

## GOAL 6: Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

### State Indicator 22b. Voting

Have states<sup>1</sup> increased the percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they voted?

↑	Better	2 states
↔	No Change	49 states
↓	Worse	0 states and the U.S.

#### Improvement over time

Between 1988 and 1996, 2 states (out of 51) significantly increased the percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they voted:

1. District of Columbia
2. South Carolina

#### Highest-performing states\*

States with the highest percentages of U.S. citizens who reported that they voted:

	(1996)
Maine	69%
Minnesota	69%
Montana	68%
Wyoming	67%
North Dakota	66%
South Dakota	65%
Wisconsin	65%
Oregon	64%
Rhode Island	64%
District of Columbia	63%
Iowa	63%
Kansas	63%
Louisiana	63%
Nebraska	63%
Idaho	62%
Washington	62%
California	61%
New Jersey	61%
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>58%</b>

\* 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 voted:

	(1988)	(1996)	Change*
District of Columbia	56%	63%	+7
South Carolina	50%	55%	+5

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

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