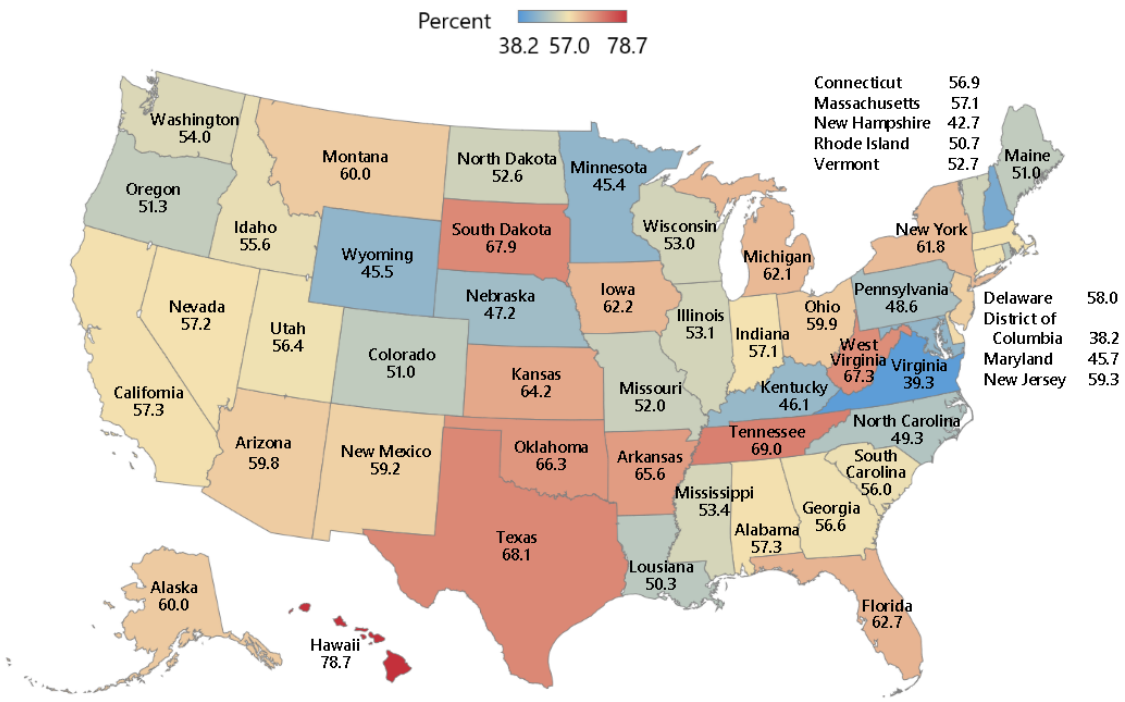
MISSING VOTERS PROJECT: United States 2016

FACT SHEET: Missing Voters State Map

Missing Young Adult Voters by State

Percent of citizens 18 to 24 years old who did not vote in 2016



What Does this Map Show?

In the nation as whole, 57.0% of young adult citizens were missing voters in 2016. This map shows state variation in the percent of young adults who were missing voters, with worse than average states shown in red, and better than average states shown in blue.

Worse than Average States (Red)

Hawaii had the highest proportion (78.7%) of young adult citizens who were missing voters in 2016. There were 13 additional states with missing young voter percentages greater than 60%: Tennessee (69.0%), Texas (68.1%), South Dakota (67.9%), West Virginia (67.3%), Oklahoma (66.3%), Arkansas (65.6%), Kansas (64.2%), Florida (62.7%), Iowa (62.2%), Michigan (62.1%), New York (61.8%), Montana (60.0%), and Alaska (60.0%).

Average States (Yellow)

States with missing voter proportions similar to the national average of 57.0% were found in all regions of the country: in the West (California, 57.3% and Nevada, 57.2%), in the South (Alabama, 57.3% and Georgia, 56.6%), in the Northeast (Massachusetts, 57.1% and Connecticut, 56.9%) and in the Midwest (Indiana, 57.1%).

Better than Average States (Blue)

States for which the young adult missing voter proportion was less than 50% in 2016 were predominantly found in the northern half of the country. The District of Columbia had the lowest percentage of missing young voters (38.2%), followed by Virginia (39.3), New Hampshire (42.7%), Minnesota (45.4%), Wyoming (45.5%), Maryland (45.7%), Kentucky (46.1%), Nebraska (47.2%), and Pennsylvania (48.6%).

Notes

Please note that some numbers may appear not to add up correctly due to rounding. Voting data are from the Current Population Survey (November 2016). Population counts and percentages in this report are statistically-weighted estimates derived by the Bureau of the Census from a national sample of over 90,000 respondents in 54,000 households. Full technical details for the Missing Voters Project, links to the original census data, and other valuable resources are at https://www.wiise-usa.org/mvp.

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