

# Fact Sheet

## Asian American Youth Voters in Los Angeles County

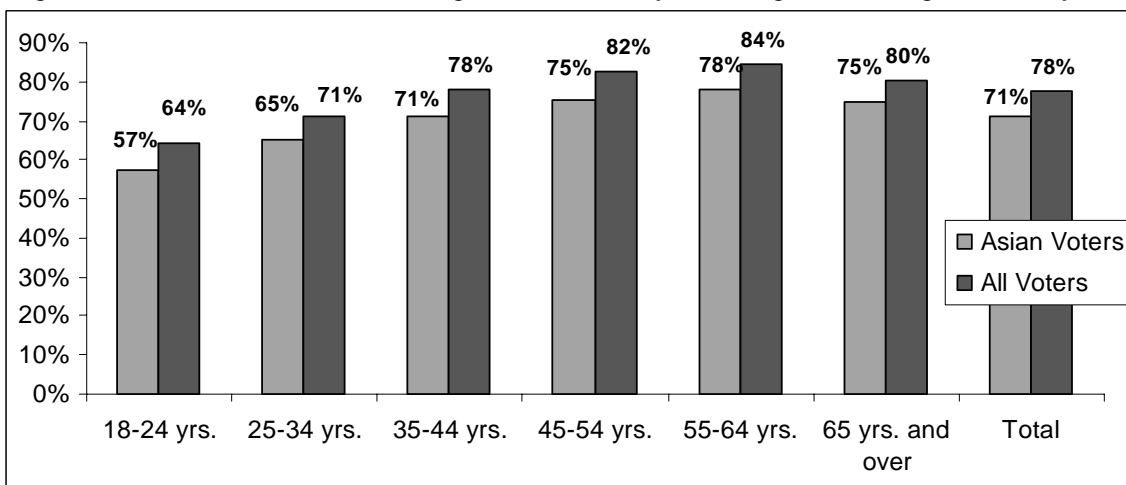
*There are over 129,000 Asian Americans 18-24 years old countywide...*

*Asian American youth make up 10% of the all Asian Americans and 13% of all youth.\**

### ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH VOTERS, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

- Over 23,000 Asian American youth voted.  
Nearly 41,000 Asian American youth were registered to vote.
- Only 57% of Asian American youth registered to vote turned out to vote.  
Compared to 71% of all Asian Americans and 64% of all youth.
- 72% of Asian American youth voters were native-born.
- 57% of Asian American youth voters were women.  
Among registered voters, 62% of Asian American women voted, compared to 56% of Asian American men.
- 28% of Asian American youth voters voted by absentee ballot.
- 61% of Asian American youth voters were voting for the first time
- In the last presidential race, Asian American youth supported John Kerry over George Bush  
66% of Asian American youth voted for Kerry, while 24% voted for Bush.\*\*\*
- 57% of Asian American youth voters reported no political activity besides voting  
10% participated in a rally or forum, 7% volunteered for a candidate or ballot measure, and 11% reported some other activity besides voting.\*\*\*

Figure YOUTH1: Turnout Rate of Registered Voters By Race, Age in Los Angeles County



\* U.S. Census Bureau (Census 2000).

\*\* Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office and Asian Pacific American Legal Center (February 2, 2005 Los Angeles County Voter File).

\*\*\* Asian Pacific American Legal Center (2004 Southern California Voter Survey).