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

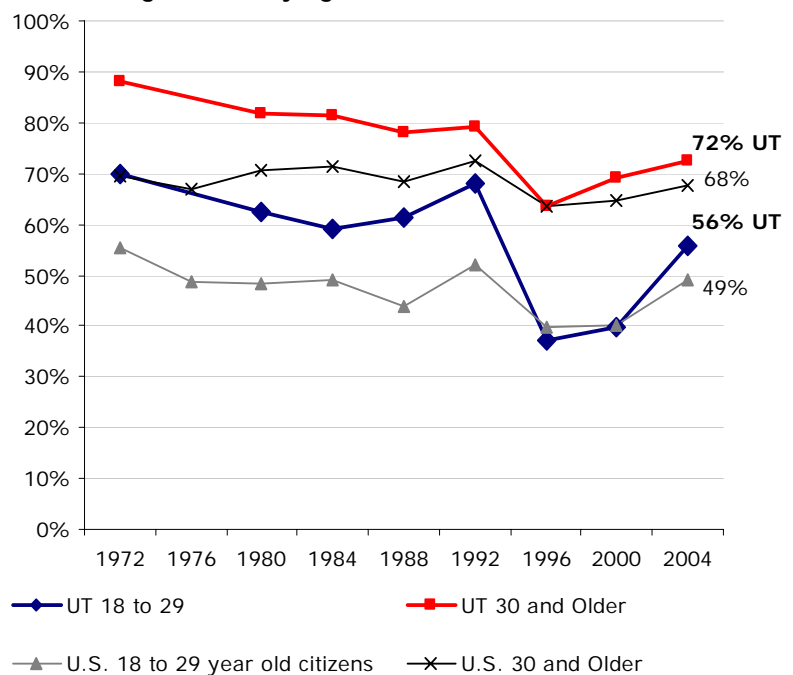
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Utah's young voters will be a key demographic on Super Tuesday—February 5<sup>th</sup>. This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates and selected demographics.

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

|                       | Ages 18-29 | Ages 30+ |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| Less than High School | 20%        | 6%       |
| High School           | 30%        | 29%      |
| Some College          | 42%        | 35%      |
| Bachelor or higher    | 8%         | 29%      |

**Figure 1: Utah 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 UT.

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

|                   | Total Population | Share of Ages 18+ | White non-Hispanic | Other Race/Ethnicity | College Student |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Ages 18-29</b> | <b>451,865</b>   | <b>28%</b>        | <b>87%</b>         | <b>13%</b>           | <b>18%</b>      |
| Ages 30+          | 1,182,409        | 72%               | 90%                | 10%                  | 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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