



Citations for Ranked Choice Voting Research

Institute for Responsive Government

"Voters and legislators considering RCV should carefully assess the changed or unpredictable electoral outcomes RCV will bring in their state, including candidates of color, and whether these outcomes further or undermine their goals." May 19, 2024
<https://responsivegov.org/research/ranked-choice-voting-avoiding-a-one-%20size-fits-all-approach/>

University of Pennsylvania

"...Votes in ranked choice races are nearly 10 times more likely to be rejected due to an improper mark than votes in non-ranked choice races." Pettigrew, Stephen; Radley, Dylan, "Ballot Marking Errors in Ranked- Choice Voting" Dec. 2023
<https://www.scribd.com/document/706038449/University-of-Pennsylvania-study>

MIT on Maine

In Maine, an MIT researcher found that RCV "produced significantly lower levels of voter confidence, voter satisfaction, and ease of use. It also increased the perception that voting process was slanted against the respondent's party." Clark, Jesse, "The Effect of Ranked-Choice Voting in Maine" March 18, 2021
<https://electionlab.mit.edu/articles/effect-ranked-choice-voting-maine>

University of Minnesota

A University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs studied the impacts of RCV in states that use that system. It found little to no evidence RCV changes political polarization, no evidence it increases successful independent and third party candidates, evidence that it decreases voter participation especially among African America voters and had little impact on negative campaigning. April, 2023
<https://www.hhh.umn.edu/research-centers/center-study-politics-and-governance/research-and-initiatives-cspg/ranked-choice-voting>

Politico Data Analysis on NYC Mayoral Election

Lower-income communities showed less engagement with ranked-choice voting in NYC primary. Data in the 2021 NYC mayoral election confirmed this by showing that "whiter, wealthier neighborhoods were more likely to employ the new ranking system than lower income areas of the city, many of which are home to Black, Latino and Asian communities." Sept. 8, 2021
<https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/city-hall/story/2021/09/08/lower-income-areas-of-nyc-had-a-harder-time-with-ranked-choice-voting-1390719>