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### Quick Facts about Young Voters in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT<sup>1</sup>: The Midterm Election Year 2006

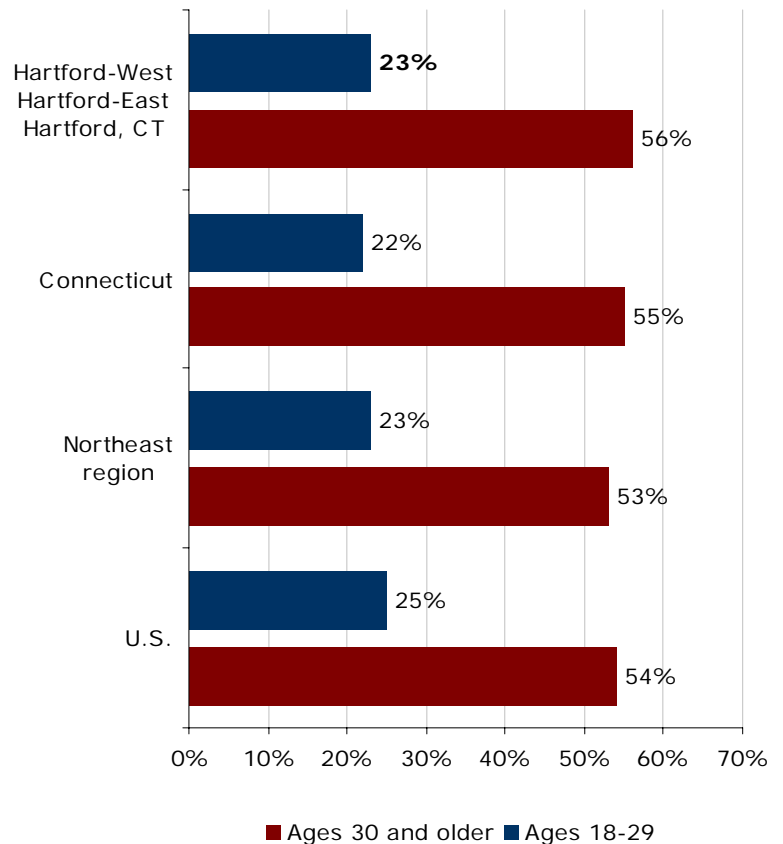
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The 2006 midterm election was the second major election in a row that saw an increase in the electoral participation of young people ages 18-29. Between 2002 and 2006, the percentage of eligible young people who voted increased by 3 percentage points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

In Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT, the voter turnout rate among young people was 23 percent, one percentage point above Connecticut's state average, but two 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 (33 percentage points) at the more local level of Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT.

■ Figure 1: Voter Turnout Among Young Citizens



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

## Voter Turnout Among Subgroups in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT

Overall, turnout in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT, was very low. No subgroups of young people turned out to vote at a rate of 40 percent or higher. All subgroups of young people voted at lower rates than did their adult counterparts. See Table 1.

**Table 1 –Voter Turnout Rates Among Citizens in Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT, 2006**

Voter Turnout Rate Among:	Young People (Ages 18-29)	Adults (Ages 30 and older)
<b>Gender</b>		
Women	30 percent	59 percent
Men	19 percent	53 percent
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
Less than High School	***	28 percent
High School	***	48 percent
Some College	27 percent	52 percent
BA or more	***	75 percent
<b>Marital Status</b>		
Married	***	62 percent
Single	19 percent	44 percent
Registered Voter	19 percent	77 percent
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	23 percent	56 percent
Connecticut	22 percent	55 percent
National	25 percent	54 percent

Source: Author's Tabulations from the 2006 November Supplement of the Current Population Survey. '\*\*\*' indicates a sample size is too small to produce a reliable estimate.

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT, includes the counties of Hartford (part), Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham, as well as the principal cities of Hartford, West Hartford, East Hartford, and Middletown.

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<sup>3</sup> 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](http://www.civicyouth.org)