



Hello and welcome!

**Michigan
Department of State**

What does the Secretary of State do?

- ★ Leads the Michigan Department of State (MDOS).
- ★ Serves as Chief Election Officer in Michigan.
- ★ Oversees SOS branch offices.



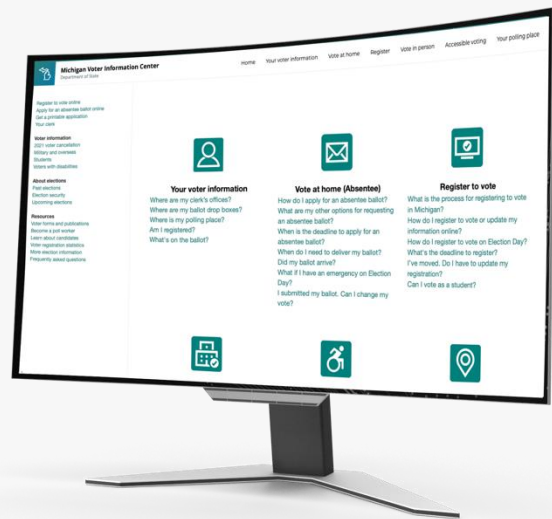
How are elections in MI administered?



1,520 city and township clerks across the state carry out Michigan's elections at a local level.

- **83 county clerks** work with local clerks, helping with election materials, programming election equipment, and providing information to voters.
- **The Michigan Bureau of Elections** is a nonpartisan office within the Michigan Department of State and provides guidance to ensure elections are carried out in accordance with state and federal law.
- **The Secretary of State** is the state's chief election officer and has broad authority over elections.

How to register to vote



Online at
Michigan.gov/Vote

By mail using the
[Voter Registration Application](#)

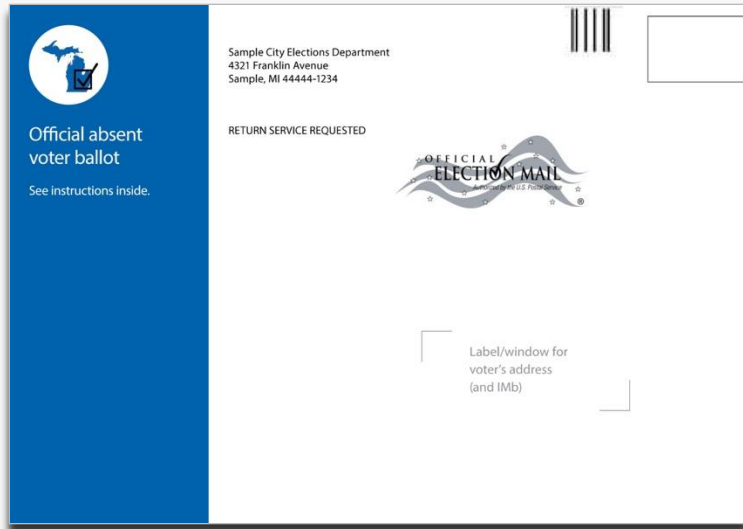


In person at
[your local clerk's office](#)
up to and on Election Day

Register to Vote Now



Options for voting in 2024



Vote Absentee



Vote early in-person



**Vote in-person
on Election Day**

Voting rights in Michigan

*In 2022, Michigan voters passed **Proposal 22-2**, which enshrined voting rights, including:*

- ✓ **Early voting**
Federal and statewide elections. 9 – 28 days, 8 hours each day, ending the Sunday before Election Day.
- ✓ **Permanent absentee ballot list**
- ✓ **Absentee ballot tracking**
- ✓ **Postage for absentee ballots and applications**
- ✓ **More drop boxes**



Power of the youth vote!

Why is voting important?

Why does voting matter?

Your day-to-day life is impacted by elections at the national, state, and **local level**.

- Climate
- Social services
- Education
- Voting rights
- Community resources
- Healthcare
- Housing

Voting Myths vs Facts

Common myths about voting

Myth Busters!

Is it a myth or a fact?

**One vote
doesn't matter.**

Myth Busters!

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FACT

One vote does matter!

Many elections in Michigan, especially local elections, have been determined by only a handful of votes!

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Is it a myth or a fact?

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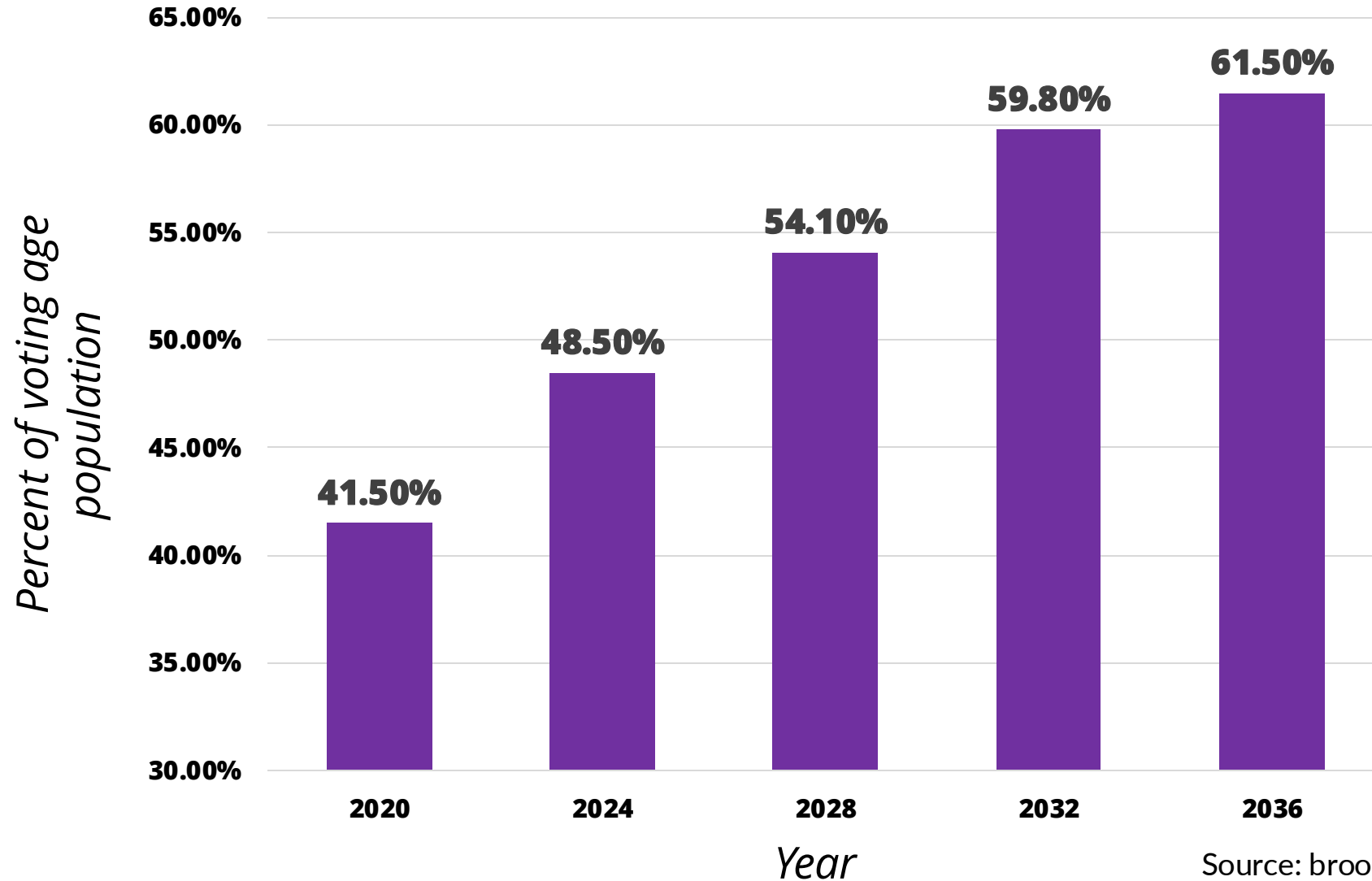
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FACT

Young people make up almost **50%** of the voting age population in the U.S. and are projected to be a majority in a few years.

Young voters have the power to shape the world around them by registering and voting.

Millennials and Gen-Z will be a majority of potential voters by 2028

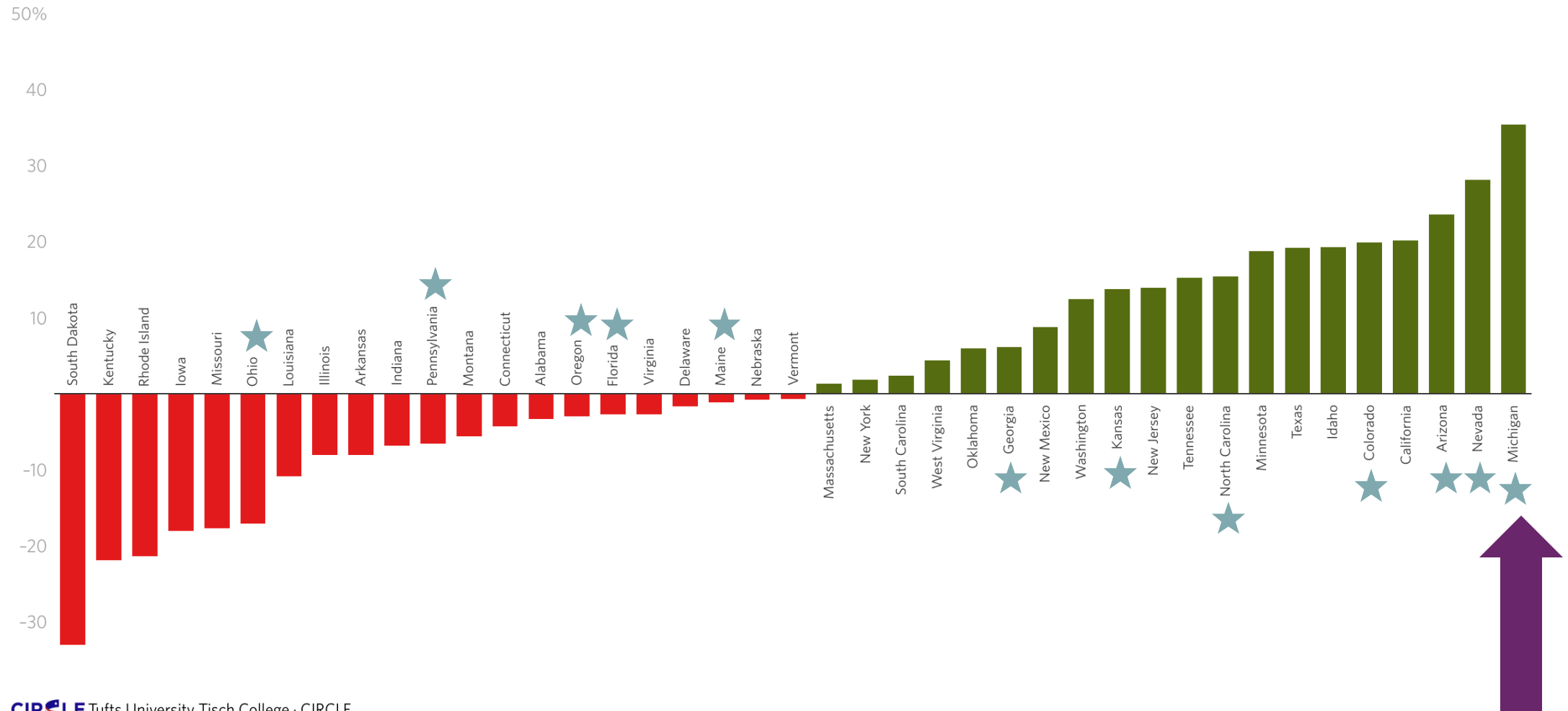


Source: brookings.edu (Brookings Institute)

Michigan leads the nation in youth voter registration and turnout!

Ages 18-24: Youth Voter Registrations in June 2022 Compared to June 2018

The difference (%) in the number of young people, ages 18-24, who were registered to vote in each state in June 2022 vs. in June 2018.



Mock Elections



Mock Election Overview

Help ensure registered voters in your community do the same

1

Primary Election

- Nominate candidates
- Narrow down the field of candidates

2

General Election

- Vote between the final two candidates

3

Vote!

- Q&A while the votes are tallied

Election Category

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**Raise your hands to nominate a
candidate!**

Primary Election

The election category is

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Nominees

Q&A