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Quick Facts about Young Voters in Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT¹: The Midterm Election Year 2006

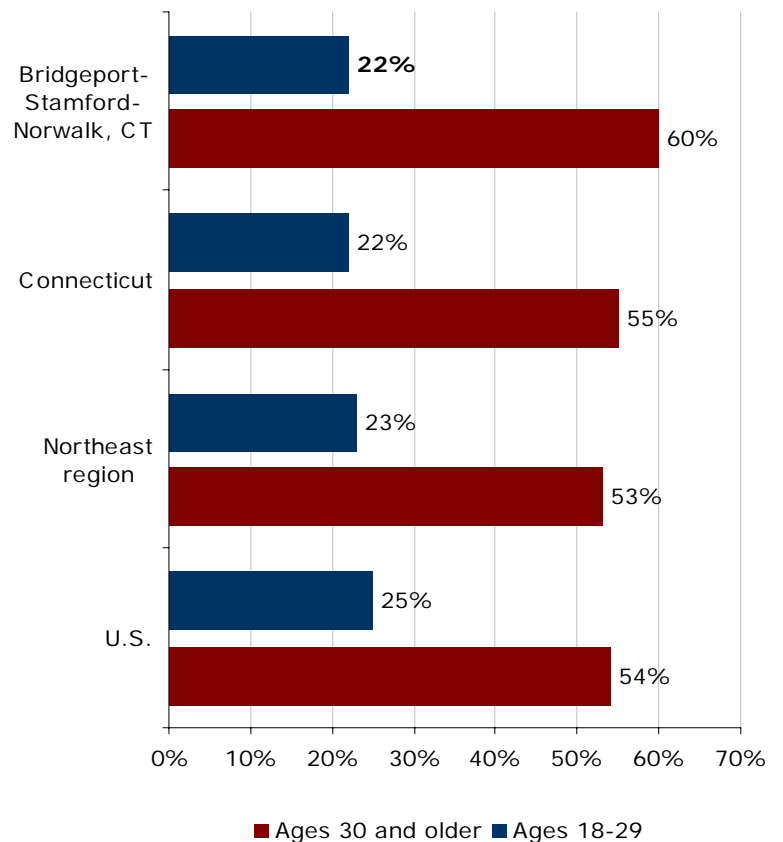
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The 2006 midterm election was the second major election in a row that saw an increase in the electoral participation of young people ages 18-29. Between 2002 and 2006, the percentage of eligible young people who voted increased by 3 percentage points to 25 percent, the single largest increase among all age groups nationally.³

In Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT, the voter turnout rate among young people was 22 percent, on par with Connecticut's state average, but three percentage points below the national average.

There was a 29 percentage point gap between young people and adults in the U.S., but this gap was bigger (38 percentage points) at the more local level of Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT.

Figure 1: Voter Turnout Among Young Citizens



Source: Author's tabulations from the Current Population Survey, November Supplement, 2006

Notes

¹ Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT, includes the counties of Fairfield (part) and New Haven (part), as well as the principal cities of Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, Milford (balance), and Stratford.

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³ See "Youth Voter Turnout Increases in 2006" by Mark Hugo Lopez, Karlo Barrios Marcelo, and Emily Hoban Kirby for a longer discussion of youth voter turnout trends in 2006. www.civicyouth.org