



Voting and Health: Expanding Opportunities for Inclusion

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Healthy Democracy Healthy People Initiative

- Started in 2020 as VoteSAFE Public Health and We Can Vote to ensure 2020 elections were safe, secure, and successful
- Assuring health by building our collective capacity to act (power)
- With increasing threat of COVID-19 variants, along with continued barriers to voting, the need to bring health and voting experts together to provide options for safe and healthy voting continues.

Our Research

States with more voting access and greater civic participation have better health outcomes



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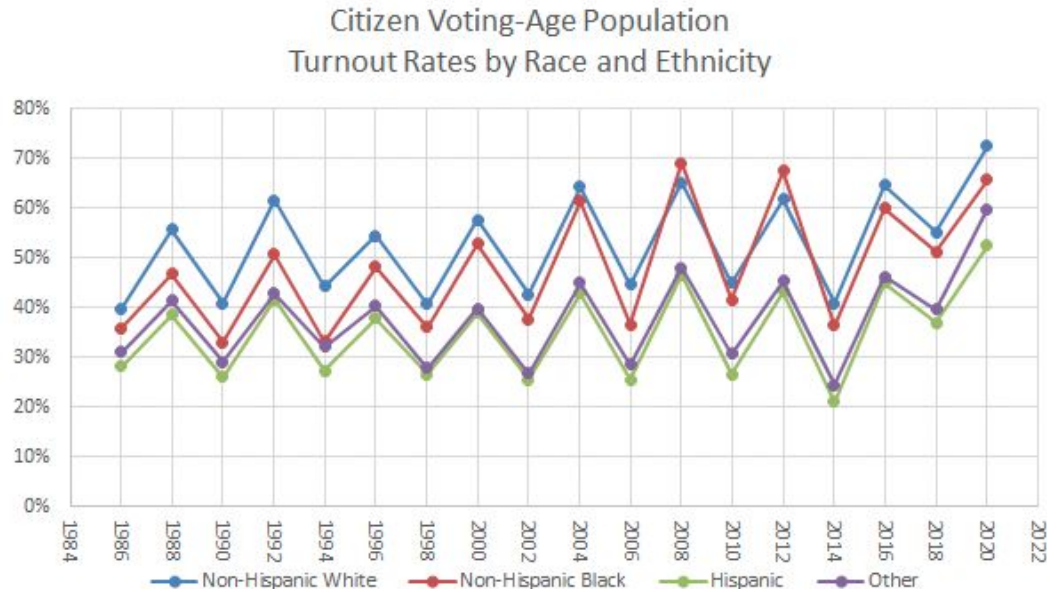
When communities vote they influence policy decisions that have a big effect on their health.

This [analysis](#) compares 11 public health indicators and 2 civic participation measures across 50 states and Washington, DC.

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Disparities in civic participation and health equity



Source: US Elections
Project / Current
Population Survey

**Voting is a public health
imperative.**