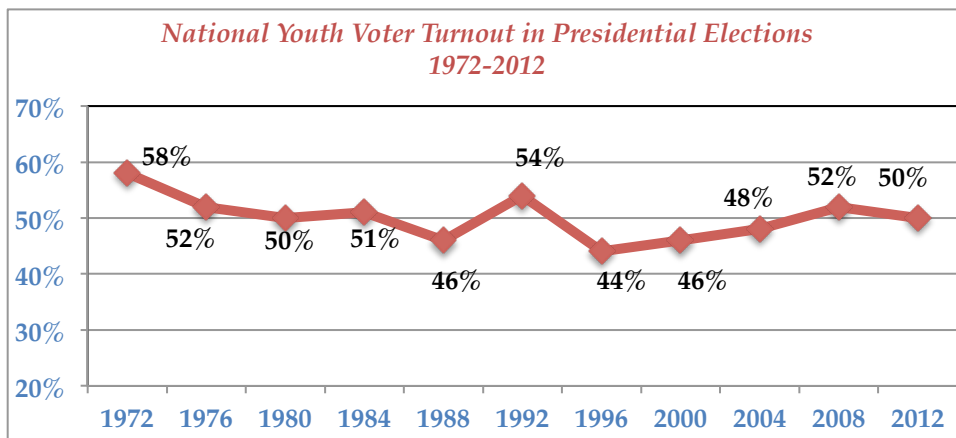


## Youth Voter Turnout in Presidential Elections

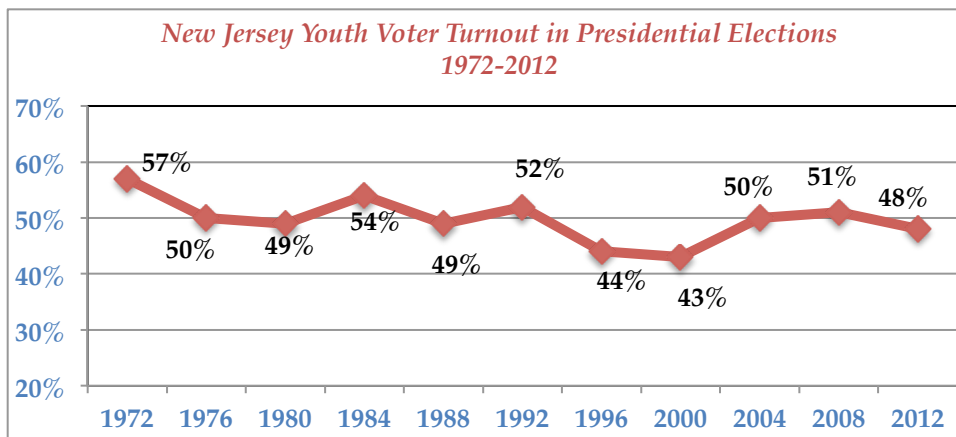
Between 1972 and 2012, there was a steady decrease in youth voting in U.S. Presidential Elections. However, there was an increase of youth voter turnout in the 1992 election followed by another increase in 2008. Although youth voting was on the rise, it again declined in the 2012 election. Before this falloff and drop of six points in 2012, young people were the age group that showed the most increase in voter turnout between the years of 2000 and 2008.



Source: Nonprofit Vote's report on Voter Turnout in the 2012 Election, CIRCLE's Fact Sheet

**National Youth Voter Turnout**

- In 2008, 52% voted
- In 2012, 50% voted



Source: CIRCLE's Youth & Adult Voter Turnout Fact Sheet, CIRCLE's New Jersey Facts

**New Jersey Youth Voter Turnout**

- In 2008, 51% voted
- In 2012, 48% voted

As the data above show, the overall trend of youth voter turnout in U.S. Presidential Elections from 1972-2012 on the national level and in New Jersey are very similar.

<sup>1</sup> Graph Information from Nonprofit Vote: *America Goes to the Polls 2012: A Report on Voter Turnout in the 2012 Election*. N.p. Web.

<sup>2</sup> New Jersey Youth Voter Turnout Information from CIRCLE: *New Jersey Facts*. N.p. Web. [http://www.civicyouth.org/state-detail/?state=NJ&map=4&map\\_id=5](http://www.civicyouth.org/state-detail/?state=NJ&map=4&map_id=5)

<sup>3</sup> Graph Information from CIRCLE: *Youth & Adult Voter Turnout Fact Sheet From 1972-2002*. N.p. Web.