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2022-2023 IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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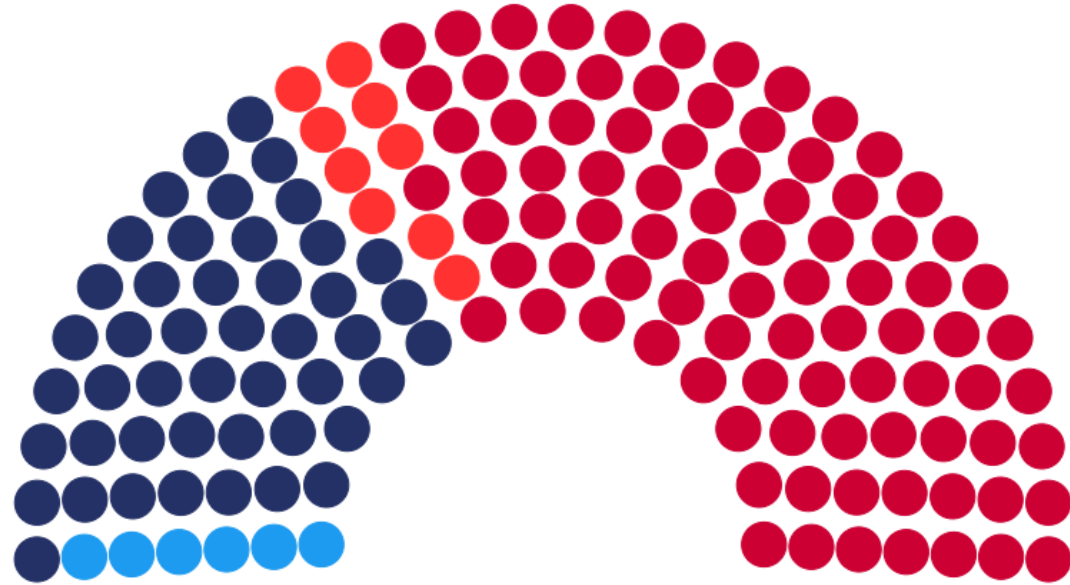
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2022-2023 Iowa General Assembly

Number of Legislators	150
Number of Legislators in dataset	150 (100% complete)
Average Age of Legislators	54.4 years
Number of Legislators \leq 35 Years of Age	15 (10.0%)
Youngest Legislator	Rep. Adam Zabner Male Born 1999
	Democratic Party
Number Female Legislators	44 (29.33%)
Average Age Female Legislators	54.8 years
Number of Male Legislators	106 (70.67%)
Average Age Male Legislators	54.8 years
Number of Democrat Legislators	52 (34.67%)
Average Age Democrat Legislators	54.8 years
Number of Republican Legislators	98 (65.33%)
Average Age Republican Legislators	54.2 years

Iowa State Legislature

2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	6
● Democrats	46
● Republican YELs	9
● Republicans	89
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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 Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

Iowa State Legislature, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

2

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

64

Gen X (1965-1980)

53

Millennials (1981-1996)

23

Gen Z (1997-2012)

3

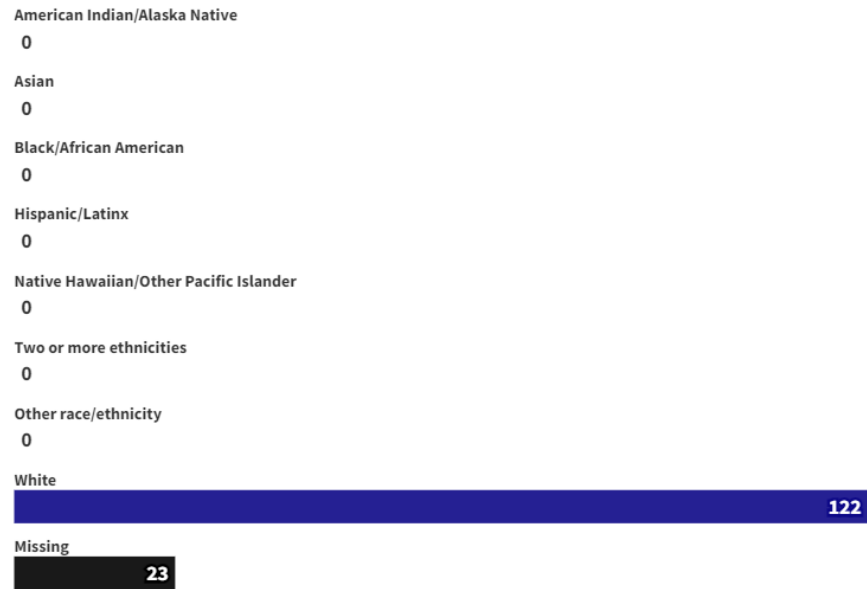
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Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

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

Count

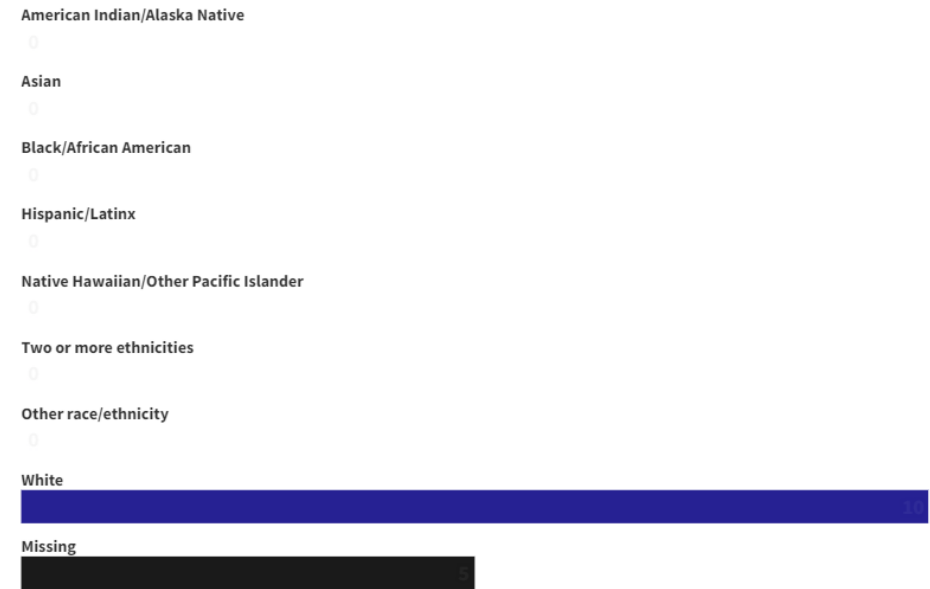


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Iowa State Legislature, 2022-2023
Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count



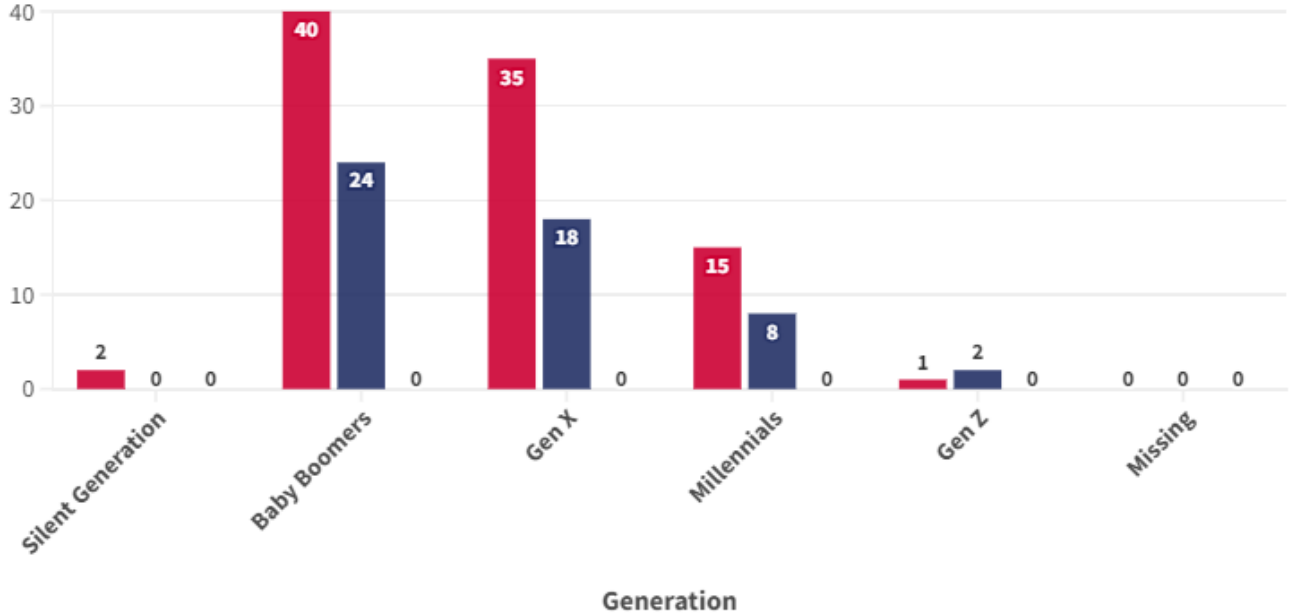
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Iowa State Legislature, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



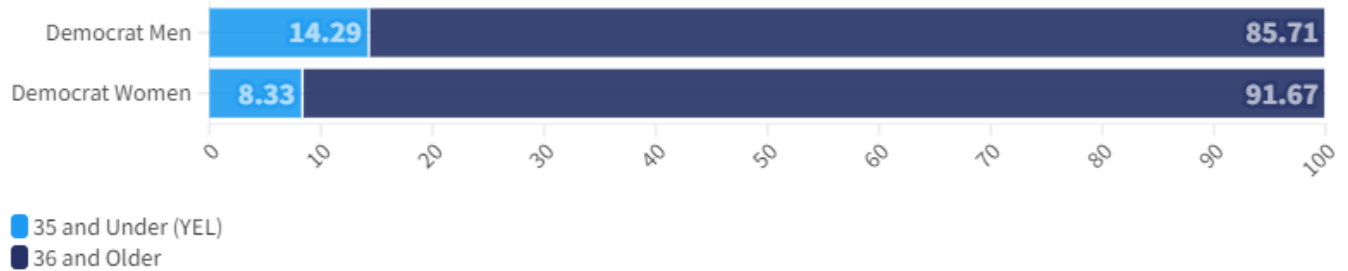
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Iowa State Legislature, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

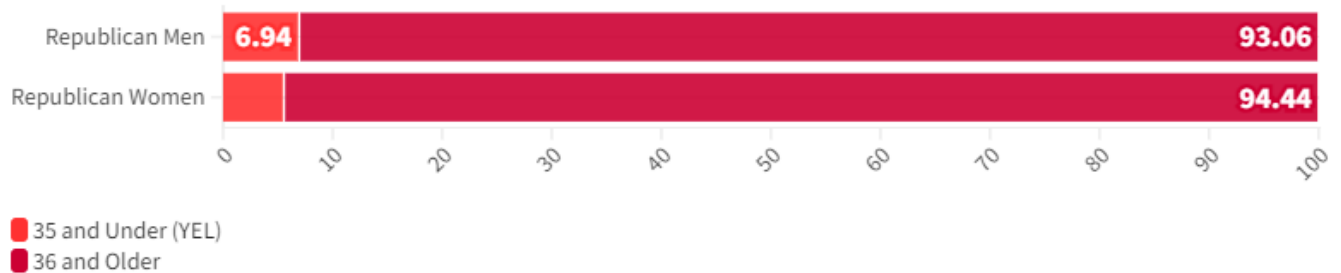


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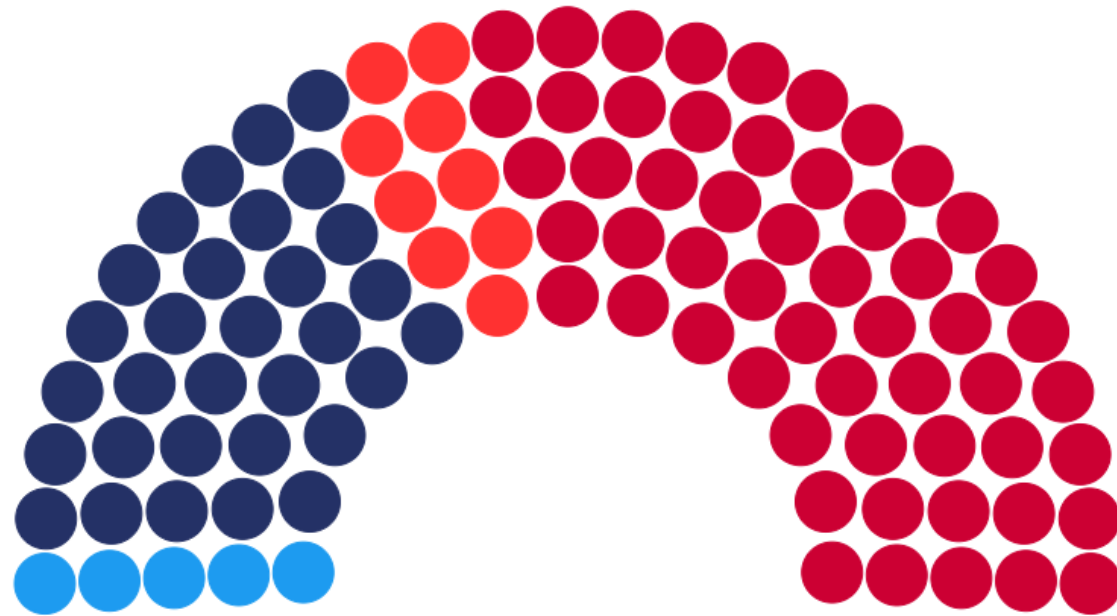
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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

2022-2023 Iowa House of Representatives

Number of Representatives	100
Number of Representatives in dataset	100(100% complete)
Average Age of Representatives	53.0 years
Number of Representatives \leq 35 Years of Age	14 (14.0%)
Youngest Representative	Rep. Antonio Felipe Male Born 1999
	Democratic Party
Number Female Representatives	29 (29.0%)
Average Age Female Representatives	54.3 years
Number of Male Representatives	71 (71.0%)
Average Age Male Representatives	53.6 years
Number of Democrat Representatives	36 (36.0%)
Average Age Democrat Representatives	54.3 years
Number of Republican Representatives	64 (64.0%)
Average Age Republican Representatives	53.5 years

Iowa House of Representatives

2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	5
● Democrats	31
● Republican YELs	9
● Republicans	55
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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Iowa House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

1

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

44

Gen X (1965-1980)

29

Millennials (1981-1996)

19

Gen Z (1997-2012)

3

Missing

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Iowa House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count



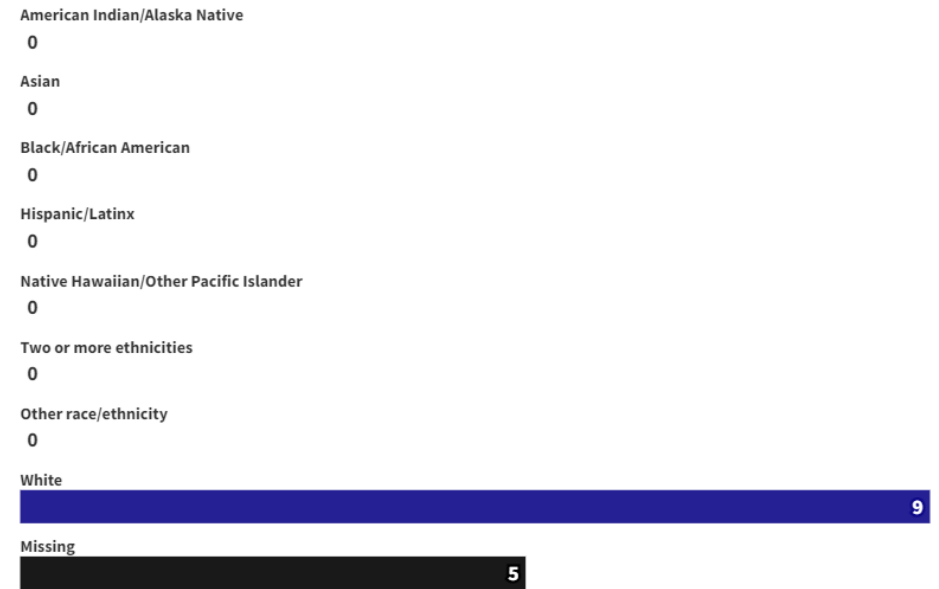
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Iowa House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count



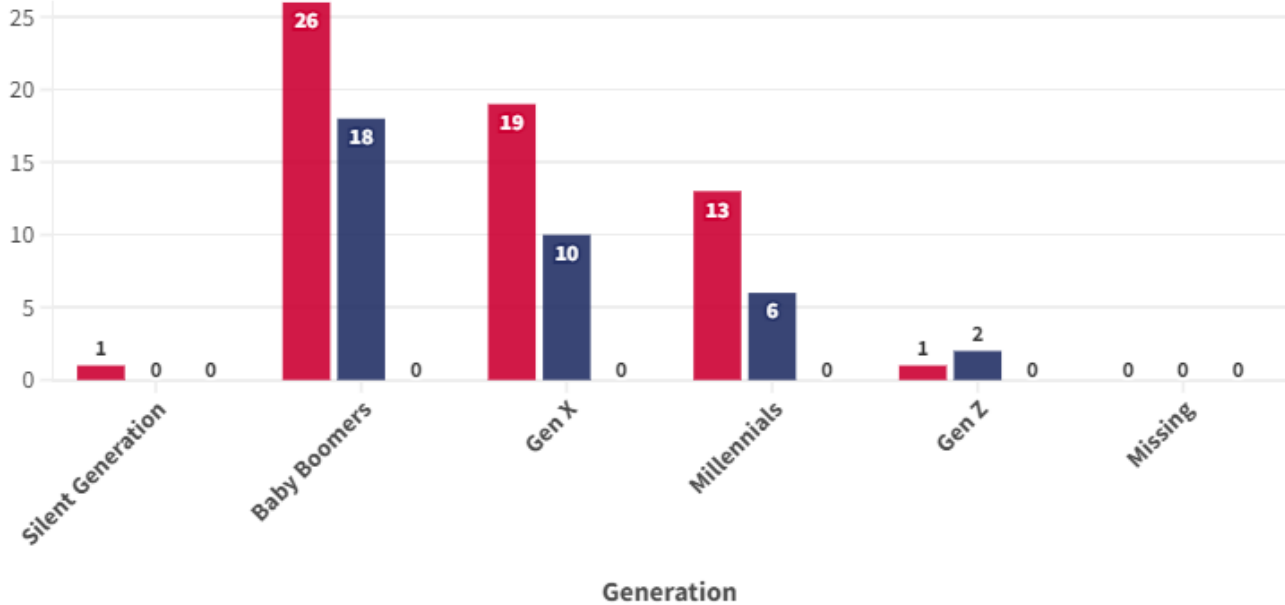
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Iowa House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



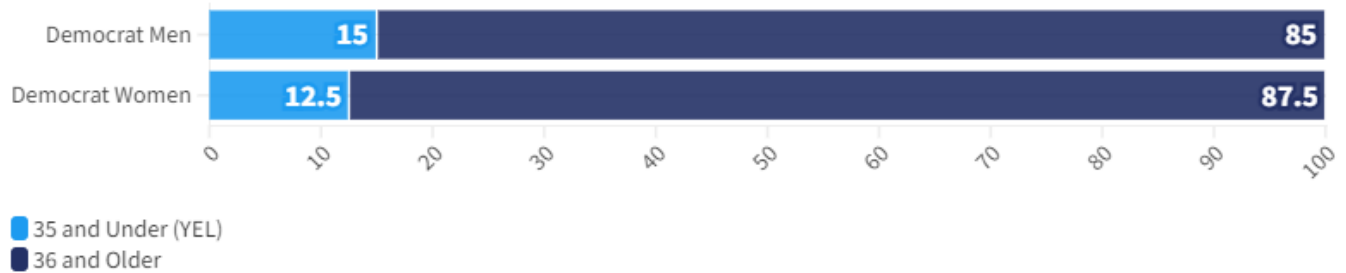
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Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



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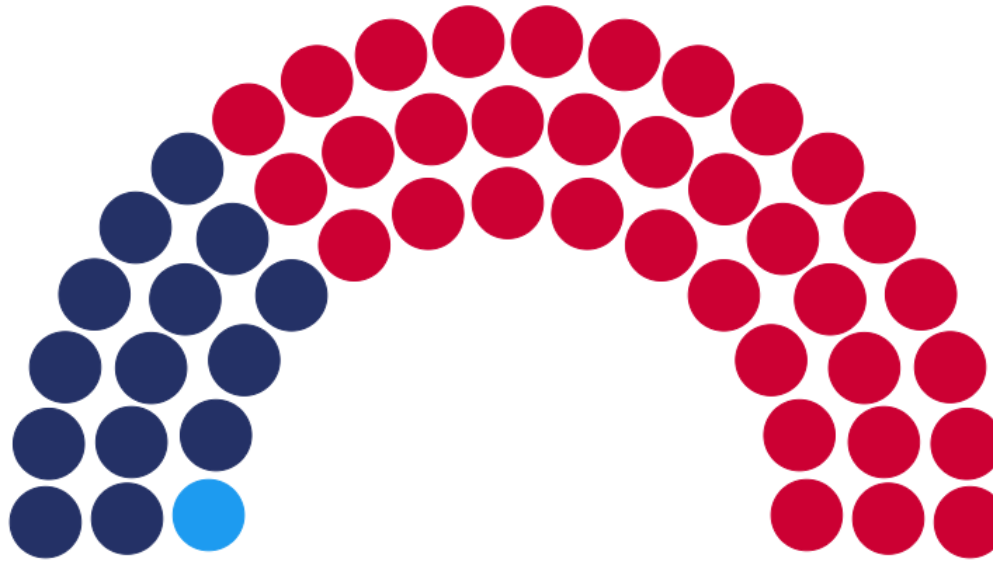


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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

2022-2023 Iowa Senate

Number of Senators	50
Number of Senators in dataset	50 (100% complete)
Average Age of Senators	55.6 years
Number of Senators \leq 35 Years of Age	1 (2.0%)
Youngest Senator	Sen. Zachary Wahls Male Born 1991 White Democratic Party
Number Female Senators	15 (30.0%)
Average Age Female Senators	55.9 years
Number of Male Senators	35 (70.0%)
Average Age Male Senators	55.5 years
Number of Democrat Senators	16 (32.0%)
Average Age Democrat Senators	55.8 years
Number of Republican Senators	34 (68.0%)
Average Age Republican Senators	55.5 years

Iowa Senate
2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	1
● Democrats	14
● Republican YELs	0
● Republicans	35
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
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● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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Iowa Senate, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

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Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

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Gen X (1965-1980)

24

Millennials (1981-1996)

4

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

1

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Iowa Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

0

Hispanic/Latinx

0

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

48

Missing

2

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
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- Hispanic/Latinx
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- Missing

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Iowa Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

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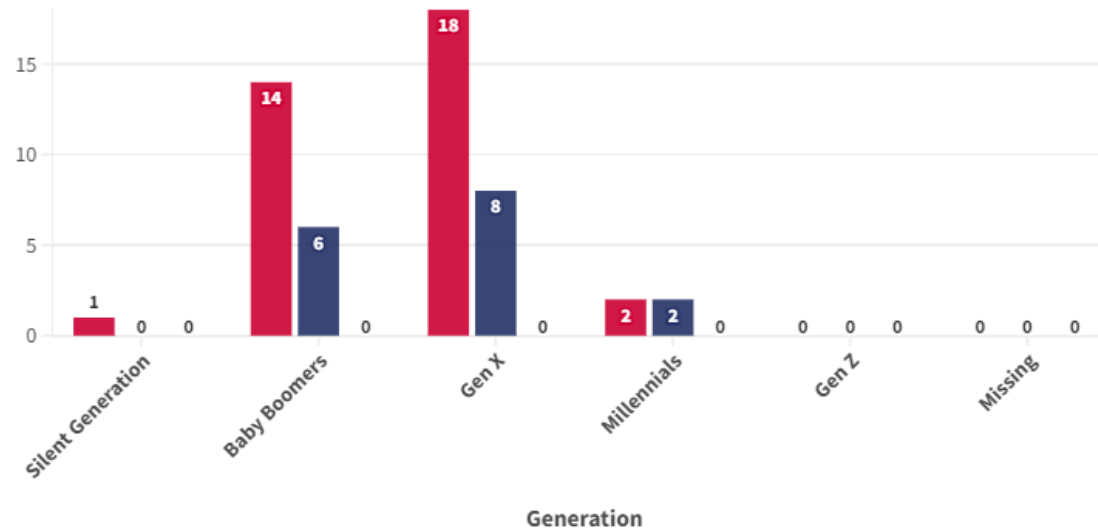
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Generation by Party

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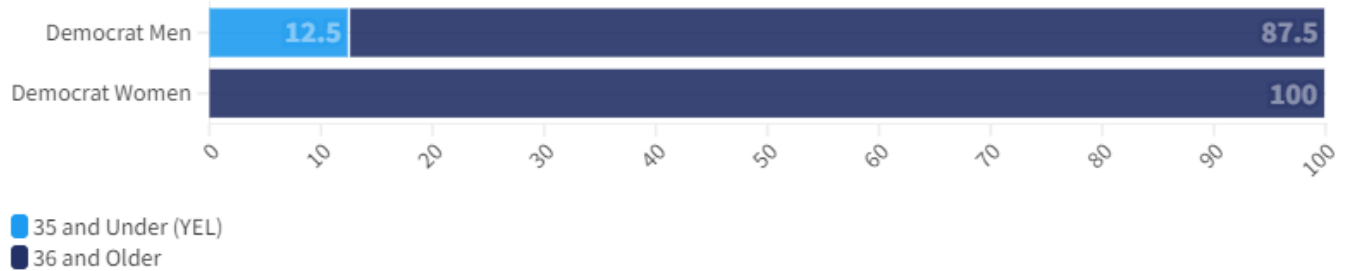
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