

Exclusive Analysis

Young People in Wisconsin Vote in Record Numbers, Posting Second-Highest State Turnout in 2016

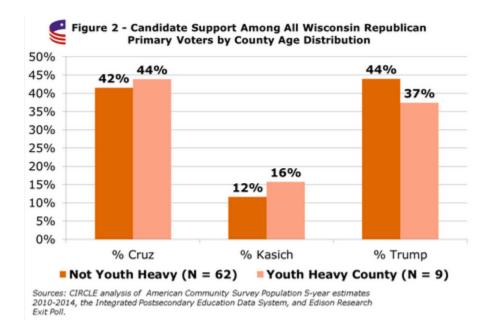
Youth- and Campus-Heavy Counties More Likely to Support Cruz, Kasich, and Sanders

Medford/Somerville, MA – Young people participated in record numbers in yesterday's Wisconsin primaries, according to new, exclusive analysis from the <u>Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE)</u> – the preeminent, non-partisan research center on youth engagement at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

In Wisconsin, the estimated youth turnout of 33 percent beat the previous record set in 2008 and is the second-highest state primary youth turnout in 2016. Estimates of youth participation in both party primaries increased, and while more youth participated in the Democratic primary, participation doubled compared to 2008 for the Republicans.

Both parties saw youth support the state winners and not the front-runners. Young Democratic primary voters (ages 18-29) showed overwhelming support for Senator Bernie Sanders over Secretary Hillary Clinton, 82% to 18%, providing Sanders with over one quarter of his total votes. Support for Sanders was highest in college-heavy counties, and places where a lot of young people live, where Cruz and Kasich also saw more support.

"In state after state this year, we've seen increases in youth primary participation. Even for a state with a history of high participation like Wisconsin, 33% is a strong turnout among young people," said Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, director of CIRCLE. "Both parties have an opportunity here to listen to more and diverse young people and work directly with them youth on issues they care about."



You can read CIRCLE's full Wisconsin primary analysis and graphics here.

Throughout this election season, <u>CIRCLE's 2016 Election Center</u> will offer new data products and analyses providing a comprehensive picture of the youth vote, both nationally and in targeted states and congressional districts across the country. CIRCLE has also produced the <u>Youth Electoral Significance Index</u>, which ranks the top states where young people have the potential to shape the 2016 presidential and congressional races.

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