



Election Night Watch Guide, Nov. 3, 2026

Coverage start times and poll closings by hour, Eastern Time

- 1 **5 p.m.**
NBC News coverage begins on NBC and Peacock (most NBC stations join at 6:30 p.m.) ☐
- 2 **5:30 p.m.**
NBC's Big Board livestream starts on NBCNews.com, the NBC News app and YouTube; Peacock multiview opens ☐
- 3 **6 p.m.**
Polls close in most of Indiana and Kentucky. Fox News Channel coverage begins, simulcast on Fox Business ☐
- 4 **7 p.m.**
Polls close in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Vermont and Virginia. FOX News Audio coverage begins ☐
- 5 **7:30 p.m.**
Polls close in North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia ☐
- 6 **8 p.m.**
Polls close in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas, 15 other states and D.C. ☐
- 7 **8:30 p.m.**
Polls close in Arkansas ☐
- 8 **9 p.m.**
Polls close in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Wisconsin and Wyoming ☐
- 9 **10 p.m.**
Polls close in Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah ☐
- 10 **11 p.m.**
Polls close in California, Oregon and Washington ☐
- 11 **Midnight**
Polls close in Alaska and Hawaii ☐
- 12 **6 a.m. Wed.**
NBC's broadcast coverage and the Fox Business simulcast end ☐

My notes

Source: NBC News, Decision '26 release (Oct. 22, 2026); Fox News Media release (Oct. 23, 2026); poll closing times for most of each state, from our story What Time Do Polls Close. CBS, ABC, CNN and PBS had not announced plans as of Oct. 24.