Building a Culture of Health, County by County

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2023

We're excited to provide new data and resources to take action to improve health. Here's what you'll find on our website:

Updated Rankings, New Measures and Improved Website Features

We have redesigned the area of our website where you find county snapshots, maps, methodology and more to make it more accessible. Data are now easier to find, use and understand.

Additionally, every county is now introduced with a unique description which includes a link to identify the Indigenous nations native to the land, characterization of the population density and connection to large cities, and indication of neighborhoods that have experienced intentional disinvestment through redlining. These county descriptions give important context for the data which follow in our county snapshots.

Search for your state or county on <u>countyhealthrankings.org</u>. As you explore your state or county snapshot on <u>countyhealthrankings.org</u>, look for new measures that help illustrate how counties are faring in terms of:

- **Voter Turnout**: Percentage of citizen population aged 18 or older who voted in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.
- **Census Participation:** Percentage of all households that self-responded to the 2020 census by internet, paper questionnaire or telephone.

New and Updated What Works for Health Strategies

This year, we've added new strategies to What Works for Health that increase access to civic spaces to connect, improve governance and resource allocation, and nurture social networks and shared culture. New strategies include voter registration initiatives, voter turnout initiatives, participatory budgeting and youth civics education.

In Solidarity Podcast Explores Civic Health in New Season

Our podcast, In Solidarity, explores the connection between power, place and health. We've released a brandnew series with three episodes featuring interviews with the country's brightest minds and biggest thinkers on the topic of civic health. <u>Listen to In Solidarity here</u>.

National Findings Report Focuses on Civic Health

The 2023 National Findings Report highlights the connection between civic health and thriving people and places. Civic health reflects the opportunities people have to participate in their communities. It starts in our local communities and is the cornerstone of our democracy, representing promise, opportunity, belonging and shared responsibility. This year's report looks at two elements of civic health:

- **Civic participation:** Activities that shape our community's future, such as voting, political advocacy, volunteering, and mentoring.
- **Civic infrastructure:** Physical spaces like schools, parks, and libraries that help us stay connected and the policies and practices that make civic participation possible.

Want to learn more about what's new for 2023? Watch the recording of our webinar from March 14.



