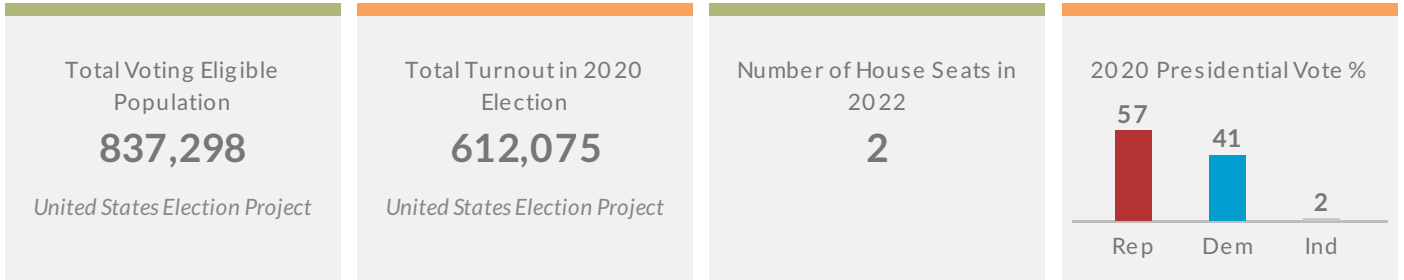
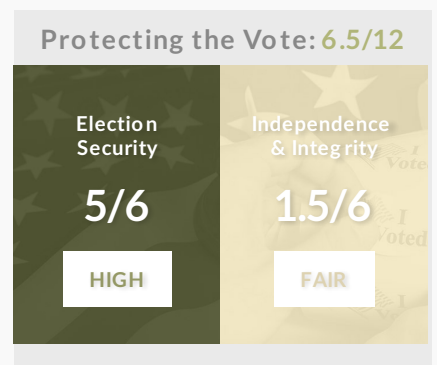
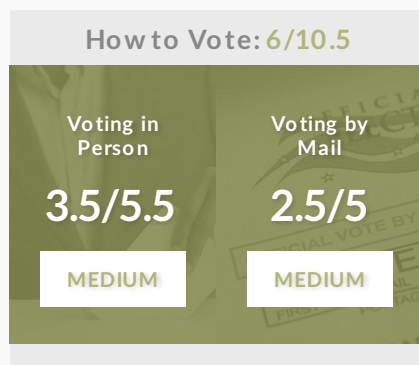
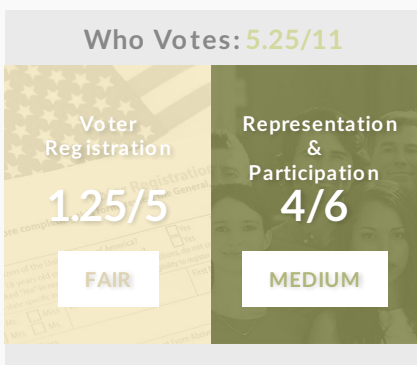
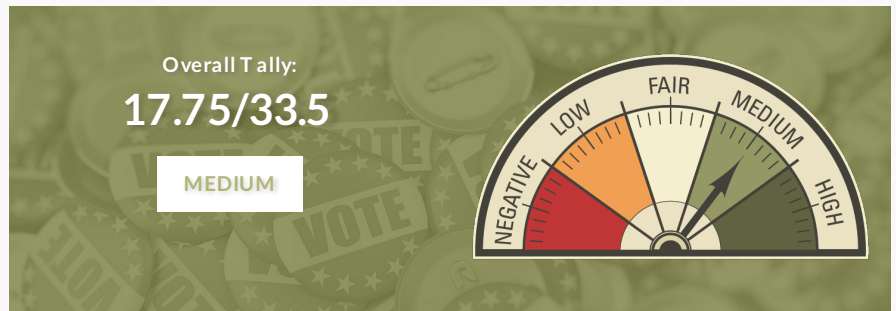


MONTANA DEMOCRACY PROFILE

Quick Facts About Montana







Montana's Democracy Tally











Montana's Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

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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 |

Who Votes

| Voter Registration | Score | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Automatic Voter Registration |  | 0/1 |
| Online Voter Registration |  | 0/1 |
| Registration Deadlines |  | 1/1 |
| Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) |  | 0/1 |
| Negative Law: Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives | No Negative Law | 0/-1 |
| Voter Preregistration |  | 0.25/1 |
| Voter Registration Total | 1.25/5 | |






| Representation & Participation | Score | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Direct Citizen Initiative Process |  | 1/1 |
| Native American Voting Protections |  | 0/1 |
| Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems |  | 0.5/1 |
| Voter Registration Rates |  | 0.5/1 |
| Voter Turnout Percentage |  | 1/1 |
| Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People |  | 1/1 |
| Representation & Participation Total | 4/6 | |

How to Vote

| Voting in Person | Score | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Curbside Voting for Voters with Disabilities |  | 0.5/0.5 |
| Election Day Holidays and Paid Time Off to Vote |  | 0.5/1 |
| Adequate Early Voting Period |  | 1/1 |
| Negative Law: Voting Wait Time and Line Length | No Negative Law | 0/-1 |
| Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures |  | 1/1 |
| Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places) |  | 0/1 |
| Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting |  | 0.5/1 |
| Voting in Person Total | 3.5/5.5 | |

| Voting by Mail | Score | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Availability of No-Excuse Absentee Voting |  | 1/1 |
| All-Mail Voting States |  | 0/1 |
| Negative Law: Added Requirements to Return Absentee Ballots | No Negative Law | 0/-0.5 |
| Negative Law: Third Party Ballot Collection Policies | No Negative Law | 0/-0.5 |
| Ballot Drop Box Policies & Availability |  | 0.5/0.5 |
| Mail Ballot Receipt Deadlines |  | 0.5/0.5 |
| Prepaid Ballot Postage |  | 0/0.5 |
| Online Absentee Ballot Application Availability |  | 0/1 |
| Permanent Absentee Voter List Availability |  | 0.5/0.5 |
| Voting by Mail Total | 2.5/5 | |

Protecting the Vote

| Election Security | Score | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Ballot & Signature Cure Availability (Opportunity for Voter to Correct Errors) |  | 1/1 |
| Ballot Tracking for Mail Voting |  | 1/1 |
| Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification |  | 1/1 |
| Security of Voting Machines (Hand Marked Paper Ballots) |  | 1/1 |
| Post-Election Audits Required |  | 1/1 |
| Risk-Limiting Audits |  | 0/1 |
| Election Security Total | 5/6 | |

| Independence & Integrity | Score | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Law Exists? | Tally |
| Negative Law: Election Officials Face Threats of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines | No Negative Law | 0/-1.0 |
| Negative Law: State Legislature Interference in Elections | NEGATIVE LAW | -1/-1 |
| Efficient Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing | ✓ | 1/1 |
| Guns in Polling Places | ✗ | 0/0.5 |
| State Level Voting Rights Acts | ✗ | 0/1 |
| "Voter Intent" Laws to Standardize Ballot Interpretation | ✓ | 0.5/0.5 |
| Independence of State Congressional Redistricting | ✓ | 1/1 |
| Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies | ✓ | 1/1 |
| Negative Law: Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices | NEGATIVE LAW | -1/-1 |
| Laws Protecting Election Officials Against Threats | ✗ | 0/1 |
| Independence & Integrity Total | 1.5/6 | |