

GOAL 6: Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

State Indicator 22a. Voter Registration

Have states¹ increased the percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they registered to vote?

↑	Better	10 states and the U.S.
↔	No Change	41 states
↓	Worse	0 states

Improvement over time

Between 1988 and 1996, the U.S. and 10 states (out of 51) significantly increased the percentages of U.S. citizens registered to vote:

1. District of Columbia	4. Nevada	7. North Carolina	10. South Carolina
2. Georgia	5. New Hampshire	8. Oklahoma	
3. Kentucky	6. New York	9. Pennsylvania	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they registered to vote:

	(1996)
North Dakota	91%
Maine	84%
Minnesota	81%
Wisconsin	81%
District of Columbia	78%
Alaska	77%
Missouri	76%
Montana	76%
Nebraska	76%
Oregon	76%
Rhode Island	76%
Alabama	75%
Iowa	75%
Louisiana	75%
South Dakota	75%
Michigan	74%
U.S.	71%

* States that had a significantly higher percentage than the U.S. average.

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they registered to vote:

	(1988)	(1996)	Change*
District of Columbia	69%	78%	+8
Nevada	58%	66%	+8
South Carolina	61%	68%	+8
Kentucky	63%	70%	+7
New Hampshire	67%	73%	+6
North Carolina	65%	70%	+6

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.