



NEBRASKA'S CIVIC HEALTH

Participation in many activities make up a community's **CIVIC HEALTH**:



VOLUNTEERING & GIVING



GROUP MEMBERSHIP



VOTING & REGISTRATION



TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS



POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

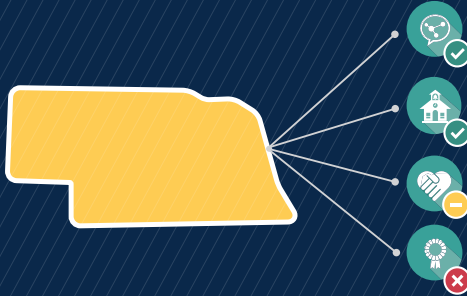


SOCIAL INTERACTIONS



WORKING WITH NEIGHBORS

HOW ARE WE DOING?



While Nebraska excels on many of the indicators of civic health, especially **SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS & TRUST IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**, there is room for improvement in **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**, and **POLITICAL PARTICIPATION** is the weakest area of civic health in Nebraska.



Find detailed information and read the full **2015 NEBRASKA CIVIC HEALTH INDEX** at

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Communities with strong **CIVIC HEALTH** enjoy many benefits, including:

- 1 Resilient & Thriving Economies
- 2 Representative & Accountable Governments
- 3 Strong Social Connections



TRUST

Trust is a factor in many civic health activities and is critical for economic success. It is a precursor to individuals entering into contracts and partnerships, investing, hiring and innovating in business.



WORKFORCE

Civic activities are critical to the development of an effective workforce. Individuals who volunteer are 27% more likely to find a job after being out of work compared to non-volunteers.



ATTACHMENT

Attachment can predict economic growth, as people who are attached to a community are more likely to invest, spend and hire within that community instead of participating in out-migration.

ACTION STEPS

- 1 Continue to grow the strong tradition of connection in Nebraska.
- 2 Create and promote accessible networks for community engagement. Use online social media to connect community members and projects.
- 3 Activate Nebraskans to register and vote by modernizing the process.
- 4 Increase interaction between elected representatives and constituents.
- 5 Prioritize civic education that fosters civic action for all students.



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