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

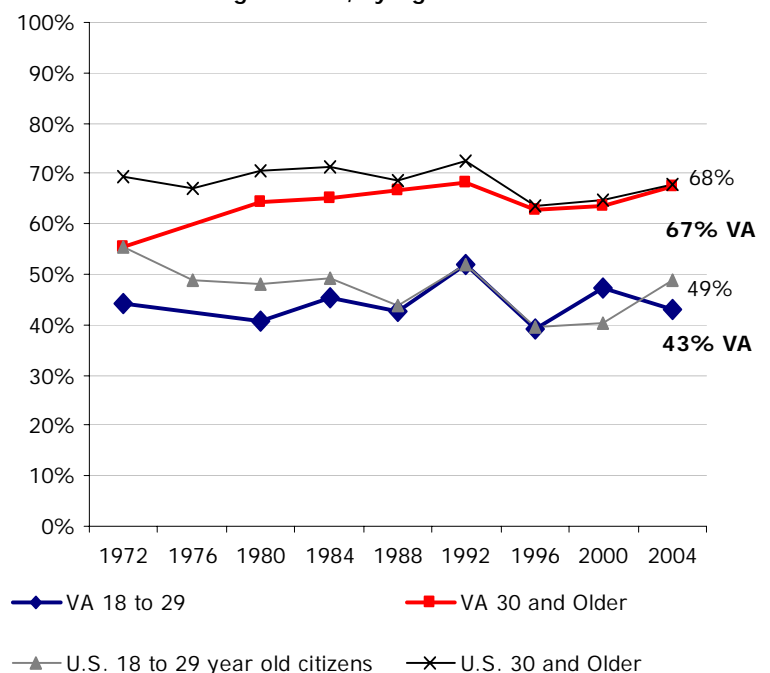
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Virginia's young voters are less likely to be college students than the nation, but they are very diverse racially/ethnically. This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates and selected demographics.

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

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	24%	12%
High School	27%	31%
Some College	31%	23%
Bachelor or higher	18%	34%

**Figure 1: Virginia 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 VA.

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

	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Other Race/Ethnicity	College Student
<b>Ages 18-29</b>	<b>1,057,799</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>18%</b>
Ages 30+	4,316,919	80%	76%	17%	7%	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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