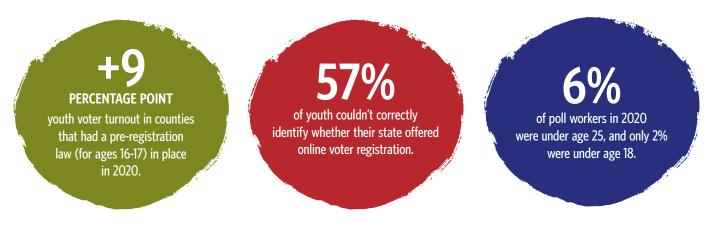
CIRCLE Growing Voters: Election Directors and Officials

Election administrators and other public officials who are involved in the planning and management of elections are especially important in ensuring that youth have the information and encouragement they need to vote. These officials, who range from secretaries of state to election judges, have a dual role: making voting easier for young people and showing them that they are welcome at the polls and their voices matter.

THE FACTS



The CIRCLE Growing Voters is a paradigm shift to transform how policymakers and many other stakeholders can strengthen young people's equitable engagement in democracy. Learn more, engage in this work, and share it with others at: circle.tufts.edu/circlegrowingvoters







Youth Poll Workers Are A Win-Win:

CIRCLE research on the Minneapolis Election Judge Project found that 2020 youth voter turnout was highest in precincts with multiple young poll workers and that these youth reported myriad benefits from working on elections.

WORKING AS AN ELECTION JUDGE...

A majority of young poll workers felt that the experience connected them to the community and improved their skills

76%

Made me feel like I helped ensure every eligible voter felt welcome and able to vote

67%

Made me feel like I was making things better for my community

59%

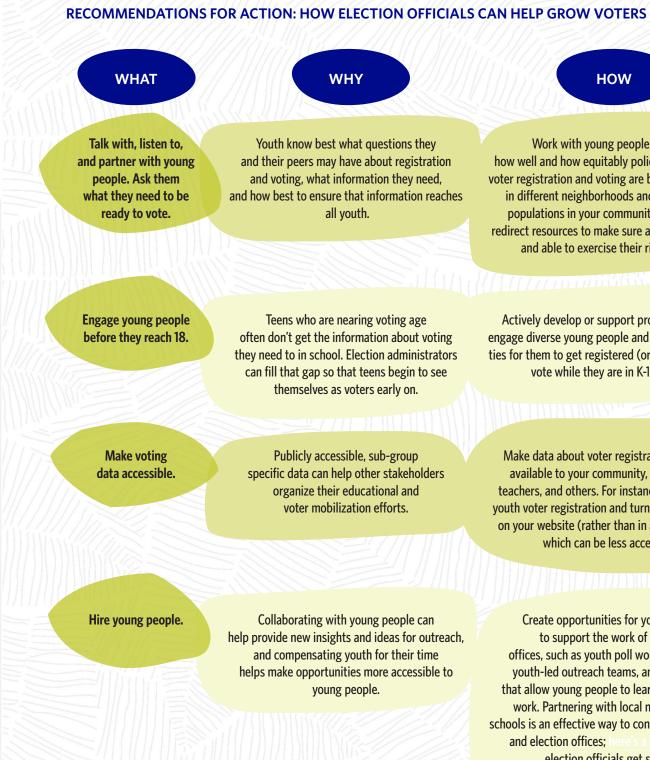
Gave me practical skills that will help me in the future

54%

Helped me improve how to communicate with older people

52%

Gave me a strong sense of belonging to my community



HOW

Work with young people to assess how well and how equitably policies that promote voter registration and voting are being implemented in different neighborhoods and with different populations in your community. If necessary, redirect resources to make sure all voters are ready and able to exercise their right to vote.

ties for them to get registered (or pre-registered) to vote while they are in K-12 schools.

Actively develop or support proposals that can

engage diverse young people and bolster opportuni-

Make data about voter registration and voting available to your community, organizations, teachers, and others. For instance, make specific youth voter registration and turnout data available on your website (rather than in a .pdf document, which can be less accessible).

Create opportunities for young people to support the work of election offices, such as youth poll worker programs, youth-led outreach teams, and internships that allow young people to learn how elections work. Partnering with local nonprofits and schools is an effective way to connect young people and election offices; to help election officials get started!

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