

AmeriCorps maintains the most robust data on civic life in America over time.

Civic engagement refers to the constellation of activities individuals engage in to make a difference in their communities and promote the common good, such as volunteering, participating in a national service program, attending public meetings, voting, and neighbors doing favors with each other. Communities with strong civic engagement have better academic, economic, and health outcomes. Research based on the Current Population Survey Civic Engagement and Volunteering (CEV) supplement can support **actionable insights** and **data-driven decisions** to promote community well-being.

What is the CEV?

The CEV is most comprehensive 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 enrich storytelling about civic life in America

How can media professionals use research based on CEV data? Explore research you can use to tell stories about patterns of civic engagement, how civic behaviors are changing over time, and what factors help and hinder civic participation.

For more information...

- Explore research briefs on how Americans [engage with neighbors](#), [how frequently](#) and [in what ways](#) they volunteer, and their relationship between [work and civic life](#)
- View an [infographic](#) on national rates of civic engagement in 2019 and 2021
- Read a [blog post](#) on how Americans make a difference in their communities
- Explore findings from [U.S. Census Bureau and AmeriCorps research on volunteering in America](#)

The CEV is a gold mine of data about civic life in America

How can researchers use CEV data? Use CEV data to examine trends in civic engagement and advance knowledge about the drivers of civic health.

For more information...

- View a [fact sheet](#) to learn more about the CEV and how it can be used
- Watch a [video](#) to learn how to access and analyze CEV data
- Explore the CEV on the [AmeriCorps Open Data Portal](#)
- Find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the CEV
- Listen to a podcast highlighting [statistics on volunteering and civic life](#)

The CEV can help motivate service and volunteerism

How can policymakers and philanthropists use insights generated from CEV data?

Explore resources you can use to support and enhance civic engagement in your state, locality, or across the nation.

For more information...

- Read about highlights from [National Volunteer Week 2023](#)
- View a [webinar](#) on how data can be used to understand the broader context of civic engagement in America
- Explore [research](#) on volunteering and civic life across states and metropolitan areas
- Use a [communications toolkit](#) to promote volunteering and civic life in your state

About the Office of Research and Evaluation

The AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term, or one-time volunteers. **Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](#).**

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Use the QR code for links to resources described above.



Be on the lookout for new CEV data



The 2023 CEV data and findings will be released in November 2024.

Stay in touch! In the meantime, email AmeriCorpsCEV@americorps.gov with questions or to share examples of how you've used CEV research and data in your work.