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Quick Facts About Young Voters in Rhode Island: The Primary Election Year 2008

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Rhode Island's young voters are more likely to be college students than the national average. This fact sheet presents information on young people's voter turnout rates and selected demographics.

Table 1 – 2008 Rhode Island Citizens' Educational Attainment, by Age

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30+
Less than High School	25%	15%
High School	28%	27%
Some College	30%	23%
Bachelor or higher	18%	35%

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

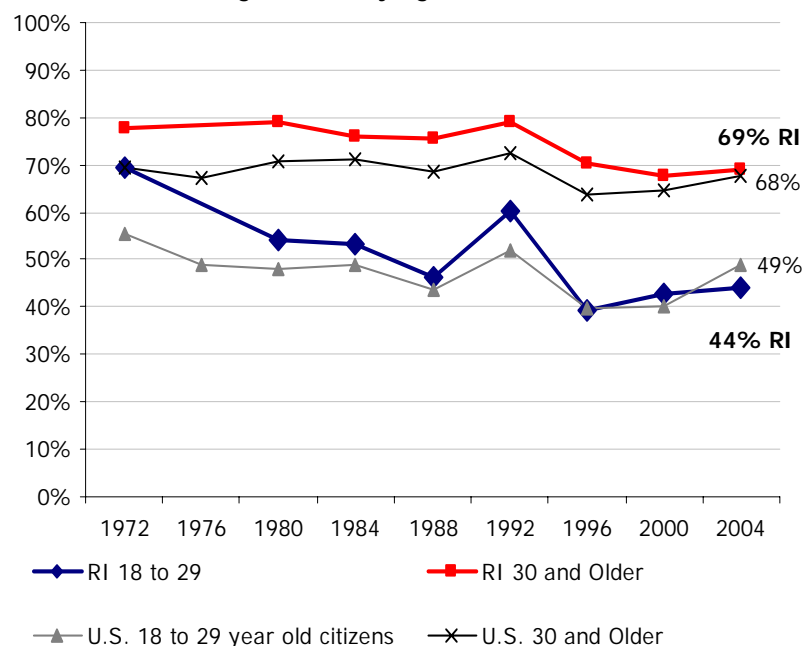
	Total Population	Share of Ages 18+	White non-Hispanic	Other Race/Ethnicity	College Student
Ages 18-29	166,116	22%	82%	19%	24%
Ages 30+	602,413	78%	89%	11%	N/A

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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Figure 1: Rhode Island 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 RI.