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# Our Partnerships & Support

**Thank you to the Michigan Chamber Foundation & the Erb Family Foundation.**

Supported by the Michigan Chamber Foundation, in partnership with the Erb Family Foundation, this initiative helps connect more Michiganders to critical poll worker opportunities while providing clear, fact-based information about our state's election process.

The Michigan Chamber Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization focused on strengthening Michigan's economy and communities.



# How MI Elections are Run - by Local Clerks

- Elections in MI are decentralized.
- Run by 281 city clerks and 1,240 township clerks
- Strict procedures are followed to ensure accuracy and security
- Poll workers assist clerks, with clear roles and oversight

# 3 Ways to Vote

## Absentee

A vote cast by a person who has been permitted to vote by mail

## Early In-person

Voting in-person during a designated early voting period

## Election Day In-Person

Voting in-person on election day

# Who are the players in administering elections?

## City or township clerk

The city or township clerk is the local official responsible for running elections.

1

## Clerk official staff

Handles administrative tasks and helps organize election operations, either in a government office or at an outside polling place.

2

## Poll workers

A poll worker, or election inspector, helps run a polling location. They assist voters, check registrations, hand out ballots, and make sure the voting process is secure and smooth.

3

## Poll challengers

A poll challenger, or a poll watcher, is a partisan observer who can question voting practices at a polling place.

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# What are Poll Workers?

## Who are they? Local Government Citizens

Poll workers are hired, paid, and trained local government workers who assist with running local elections in compliance with Michigan Election Law.

## Where are they? Local Recruitment

Each county, city, and township in Michigan hires and pays election inspectors for the early voting period and on Election Day.

## What do they do? Key Responsibilities

Poll workers greet and check-in voters, issue ballots, and operate voting equipment.

# Why this Matters

- 58% of Americans have anxiety surrounding voting
- By being a poll worker you can create positive experiences and memories of voting, making lifelong voters
- Poll workers establish trust in elections.
- 90% of voters in the 2024 election had confidence in entrusting their ballots with poll workers

# The Problem

## More people are voting early

A total of 5,100 Michiganders voted at an in-person early voting site in Nov. 2024, including a record-breaking 2,504 voters in Detroit the first weekend.

## Lack of staffing

Early voting numbers rising means the demand for poll workers is rising. Between the 2020 and 2022 elections there was a 17% drop in number of poll workers.

# The Math

In Detroit there are 503 voting precincts, and each precinct requires a minimum of 3 poll workers.

$$503 \times 3 = 1,509$$

That means in Detroit alone, we need at least 1,509 poll workers.

# More Voters, Less Poll Workers

## Few People Want to be Poll Workers, and That's a Problem

BY: MATT VASIOGAMBROS - OCTOBER 22, 2018 12:00 AM



**EXCLUSIVE**

ELECTIONS

### Election worker turnover has reached historic highs ahead of the 2024 vote, new data shows

Research provided to NBC News shows turnover in local election offices has been increasing for years, suggesting the issue goes beyond post-2020 threats.

Election worker turnover rates soar ahead of November contests

POLITICS & ELECTIONS

## Hours-long lines on University of Michigan campus as students scramble to vote

Updated: Nov. 09, 2022, 12:38 a.m. | Published: Nov. 08, 2022, 7:55 p.m.

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## 145K Michigan voters cast ballots on first statewide day for early voting

Luke Ramseth and Marnie Muñoz | The Detroit News

Nov 10, 2022 | Updated Oct 27, 2022 6:53 a.m. ET

## Poll worker shortage ahead of midterm elections

Poll worker shortages are threatening the 2020 election. Young people can be the solution

## US is facing a poll worker shortage -- new campaign hopes to recruit veterans to fill the gap

Vet the Vote's goal is to sign up 100,000 people to volunteer.

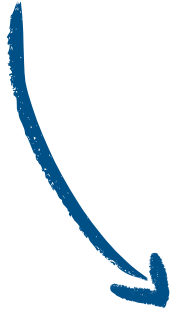
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## Groups race to recruit poll workers amid fears of shortages. Here's how you can help.

By Fredrika Schouten  
6 min read - Published 12:01 PM EDT, Tue September 6, 2022



# The solution?



Help your community by  
volunteering as a poll  
worker!

# Who should sign up?

groups

**Community Leaders**

People who care about their local community.

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**Flexible Schedules**

Retirees or anyone with a flexible daytime schedule.

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**Students**

College students and young adults looking to help.

work

**Professionals**

Working professionals wanting to give back.

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**First-Timers**

No experience needed! First-time participants welcome.

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**Ages 16-17**

Great for young adults unable to vote who want to make a difference.

# Qualifications & Requirements

## No Criminal Record

You must not have a felony or election crime conviction.

## No Candidate Affiliation

You must not be an election challenger, a candidate, or an immediate family member.

## Be a Registered Voter

Ages 18+ must be registered in MI. 16-17 year olds are also eligible to serve.

## Disclose Party Affiliation

Must disclose affiliation to ensure balanced staffing per Michigan law.

## Ability to Perform Tasks

Able to withstand long periods of sitting and standing and potential long hours.

# Benefits

## Protect Democracy

Play a key role in protecting democracy.

## Get Paid

Pay ranges can range from \$175 to \$300 a day.

## Learn the Process

Understand how elections work from the inside.

## Food Provided

Meals and snacks are typically provided during your shift.

## Community Impact

Meet and help people in your local community.

# Process for Finding Your Local Clerk

STEP

01

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center  
Website: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>

STEP

02

Click on “ Where are my clerk’s office?”

STEP

03

Enter your address

STEP

04

See your local clerk's office address, phone  
number, and email address

STEP

05

Contact your local clerk and express your  
interest in becoming a poll worker



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# Elections

We're always thinking about the next election. That's why we keep a page to keep you informed. We'll tell you everything you need to know about each upcoming election:

- [Current Election Information](#)
- [Voter Registration Information](#)
- [Absentee Voting](#)
- [Election Worker Resources](#)
- [And More](#)

[Michigan Voter Information Center](#)

## Early Voting

Learn the details about Early Voting. See important information about locations and times.

## Absentee Voting

Learn how to apply to vote absentee in Grand Rapids. See important registration and voting deadlines.

## Departments

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Voter Registration	+



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The State of Michigan keeps track of the voter rolls. Still, we want to help our residents manage their registration status. That's why we have resources to help you with all thing's voter registration.

### Current Election Information

Learn about the upcoming elections. See important registration and absentee voting deadlines and view a sample ballot.

### GRVotes

Did you vote absentee? Wish you could show off an "I Voted" sticker? Now you can with our digital "I Voted" stickers!

### Election Inspectors

Apply to serve as an election inspector, find resources to help you when you serve, and review election inspector job descriptions.



Center

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- Precinct Maps and Polling Locations
- Election Data
- Voter Turnout and Election Results +
- City Charter
- City Code of Ordinances
- Freedom of Information Act Request





# Apply to Serve as an Election Inspector

Get involved on Election Day and be our partner in democracy!

[View our precinct directory to find a location near you!\(PDF\)](#)

## Make sure you are eligible to serve as an Election Inspector

You can serve as an election inspector if you meet these requirements:

- You are 16 years old or older
- You are a registered voter in the State of Michigan, if you are 18 years old or older
- You are not a candidate or a member of a candidates immediate family
- You are not an election challenger appointed by a political party or qualified group or organization
- You are not a member of the local Board of Canvassers
- You have not been convicted of a felony or election crime

## Make sure you can perform the duties

- The ability to move and lift more than 20 pounds

Online

Paper Form

In Person

## Complete the online application

[Online Election Inspector Application](#) 

## Review pay rate information

While working on election day is a great way to serve your community, you also get paid. Here's a look at how you'll be compensated:

### ELECTION DAY

#### INSPECTORS

- \$175 for election day service
- \$200 for E-Pollbook Workers
- \$25 for each training session attended

#### CHAIRPERSONS

- \$225 for election day service
- \$25 for each training session attended

### EARLY VOTING (8 HOUR DAY)

#### INSPECTORS

- \$120 for early voting service



## Election Inspector Application

### Personal Information

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email address \*

Street address \*

City \*

State \*

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Zip code \*

Phone number \*



# How does this help your community?

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Helps polling places run securely and smoothly

Reduces long lines and confusion

Supports local clerks

Strengthens trust in the process

Encourages pride in local community

Helps protect democracy

# Poll Worker Timeline





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