

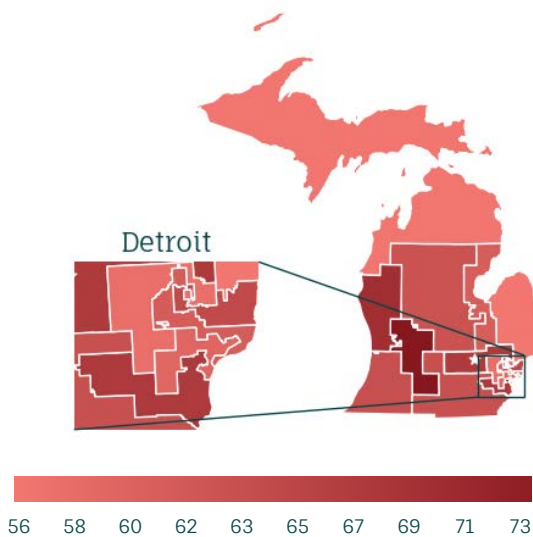
Michigan's Eighth District STUDENT DEBT BURDEN SCORE IS 67

Michigan's Eighth District Deserves the Freedom to Prosper

We have calculated a **student debt burden score** for each district and state, based on the percentage of people claiming student debt on their IRS tax return. We then adjusted that score for the effects of racial inequality and economic distress on student debt holders.

Michigan's Eighth District has a student debt burden of 67, placing it in the fourth quintile, meaning it is above average. Voter turnout in the district was 45% in 2014, 63% in 2018, and was 70% in 2016, when Donald Trump received 51% of the vote. This seat is currently held by Elissa Slotkin (D).

Michigan's Student Debt Burden Score
by Congressional District



Statewide voter turnout for Michigan is broken out by age below.

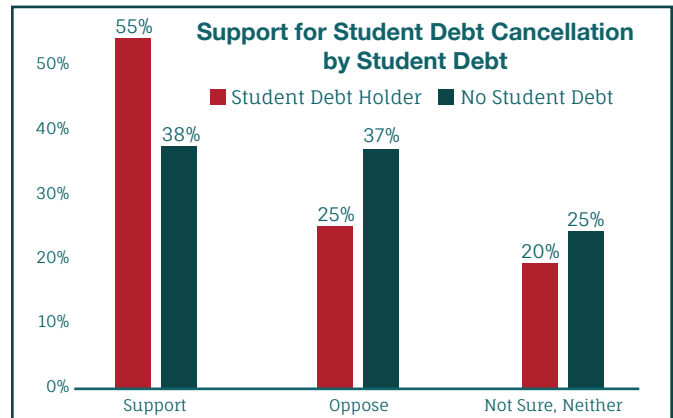
Age Group	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+
2016 Turnout	44%	61%	69%	73%	77%
2014 Turnout	18%	36%	45%	54%	63%

Why Run On The Student Loan Debt Crisis?

The 44 million Americans caught in the student loan trap are a powerful voting bloc with the potential to exert a decisive influence in state and national elections. The Freedom to Prosper campaign can educate these voters in 2018 by emphasizing student debt cancellation to restore economic justice and encourage job creation. This plan would boost the economy by up to \$108 billion per year, according to an [analysis by the Levy Institute](#).

Student Debt Holders Support Cancellation

A recent bill introduced in Congress would repeal the Trump tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations and use the proceeds to cancel outstanding student debt. This policy has strong support among those who hold student debt. Statewide, the percentage of people in support of student debt cancellation minus the percentage of people opposed is 6%.



Truths About Student Debt Holders

- Student debt holders are spread throughout the country.
- One in five student debt holders are over the age of 50.
- More than half of student debt holders over the age of 26 do not hold a bachelor's degree or higher.