Young People in the 2016 General Election
A national, nonpartisan research center founded in 2001 and focused on young people in the United States, especially those who are marginalized or disadvantaged in political life.

CIRCLE’s scholarly research informs policy and practice for healthier youth development and a better democracy.
Who Did Young People Vote for in Presidential Elections? 1972-2016

Source: CIRCLE Analysis of National Exit Polls 1972-2016
Levels of Trust Among Millennials, By Race and Ethnicity

% “somewhat” or “completely” trust

Democratic Party
- White: 23%
- African American: 47%
- Latino: 36%

Republican Party
- White: 10%
- African American: 19%
- Latino: 15%

President
- White: 35%
- African American: 56%
- Latino: 45%

Major News Media
- White: 17%
- African American: 18%
- Latino: 20%

Police
- White: 23%
- African American: 47%
- Latino: 47%

Military
- White: 44%
- African American: 43%
- Latino: 60%
Racial Makeup of the Voters by Age

Young Voters (ages 18-29):
- White: 61%
- Latino: 17%
- Black: 15%
- Asian: 3%
- Other: 5%

Older Voters (ages 30+):
- White: 73%
- Latino: 11%
- Black: 10%
- Asian: 3%
- Other: 3%

Source: Tisch College’s CIRCLE analysis of the Edison Research national exit poll, 2016
Youth Vote Choice by Race & Ethnicity

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Campaign Contact Among Millennials Registered to Vote, by Gender

Registered Democrat
- Millennial Men: 37%
- Millennial Women: 39%

Unaffiliated
- Millennial Men: 40%
- Millennial Women: 18%

Registered Republican
- Millennial Men: 37%
- Millennial Women: 27%

Source: Tisch College's CIRCLE 2016 Pre-election poll
Feelings Held by Young Supporters of Trump and Clinton

- Use positive word(s): Clinton Supporters 77%, Trump Supporters 82%
- Use negative word(s): Clinton Supporters 40%, Trump Supporters 33%
- Hopeful: Clinton Supporters 68%, Trump Supporters 66%
- Excited: Clinton Supporters 18%, Trump Supporters 32%
- Mixed Feelings: Clinton Supporters 20%, Trump Supporters 16%
- Two "negative feeling" words: Clinton Supporters 20%, Trump Supporters 17%
- Two "positive feeling" words: Clinton Supporters 56%, Trump Supporters 65%

Source: Tisch College's CIRCLE 2016 Pre-election poll
Shift in Youth Party ID and Ideology

Youth Party ID, 2008-2016

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Youth Ideology, 2008-2016

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Youth Presidential Choice by Party Ideology, 2016

The length of each bar corresponds with the size of the Party/Ideology group.
Estimated Share of Young Voters, by Race and Ethnicity

- Black Share of Youth Votes
- Latino Share of Youth Votes
- Asian-American Share of Youth Votes
- Other Share of Youth Votes
- White Share of Youth Votes