

Voter participation

- As many as 70% of us have voted in elections in some of our towns, but in other elections our participation has only been in the teens. Edgartown and Chilmark have remarkable swings in voter turnout from year to year. Between 1990 and 2004, Oak Bluffs had the most consistent voter participation, with a voting rate of about 45%, with the highest (62%) in 1990 and the lowest (32%) in 1980. West Tisbury's voter turnout has fluctuated more than Oak Bluffs, but has averaged about 40-50%.
- Only about 10% of registered voters participate in town meetings in the three down-Island towns; about 20% in Aquinnah and Chilmark; and in West Tisbury a range in the mid to upper teens.