

Civic Engagement: A Vital Sign of Health and Democracy

Civic engagement has been shown to have a positive impact on the health of people and communities, providing health care institutions with opportunities to help people become more civically engaged, according to an August 2022 poll by the AAMC Center for Health Justice that explores the connections between civic engagement, community health, and trust in institutions.

Civic engagement has a positive impact on a community's health, but some groups have more opportunity to be engaged than others.



Only 56% of U.S. adults consider themselves somewhat or very civically engaged.

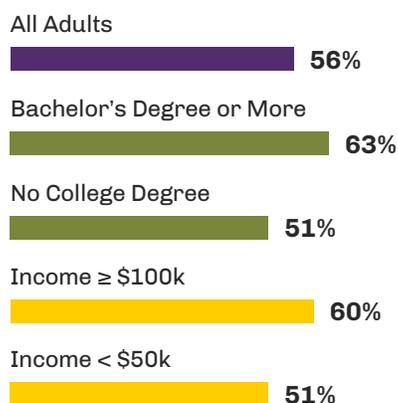
While not everyone is civically engaged, belief in the power of voting to make a change is widespread.



76% of U.S. adults polled say voting can have an impact on their communities.



Civic engagement is more commonly reported by the highly-educated and affluent.



Health care institutions have a unique role to play in providing opportunities for civic engagement.

Percent of adults who say it would increase their trust if hospitals:



Read the polling brief to learn more about what might motivate currently disengaged voters and the potential role of health care and other sectors in encouraging civic engagement.

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