Elections in Massachusetts
Turnout
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.

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<th>Age Group</th>
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Voter Turnout by Race

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

- **White**: 57% (2018 Midterm), 70% (2020 Presidential)
- **Black**: 44% (2018 Midterm), 37% (2020 Presidential)
- **Latino**: 43% (2018 Midterm), 51% (2020 Presidential)
- **Asian**: 44% (2018 Midterm), 49% (2020 Presidential)

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


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

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

Source: Massachusetts State Legislative Competitiveness, Ballotpedia
Representation
The state legislature doesn’t reflect the diversity of Massachusetts.
Share of population and legislature by race and gender.

Thank You