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### Quick Facts About Young Voters in California: The Primary Election Year 2008

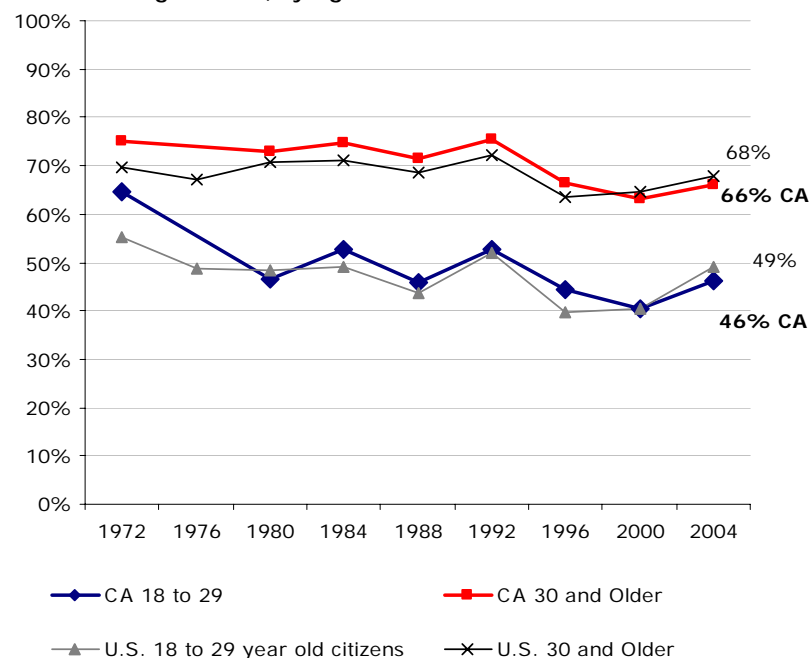
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California's young voters will be a key demographic on Super Tuesday—February 5<sup>th</sup>. This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates (see Figure 1) and selected demographics (see Tables 1 and 2).

**Table 1 – 2008 California Citizens' Educational Attainment, by Age**

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	22%	12%
High School	24%	24%
Some College	38%	30%
Bachelor or higher	16%	34%

**Figure 1: California Voter Turnout in Presidential Years Among Citizens, by Age**



Source: Author's tabulations from the Current Population Survey, November (Voting) Supplements, 1972-2004. No 1976 data for CA.

**Table 2 – 2008 California Citizens' Population Estimates, Race/Ethnicity, and Student Status, by Age**

	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latino	Black NH	Asian NH	Mixed NH	College Student
<b>Ages 18-29</b>	<b>5,010,463</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>26%</b>

Ages 30+ 16,846,367 77% 59% 20% 7% 12% 1% N/A  
Source for Tables 1 and 2: Author's tabulations from the Current Population Survey, March (Demographic) Supplement, 2007. To project 2008 population estimates for ages 18-29 and 30+, I allow for a one-year difference (17-28 and 29+) when using 2007 data. 2007 estimates for ages 18-29 and 30+ are available upon request.

#### Notes

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