

THE POWER OF THE NEW MEXICO NATIVE VOTE



INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY

Tribal citizens of New Mexico weren't granted the right to vote until 1948, 24 years after Native Americans were granted U.S. citizenship. This was "by design" said Arizona State professor, Maurice Crandall. "They don't want a large group of Native people who can swing elections." Today, members of New Mexico's 23 tribes reflect a powerful voting bloc. And, with greater access to voting through absentee ballots, the 2024 election could bring high Native voter turnout.

239,040
Native
peoples
(estimated)

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

23
Federally
recognized
Tribes

62.6%
New Mexico'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

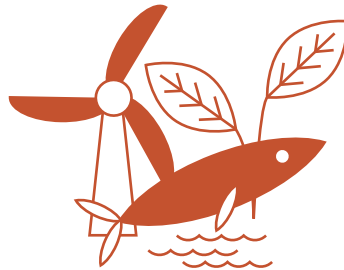
National Survey Shows What New Mexico Native Voters Care About Most

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 New Mexico 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.



Environmental protection and climate change

Record-breaking temperatures, wildfires, and reduced snowpack from the climate crisis is affecting the state's infrastructure and natural resources. Urgent government action is needed to mitigate the impacts and provide Tribes with resources to repair damage to lands and waters.

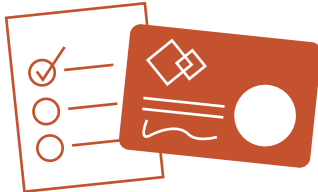


Tribal sovereignty and self-determination

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 New Mexico's key dates, regulations, and polling locations.**



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



New Mexico's Deadline for Voter Registration

Online or by mail:
October 8, 2024.
In person:
November 5, 2024.



Learn more at
NativesVote.com



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