

## Election FAQs: Voting Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness in New Jersey

### Can individuals experiencing homelessness register to vote?

Yes, people experiencing homelessness can register to vote in New Jersey. If they meet the basic voting eligibility requirements, they can register.

### What address should unhoused voters use when registering?

Unhoused voters can use a place where they can be contacted or stay often like a shelter, park, or street corner. It's best to use an address where they can reliably receive mail, such as a shelter or other social service agency. Some county elections offices allow unhoused voters to use their address as a voter registration address. This differs by location so check with your local election offices before registering.

### Can registered unhoused voters vote-by-mail?

Yes, registered unhoused voters can request to vote-by-mail. The mail-in ballot will be sent to the address they provided when registering, so it's important to use a place where they can receive mail. Unhoused voters can also apply for and receive a mail-in ballot in-person at their **County Clerk's office**. Please note specific deadlines for mailed and in-person vote-by-mail ballots apply. More information is available at [lwnj.org/vote](http://lwnj.org/vote).

### Where can registered unhoused voters vote in-person?

Unhoused voters can vote in person at their assigned polling place on Election Day or at any early voting site in their county during the early voting period. The voter's election district is determined based on the address they used when registering. Assigned polling locations are included on a voter's sample ballot. They can also be found online at [vote.nj.gov](http://vote.nj.gov).

### Registration Requirements:

#### Like other eligible voters, unhoused individuals must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 17 years old (though you may not vote until you are 18)
- A resident of the county for at least 30 days before the election
- Not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction. Individuals on parole or probation CAN register to vote.

**Registration Process:** Individuals can register online, by mail, or in person at various offices, including their municipal Clerk's office and their county Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration office.

**Resources:** Local shelters and community organizations often provide help with voter registration and can offer additional support.

For more information or help with voter registration, contact the League of Women Voters of New Jersey at 1-800-792-VOTE (8683).