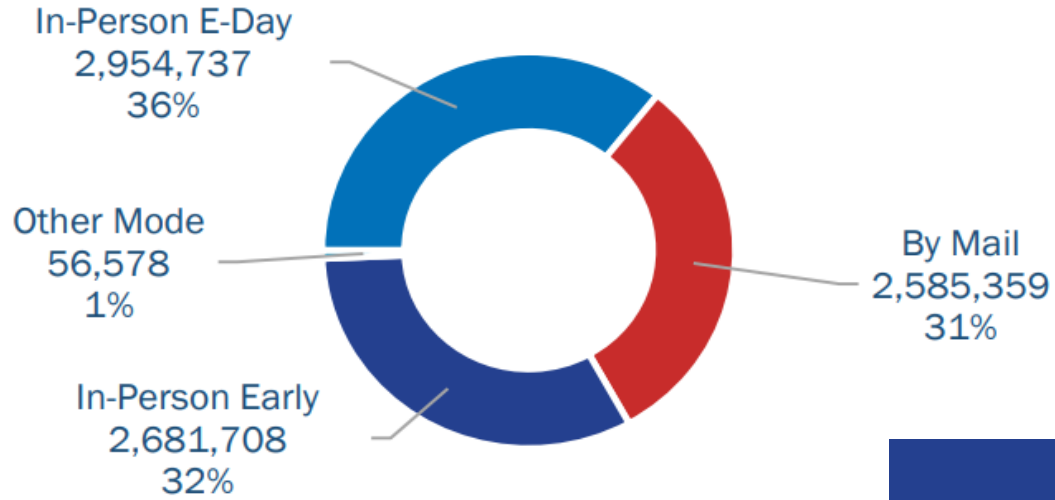
No-Excuse Absentee Balloting  
(27 States)

All-Mail Voting (8 States)



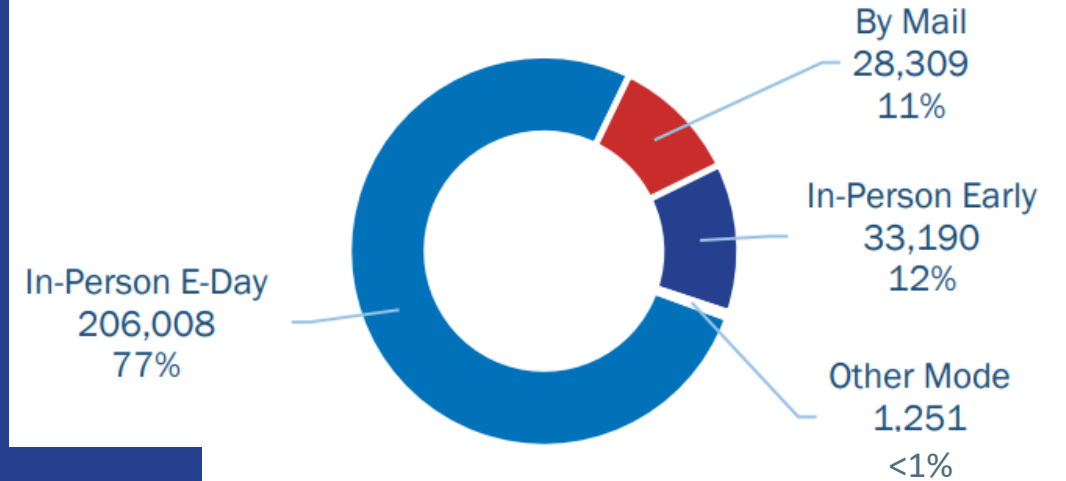
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### Voters Participating by Mode



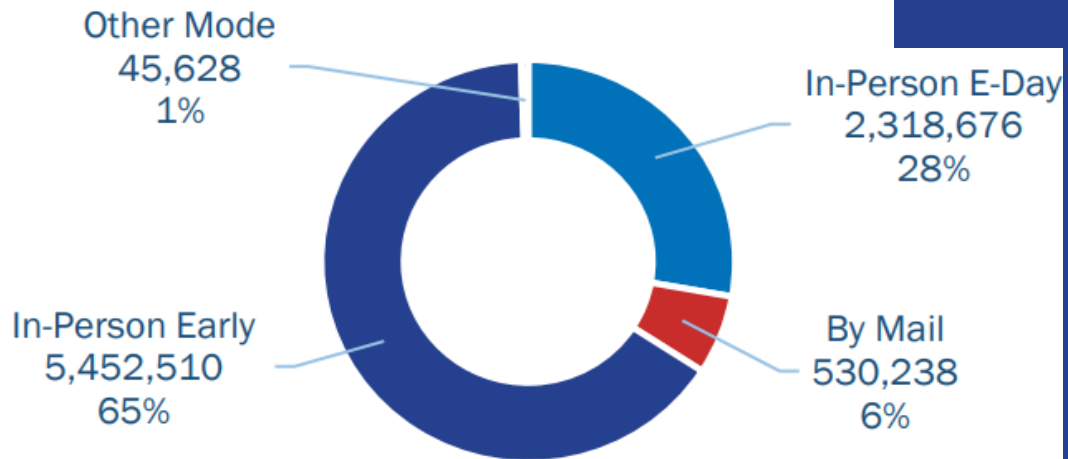
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### Voters Participating by Mode



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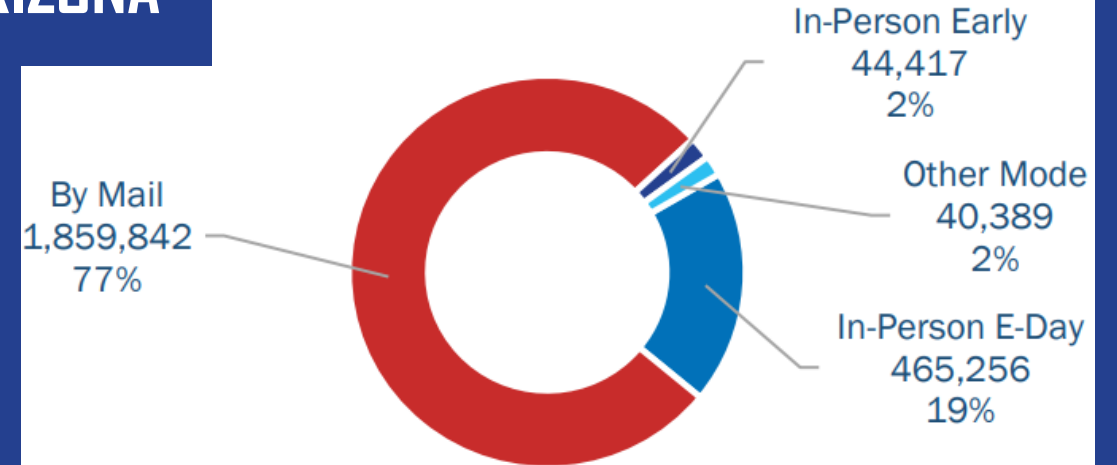
### Voters Participating by Mode



TEXAS

ARIZONA

### Voters Participating by Mode



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# DELEGATION OR STANDARDIZATION

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How States Iron Out the Details





# THE LENGTH OF OUR JOURNEY

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Early Voting Periods

# EARLY VOTING PERIODS

## OPENING

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

PENNSYLVANIA - 50 DAYS

KENTUCKY - 5 DAYS

## CLOSING

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

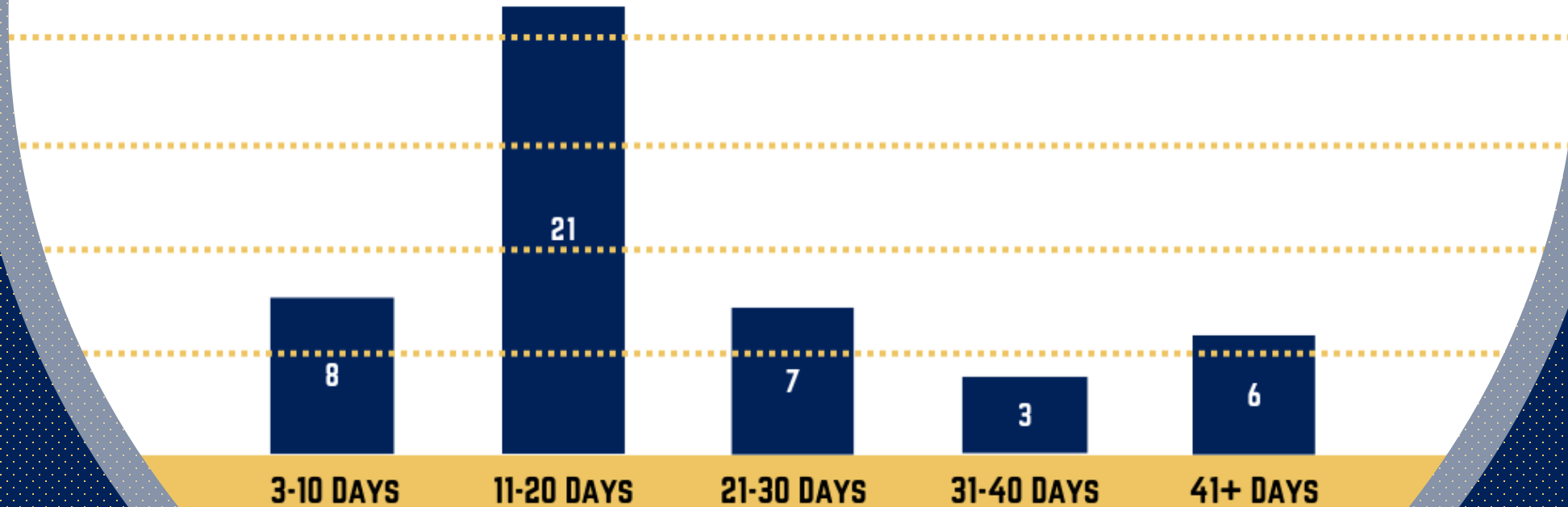
SEVEN STATES (TIE) - ELECTION DAY

LOUISIANA & PENNSYLVANIA - 7 DAYS

## TOTAL PERIOD

MINNESOTA & S. DAKOTA - 46 DAYS

KENTUCKY - 3 DAYS

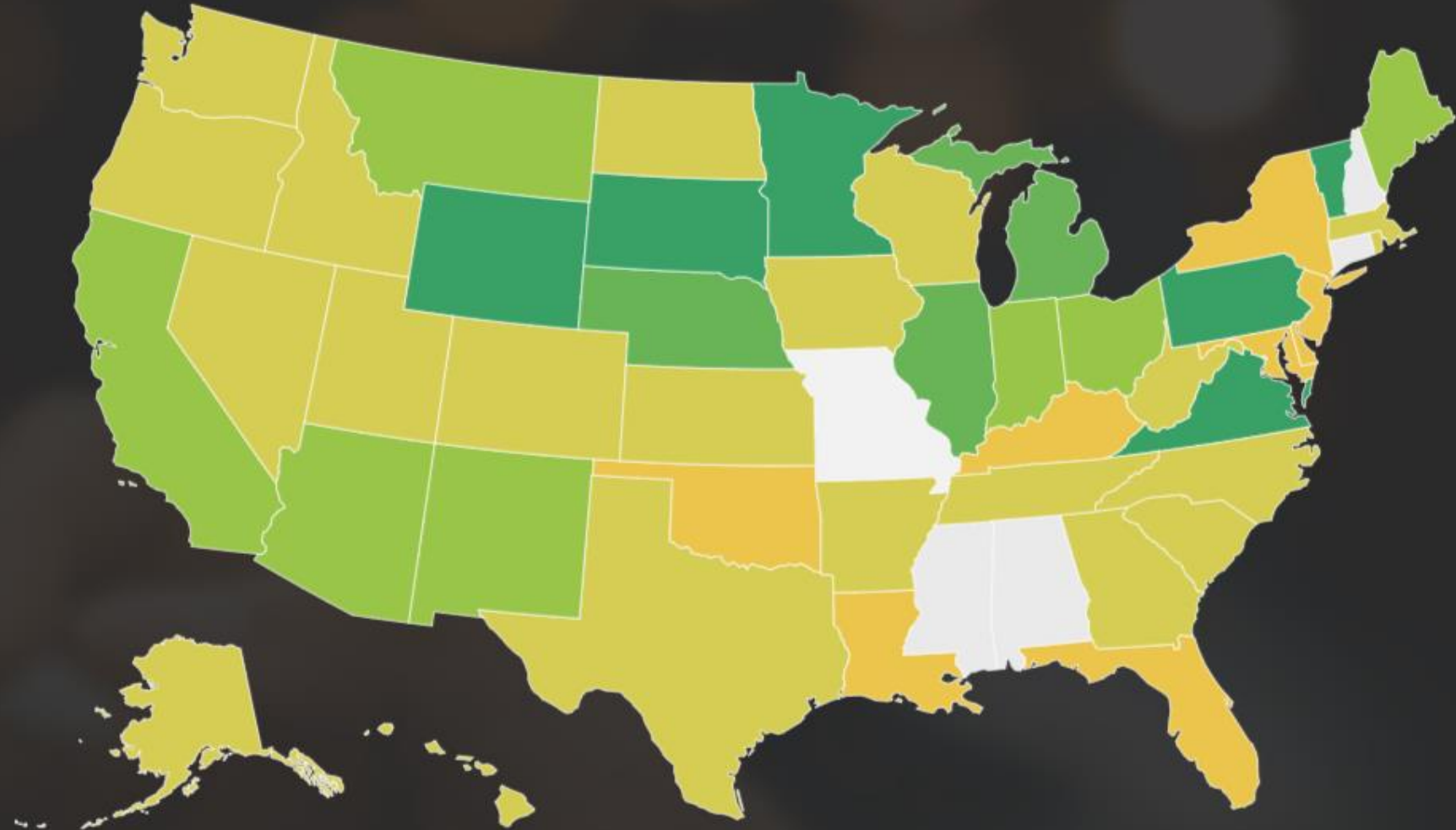
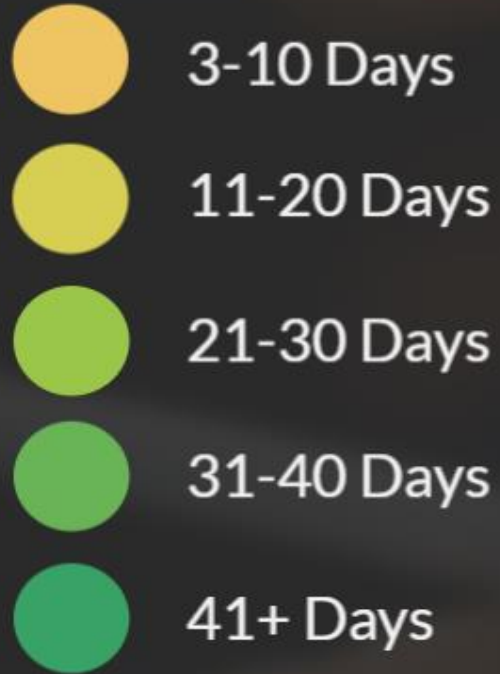


# OF STATES & EARLY VOTING PERIODS




# EARLY VOTING PERIODS BY STATE

## Number of Days







# OPENING UP THE SYSTEM

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How and When  
Voters Show Up



# POLL LOCATIONS

Town Clerks · Town Registrars · Town Halls

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Public Universities · Libraries · Courts · Community Centers

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Temp Sites · Government Buildings

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By Petition · By Geography

# # OF POLL LOCATIONS

## NEW YORK

County's Largest Municipality +

Registered Voters  
in the County

Add'l  
Locations

<500,000

Per 30,000  
Voters (up to  
10)

500,000+

Per 40,000  
Voters

## MARYLAND

Registered Voters  
in the County

Voting  
Centers

<50,000

1

50,000-99,999

2

100,000-199,999

3

200,000-299,999

5

300,000-399,999

7

400,000-499,999

9

500,000-599,999

11

600,000+

13

## NEW JERSEY

Registered Voters  
in the County

Voting  
Centers

<150,000

3-5

150,000-299,999

5-7

300,000+

7-10

## NEW MEXICO

County Clerks' Offices +

Registered Voters  
in the County

Add'l  
Locations

150,000+

15

50,001-150,000

4

10,000-50,000

1



# WEEKEND VOTING

23 of 46 States Authorize In-Person Early Voting on Weekends  
7 Additional States Provide Local Officials Discretion

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# OPEN HOURS

Business Hours • Minimum # of Hours • Time Range



# Time for a Landing

Any Questions?