

THE POWER OF THE MONTANA NATIVE VOTE



INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY

Montana's Native voters have always held a lot of political power in elections despite efforts to suppress our vote. The Montana Supreme Court recently struck down laws that would create barriers for Native voters, instead ruling to uphold same-day voter registration and third-party ballot assistance.

88,093
Native
peoples
(estimated)

U.S. Census Bureau,
American Community
Survey (2021)

12
Federally
recognized
Tribes

73.5%
Montana's voter
turnout in the
2020 election

U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Current
Population Survey Voting and
Registration Supplement. Percentage
of citizens, 18+, who voted in the 2020

National Survey Shows What Montana Native Voters Care About Most

The Indigenous Futures Survey is the largest nationally representative survey led by Native peoples, for Native peoples. 2023 survey responses from Native peoples living in Montana identified the following priorities that will influence how they vote in 2024.



Economy and cost of living

Unemployment, inflation, and chronic underfunding of government services are widening the economic and racial disparities for Tribal and urban Native communities.



Criminal justice system reform

Natives in Montana make up for only 7% of the total population, yet account for more than 20% of the state prison population.* This racial disparity reflects the historical impacts of colonialism, segregation, and discrimination Tribes and Native peoples face in the state.

*Montana Department of Corrections
(2023)

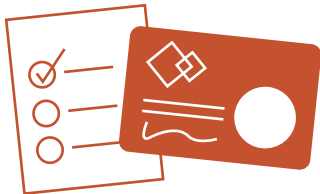


Tribal sovereignty and self-determination

Threats to treaty rights, both legal and inherent, are increasing. Recent attempts to overturn the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and desecrate sacred places highlight the need to elect policymakers who will honor Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

Our Vote Is Our Power

When Natives show up to the polls, Indian Country is seen and heard. Ensure you're registered to vote, and encourage your family, community, and Tribe to mobilize our collective power.



➔ Register to vote / check your registration.



➔ Learn more about Montana's key dates, regulations, and polling locations.



➔ Find out where candidates stand on the issues important to you and your community.



Montana's Deadline for Voter Registration

By mail:
October 7, 2024.
In person:
November 5, 2024.



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