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Civic Data Challenge: Turning Raw Data into Community Tools

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About NCoC

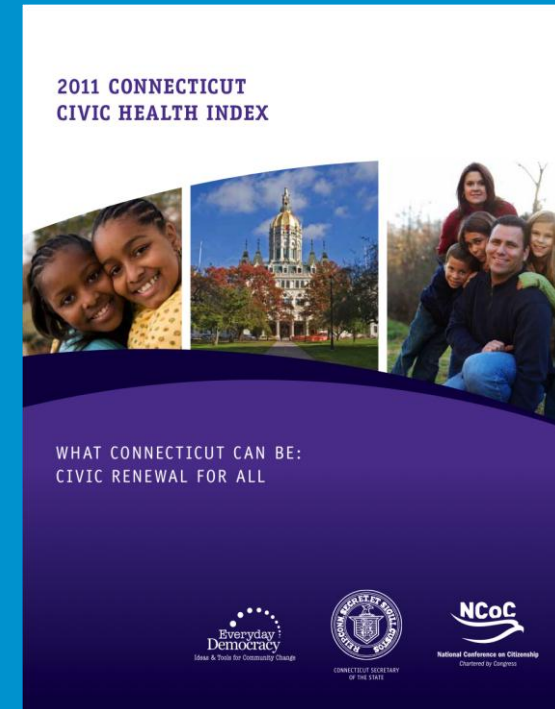
- Explore modern citizenship
- Convene, incubate, evaluate
- Evidence-based approach



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Civic Health Initiatives

- *America's Civic Health Index* started in 2006.
- Civic Indicators Working Group
- Multi-faceted set of indicators
- Bringing data to local communities



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Civic Health Data

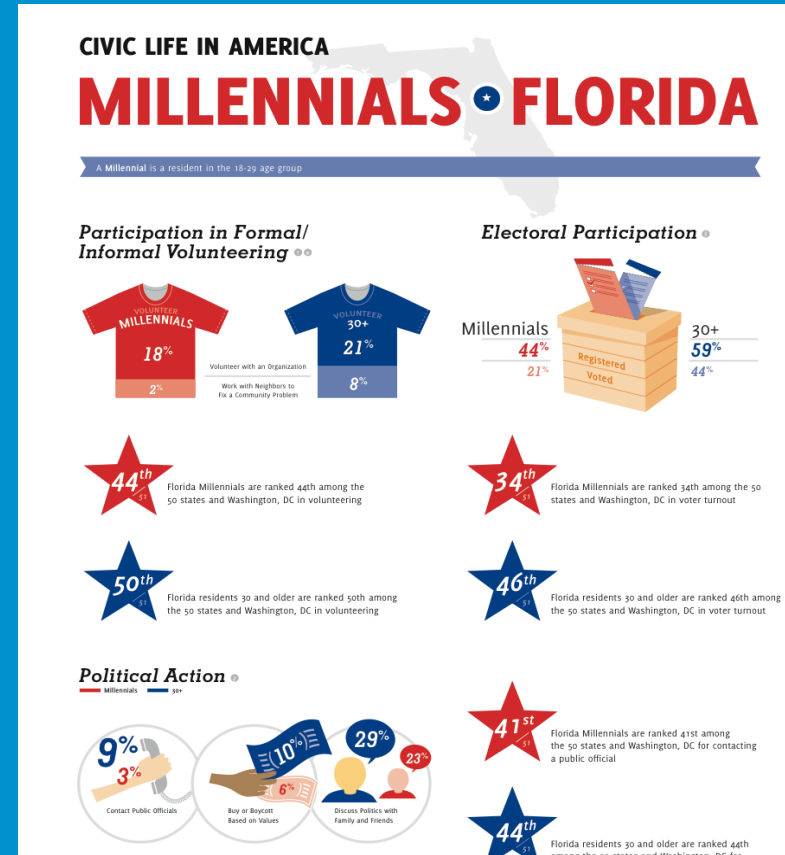
- Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act
- Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Census Bureau
- CPS Voting, Volunteering and Civic Engagement Supplements
- <http://civic.serve.gov>



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Civic Health Indicators

- Voting and Political Action
- Volunteerism and Giving
- Public Work
- Group Participation
- Social Connectedness
- Trust and Confidence



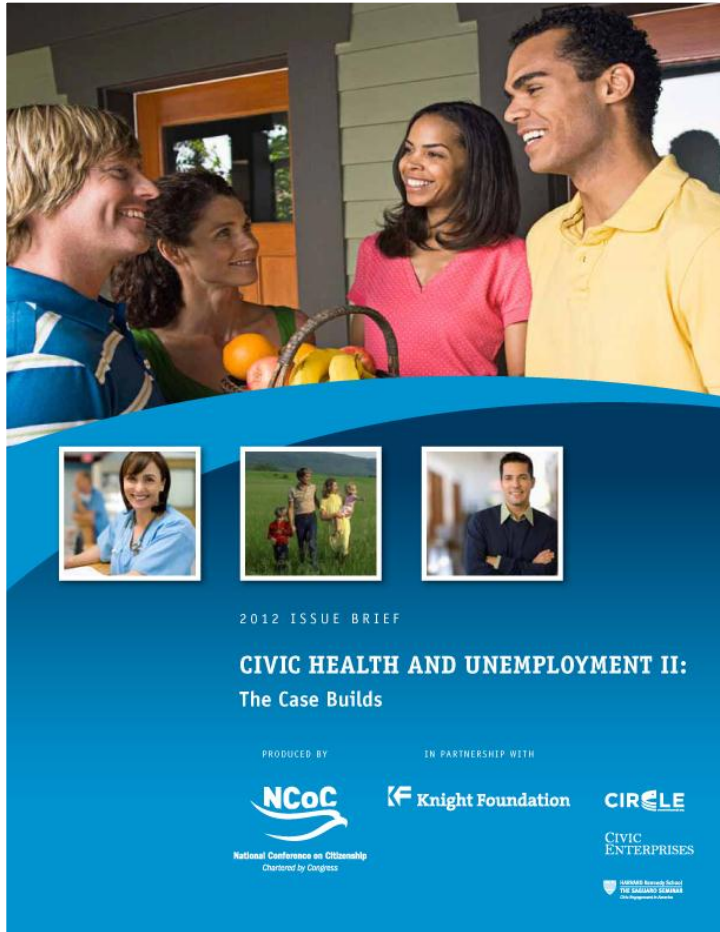
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Our Theory

Active participation in civic life is required for a community to have social and economic health



The Case Builds



- Nonprofits are lynchpin of economy
- Social cohesion is glue that keeps people employed
- <http://www.ncoc.net/uneemployment2>



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By the Numbers


- 914 @CivicData Twitter Followers
- 170 members of the Google Group
- 25 team submissions (63 participants)
- 16 high-profile judges
- 4 first-place winners, 3 second-place winners, 10 honorable mention entries




“I am a physicist currently working at New York University as an Assistant Research Scientist. My primary work is for the Pierre Auger Observatory, which is a cosmic ray detector studying the highest energy particles in our universe that arrive at earth from distant and exotic astrophysical sources outside our galaxy. I have become interested in governmental data recently, as a hobby, after discovering the huge wealth of data that is collected by the Census Bureau and other organizations.”



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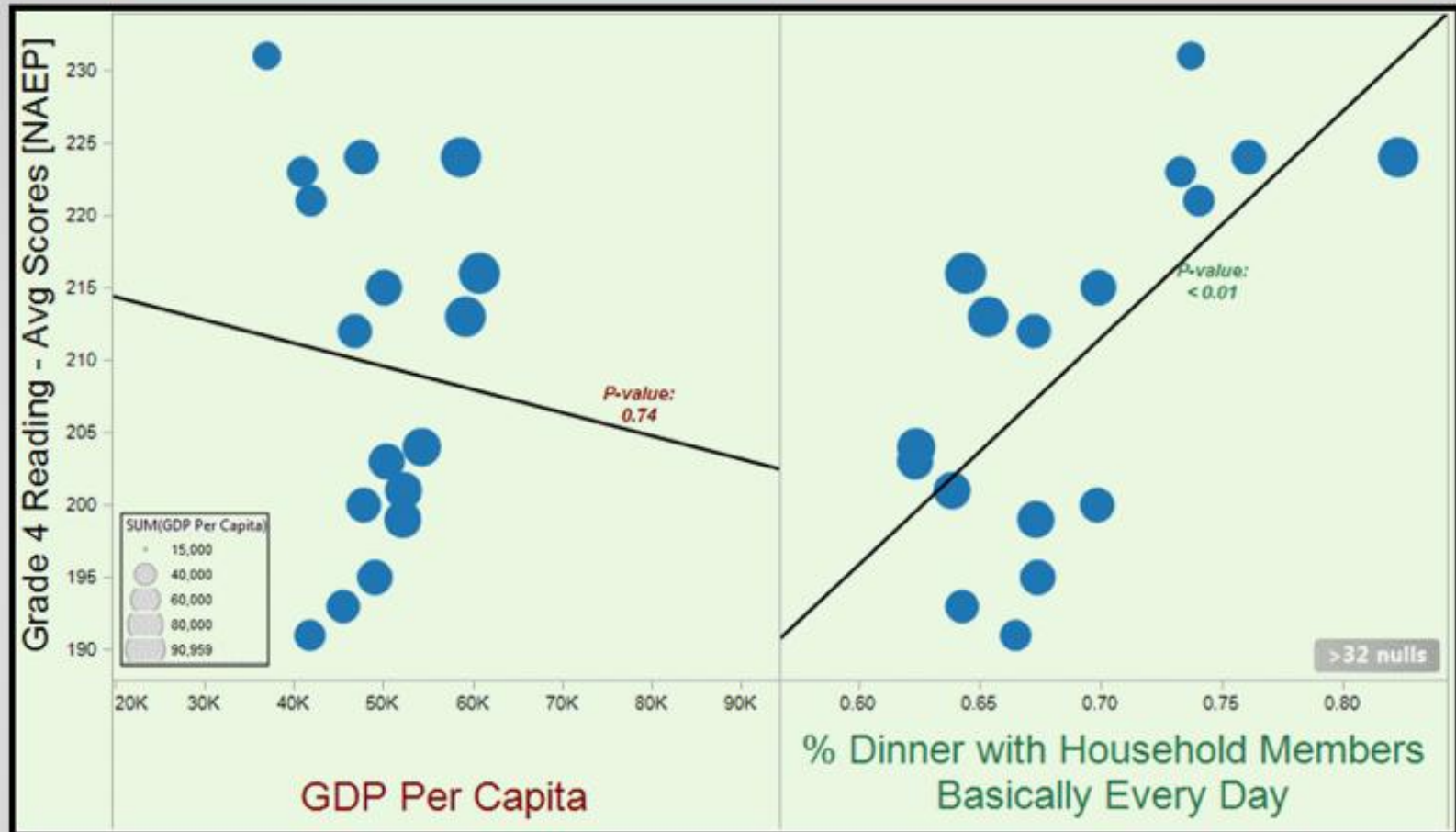


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GDP has no predictive power.

Civic engagement has a **strong, positive correlation** with average scores on the NAEP 4th Grade Reading assessment.



GDP does not predict reading in Grade 4 as well as civic engagement.



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Q&A