



Elections in Massachusetts

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Turnout

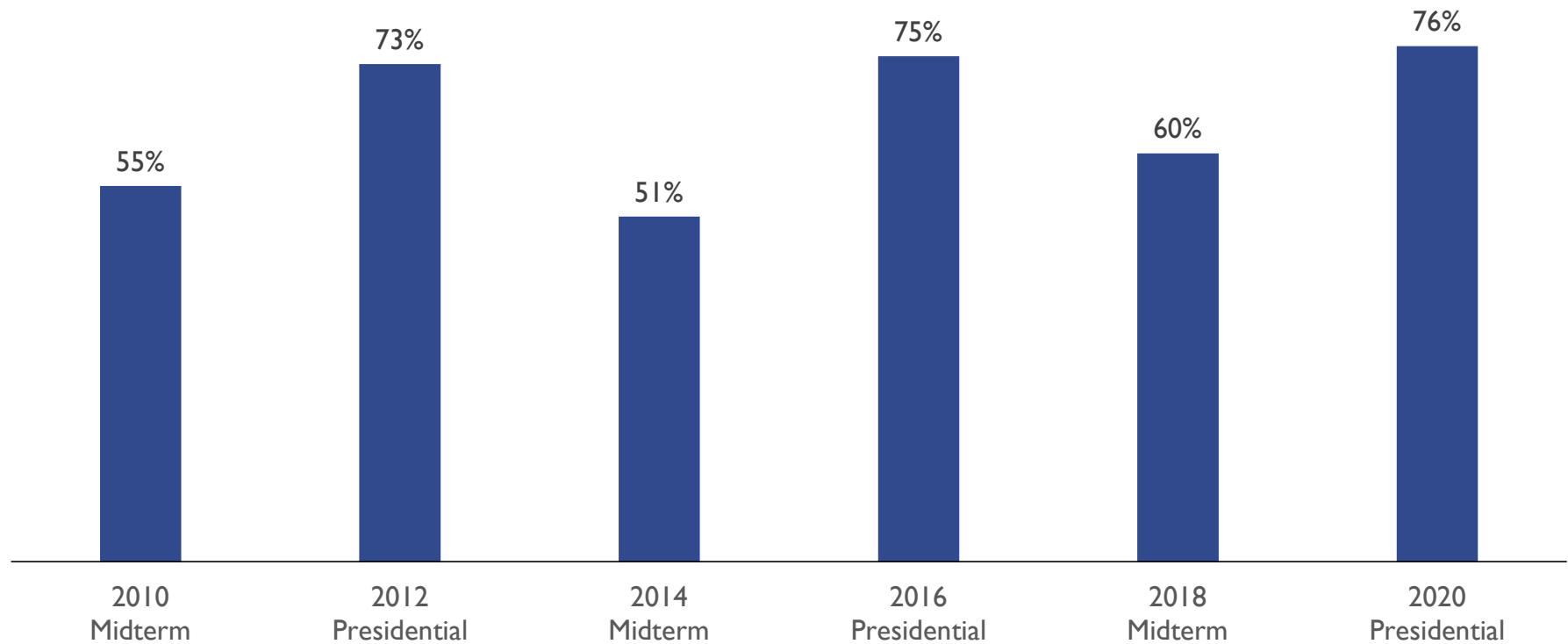


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Federal elections generate higher turnout, especially for presidential years where three-quarters of registered voters participate.

Share of registered voters who voted in federal general elections. Massachusetts.

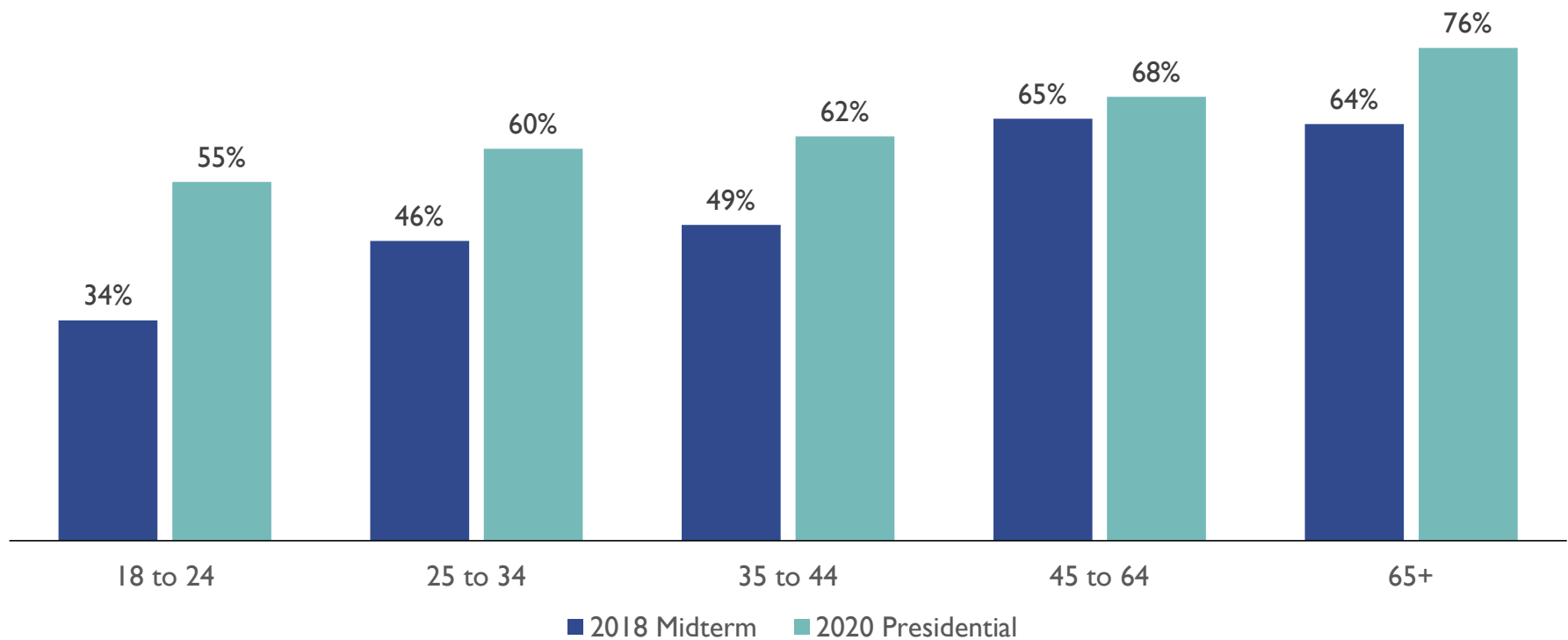


Source: Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Turnout for younger voters is much lower than for older voters, especially during midterm elections.

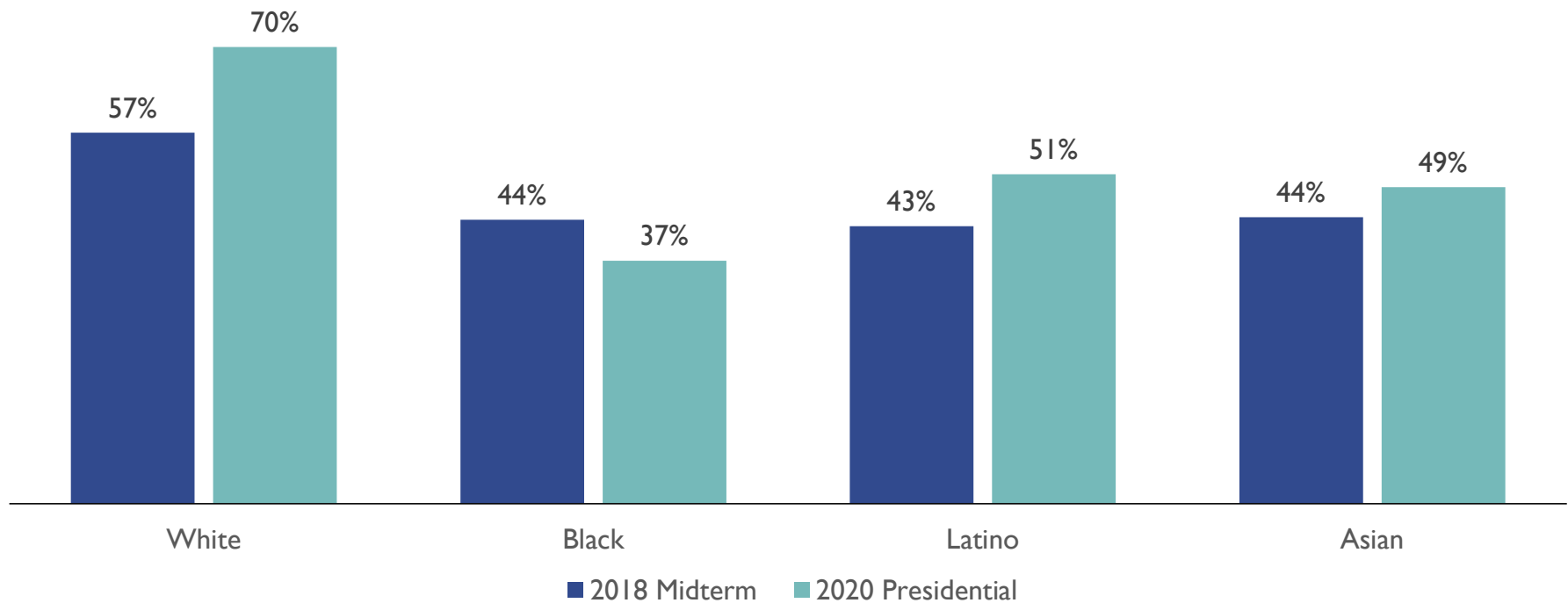
Turnout by age group of civilian voting age population, Massachusetts.



Source: Current Population Study, Voting and Registration Table 4c. 2018 and 2020. Census Bureau.

Voter Turnout by Race

Turnout by race or ethnicity of civilian voting age population, Massachusetts.

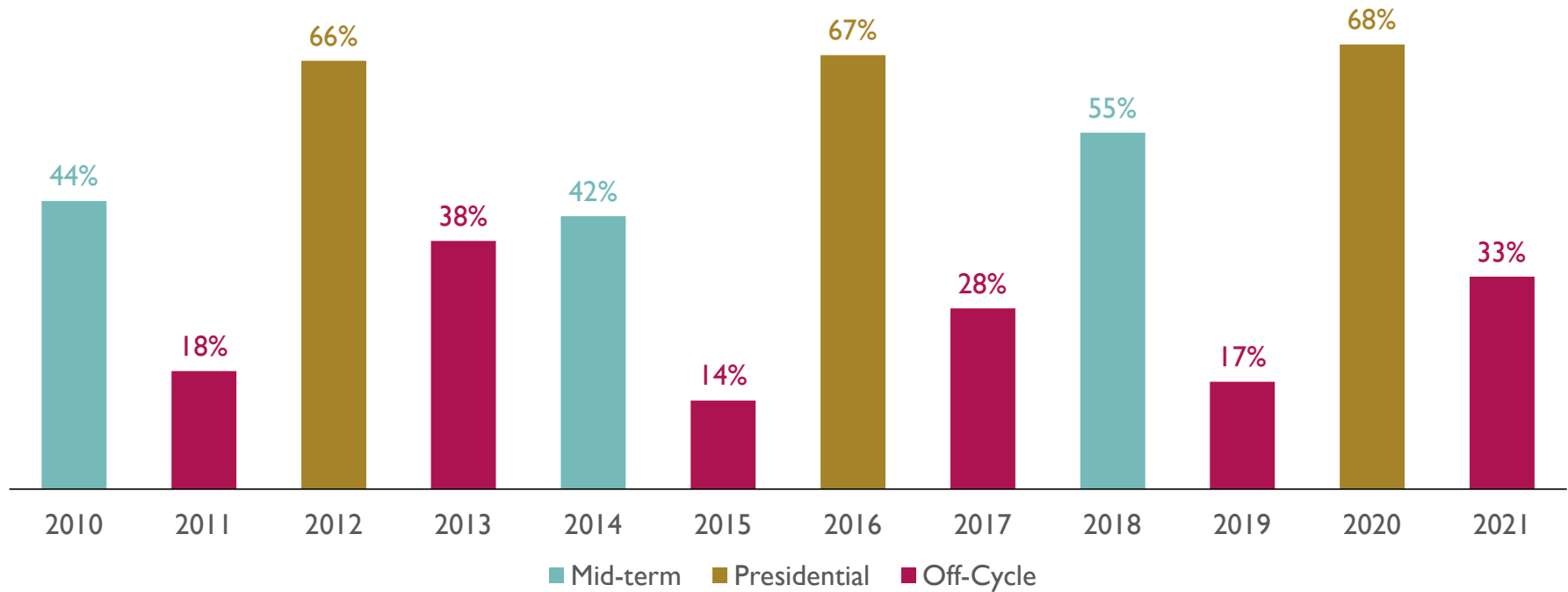


Note: White, Black and Asian groups are non-Latino. Latinos can be of any race.

Source: Current Population Study, Voting and Registration Table 4b. 2018 and 2020. Census Bureau.

Off-cycle elections in Boston have especially low turnout.

Share of registered voters who voted in recent Boston elections.



Source: State and City of Boston Election Results

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Party Registration and Name Recognition

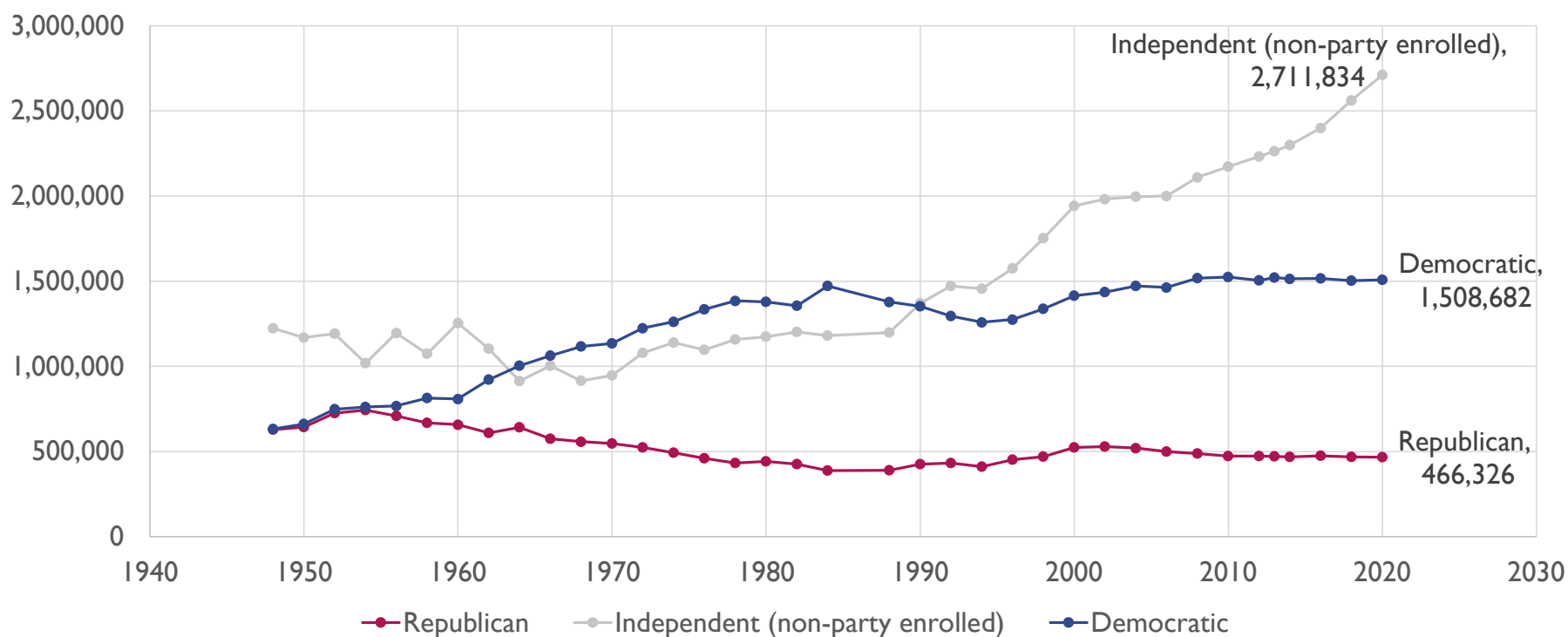


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The state's Democratic party has a 3:1 registration advantage against MA Republicans.

Voter registration by party. 1948-2020.



Note: Excludes parties with fewer than 50,000 registered voters.

Source: Massachusetts Registered Voter Enrollment, Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth

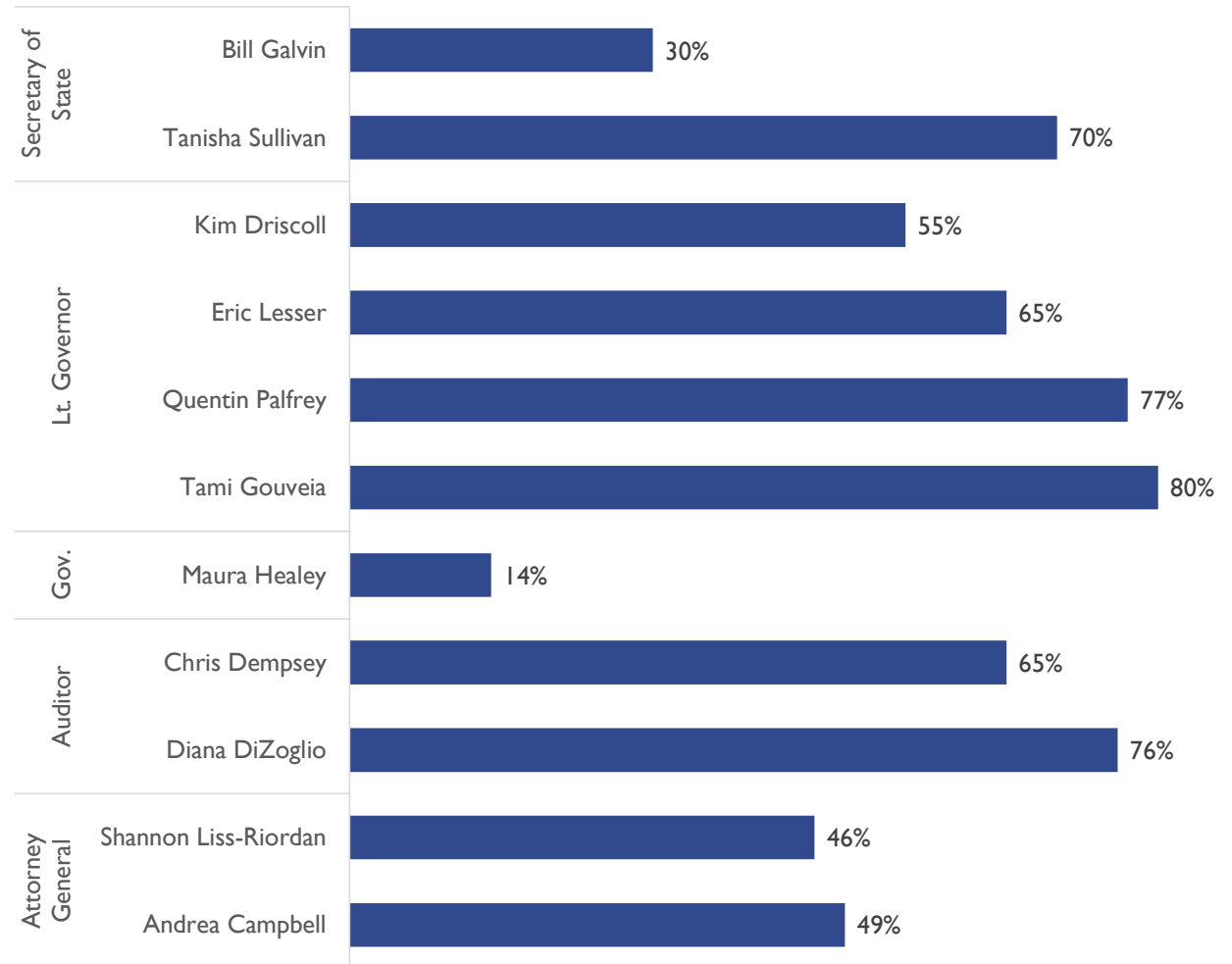
Immediately prior to September's primary election, more than half of Democratic voters had never heard of most Democratic candidates for statewide office.

Aug 19-21, 2022.

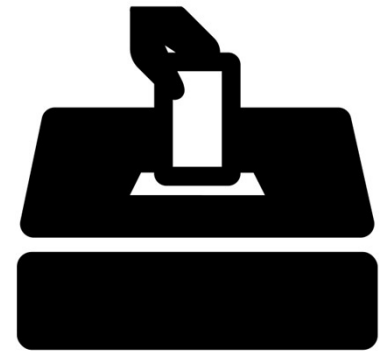
Note: Massachusetts 2022 primary took place on Sep 6, 2022.

Source: Priorities for Progress, MA Democratic Primary Poll. MassInc Polling Group.

Share of voters who had “Never heard of...”



Competitiveness

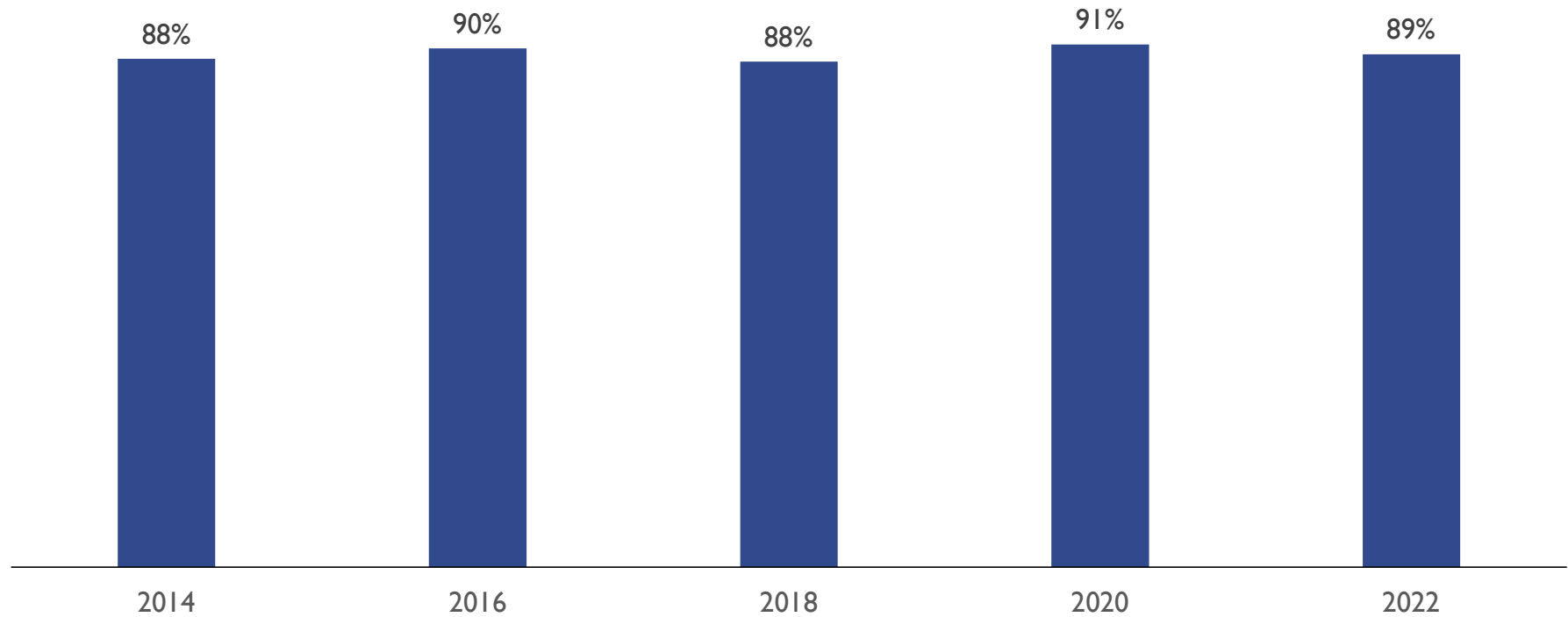


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Roughly 90 percent of legislative primaries in Massachusetts go uncontested.

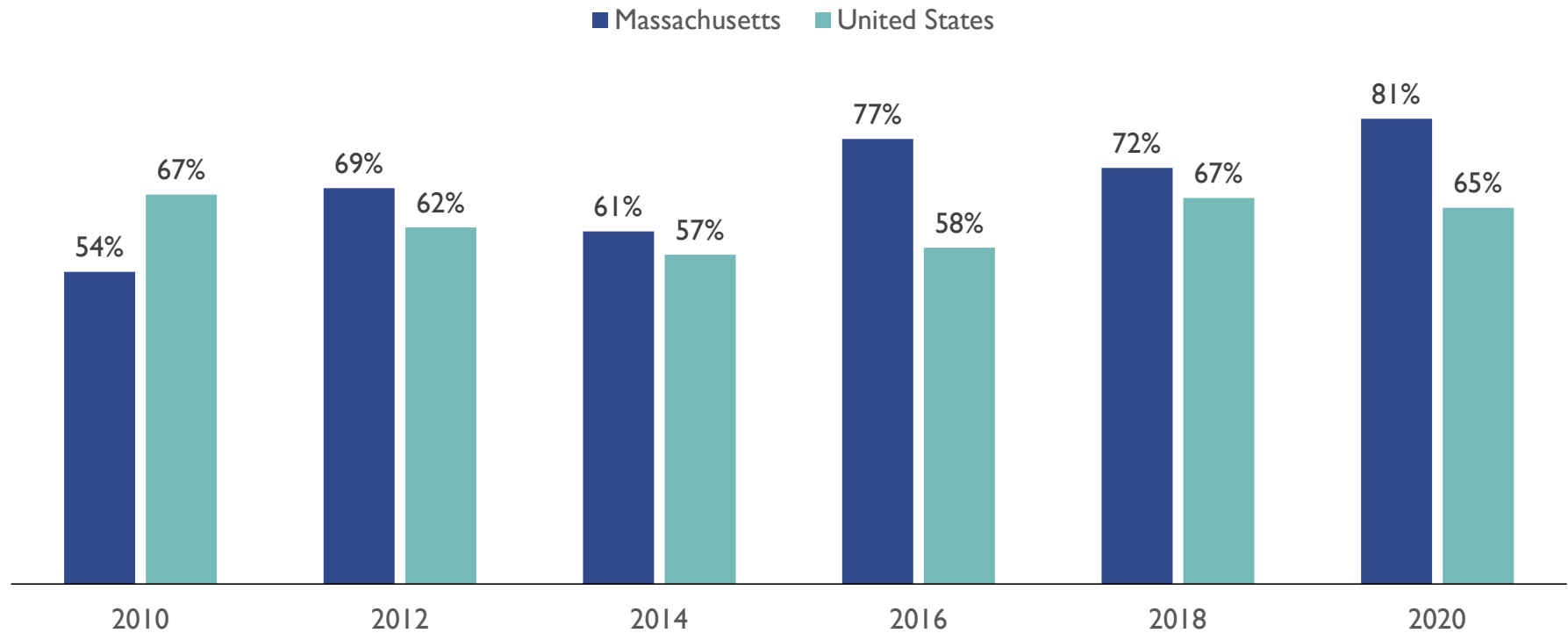
Percent of uncontested Massachusetts legislative primaries.



Source: Massachusetts State Legislative Competitiveness, Ballotpedia

General elections in Massachusetts are also rarely contested.

Percent of uncontested legislative elections, Massachusetts and all U.S. states.



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Representation

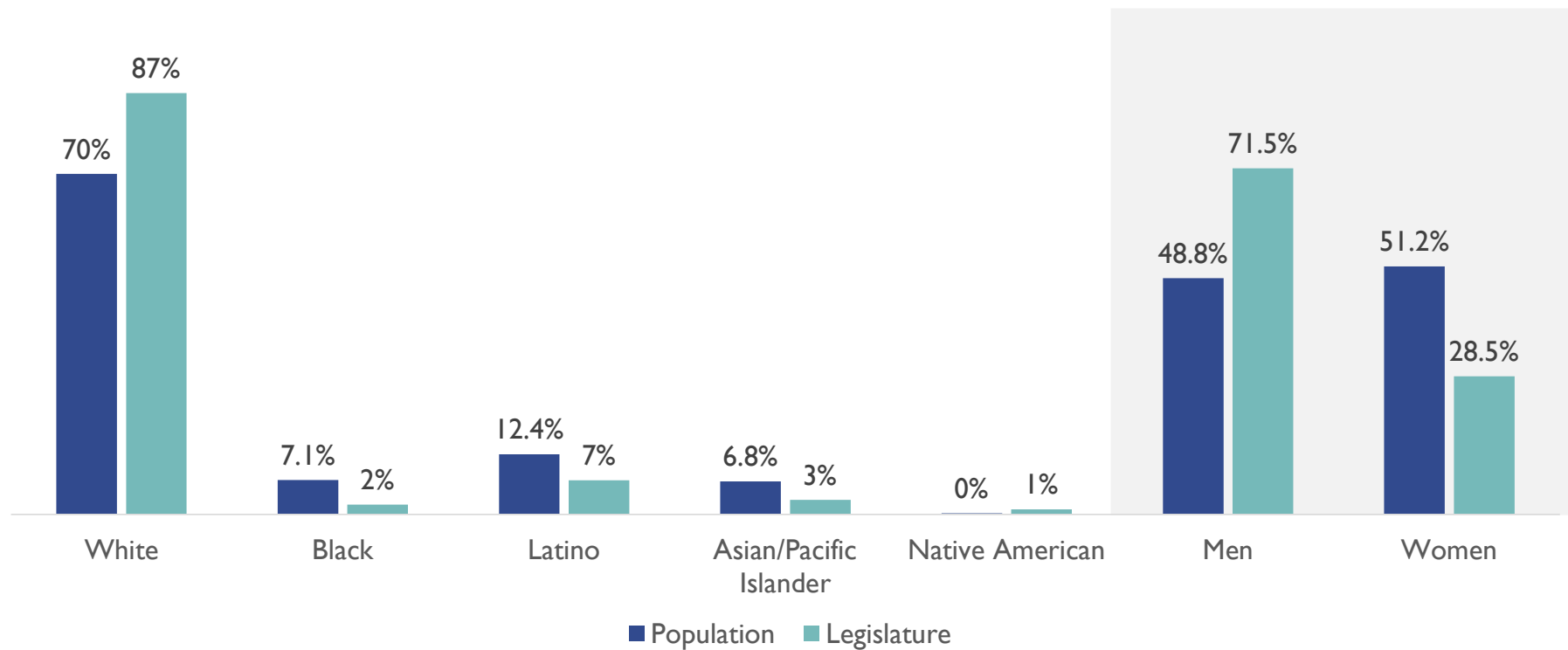


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The state legislature doesn't reflect the diversity of Massachusetts.

Share of population and legislature by race and gender.



Source: 2019 American Community Survey, National Conference of State Legislators.



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