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

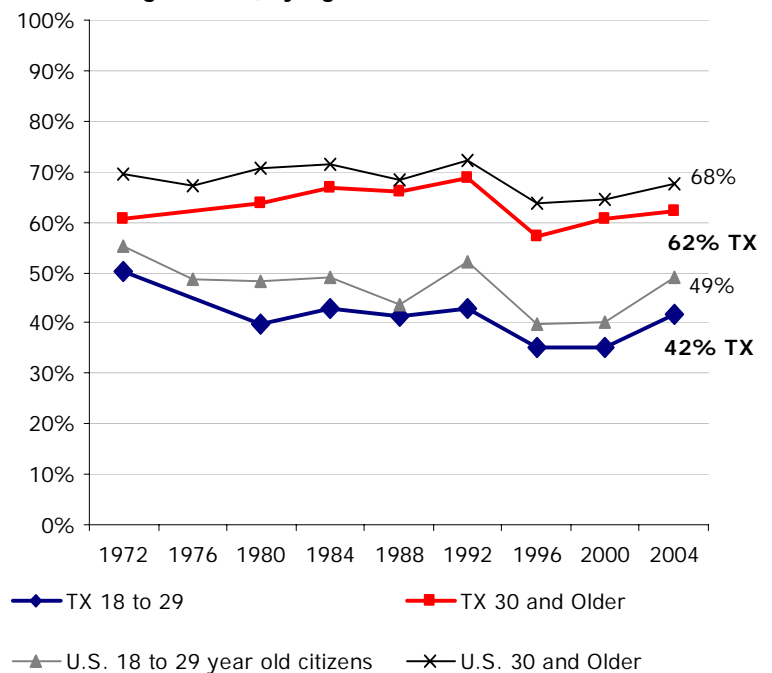
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Texas's young voters are more likely to be Hispanic/Latino than their adult counterparts and are less likely to be college students when compared to the nation (22 percent). This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates and selected demographics.

Table 1 – 2008 Texas Citizens' Educational Attainment, by Age

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	25%	15%
High School	28%	29%
Some College	36%	28%
Bachelor or higher	12%	28%

Figure 1: Texas 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 TX.

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

	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latino	Black non-Hispanic	College Student
Ages 18-29	3,557,968	24%	49%	33%	14%	19%
Ages 30+	11,276,837	76%	62%	23%	12%	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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