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

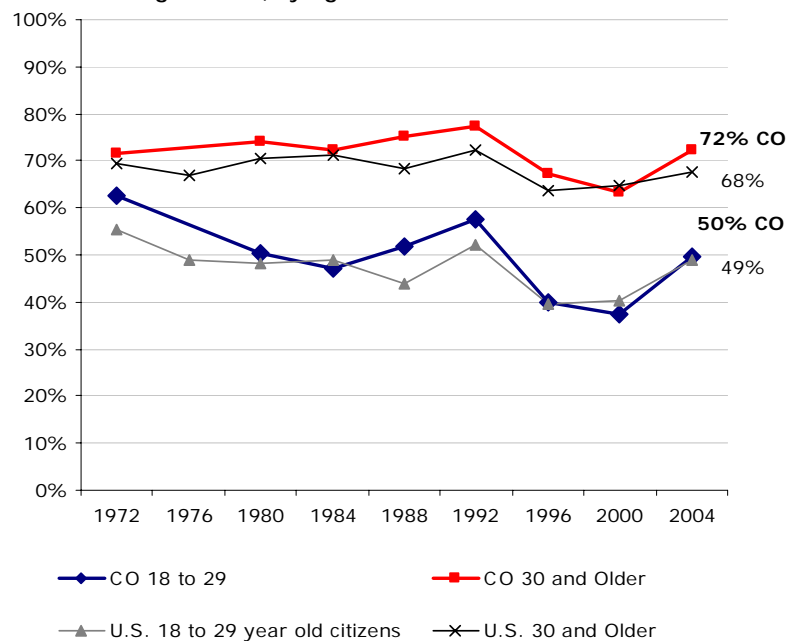
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Colorado’s young voters will be a key demographic on Super Tuesday—February 5th. This fact sheet presents information on young people’s voter turnout rates (see Figure 1) and selected demographics (see Tables 1 and 2).

Table 1 – 2008 Colorado Citizens’ Educational Attainment, by Age

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	24%	7%
High School	25%	25%
Some College	29%	30%
Bachelor or higher	22%	39%

Figure 1: Colorado 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 CO.

Table 2 – 2008 Colorado Citizens’ Population Estimates, Race/Ethnicity, and Student Status, by Age

	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latino	Other Race/Ethnicity non-Hispanic	College Student
Ages 18-29	676,882	20%	76%	15%	8%	15%
Ages 30+	2,717,980	80%	82%	12%	6%	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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