

THE POWER OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA NATIVE VOTE



INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY

South Dakota is home to a politically powerful bloc of Native voters, despite active attempts to disenfranchise Native voters. Funding from political parties to get out the vote, and advocacy from Tribes and Native organizations to increase voter access, builds hope to turn the tide in South Dakota.

91,514

Native
peoples
(estimated)

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

9

Federally
recognized
Tribes

58.5%

South Dakota'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

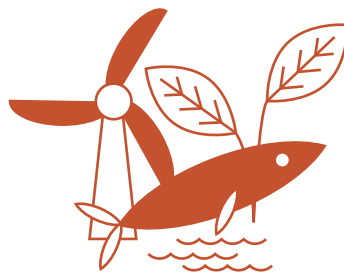
National Survey Shows What South Dakota Native Voters Care About Most

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 South Dakota 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

Increased rainfall, storms, and temperatures are straining the state's infrastructure and natural resources, disproportionately impacting Native peoples. Urgent government action is needed to mitigate these effects and provide Tribes with the resources to repair damaged lands and waters.

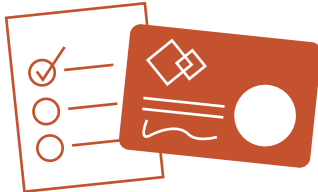


Tribal sovereignty and self-determination

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
South Dakota's key
dates, regulations, and
polling locations.**



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



South Dakota's Deadline for Voter Registration

By mail or in person:
October 21, 2024.



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