

YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: THE FUTURE STARTED YESTERDAY





National Civic Health Check-Up



- 1 in 4 students don't know the three branches of government
- 11 States do not require civics / government to graduate
- 17% of young people do not trust the government
- 70% of high school seniors say they have not written a political opinion



Where does Georgia stand?

2019 Georgia Civic Health Index reports:

Georgia Rankings: At or Above National Averages

Frequently post views about political, societal, or local issues on the internet or social media	13th
Donate to political organizations (\$25 or more)	27th
Frequently provide food, housing, money, or help to friends or extended family	29th
Frequently talk to, or spend time with, people of different racial, ethnic, or cultural backgrounds	29th



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Georgia Rankings: Below National Averages

Frequently discuss political, societal, or local issues with family or friends	33rd
Attend a public meeting	34th
Buy or boycott a product or service	36th
Vote	37th
Register to vote	37th
Voted in last local election	40th
Volunteer	44th
Frequently volunteer	44th
Frequently discuss political, societal, or local issues with neighbors	44th
Frequently read, watch, or listen to news or information about political, societal, or local issues	44th
Work with neighbors to do something positive for neighborhood or community	45th
Donate to charitable or religious organizations (\$25 or more)	47th
Frequently do favors for neighbors	47th
Contact or visit a public official	49th
Participate in a group	49th
Frequently hear from, or spend time with, family or friends	50th
Frequently talk with, or spend time with, neighbors	50th



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1,626,370

Youth citizen population

49,499,886 National Rate



52,977

Median household income

61,372 National Rate



0.9

Income disparity

Age Group	Total	%
Under 5 years	595,150	7.3
5 to 9 years	615,584	7.5
10 to 14 years	607,759	7.4
15 to 19 years	596,277	7.3



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YOUTH VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



34% Voter turnout (2018)

28.2% National Rate 



84% Voter registration rate (2018)

61.5% National Rate 

544,440

Votes cast (2018)

9,529,509 National Rate 



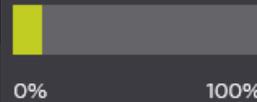
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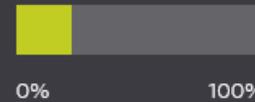


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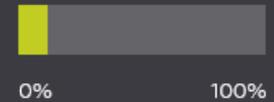
11.9% Belong to a group

26.6% National Rate



22.4% Volunteering

30.3% National Rate

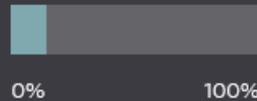


11.6% Work with neighbors to do something positive for community

20.6% National Rate



CONDITIONS THAT SHAPE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



14% Youth/adult ratio

11% National Rate



24% Child poverty rate

16.2% National Rate



0.262

Youth residential stability

0 National Rate





About the Center for Civic Engagement

Georgia Center for Civic Engagement

We exist to educate and equip students to become informed and active citizens.

Target: Middle and High Schools (Public and Private)

Founded in 1919 as the State YMCA of Georgia.

Transitioned to Georgia Center for Civic Engagement in 2021.

Founder and CEO: Dr. Randell E. Trammell

Nationally recognized youth civic development and civic education scholar and practitioner.





WHAT DO YOU DO? WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

Missional Tactics

- School Club Model (ENGAGE)
- Democracy Labs—Government Simulations for Students
- Professional Development for Educators
- Curricular Design and Consultation
- Georgia Civic Engagement Graduation Diploma Seal*
- Georgia Civic Engagement Honor Society
- Civic Coach Program
- Pathway to Public Service

Our Goal is to serve EVERY Middle and High School student in Georgia instilling in them a sense of the rights and responsibilities that belong to them as citizens.





What role does the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement play?

+ civic knowledge ⇒ + civic identity ⇒ + civic engagement

We exist to
EDUCATE and EQUIP
students to become
INFORMED and
ACTIVE CITIZENS

We have a two-phase approach to increasing positive civic outcomes:

- We support educators with professional development, curricular resources, and best-practices.
- We provide for students opportunities to simulate government processes, provide leadership development programs, and provide opportunities for service.



What Can Municipalities Do to Engage Youth?

- Sponsor a Student(s) to participate in the Municipal Leader Summit offered by the GCCE
- Start a Youth Council
- Partner with your local school system to adopt and implement the Government and Public Administration Pathway
- Prepare your organization for interns flowing from the Pathway
- Host a Mayor's Reading Club
- Get in front of students (class visits)



How Can We Help YOU?

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