

# Community and Civic Engagement Among Hawai'i Residents

Responses from the 2023 'Imi Pono Hawai'i Wellbeing Survey

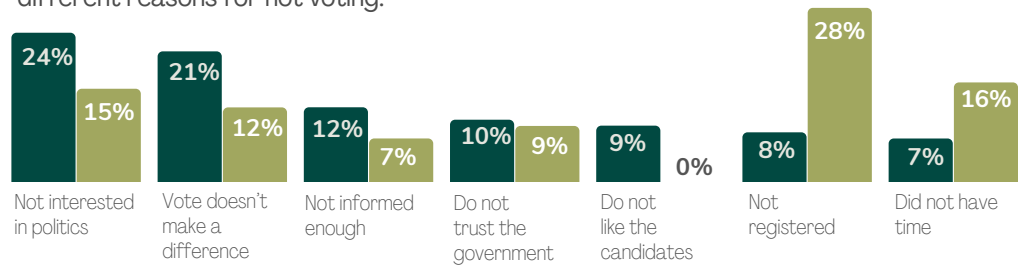
Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians demonstrate similar levels of community engagement and leadership. Trust in government entities is lowest at the federal level and highest at the community level. Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians report voting at similar rates; however Native Hawaiians report different reasons for not voting.

## Voting

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report voting in the general election held on November 8, 2022. Nearly identical percentages of Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians report voting in this election.

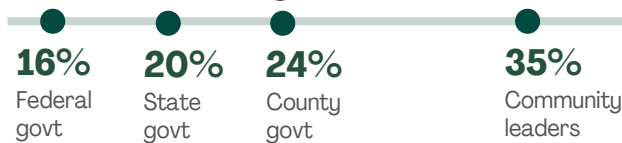
Among those who did not vote, **Native Hawaiians** and **non-Hawaiians** provide different reasons for not voting:



## Government Trust

Residents' trust is lowest in the federal government and highest among community leaders.

% of residents with high levels of trust



- Trust in **County governments** varies by County with 31% having high trust in Kaua'i County to 18% in Honolulu County.
- Trust in **community leaders** also varies by County, ranging from 42% in Hawai'i County to 28% in Honolulu County.
- Additionally, more **non-Hawaiians (38%)** than **Native Hawaiians (32%)** have a high level of trust in community leaders.

### Top reasons for low trust

- Lack of trust in government officials (28%)
- Concern about corruption (19%)
- Dissatisfaction with the government's priorities (19%)
- Disappointment in the state government's treatment of Native Hawaiians (11%)
- Frustration with the government's bureaucracy (8%)

## Community Engagement

**Over half** of Hawai'i residents made a **donation** to benefit the community and **over a quarter provided testimony or wrote a letter** about an issue that is important to them.

More **Native Hawaiians** (19%) met with a local official about an important issue than **non-Hawaiians** (13%).



## Leadership

Leadership, described as serving others and improving your community, is demonstrated by both Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians:

