



# Elections in Massachusetts

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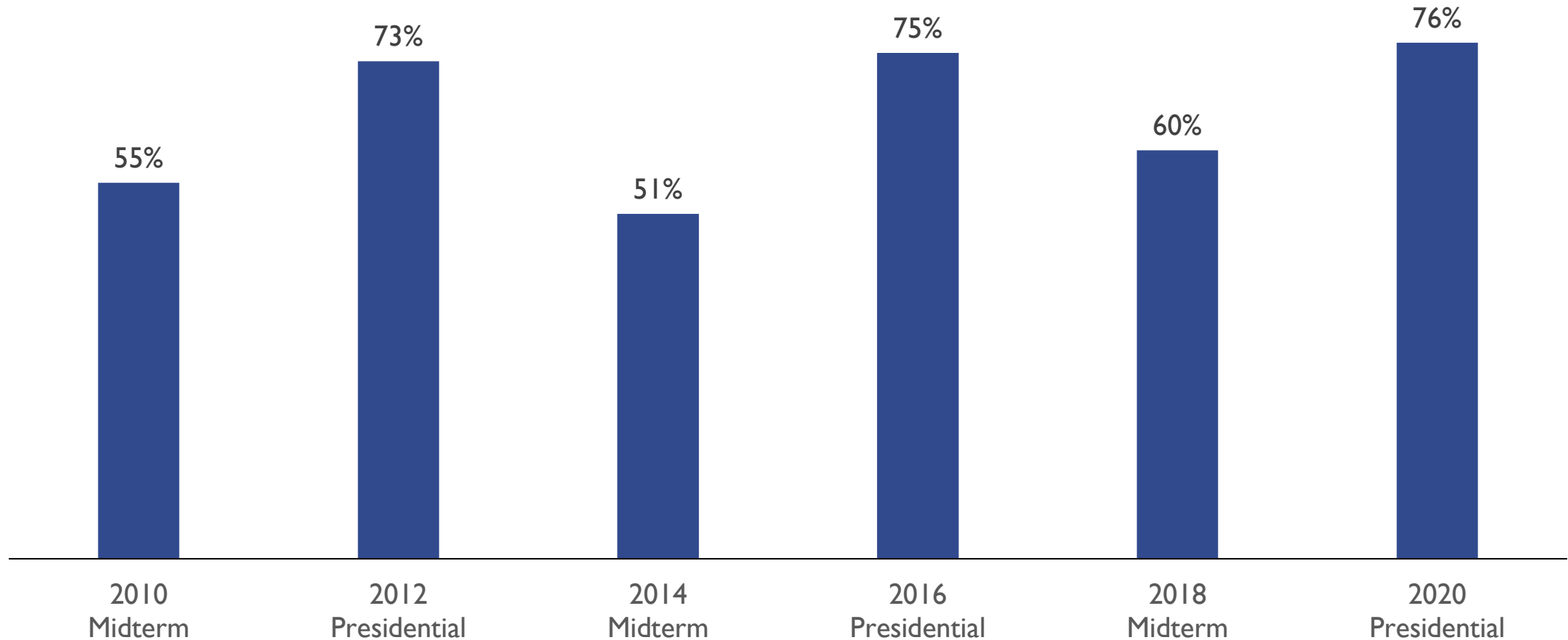
# Turnout



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

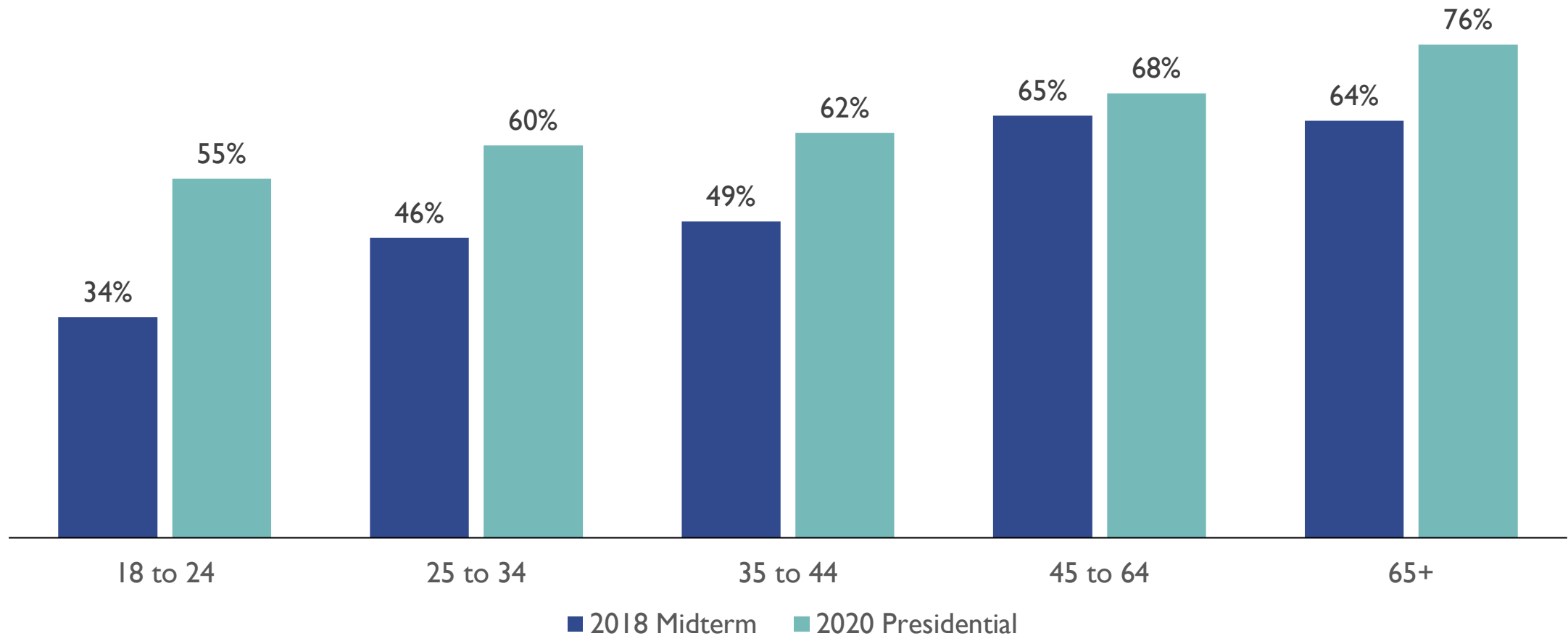
Share of registered voters who voted in federal general elections. Massachusetts.



Source: Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth

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

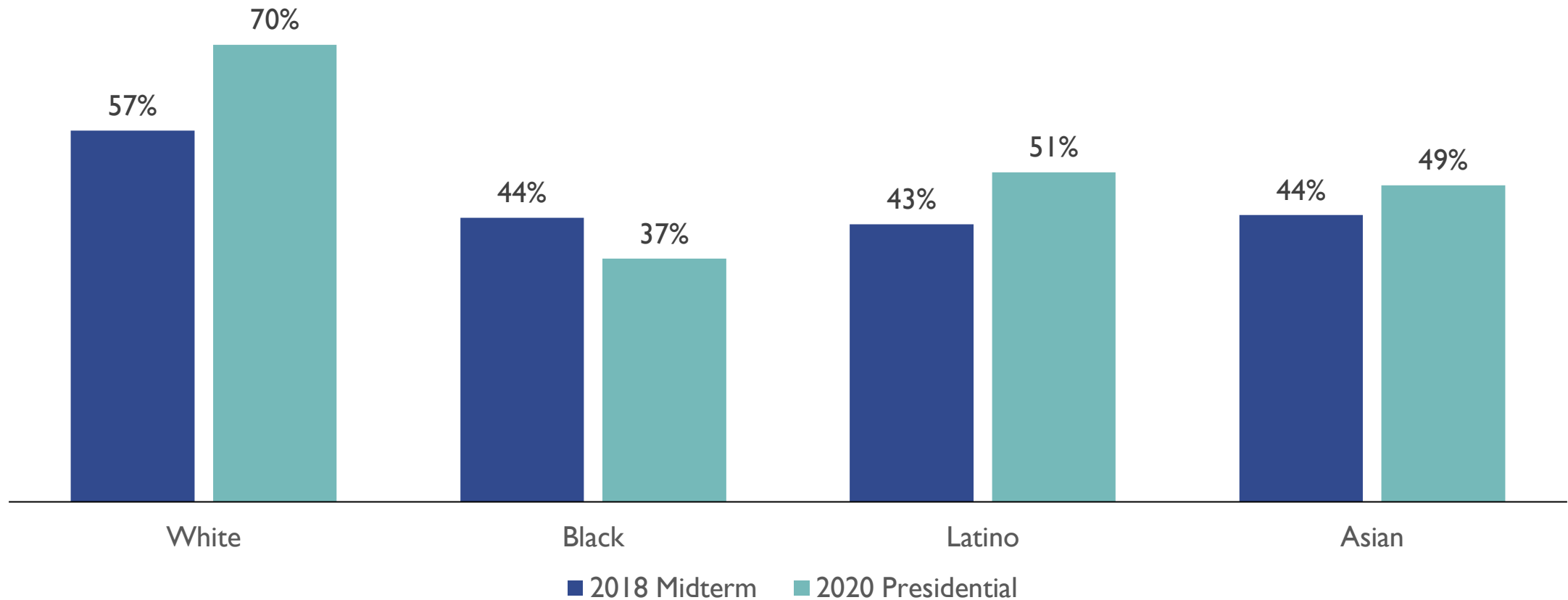
Turnout by age group of civilian voting age population, Massachusetts.



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

# Voter Turnout by Race

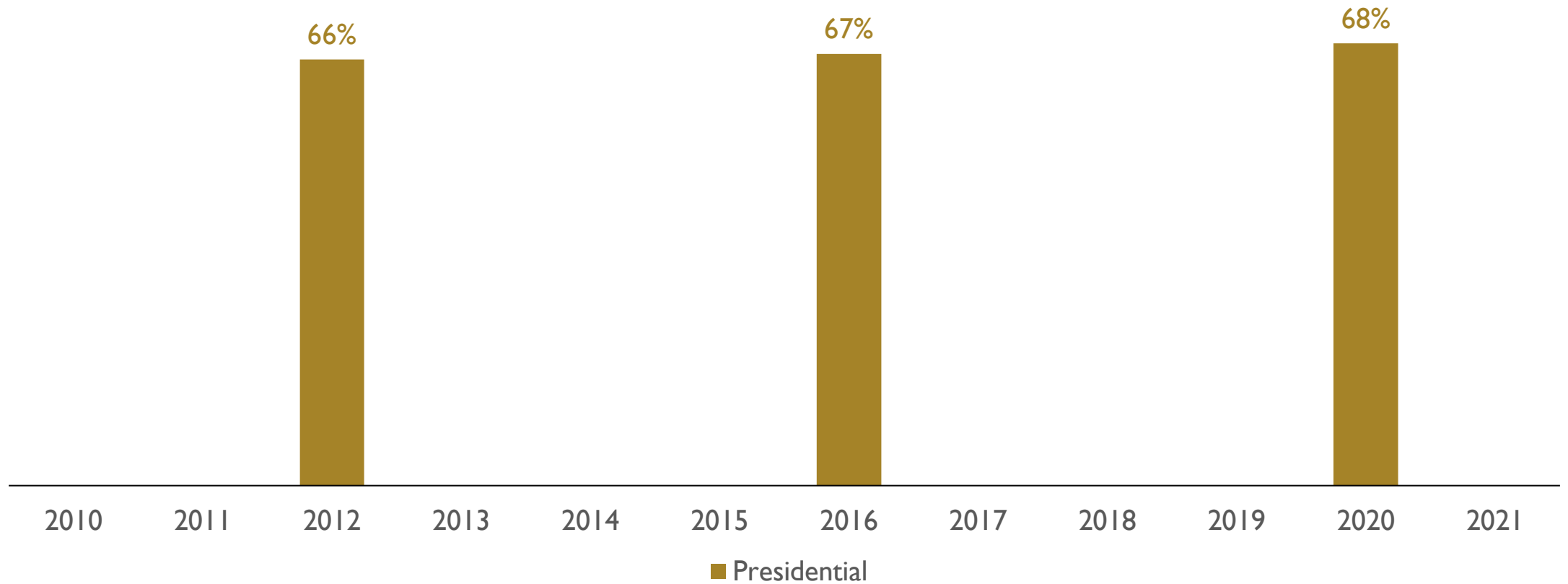
Turnout by race or ethnicity of civilian voting age population, Massachusetts.



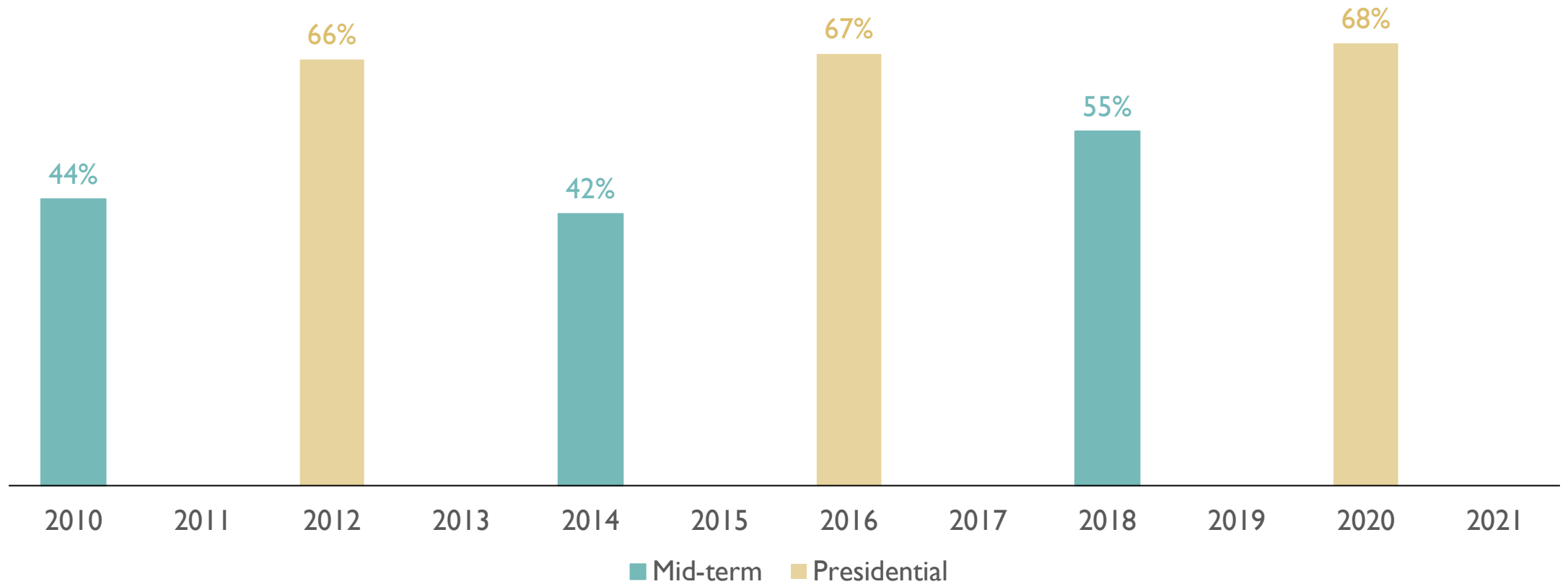
Note: White, Black and Asian groups are non-Latino. Latinos can be of any race.

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

# Boston Turnout, Presidential Elections

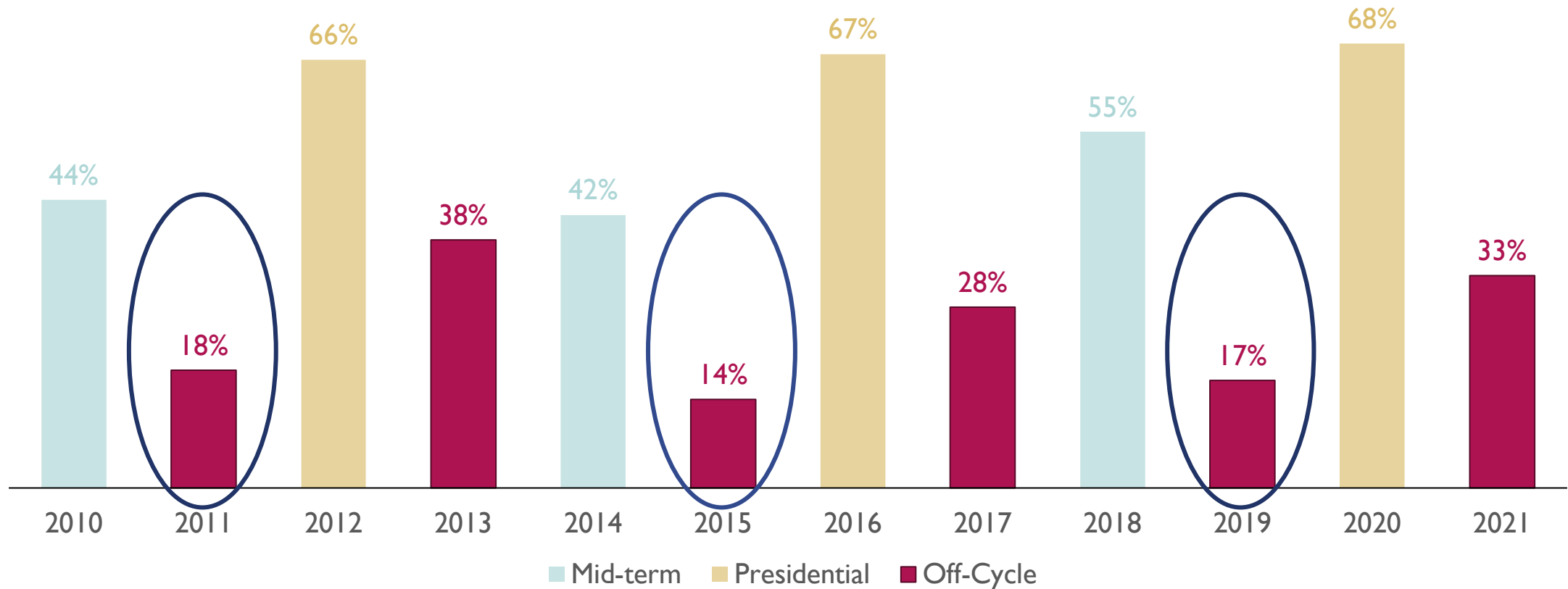


# Boston Turnout, Midterm Elections



# 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



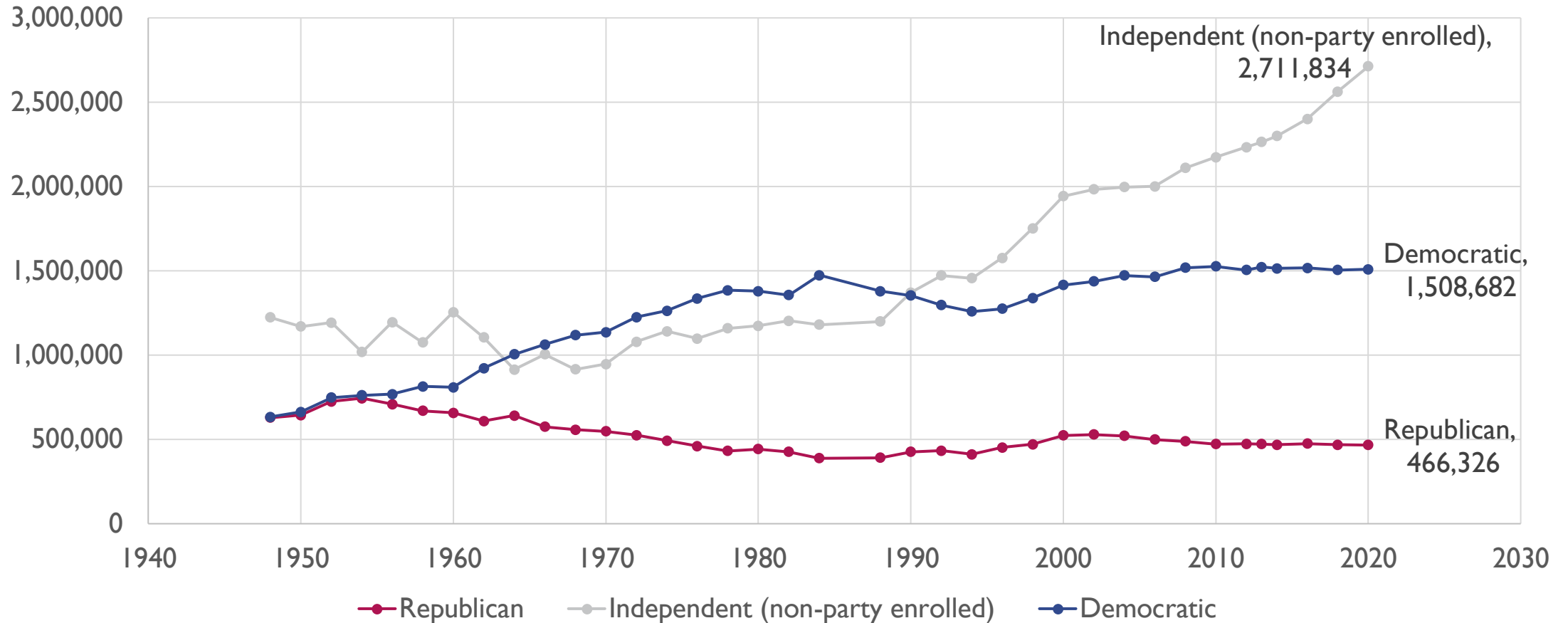
# Party Registration and Name Recognition



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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

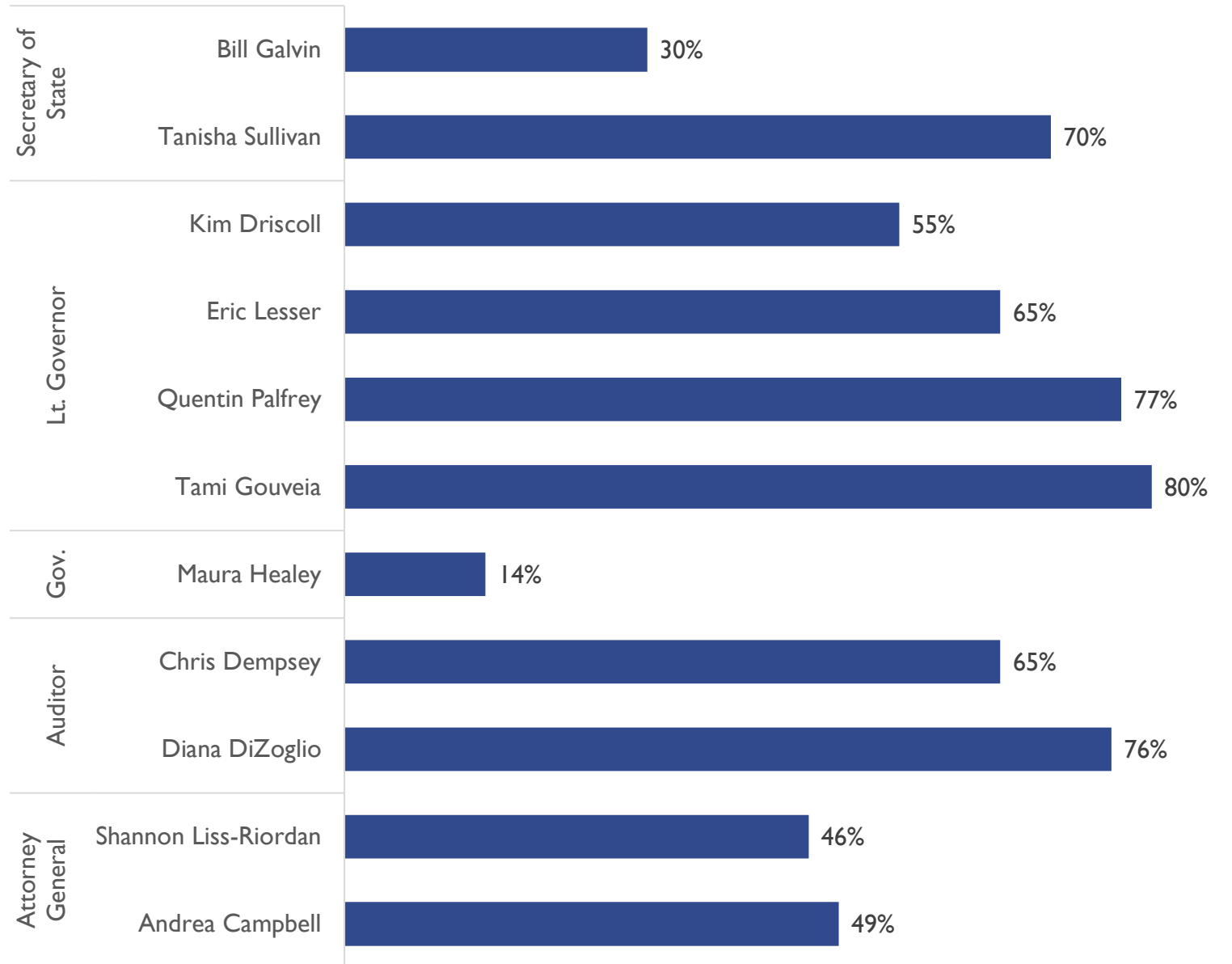
# Immediately prior to September's primary election, more than half of Democratic voters had never heard of most Democratic candidates for statewide office.

Aug 19-21, 2022.

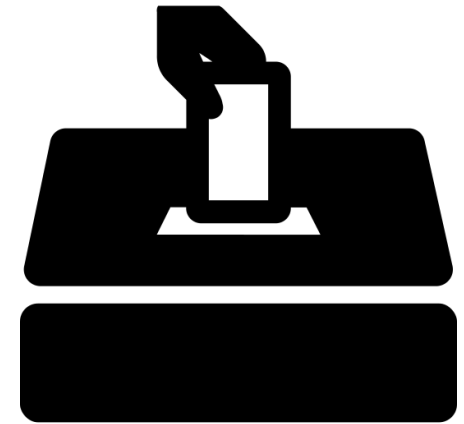
Note: Massachusetts 2022 primary took place on Sep 6, 2022.

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

Share of voters who had "Never heard of..."



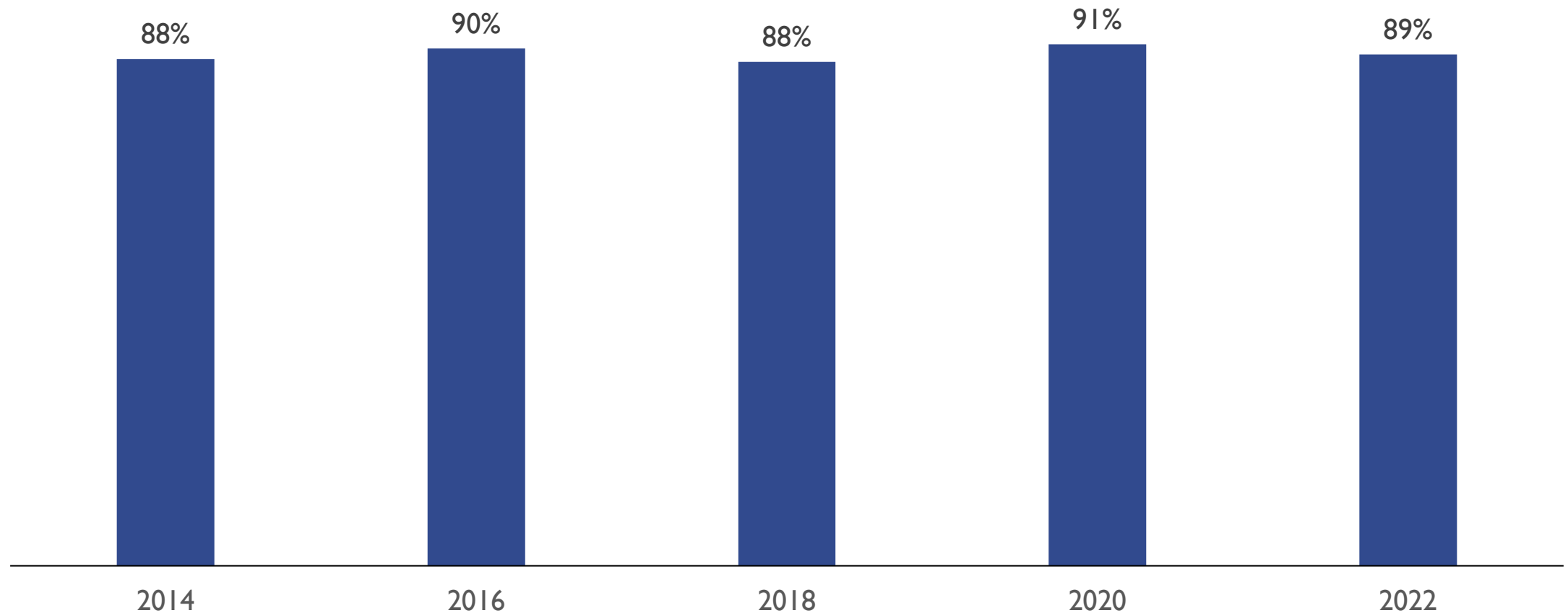
# Competitiveness



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# Roughly 90 percent of legislative primaries in Massachusetts go uncontested.

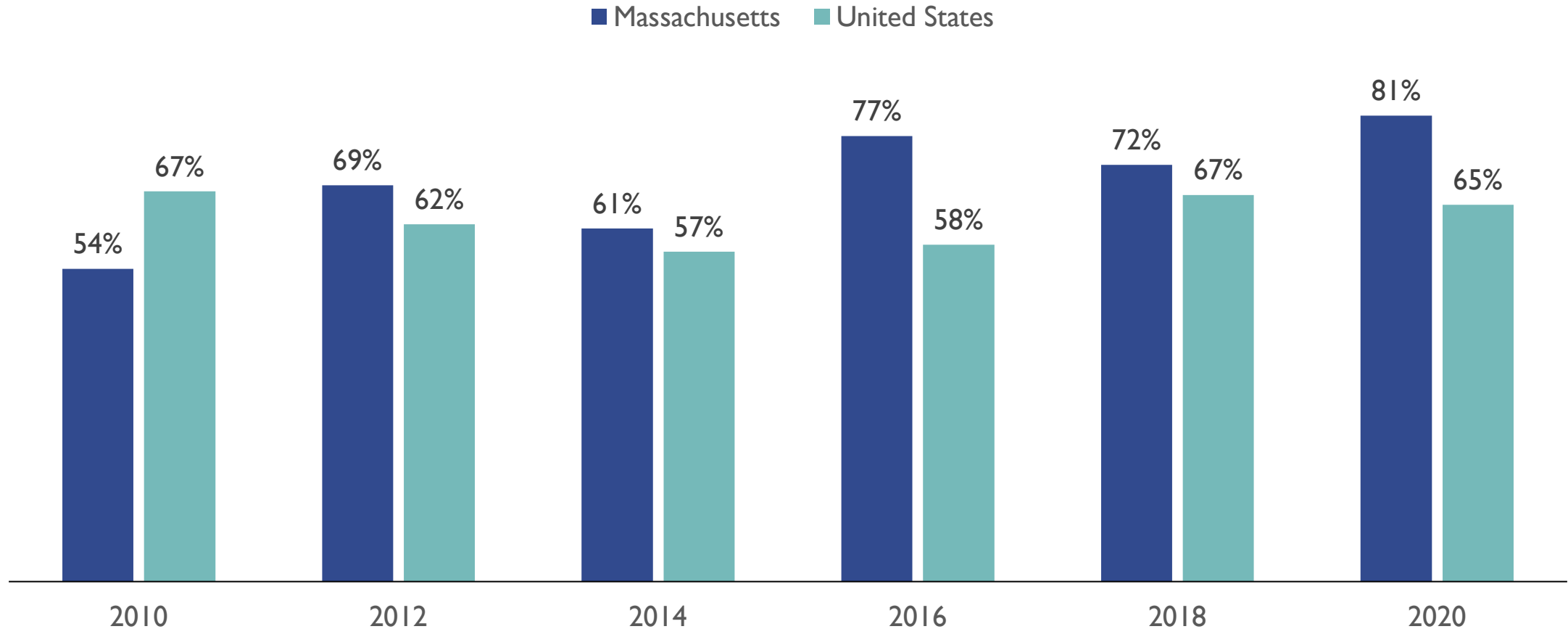
Percent of uncontested Massachusetts legislative primaries.



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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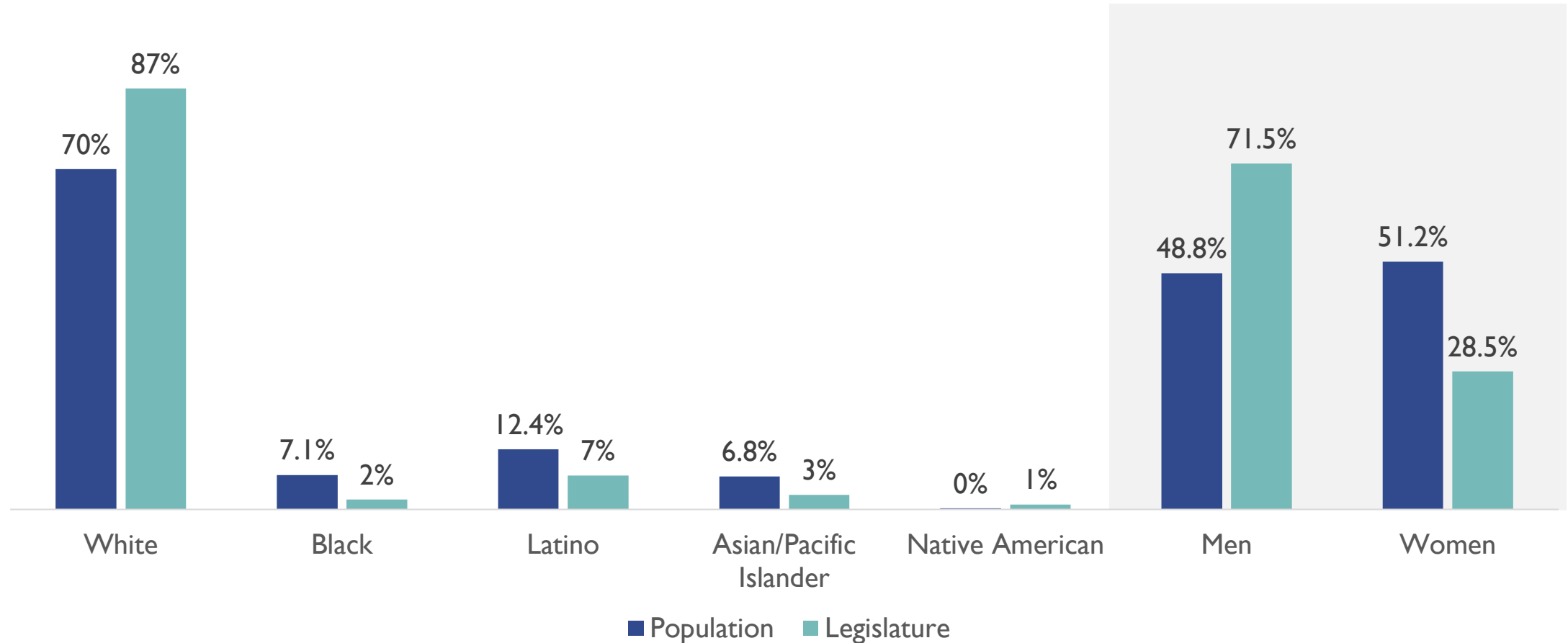
# Representation



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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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