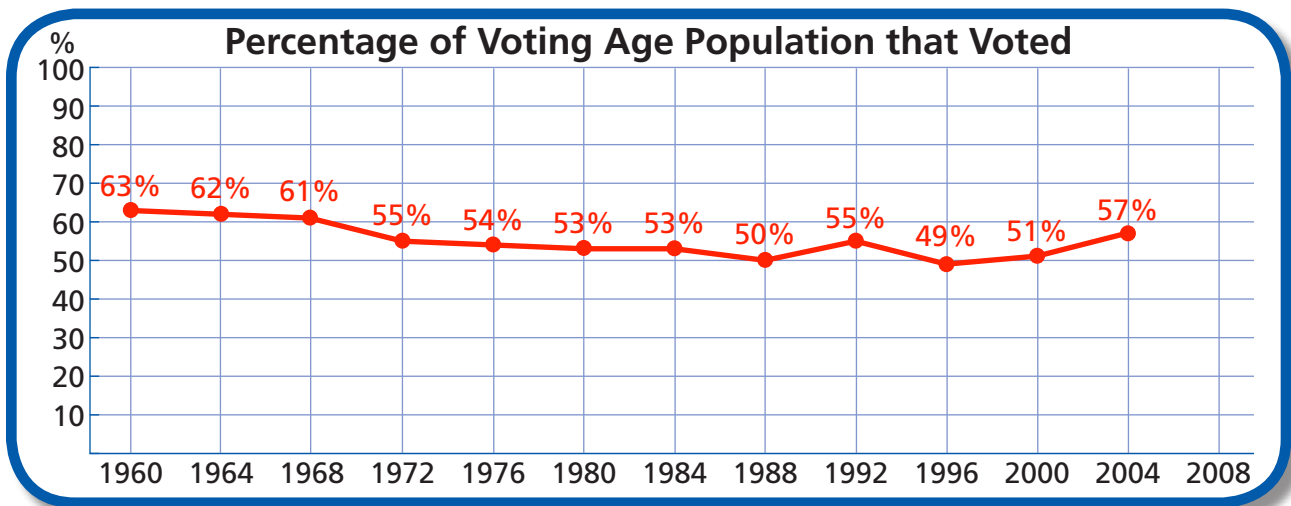




## How Many People Vote?

Each Election Day officials count the number of people who vote. That number is known as voter turnout. Voter turnout in the United States is always lower than the total number of people over the age of eighteen living in the country. Being eighteen years old is one of the criteria people must meet to vote. Research what other criteria need to be met and how to register to vote. Compare the percentages in the chart below to determine which presidential election year had the best and worst voter turnout.



1. Which year had the lowest turnout? Who were the candidates that year? Why do you think the turnout was so low?
2. Why is there no voting information for 1986?
3. What year would be listed next if the chart were to continue?
4. Predict what voter turnout might be for 2008 based on what you know about the presidential race this year.
5. What is the average turnout for the years 1960–2000?
6. Does knowing the information on this chart make you more or less likely to vote when you turn eighteen years old?
7. Create a poster on the back encouraging all eligible voters to vote.