

2018 CIVIC LIFE IN AMERICA

All rankings reflect where Texas residents rank among residents in the 50 states and Washington, DC.

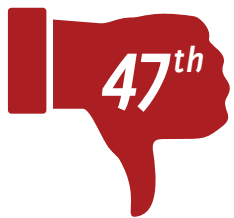


TEXAS VS. USA

Key: Texas USA Ranking in top half of states Ranking in bottom half of states

Communities with strong civic health have higher employment rates, stronger schools, better physical health, and more responsive governments.

Political Participation¹



Texas residents are ranked 47th for voter turnout



Texas residents are ranked 44th for voter registration



32% of Texans ages 18-24 voted in the 2016 Presidential Election - lower than the national average of 43%

TEXAS

68%

55%



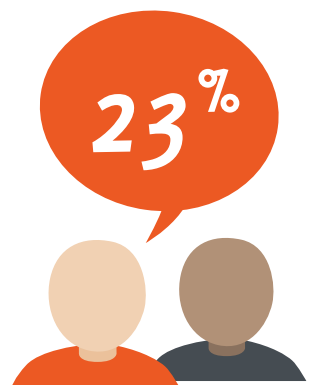
U.S.

70%

61%



Texas residents are ranked 50th for discussing politics a few times per week or more

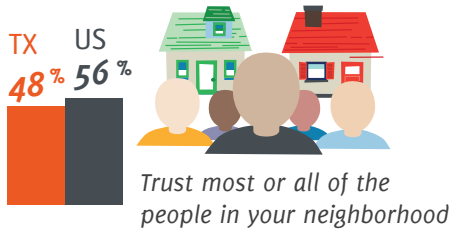


Discuss Politics with Family or Friends



Contact Elected Officials²

Social Connectedness ³



45th Texas ranked 45th in trusting their neighbors



41st Texas ranked 41st in talking to neighbors



24th Texas ranked 24th in doing favors for neighbors

Civic Involvement ⁴



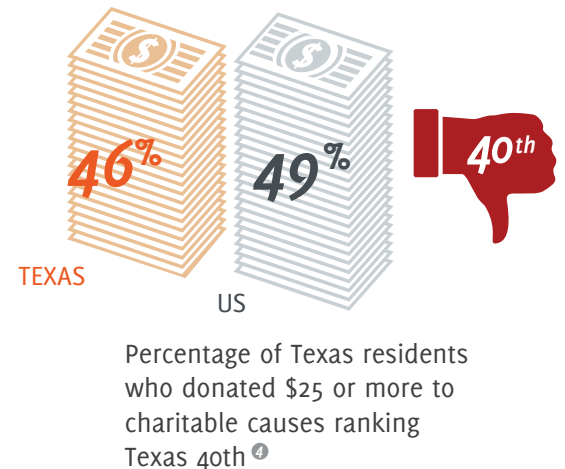
39th Texas residents are ranked 39th for volunteering



34th Texas residents are ranked 34th for group participation

Recommendations for Improving TX Civic Health

- 1 Reimagine Civics Education
- 2 Explore Opportunities for Systems-Level Changes
- 3 Develop Civic Leaders
- 4 Encourage Innovation
- 5 Support Organizations That Invest in Texas



SOURCES

- 1 2016 CPS November Voting/Registration Supplement
- 2 2017 Texas Media & Society Survey by the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life
- 3 2013 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) November Civic Engagement Supplement
- 4 2015 CPS September Volunteering Supplement



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