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

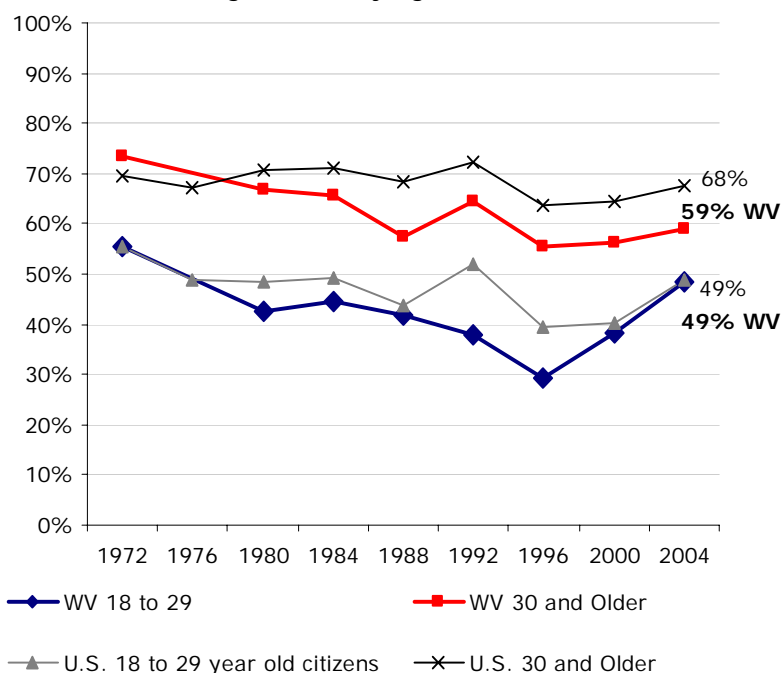
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West Virginia's young voters will be a key demographic on Super Tuesday—February 5th. This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates and selected demographics.

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

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	28%	18%
High School	32%	48%
Some College	32%	20%
Bachelor or higher	8%	15%

Figure 1: West 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 WV.

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

	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	College Student
Ages 18-29	259,013	18%	94%	16%
Ages 30+	1,183,236	82%	97%	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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