

# Election 2020



**President Donald J. Trump**

Republican • President since 2017 • seeking a second term



**Democratic nominee Joe Biden**

Vice President, 2009–17 • U.S. Senator, 1973–2009

## Ga. early voting begins Monday

Huge turnout expected between now and Election Day, Nov. 3

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**E**lection Day is still nearly a month away, but voters across Georgia including here in Walton County may begin to cast their ballots on Monday.

On both sides of the political spectrum, pundits say the 2020 election is the most important ever.

Turnout is expected to be massive. (It was more than 76% statewide and nearly 80% in Walton County in the 2016 general election.)

Voters may check their registration status and polling location information online, at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov). That website also has a link to obtain a paper application.

Early in-person voting takes place at two locations in Walton County: Meridian Park in Loganville and the Nowell Recreation Center gym in downtown Monroe.

Whether people vote early or wait until Election Day, they'll see a crowded ballot. Topping the list, of course, is the race for president. President Donald Trump, a Republican from Florida, is seeking a second term. Opposing him is Democratic nominee Joe Biden, vice president from 2009-17 and a former senator from Delaware.

Georgia voters find themselves in

the unusual position of choosing both their U.S. senators. David Perdue, a Republican from Warner Robins, is seeking a second term against Democrat Jon Ossoff and Libertarian Shane Hazel.

Perdue became Georgia's senior senator after Johnny Isakson retired Dec. 31. Gov. Brian Kemp appointed Atlanta businesswoman Kelly Loeffler to succeed Isakson, but only until a special election to fill out the term. (The seat comes up again in 2022 for a full six-year term.)

Loeffler is running in a "jungle primary" format with all candidates on the ballot regardless of their party. Leading contenders include the incumbent, plus U.S. Rep. Doug Collins, a Republican from Gainesville. Top Democratic contenders include the Rev. Raphael Warnock of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and Matt Lieberman, son of former Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

Walton County's voice in Congress is up for election too. Rep. Jody Hice, a Republican from Greensboro, is seeking a fourth term in a rematch from two years ago.

Tabitha Johnson-Green, a registered nurse from Washington County, is again the Democratic nominee. Hice won in a landslide in 2018.

Three seats in the Walton County delegation to Atlanta are on the ballot too. Those are currently in Re-

publican hands.

And while seats on the Alcovy Circuit Superior Court were settled in the nonpartisan elections earlier this year, the circuit — Newton and Walton counties — still must choose a district attorney. Former District Attorney Layla Zon is now a Superior Court judge and Chief Assistant District Attorney Randy McGinley is serving as interim DA.

McGinley, a Bold Springs resident, is running for the job against Newton County prosecutor Destiny Bryant.

Here's who local voters can expect to see in contested races on their ballot:

### FEDERAL

#### President of the United States

- Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence (incumbent), Republican
- Joseph R. Biden/Kamala D. Harris, Democrat
- Jo Jorgensen/Jeremy "Spike" Cohen, Libertarian

#### U.S. Senator (Perdue)

- David A. Perdue (i), Republican
- Jon Ossoff, Democrat
- Shane Hazel, Libertarian

#### U.S. Senator (Loeffler)

- Doug Collins, Republican
- Derrick E. Grayson, Republican
- Annette Davis Jackson, Republican
- A. Wayne Johnson, Republican
- Kelly Loeffler (i), Republican
- Kandiss Taylor, Republican
- Deborah Jackson, Democrat
- Jamesia James, Democrat
- Tamara Johnson-Shealey, Democrat
- Matt Lieberman, Democrat
- Joy Felicia Slade, Democrat
- Ed Tarver, Democrat
- Raphael Warnock, Democrat
- Richard Dien Winfield, Democrat
- Brian Slowinski, Libertarian

- Al Bartell, independent
- Allen Buckley, independent
- Michael Todd Greene, independent
- Valencia Stovall, independent
- John "Green" Fortuin, Green
- Rod Mack, write-in

#### U.S. Representative, District 10

- Jody Hice (i), Republican
- Tabitha Johnson-Green, Democrat

#### STATE

##### Public Service Commission, District 1

- Jason Shaw (i), Republican
- Robert G. Bryant, Democrat
- Elizabeth Melton, Libertarian

##### PSC, District 4

- Lauren Bubba McDonald Jr. (i), Republican
- Daniel Blackman, Democrat
- Nathan Wilson, Libertarian

##### State Senator, District 25

- Burt Jones (i), Republican
- Veronica Brinson, Democrat

##### State Senator, District 46

- Bill Cowsert (i), Republican
- Zachary Perry, Democrat

##### State Representative, District 114

- Tom Kirby (i), Republican

##### State Representative, District 115

- Bruce Williamson (i), Republican
- Debbie Reed, Democrat

##### District Attorney, Alcovy

- Randy McGinley, Republican
- Destiny Bryant, Democrat

#### COUNTY

##### County Commissioner, District 2

- Mark C. Banks (i), Republican
- Fiera Hill, Democrat

##### County Commissioner, District 6

- Kirklyn L. Dixon (i), Republican
- Lidia Garrett, Democrat

#### CITY

##### Good Hope City Council, Post 4

- Frank J. Palombo
- John T. Robison Jr.

##### Monroe City Council, District 6

- Tyler Gregory
- Spencer Lynn Seay

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