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Mail-in voting has improved voter turnout in Oregon. In the 2000 general election, the first conducted entirely by mail, voter turnout was nearly 80%, a substantial increase from previous elections. This demonstrates that mail-in voting facilitates greater civic engagement by making the voting process more accessible and convenient.

Oregon's mail-in voting provides enhanced election security through ballot tracking and signature verification, secure ballot handling, regular voter roll maintenance, post-election audits and it has proven to be cost effective compared to in person voting.

Oregon's experience demonstrates that mail-in voting enhances voter turnout, ensures election security, reduces costs, and maintains nonpartisan fairness. The state's robust system serves as a model for conducting secure and accessible elections and supports the democratic process.