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Does Civic Participation Influence Health?

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Tools & Resources

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Highlighted Guidance

The [Health Democracy Index](#) is an analysis that compares 12 public health indicators and voter turnout to the restrictiveness of voting policies in each state. The Index shows that when communities vote, they influence policy decisions that have a big effect on their health. The Index was developed through the [Healthy Democracy, Healthy People](#) initiative.

The [Civic Engagement and Population Health Compendium](#) is a collection of research and materials on civic engagement and population health including key concepts, indicators, and data sets that was produced through a joint project of the University of California, Riverside and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

Thriving Together designed the [Springboard](#) to leverage the immense resilience in America's communities. It describes what we can do together to organize local and nationwide action so that all people and places can thrive. The Springboard includes "Deep Dive" materials around various topics including [Belonging & Civic Muscle](#).

Webinar Guest Resources

Dawn Hunter, Director, Southeastern Region of the Network for Public Health Law

- The Network for Public Health Law published the [Law and Policy Pathways to Civic Engagement](#) infographic to show the ways in which law and policy can help address public health issues.
- While the COVID-19 pandemic brought uncertainty during the 2020 primaries, states learned from those early contests and put measures in place to ensure voter access and safety while protecting the integrity of the elections process. Learn more in the paper [Lessons from the 2020 Election Cycle](#), written by Dawn Hunter.
- Additional writings by Dawn Hunter:
 - [More than a Vote: Civic Engagement and Health Amid COVID-19](#)
 - [Restoring the Right to Vote is a Pathway to Better Health – a Look at Felon Re-enfranchisement and the 2020 Election](#)
- The [Voting and Health: Expanding Opportunities for Inclusion](#) webinar highlights the important relationship between inclusive voter participation and positive health outcomes, and explores innovative ways to promote voter registration such as through state Medicaid programs.

Kim Irwin, Executive Director, Health by Design; Administrator, Indiana Public Health Association

- [Health by Design](#) works at the intersection of the built environment and public health, collaborating across sectors and disciplines to ensure Indiana communities have neighborhoods, public spaces and transportation infrastructure that promote active living for all. For more information, contact Kim Irwin at kirwin@hbdin.org.
- The [Indiana Active Living Guidebook](#) is intended to be used by anyone interested in changing the built environment of their community to improve public health. While the guide was developed for use by Indiana residents, the majority of advice and guidance is applicable to any community.

Resources Shared in Post-Webinar Discussion Group Session

- The National Association of County and City Health Officials and Network for Public Health Law issued a press release in May 2021 that highlights [proposed state laws that are detrimental to public health](#).
- The Network for Public Health Law's [Becoming Better Messengers](#) webpage offers a suite of resources to help practitioners with effective messaging.
- [Nonprofit Power: Engaging Voters for a More Inclusive Democracy](#) describes how nonprofit service providers are uniquely well-positioned to foster a more inclusive democracy.
- The Right Question Institute's nonpartisan [Building the Motivation and Determination to Vote](#) resources and tools focus on having people discover the value of voting.

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Healthy Places by Design Resources

- [Healthy Places by Design](#) facilitated the post-webinar discussion group session. Their [Community Action Model](#) was developed with insights from more than a dozen years of supporting successful community health initiatives and a deep understanding of the community change process.
- Follow Healthy Places by Design on Twitter [@HPlacesbyDesign](#)