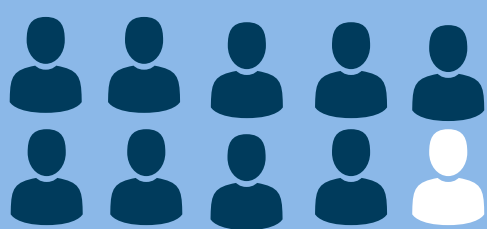
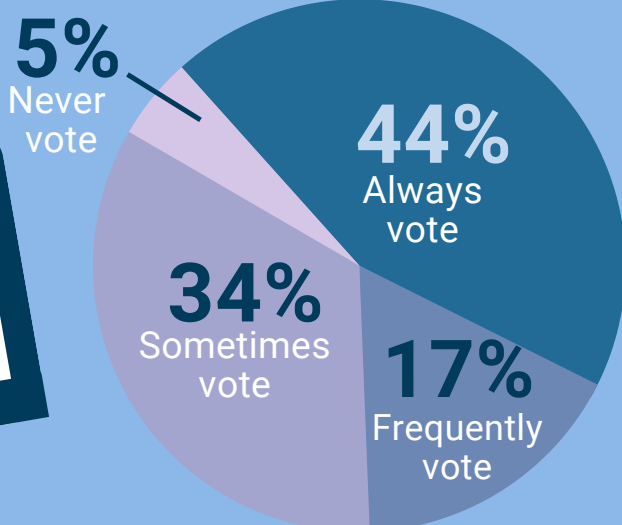


The Links Between Voting and Health in California

A new study from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research looks at voter registration, voting frequency and other measures and finds links between health, neighborhood cohesion and voting.



Nearly **9 in 10** U.S.-born and naturalized adults in California are registered to vote



...Of those in excellent/very good health **40.9%**



...Of those without psychological distress in the past year **40.1%**

...Of those in fair/poor health **32.7%**



...Of those with psychological distress in the past year **23.3%**

...Percent who vote by neighborhood characteristics

49.5%

Have high cohesion



27.5%

Have low cohesion

43%

Feel safe all the time



23.2%

Feel mostly unsafe

NONREGISTERED CITIZENS

Top 5 groups not registered because they thought they were **ineligible**

21.6% Gen X (age 38–53)

20.7% Less than high school education

19.9% Lowest-income (0–99 FPL)

18.4% Speak English very well/well (Nonnative)

17.9% Latino

The rate of nonvoters who said they "Didn't know how/where to register" was highest among Asians and limited-English speakers

11.7% Asian citizens

2.6% White citizens

14.2% Do not speak English well or at all

3.3% Speak English only

Top 5 reasons for not registering

16.4% Too busy

14.4% Not interested or not motivated

14% Not eligible

12.4% Don't like candidates/don't like politics

10.1% Doesn't make a difference

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Source: 2017–2018 California Health Interview Survey