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**2022-2023 CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
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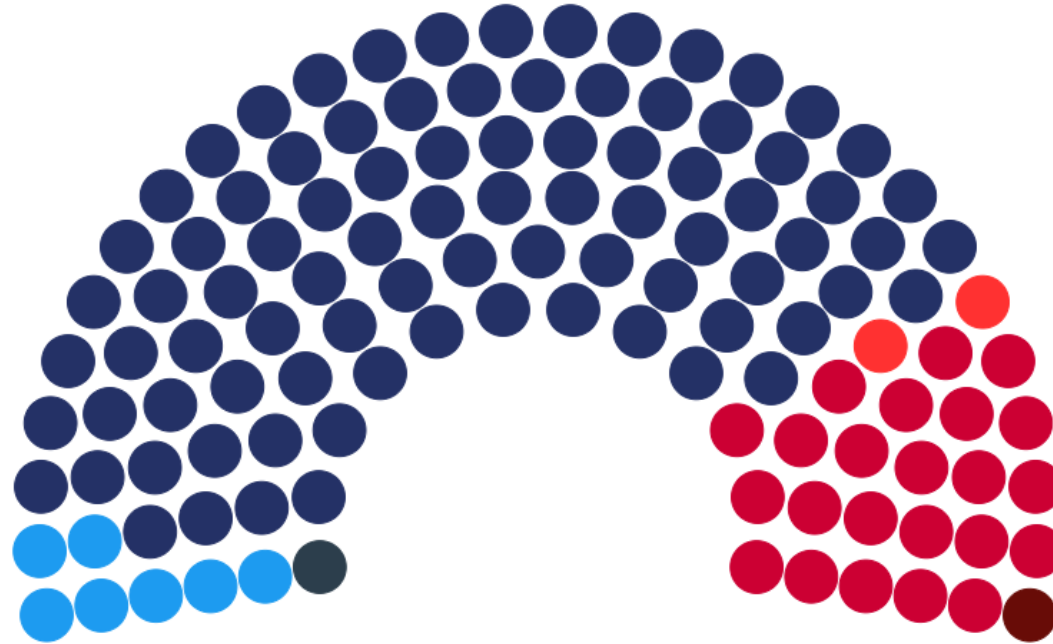
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Title: 2022-2023 California State Legislature

## 2022-2023 California State Legislature

Number of Legislators	120
Number of Legislators in dataset	118 (198% complete)
Average Age of Legislators	51.5 years
Number of Legislators $\leq$ 35 Years of Age	22 (18.5%)
Youngest Legislator	Rep. Alexander lee Male Born 1995 Asian Democratic Party
Number Female Legislators	50 (41.67%)
Average Age Female Legislators	50.3 years
Number of Male Legislators	70 (58.33%)
Average Age Male Legislators	52.3 years
Number of Democrat Legislators	94 (78.33%)
Average Age Democrat Legislators	51.7 years
Number of Republican Legislators	26 (21.67%)
Average Age Republican Legislators	50.7 years

## California State Legislature 2022-2023



Party	2024
● Missing Democrats (age)	1
● Democratic YELs	7
● Democrats	86
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	23
● Missing Republicans (age)	1
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

Source: Young Elected Leaders Project 2021 • YEL is a legislator ≤35 years of age.  
Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

## California State Legislature, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

1

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

36

Gen X (1965-1980)

59

Millennials (1981-1996)

22

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

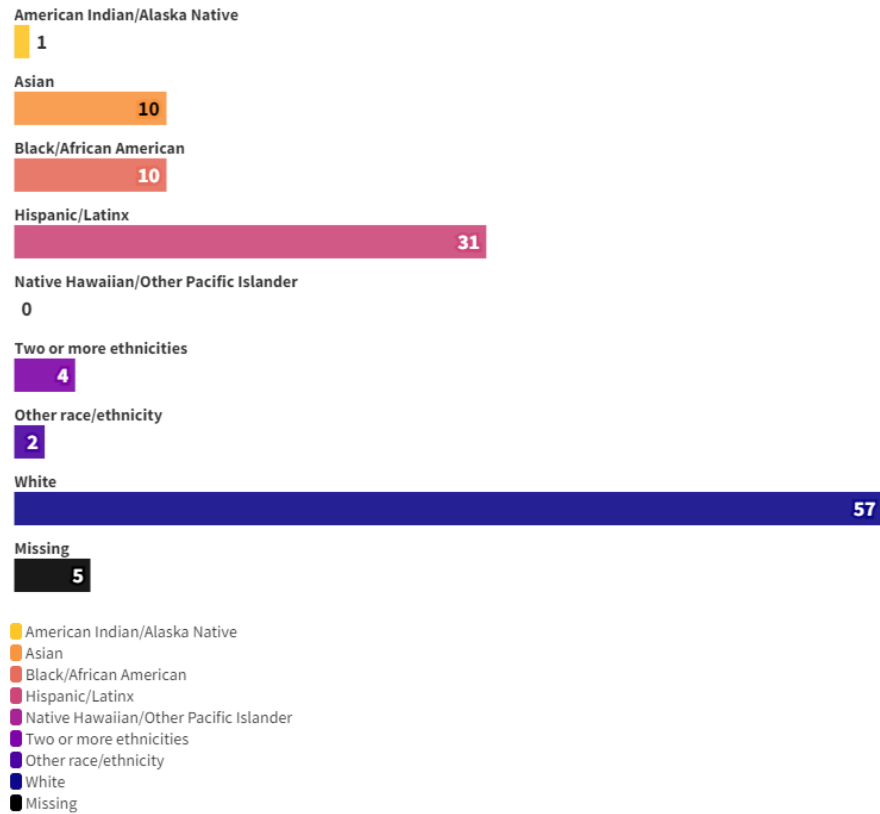
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**California State Legislature, 2022-2023**  
Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

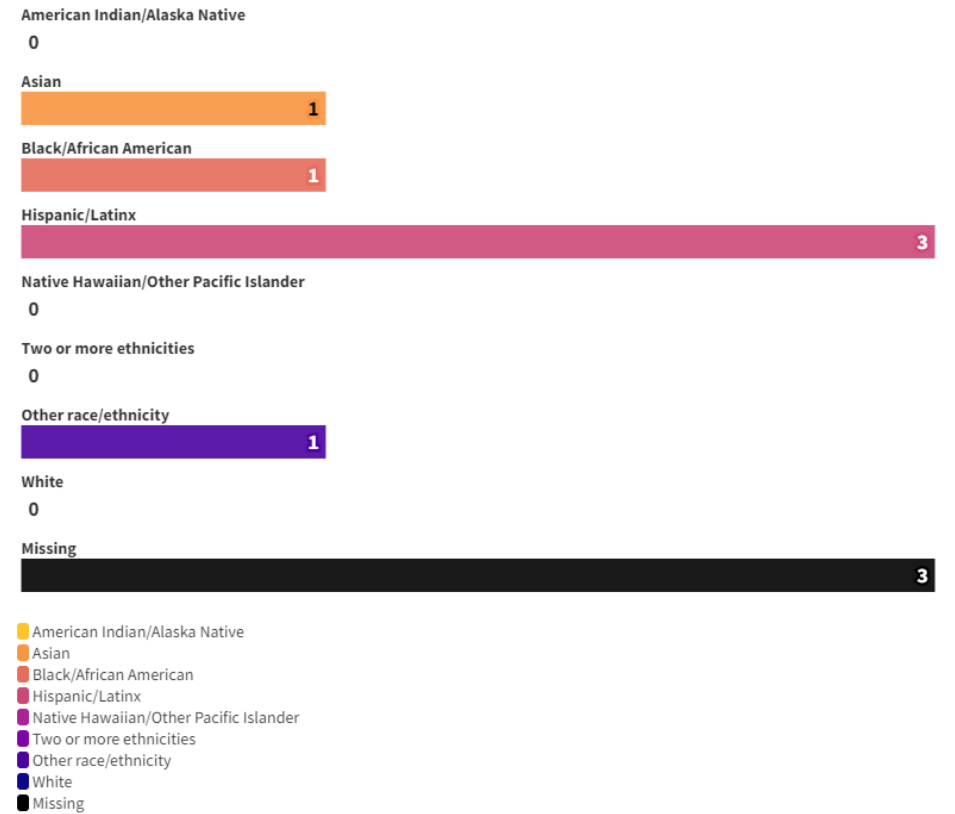
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**California State Legislature, 2022-2023**  
Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

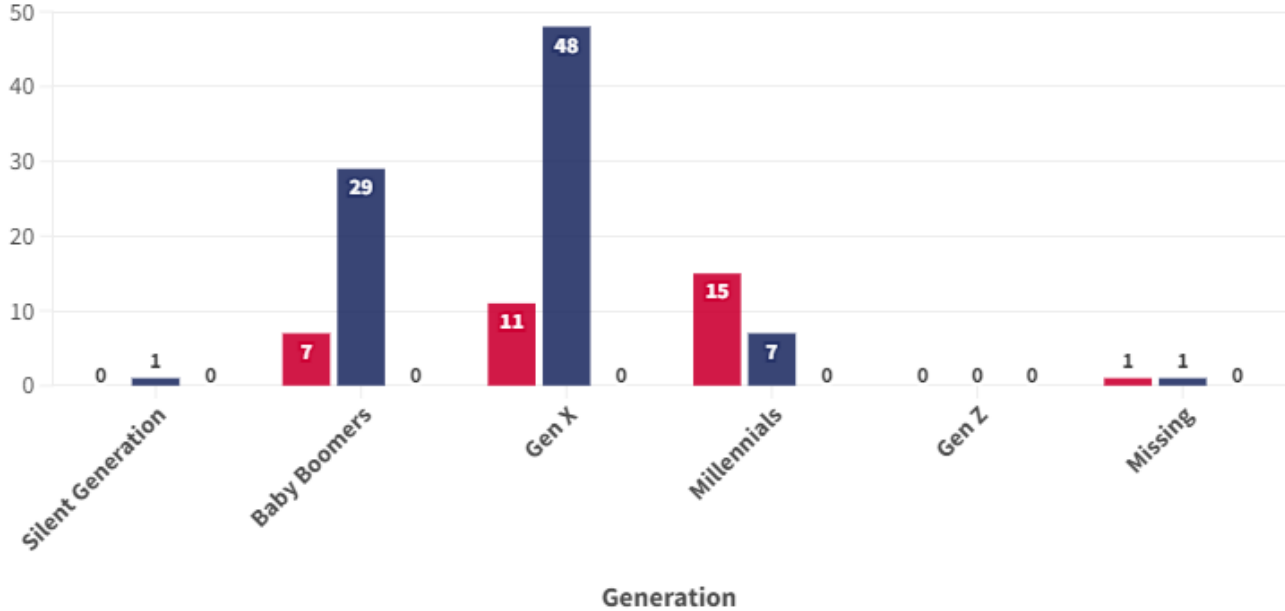


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# California State Legislature, 2022-2023

## Generation by Party

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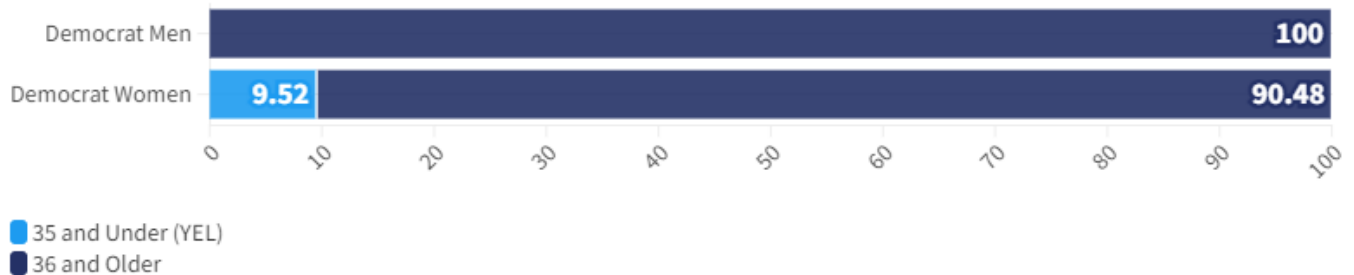
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## California State Legislature, 2022-2023

### Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

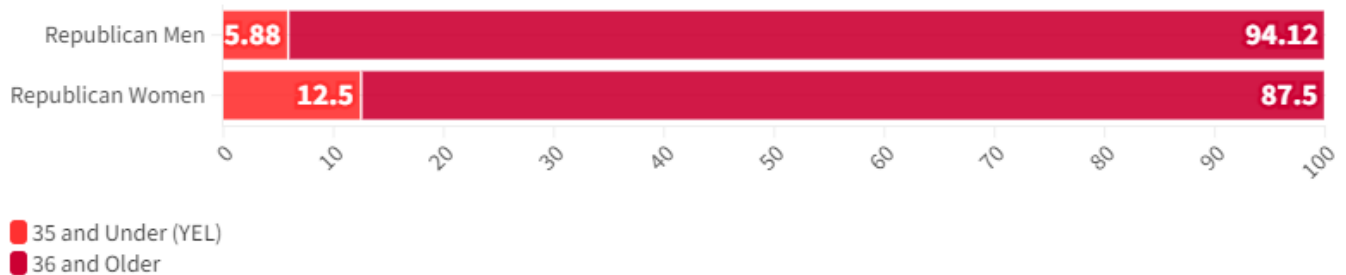


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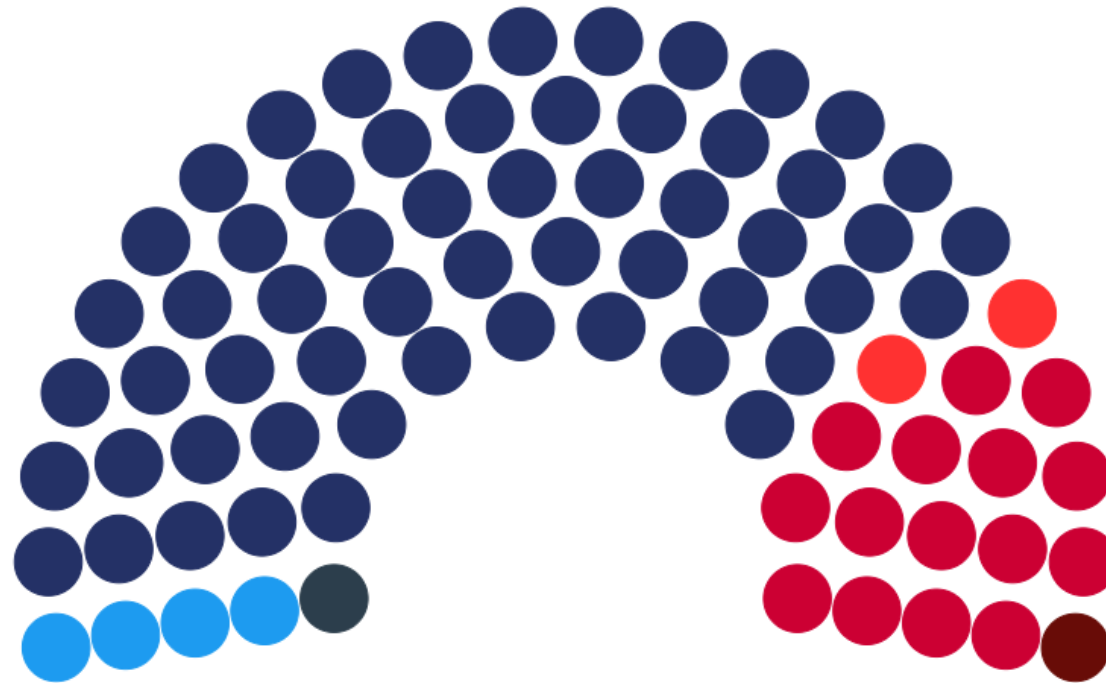
## 2022-2023 California Assembly

Number of Representatives	80
Number of Representatives in dataset	78 (98% complete)
Average Age of Representatives	49.5 years
Number of Representatives $\leq$ 35 Years of Age	6 (7.50%)
Youngest Representative	Rep. Alexander Lee Male Born 1995 Asian Democratic Party
Number Female Representatives	32 (40%)
Average Age Female Representatives	50.3 years
Number of Male Representatives	48 (60%)
Average Age Male Representatives	48.9 years
Number of Democrat Representatives	62 (77.50%)
Average Age Democrat Representatives	50.0 years
Number of Republican Representatives	18 (22.50%)
Average Age Republican Representatives	47.4 years



# California House of Representatives

## 2022-2023



Party	2024
● Missing Democrats (age)	1
● Democratic YELs	4
● Democrats	57
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	15
● Missing Republicans (age)	1
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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## California House of Representatives, 2022-2023

### Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

0

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

19

Gen X (1965-1980)

42

Millennials (1981-1996)

17

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

2

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### California House of Representatives, 2022-2023

#### Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

1

Asian

8

Black/African American

8

Hispanic/Latinx

20

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

4

Other race/ethnicity

1

White

34

Missing

4

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Two or more ethnicities
- Other race/ethnicity
- White
- Missing

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### California House of Representatives, 2022-2023

#### Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

1

Black/African American

1

Hispanic/Latinx

1

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

0

Missing

3

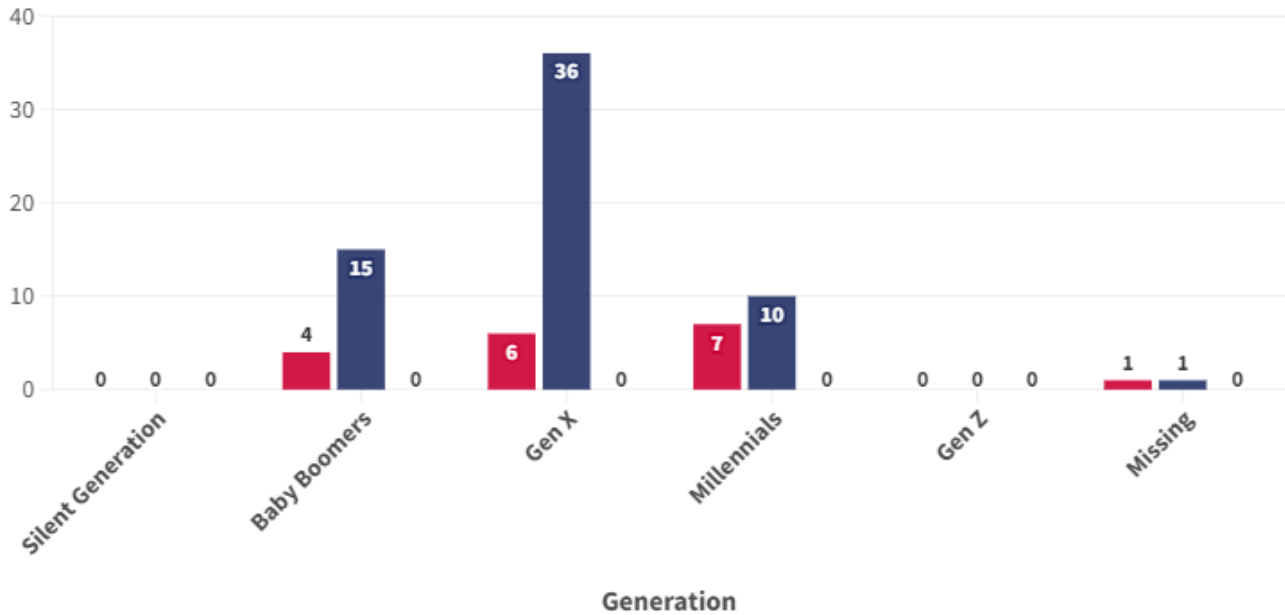
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## Generation by Party

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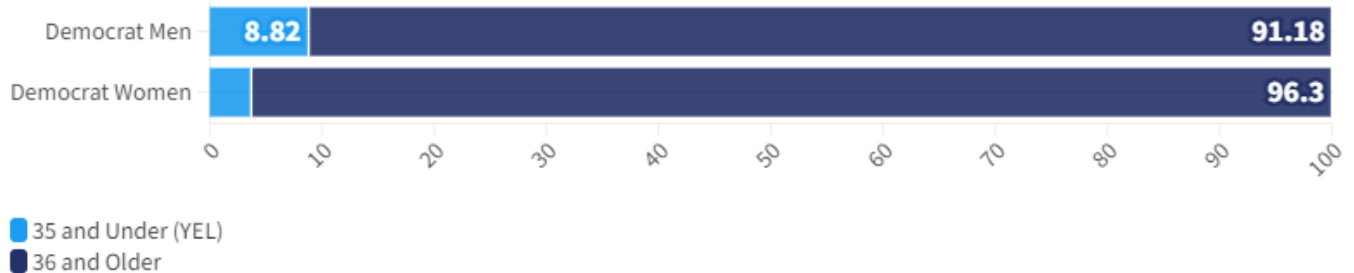
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### Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

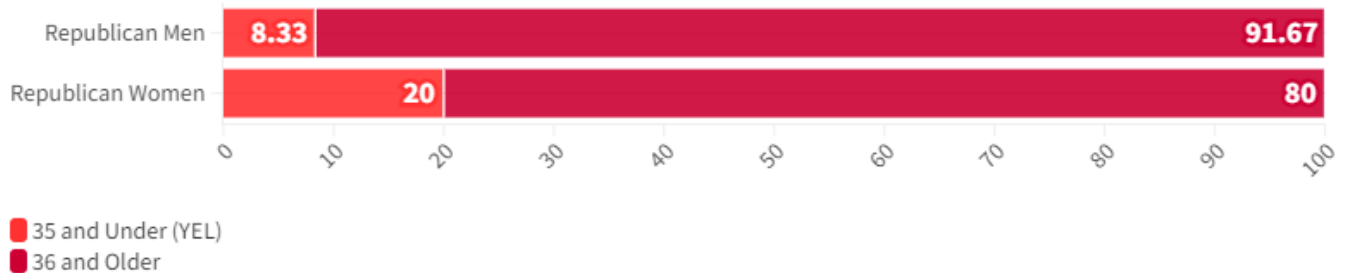


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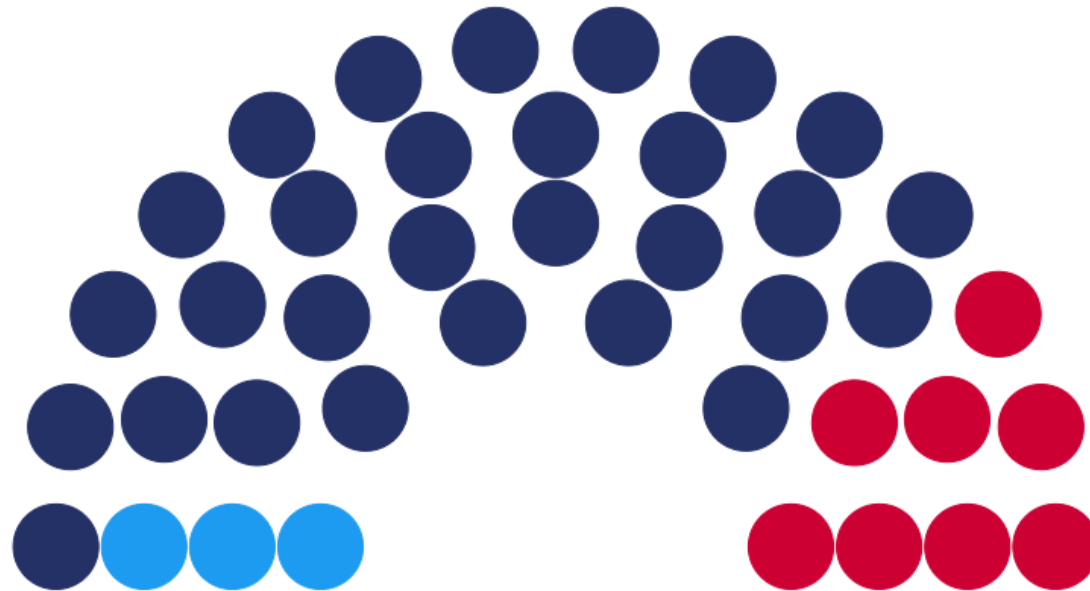


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## 2022-2023 California Senate

Number of Senators	40
Number of Senators in dataset	40 (100% complete)
Average Age of Senators	55.4 years
Number of Senators $\leq$ 35 Years of Age	3 (7.50%)
Youngest Senator	Sen. Caroline Menjivar Female Born 1989 Hispanic/Latinx Democratic Party
Number Female Senators	18 (45.00%)
Average Age Female Senators	50.4 years
Number of Male Senators	22 (55.00%)
Average Age Male Senators	59.4 years
Number of Democrat Senators	32 (80.00%)
Average Age Democrat Senators	54.8 years
Number of Republican Senators	8 (20.00%)
Average Age Republican Senators	54.8 years

## California Senate 2022-2023



Party	2024
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	3
● Democrats	29
● Republican YELs	0
● Republicans	8
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
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Count

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17

Gen X (1965-1980)

17

Millennials (1981-1996)

5

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

0

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#### Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

2

Black/African American

2

Hispanic/Latinx

11

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

1

White

23

Missing

1

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
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- White
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#### Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

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Hispanic/Latinx

2

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

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Other race/ethnicity

1

White

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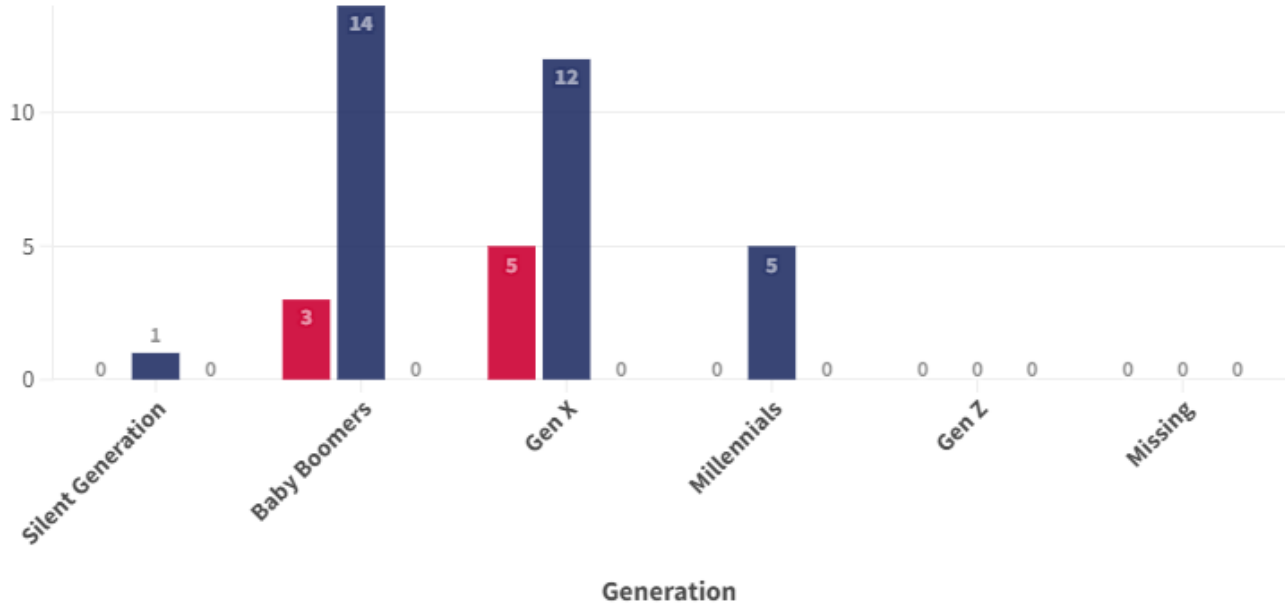
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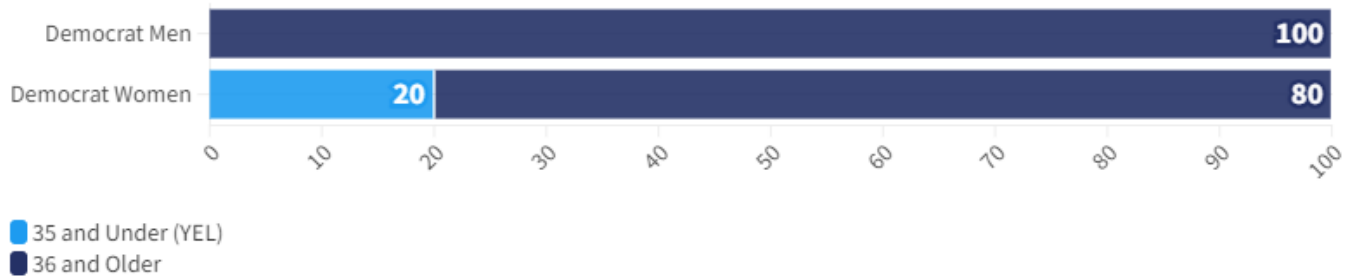
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