



RI CIVIC HEALTH INDEX

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities is conducting the first-ever data-driven Civic Health Index for the state. Many factors impact civic health, including community participation and community well-being.

Rhode Island will join over 30 states to have a data-driven baseline assessment that can be utilized in many contexts: public policy, public health, government, education, journalism, community development, and the humanities, arts, and cultural sector. This assessment will help Rhode Islanders understand the current status of civic health and innovate new paths forward, together.

This initiative is supported by the "A More Perfect Union" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Rhode Island Foundation and is being produced in partnership with the National Conference on Citizenship (NCoC) and the Rhode Island Department of State.

Community Partners and the RI Civic Health Index Survey

The Council conducted a survey on community connection to supplement and enrich other data sources. The Survey was open for two weeks for online participation in both English and Spanish with screen reader accessibility accommodation. Through rigorous outreach, paid media, and Council networks, the Survey produced 751 responses with representation from each of the 39 cities/towns in the state. To ensure that the Index reflects the variety of experiences and points of view in the state, 10 Community Partners advised the Council on the questions and themes of the Survey.



What to expect and how to get involved:

The RI Civic Health Index will be published in late September and promoted statewide and nationwide, making it a powerful opportunity to present civic life in Rhode Island as Rhode Islanders experience it. A series of community engagement opportunities will be designed by Community Partners with support from the Council and in the spring of 2023, the Council will provide opportunities for statewide reflection to spark future action.

Sign up for the Humanities Council's e-newsletter at: rihumanities.org/newsletter/ to stay updated on this initiative.