# Quick Facts about Young Voters in North Carolina

Below are selected characteristics for North Carolina including estimates of the number of young voters, registration and voter turnout rates both for the state and the nation, and other election- and demographic-related information about citizens age 18-

## 2014 MIDTERM

| | NC 18-29 | NC 30+ | US 18-29 | US 30+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Voter Turnout | 15.9% | 47.5% | 13.0% | 42.9% |
| Youth Share | 8.3% | 91.7% | 7.6% | 92.4% |
| Votes Cast (in thousands) | 245 | 2690 | 6274 | 76457 |

## 2012 PRESIDENTIAL

| | NC 18-29 | NC 30+ | US 18-29 | US 30+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Voter Turnout | 46.8% | 68.4% | 38.9% | 64.2% |
| Youth Share | 15.7% | 84.3% | 11.6% | 88.4% |
| Votes Cast (in thousands) | 704 | 3767 | 15044 | 114449 |

(CIRCLE analysis of Catalist Voter File and U.S. Census American Community Survey[1])

## YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

(Citizens age 18 to 29– CIRCLE analysis of U.S. Current Population Survey March 2015 Supplement)

| Citizen Population | NC | US |
|---|---|---|
| Total (in millions for 18+) | 7 | 221 |
| Youth 18-29 (in thousands) | 1401.9 | 46648.5 |
| Youth Share | 19.9% | 21.1% |

| College Experience | NC | US |
|---|---|---|
| No College | 38.9% | 40.4% |
| Some College | 61.1% | 59.6% |

| Race | NC | US |
|---|---|---|
| African American | 21.3% | 14.0% |
| Asian American | 3.3% | 5.8% |
| Latino | 10.3% | 21.0% |
| Native American [a] | 2.3% | 1.1% |
| Native Hawaiian [b] | ** | .4% |
| White | 61.2% | 55.6% |
| Other | 1.6% | 2.1% |

[a] includes Native Alaskans / [b] includes Pacific Islanders

| Gender / Family | NC | US |
|---|---|---|
| Women | 51.1% | 50.3% |
| Men | 48.9% | 49.7% |
| Married | 14.8% | 17.1% |
| Have Children (under 18) | 17.0% | 18.5% |

| Immigration | NC | US |
|---|---|---|
| Born outside of U.S. | 2.9% | 4.5% |
| Have a parent born outside of U.S. | 10.3% | 20.6% |

## YOUTH VOTER TURNOUT

(CIRCLE Analyses of CPS Nov. Supplements)

| | 2014 NC | 2014 US | 2012 NC | 2012 US |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Voters 18-21 years old | 21.6% | 15.1% | 49.5% | 38.3% |
| African American | ** | 22.9% | ** | 53.1% |
| Asian American | ** | 12.6% | ** | 37.1% |
| White | 23.0% | 19.8% | 52.5% | 44.1% |
| Latino | ** | 13.8% | ** | 36.9% |
| Men | 23.4% | 18.3% | 53.1% | 41.5% |
| Women | 28.3% | 21.3% | 59.2% | 48.6% |

## POLITICAL CLIMATE

**Governor**
Republican

| **State Senate** | **State House** |
|---|---|
| Republican Control | Republican Control |
| 16 (D) / 34 (R) / 0 (O) | 45 (D) / 74 (R) / 1 (O) |

**Battleground State in 2016?**
leaning Republican

(Sources: MultiState.com and average of Cook Political Report (8/12/15), Rothenberg & Gonzales (3/6/15), and Sabato Crystal Ball (5/12/15)

[1]We calculate voter turnout by dividing the estimated number of votes cast by estimated total citizen population. We gather data from three sources: **Exit Polls** to estimate the youth vote share, which is in turn used to calculate the number of youth votes cast (% youth share x total votes cast, based on **Federal Election Commission** reporting); **The American Community Survey** to estimate youth citizen population.
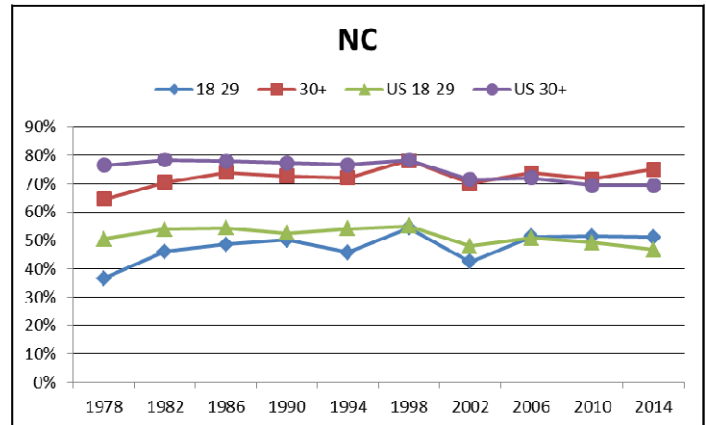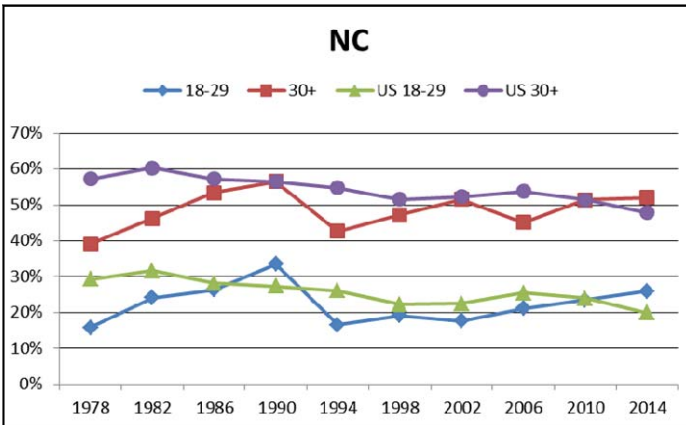
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** sample size too small to estimate

The bar graph below shows vote 2006-2014.  For 2012 and 2014, we can provide youth vote counts tallies from Catalist (which aggregates voter file information) and we include them here because the voter file is the most accurate data source about vote counts than any survey measure.  For the states that have age-related data available, the bar graph also displays the youth vote counts.  Other estimates in the graph are from Census Current Population Survey (CPS).  The line graphs track the CPS-based voting and registration trends by age over time and how they track with the national average.   We recommend only using line graphs to understand trends and calculating or estimating or specifying the percentage estimates by looking at the line graph.
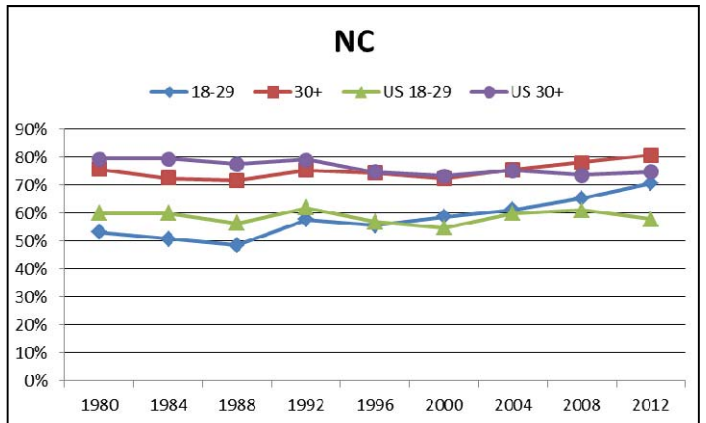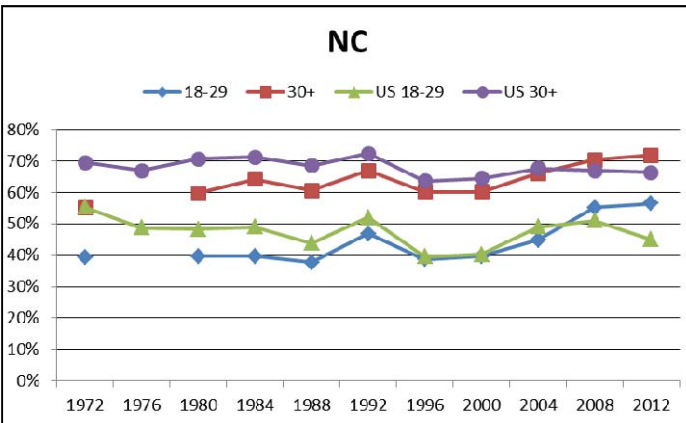
## North Carolina Votes Cast

with Youth Votes Cast & Vote Share



| Year | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2012 | 2014 | 2014 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Votes Cast | 2,422,000 | 4,370,000 | 3,008,000 | 4,625,000 | 4,470,553 | 3,169,000 | 2,934,599 |
| Youth Votes | 260,000 | 700,000 | 339,000 | 731,000 | 703,521 | 395,000 | 244,627 |
| Youth Vote Share | 10.7% | 16.0% | 11.3% | 15.8% | 15.7% | 12.5% | 8.3% |

Legend:
- Est. Votes Cast 18-29 (CPS)
- Est. Votes Cast 30+ (CPS)
- Votes Cast 18-29 (Catalist Voter File)
- Votes Cast 30+ (Catalist Voter File)
- Total Votes Cast

## MIDTERM ELECTIONS

### Voter Turnout Rate

**NC**



### Voter Registration Rate

**NC**



## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

### Voter Turnout Rate

**NC**



### Voter Registration Rate

**NC**