

**Table 6.5**  
**POLLING HOURS: GENERAL ELECTIONS**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Polls open</i>	<i>Polls close</i>	<i>Notes on hours (a)</i>
<b>Alabama</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	Polling places located in the Eastern Time Zone may be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET.
<b>Alaska</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Arizona</b> .....	6 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	
<b>California</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Colorado</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	6 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Delaware</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Florida</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Georgia</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Hawaii</b> .....	7 a.m.	6 p.m.	
<b>Idaho</b> .....	8 a.m.	8 p.m.	Clerk has the option of opening all polls at 7 a.m. Idaho is in two time zones—MT and PT.
<b>Illinois</b> .....	6 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Indiana</b> .....	6 a.m.	6 p.m.	For those counties on Central time, polling places will observe these times in Central time.
<b>Iowa</b> .....	7 a.m.	9 p.m.	
<b>Kansas</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	Counties may open the polls earlier and close them later. Several western counties are in the Mountain Time Zone.
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	6 a.m.	6 p.m.	Counties may be either in Eastern or Central Time Zones.
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	6 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Maine</b> .....	Between 6 and 10 a.m.	8 p.m.	Applicable opening time depends on variables related to the size of the precinct.
<b>Maryland</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	Some municipalities may open their polls as early as 5:45 a.m.
<b>Michigan</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	Eastern Time Zone and Central Time Zone.
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	A few polling places in small townships located outside the eleven-county metropolitan area may open as late as 10 a.m.
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Missouri</b> .....	6 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Montana</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	A polling place having fewer than 400 registered electors must be open from at least noon to 8 p.m. or until all registered electors in any precinct have voted, at which time that precinct in the polling place must be closed immediately.
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	7 a.m. MT / 8 a.m. CT	7 p.m. MT / 8 p.m. CT	
<b>Nevada</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>New Hampshire</b> .....	No later than 11 a.m.	No earlier than 7 p.m.	Polling hours vary from town to town.
<b>New Jersey</b> .....	6 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>New York</b> .....	6 a.m.	9 p.m.	
<b>North Carolina</b> .....	6:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	Between 7 and 9 a.m.	Between 7 and 9 p.m.	Precincts must have polls open by 9 a.m., but may choose to open as early as 7 a.m.
<b>Ohio</b> .....	6:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Oregon</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	Official dropsites open 8 hours or more and until 8 p.m. for depositing cast ballots. County Clerk's office open 7 a.m.–8 p.m. for issuing and depositing ballots

See footnotes at end of table.

## ELECTIONS

### POLLING HOURS: GENERAL ELECTIONS — Continued

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<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	Between 7 and 9 a.m.	8 p.m.	Polls open at 9 a.m. in special elections.
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	8 a.m. (may be earlier)	7 p.m. CT / 8 p.m. ET	Polling places shall be open a minimum of ten continuous hours, but no more than 13 hours. In any county having a population of not less than 120,000, all polling places shall open by 8 a.m., but nothing shall prevent an earlier opening time at the discretion of the county election commission.
<b>Texas</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Utah</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Vermont</b> .....	Between 5 and 10 a.m.	7 p.m.	The opening time for polls is set by local boards of civil authority.
<b>Virginia</b> .....	6 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Washington</b> .....	NA	NA	Washington votes by mail. The ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day; or returned to a designated ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day; or returned in person to the county elections department by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	6:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Dist. of Columbia</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>American Samoa</b> .....	6 a.m.	6 p.m.	
<b>Guam</b> .....	7 a.m.	8 p.m.	
<b>No. Mariana Islands</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b> .....	7 a.m.	7 p.m.	

*Sources:* The Council of State Governments and state websites, January 2014.

*Note:* Hours for primary, municipal and special elections may differ from those noted.

*Key:*

(a) In all states, voters standing in line when the polls close are allowed to vote; however, provisions for handling those voters vary across jurisdictions.