

Who Lacks ID in America Today? An Exploration of Voter ID Access, Barriers, and Knowledge

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Young Americans are least likely to have a driver's license with their current name and/or address.

Almost half of Black Americans ages 18-29 do not have a driver's license with their current name and/or address (47%), and 30% do not have a license at all.

One in five Americans living in states with voter ID requirements do not have a current driver's license.

People with less education and lower annual incomes are more likely to lack a current driver's license.

People with a disability are far more likely to lack a current driver's license.

Knowledge of ID Laws

Over half of Americans living in states requiring photo ID to vote in-person do not know their state's laws, and do not realize that they will need this type of identification to successfully cast a ballot.

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There are many reasons why people do not have a driver's license.

Nineteen percent of

individuals without a driver's license cite bureaucratic or economic factors as the reasons for which they do not have a license,

There is strong bipartisan support for requiring high schools to provide state IDs for those without a license.

Potential ID Di culties

Fifteen percent of adult citizens (over 34.5 million people) either do not have a driver's license or state ID or have one that may cause di culties voting in states with strict photo ID laws.

Younger adults and adults in lower income groups are more likely to lack ID or have a form of ID that may cause potential voting di culties.

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Democrats and independents/others are more likely to face these potential voting di culties than Republicans.

Documentary Proof of Citizenship

Over 9% of voting-age citizens, or 21.3 million people, cannot readily access documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC),