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Arizona's 1st & 9th Congressional Districts: Interactive Map Shows Youth Vote to Watch in Election

*Dynamic, Online Map Allows Viewers to Gain a
Comprehensive View of Young Voters in Arizona's
1st & 9th Congressional Districts*

Medford/Somerville, MA – The [Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement \(CIRCLE\)](#), the nation's premiere youth think tank based at Tufts University's Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, released a new, interactive online map showing Arizona's 1st and 9th Congressional District races are ones that should be watched because of young people's potential role in November's upcoming election for that seat.

According to CIRCLE, the 1st and 9th Congressional District races are two of four U.S. House elections this year in which youth turnout should be watched most closely, because of the competitiveness of the race, the size of the youth population, and/or the historical youth turnout trend. The others include the New York's 23rd and the Iowa 3rd Congressional District elections.

The dynamic new map released by CIRCLE provides an in-depth view of young voters searchable by every congressional district in the nation, including Arizona's 1st and 9th Congressional Districts.

**[Click on the above or here for access to the
interactive map](#)**

- In Arizona's 1st Congressional District race, while Ann Kirkpatrick has served two terms in the House, these terms have been split up by a loss. Many analysts see this race as a toss-up. Each of the last two House races have had a margin of victory several thousand votes lower than the overall number of youth who cast a ballot in the last midterm in 2010.

- In Arizona's 9th Congressional District race (a new district in the 2012 election), Kyrsten Sinema is defending her seat in a seat she won in 2012 by ten thousand votes. In the last midterm election, over twenty-five thousand youth cast ballots. Young people make up almost a quarter of the resident population in the Arizona 9th district and there are three large college campuses in the district.

The online map allows viewers to look into the youth make-up of Arizona's 1st and 9th Congressional Districts in a number of additional ways, including:

- Socio-economic factors including unemployment and educational attainment, demographic information and the number of higher education institutions located in each area;
- And the political and social make-up of each congressional district, providing viewers with information relating to potential ballot measures, competitiveness rankings

“Youth voters continue to play a pivotal role in our country's elections,” said Peter Levine, director of CIRCLE. **“As we enter the 2014 midterm election season, it's important to give the public and the media a place to find some of the most up-to-date, comprehensive data on young Americans provided in an easily searchable format. In Arizona's 1st and 9th Congressional Districts, and in many other congressional elections across the country, youth voters have the ability to make an decisive impact on the result.”**

CIRCLE's online [“2014 Election Center”](#) houses analysis and findings most relevant to the midterm elections, including an additional interactive map released by CIRCLE in May that illustrates the most detailed analysis of the youth vote, broken down by state, comparing every national election since 1982.

CIRCLE is well known for producing unbiased analysis on youth voting in every election cycle. In addition to publicly released products, CIRCLE's team of experts are also available to help put current data on youth voters and politics into a broader context based on their own research and knowledge of scholarly literature on the subject area.

**** Throughout the 2014 midterm election season, please contact Kristofer Eisenla at kristofer@lunaeisenlamedia.com or 202-670-5747, to speak to one of CIRCLE's youth vote experts or for further information/data on the youth vote in America ****

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CIRCLE (www.civicyouth.org) is a nonpartisan, independent, academic research center that studies young people in politics and presents detailed data on young voters in all 50 states. CIRCLE is part of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University.

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