VOTING IN THE 2022 ELECTION

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Midterm Turnout Rates 1902-2022

[Graph showing the trend of midterm turnout rates from 1902 to 2022]
Percent of Voters Casting an Early Vote

Source: Census Bureau's Current Population Survey
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2022 MIDTERMS – THE YOUTH VOTE

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About CIRCLE

Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement

• Nonpartisan research center that serves as go-to for data on youth voting

• Broad research portfolio on diverse opportunities for youth civic participation

• Focused on eliminating systemic barriers
Who Are Young Voters?

- For our analyses: ages 18-29
- Newly eligible: 8 million+ youth aged into the electorate since 2020 (ages 18-19)
- 46% of newly eligible voters are young people of color
- ~1 in 5 young people identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community
Youth Continue Strong Participation Trend

2022 Youth Vote: Second-Highest Turnout in 30 Years

NATIONAL ESTIMATE
27%

BATTLEGROUNDS*
31%
2022 Youth Voter Turnout Second-Highest in the Past 30 Years

Source: CIRCLE analysis of Edison Research exit poll and Census American Community Survey population data
Youth Turnout

- **Youth Turnout**: Among voting eligible youth population, how many turned up to vote?

\[
\text{Total Votes Cast} \times \text{Youth Share}
\]

Youth Voting Eligible Population

- **Youth Share**: Among those who turned up to vote, what proportion were 18-29-year-olds?
How do Day-After Estimates Compare?

Youth Voter Turnout in Midterm Elections

The historical youth (ages 18-29) voter turnout in midterm elections, according to different data sources/estimates.

- Day-After Estimate
- CPS Analysis

Graph showing youth voter turnout from 1994 to 2022.
National Youth Vote Choice for U.S. House

Democrat | Republican
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63% | 35%
Youth Only Age Group to Give Dems Strong Support

National Vote Choice by Age in the 2022 Midterm Election

- Ages 18-29: 63% Dem, 35% Republic
- Ages 30-44: 51% Dem, 47% Republic
- Ages 45-64: 44% Dem, 54% Republic
- Ages 65+: 43% Dem, 55% Republic

Source: CIRCLE analysis of Edison Research National Election Pool survey
Young Voters Were Crucial to Close Races Across the Country

The estimated number of net votes from young people (ages 18-29) for the Democratic candidates in each race and the vote difference/margin of victory as of November 15.

- **Net Youth Votes for Democrat**
- **Vote Margin in Race**

- **Georgia Senate**
- **Nevada Senate**
- **Pennsylvania Senate**
- **Wisconsin Governor**
- **Arizona Governor**
- **Kansas Governor**
Youth Impact: Major Vote Margins

Where Youth Influenced 2022 Elections

**WISCONSIN**
Governor

- All Voters: 51% to 48%
- Ages 18-29: 70% to 30%

**PENNSYLVANIA**
Senate

- All Voters: 50% to 48%
- Ages 18-29: 70% to 28%

**MICHIGAN**
Governor

- All Voters: 52% to 47%
- Ages 18-29: 62% to 36%

Source: CIRCLE analysis of Edison Research exit polls
20 States and Washington, D.C. Have Automatic Voter Registration in 2022

+3.5 percentage-point

Youth Voter Registration in States with Automatic Voter Registration

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Several States Require Training or Place Restrictions on Voter Registration

26 States Have Fewer Newly Eligible Youth (Ages 18-19) Registered to Vote in 2022 than in 2018
Pre-Registration

16 States and Washington, D.C., Allow Voter Pre-Registration at Age 16

+9 percentage-point

County-Level Youth Voter Turnout In States Where Pre-Registration Is Available
Youth Registration Higher than 2018 in Battleground States

Ages 18-24: Youth Voter Registration in 2022 Compared to 2018

The difference (%) in the number of young people, ages 18-24, who were registered to vote in each state in November 2022 vs. in November 2018.

Source: CIRCLE analysis of Catalist voter file data
Where Youth Voter Registration Exceeded 2018

Ages 18-24: Youth Voter Registrations in November 2022 vs. November 2018

- Fewer Youth Registered to Vote
- More Youth Registered to Vote

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In Key States, Youth Voter Registrations (Ages 18-24) Are Higher than in 2018:

- Michigan +38%
- Kansas +29%
- Nevada +18%
- Arizona +5%
- Georgia +1%
Issues Connect Life and Politics

For Gen Z voters, combating climate change is top of mind

Analysis by Vanessa Montalbano
October 31, 2022 at 7:27 a.m. EDT
Youth Were the Only Age Group to Name Abortion as #1 Midterm Priority

Source: CIRCLE analysis of Edison Research National Election Pool survey
Registration Lagged Among the Youngest Voters

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