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

**Political Participation**

- **47th** Texas residents are ranked 47th for voter turnout.

- **44th** Texas residents are ranked 44th for voter registration.

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

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

- **23%** Discuss Politics with Family or Friends.

- **14%** Contact Elected Officials.

Read the full report at txcivichealth.org
Social Connectedness

Trust most or all of the people in your neighborhood

Talk to Neighbors

Exchange Favors With Neighbors

Texas ranked 45th in trusting their neighbors

Texas ranked 41st in talking to neighbors

Texas ranked 24th in doing favors for neighbors

Civic Involvement

Volunteering

Texas residents are ranked 39th for volunteering

Participation in one or more group

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
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