

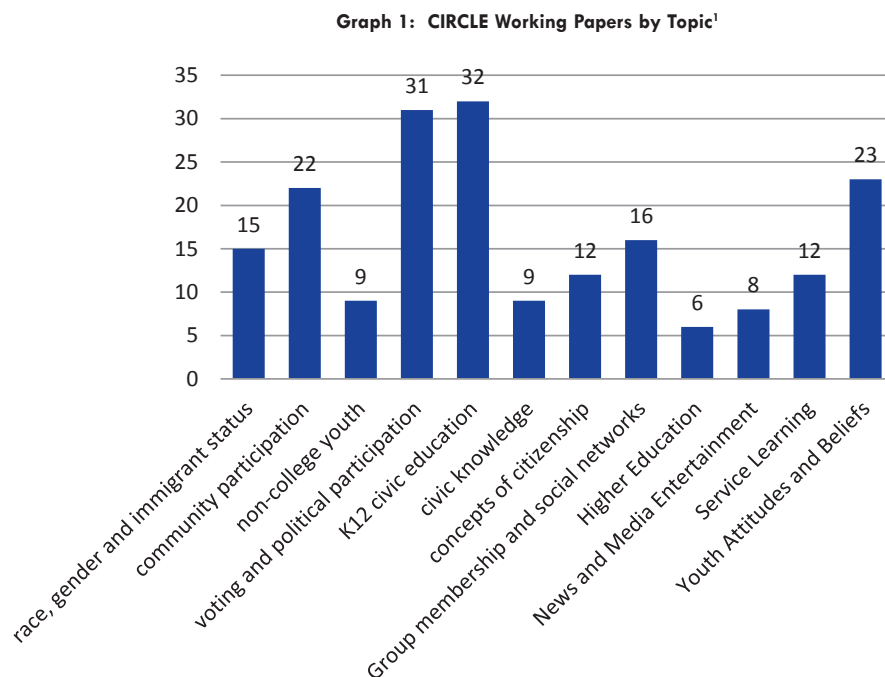
CIRCLE BY THE NUMBERS

CIRCLE's mission is to sponsor, conduct, and disseminate rigorous, non-partisan information and research on the civic life of young people in the United States, to aid in the increase of their participation, to create a more democratic society, and to do so in a manner that serves the needs of scholars, practitioners, public officials, and the press. Our goal has always been to become the premiere source of information and research on young people's civic life, the first place to which the public turns. The following section presents graphs and a timeline showing how CIRCLE has worked to achieve our goal.

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SPONSORED RESEARCH

Through generous grants from The Pew Charitable Trusts and Carnegie Corporation of New York, from 2001-2006, CIRCLE was able to re-grant **3.6 million dollars to more than 100 teams** to conduct research on youth civic engagement. These grants have resulted in more than **70 working papers, six major reports, nine books, and several articles** published in research journals. Moreover, by supporting at least **14 Ph.D. candidates** and several junior faculty members, these grants helped to build a new cadre of researchers studying the topic of youth civic engagement. Graph 1 shows the research topics covered in our working paper series.



¹ Some working papers could be classified under multiple topic areas such as "voting" and "non-college youth." Therefore, the numbers in Graph 2 add up to a total greater than 73 (the total number of working papers we have published).



BY THE NUMBERS

WHILE CIRCLE HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, OUR MISSION HAS REMAINED THE SAME: TO SPONSOR, CONDUCT, AND DISSEMINATE RIGOROUS, NON-PARTISAN INFORMATION AND RESEARCH ON THE CIVIC LIFE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. FOLLOWING IS A TIMELINE WITH EXAMPLES OF HOW WE HAVE FULFILLED OUR MISSION OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.



2001
The University of Maryland receives a **multi-million dollar** grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to start CIRCLE.

2003
Carnegie Corporation of New York and CIRCLE issue a major report on the state of K-12 civic education, the **Civic Mission of Schools.**

2003
CIRCLE releases its **first working paper** entitled "Easier Voting Methods Boost Youth Turnout" by Mary Fitzgerald, Ph.D. Candidate.

2004
CIRCLE produces **first ever day-after estimate** of youth voter turnout in Iowa Caucus. CIRCLE continues to produce these estimates today.

2005
CIRCLE reaches **200 consultations** with practitioners. Additionally, CIRCLE records over **120** presentations.

2001
William Galston is named Director; Peter Levine, Deputy Director; and Mark Hugo Lopez, Research Director.

2002
CIRCLE Releases its **first fact sheet** entitled "Youth Voter Turnout Declined by Any Measure."

2003
Over \$2.2 million dollars re-granted by CIRCLE to 46 research teams to conduct studies on youth civic engagement. Average grants are **\$50,000**. Seven grants are given to Ph.D. candidates.

2003
Carnegie Corporation of New York awards a **half million dollar grant** to CIRCLE to expand the research portfolio to include research on K-12 civic education.

Cited by: *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *CBS Radio News*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *National Journal*, *CNN.com*, and many others

2004
CIRCLE establishes itself as timely and reliable source for reports on young voters in more than **500** media stores.

2005
CIRCLE releases 21st fact sheet "**Electoral Engagement Among Non-College Attending Youth.**"

This fact sheet represents the beginning of CIRCLE's commitment to understanding the civic engagement patterns of young people who are not on track to attend college.



2006

CIRCLE Director Peter Levine speaks with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and others at the launch of the National Advisory Council of the Campaign for Civic Mission of Schools.

The event, held at the National Press Club, in Washington, is televised by C-SPAN and covered in a nationally syndicated column by David Broder.

2008

CIRCLE is listed in **1,253** news stories including media outlets such as **NPR, PBS, MTV and Fox News.**

2008

CIRCLE moves from the University of Maryland to become part of **Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.**

2009

A panel at the conclusion of the annual Civic Studies Institute at Tisch College on "The Obama Administration's Civic Agenda After Six Months" is **broadcast nationally by C-SPAN.**

2010

CIRCLE organizes a conference on **"Federal Policy and Civic Skills"** at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

2011

In Chicago, the Aspen Institute and Knight Foundation release a commissioned paper on Civic Engagement and Community Information by Peter Levine.

2006

CIRCLE re-grants over half a million dollars to **10** research teams to conduct studies on K-12 Civic Education.

2006

Peter Levine becomes Executive Director of CIRCLE, succeeding William Galston.

2006

CIRCLE analyzes the data for the National Conference on Citizenship for the **first-ever Civic Health Index**, which has tracked 40 civic indicators since the 1970's.

2008

CIRCLE receives a federal grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service to pilot and assess an online social network to study civic participation.

2009

CIRCLE Director Peter Levine and James Youniss publish *"Engaging Young People in Civic Life."* This book documents a series of successful civic education programs and policies, and serves as a manual on how to best create opportunities for civic engagement among young Americans.

2011

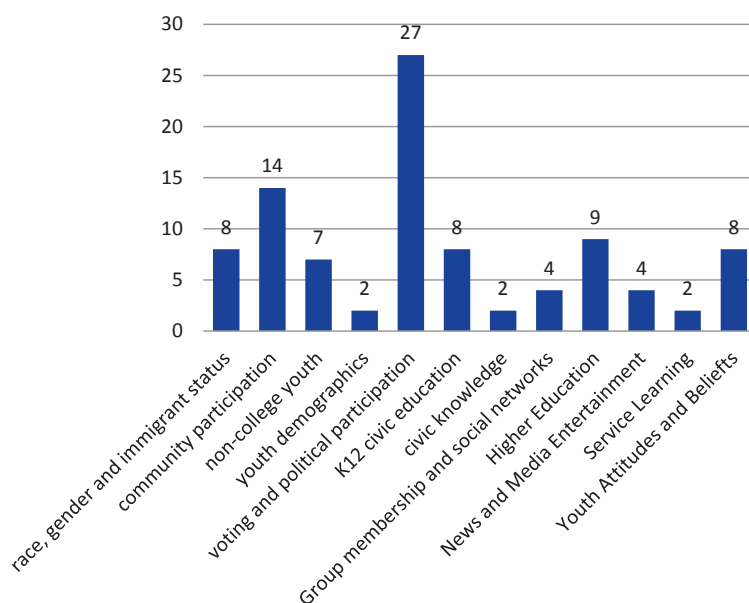
Google Scholar™ a search engine (restricted to scholarly publications) finds **41,800** publications that cite CIRCLE by its full name.



CONDUCT RESEARCH

Over the past ten years, we have published at least 70 fact sheets. Additionally, we authored or co-authored more than ten major reports including the *Civic Mission of Schools* report.

Graph 2: CIRCLE Fact Sheets by Topic²



² Some fact sheets could be classified under multiple topic areas. Therefore, the numbers in Graph 2 add up to a total greater than 70 (the total number of fact sheets we have published).

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CIRCLE is committed to making research findings easily accessible to a wide audience. Every piece of research we produce is available for free via our Web site. **We have worked directly with more than 350 organizations providing answers to research queries and customized data analysis.** We have regularly presented at meetings and conferences, reaching many different constituencies. In addition, we have taken a more active role in reviewing materials and strategic plans for practitioner organizations and/or served on their advisory or governing boards.

