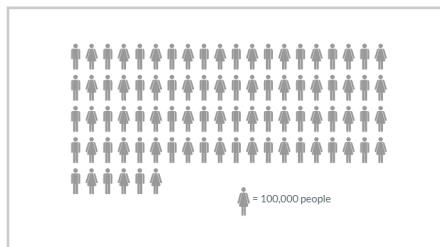




Voter Participation in Virginia

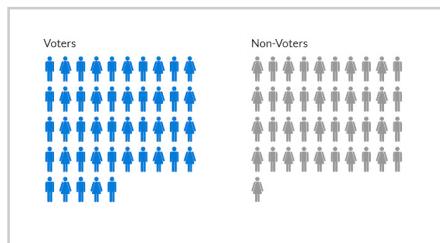
Most eligible voters participate in the national presidential election every four years, but many do not bother to vote in elections for state and local offices.

To learn more, visit the interactive visual at vpap.org/visuals/visual/low-voter-participation and scroll down to see for yourself how voter participation varies by election.



Questions

1. How many people live in Virginia?
2. How old do you have to be to vote?
3. Voting has been called a duty or obligation of citizenship. Why do you think it is important to vote?
4. Why do you think more people vote in presidential elections?
5. Are you surprised by the small number of voters in some elections? Can you think of some reasons why so many people don't vote?



Bonus points. Talk with 3-5 adults about voting. Ask about how often they vote, and why they think so many people only vote in presidential elections.

Did you know? Some voting information can be public. In Virginia, it is public information whether someone is registered to vote, which elections they have voted in, and whether they have declared a party affiliation.