



## RI CIVIC HEALTH INDEX

An award-winning, data-driven resource for all Rhode Islanders examining:

- Community Well-Being,
- Social Connection,
- Public Participation,
- Collective Understanding, and
- Engagement with Government



The “2022 Rhode Island Civic Health Index” defines civic life in broad and inclusive ways, thanks in part to collaboration from institutional partners, academic advisors, 10 Community Partners and a Data Consultant. The “Index” draws upon data-driven indicators and information about civic life to provide a baseline to help community members, cultural leaders, and policy makers understand what challenges and opportunities Rhode Islanders share.

The “Index” has sparked in-depth conversations about community, well-being, social connection, public participation, collective understanding, and engagement with government throughout Rhode Island. Supported by an Engagement Facilitator, five Community Partners designed Index-focused events in Newport, South Kingstown, Woonsocket, and Providence, and 15 venues have hosted the bilingual traveling exhibit of the Index, attracting thousands of viewers throughout 2023.

In 2023, the “Index” was awarded the nationally recognized Schwartz Prize for outstanding work in the public humanities by the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

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