

The Current Population Survey Civic Engagement and Volunteering Supplement

The Current Population Survey Civic Engagement and Volunteering (CEV) Supplement is the most robust longitudinal survey about volunteerism and other forms of [civic engagement](#) in the United States. Produced in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, the CEV takes the pulse of our nation's civic health every two years. The CEV can support evidence-based decision making and efforts to understand how people make a difference in communities across the country.

The 2023 CEV collects data in the following areas:

Organizational Engagement



- Joining organizations
- Formally volunteering through organizations
- Donating to charity

Engaging with Neighbors



- Talking with neighbors
- Informally helping neighbors
- Discussing social issues and taking collective action with neighbors

Political Engagement



- Voting in local elections
- Donating to political campaigns or organizations
- Attending public meetings
- Contacting elected officials

Engaging with Friends, Family, and Social Issues



- Talking with friends and family
- Learning about social issues through the news
- Discussing social issues with friends and family
- Posting about social issues on social media

Economic Engagement



- Values-based buying or boycotting
- Views on whether one's workplace or work contributes to the community*
- Views on whether one's work is a source of pride or satisfaction*
- Whether one's workplace encourages volunteering or charitable giving*

*New survey item added in 2021

Explore the Data: The CEV data is available for public use and the full questionnaire can be found in the [technical documentation](#). Visit the AmeriCorps Open Data portal at <https://data.americorps.gov>. For more information about the CEV data and findings, please reach out to the AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation at AmeriCorpsCEV@americorps.gov.

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