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2022-2023 ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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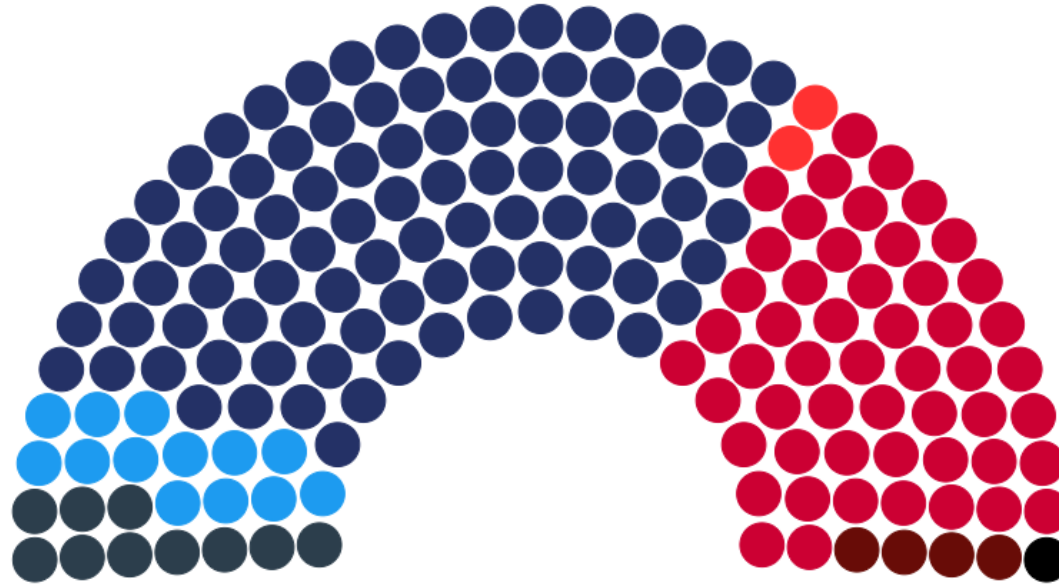
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2022-2023 Illinois General Assembly

Number of Legislators	177
Number of Legislators in dataset	100 (100% complete)
Average Age of Legislators	50.3 years
Number of Legislators \leq 35 Years of Age	15 (8.47%)
Youngest Legislator	Rep. Bradley J. Fritts Male Born 2000 White Republican Party
Number Female Legislators	73 (41.24%)
Average Age Female Legislators	51.3 years
Number of Male Legislators	103 (73.33%)
Average Age Male Legislators	49.6 years
Number of Democrat Legislators	118 (66.67%)
Average Age Democrat Legislators	49.0 years
Number of Republican Legislators	58 (32.77%)
Average Age Republican Legislators	52.9 years

Illinois General Assembly 2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	10
● Democratic YELs	13
● Democrats	95
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	52
● Missing Republicans (age)	4
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	1

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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

Illinois General Assembly, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

1

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

44

Gen X (1965-1980)

74

Millennials (1981-1996)

41

Gen Z (1997-2012)

2

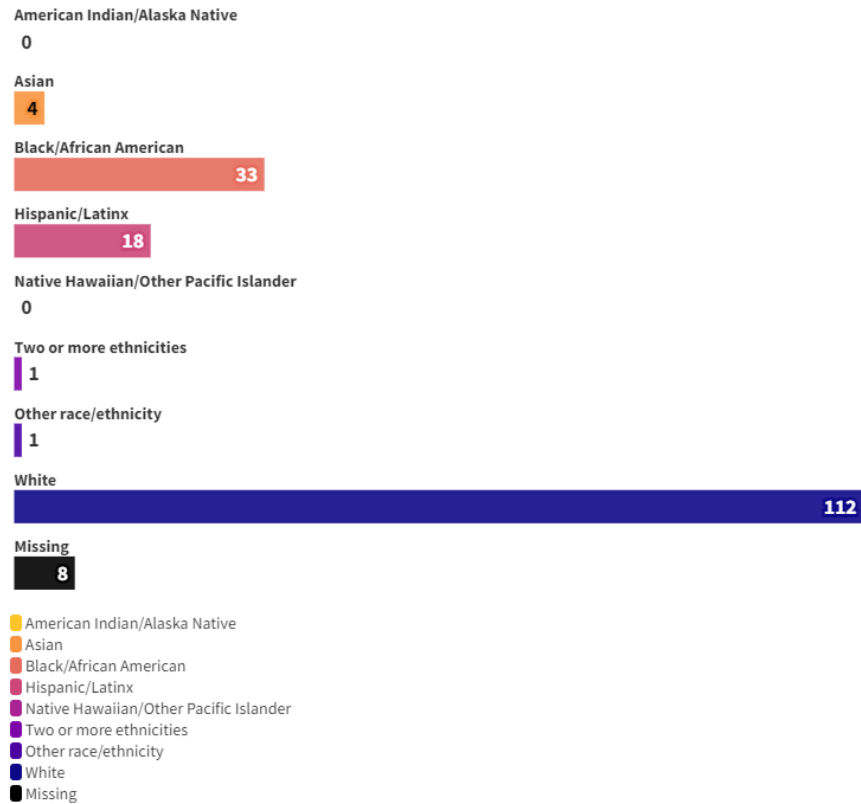
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Illinois General Assembly, 2022-2023 Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

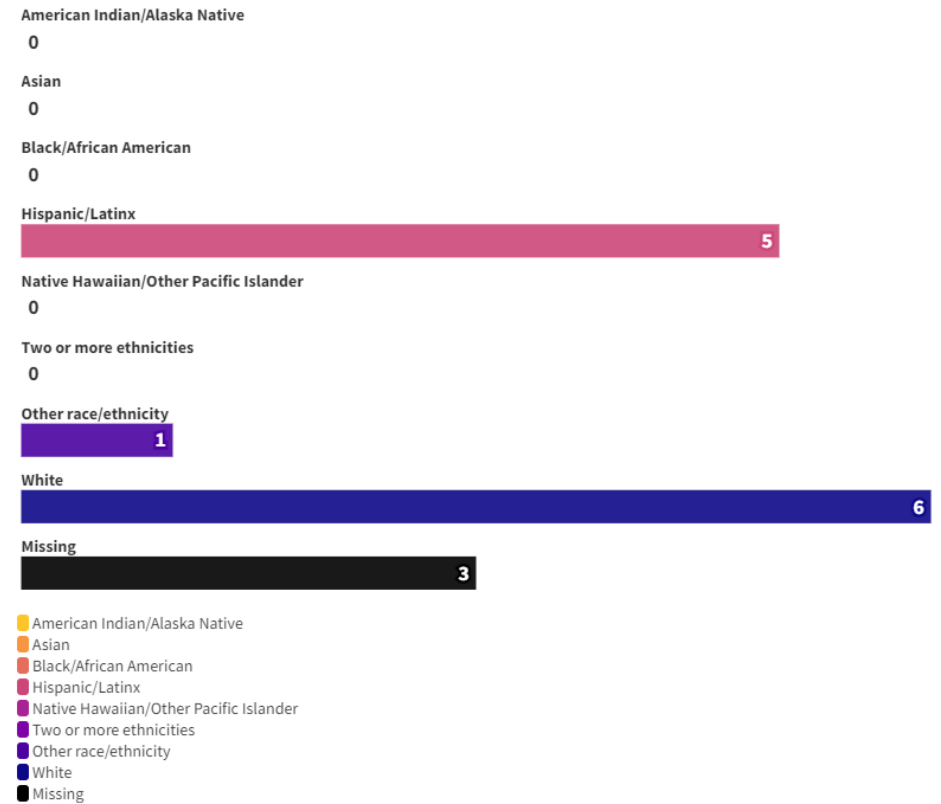
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Illinois General Assembly, 2022-2023 Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

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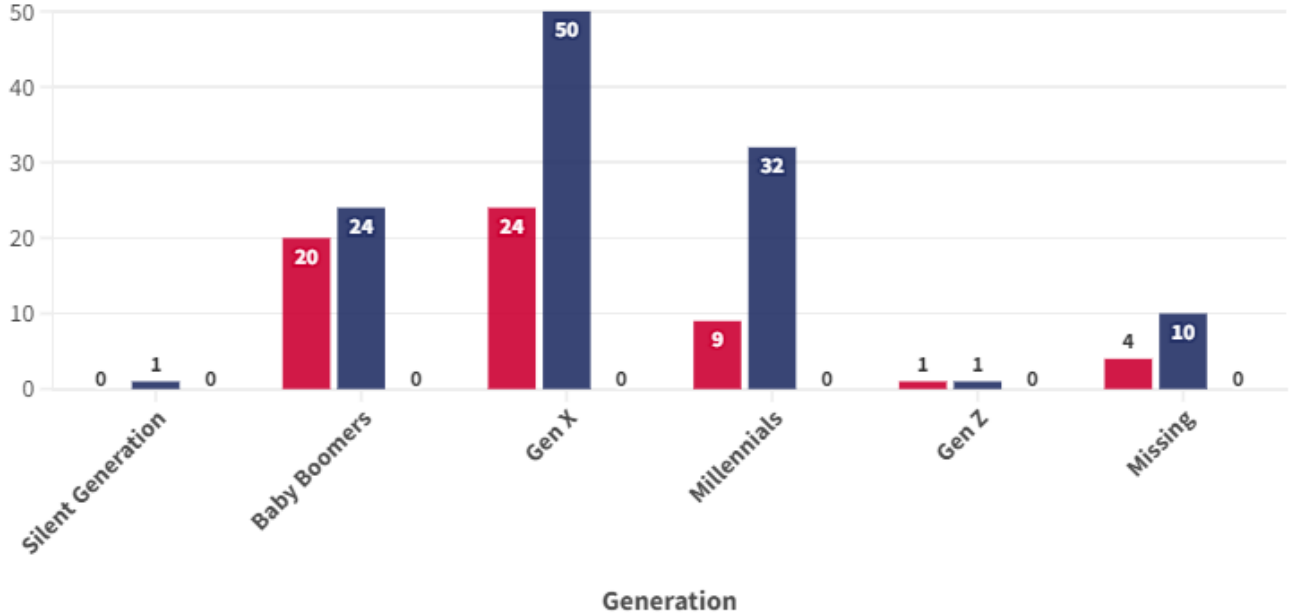


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Illinois General Assembly, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



■ Republican ■ Democrat ■ No Party/Independent

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Illinois General Assembly, 2022-2023 Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

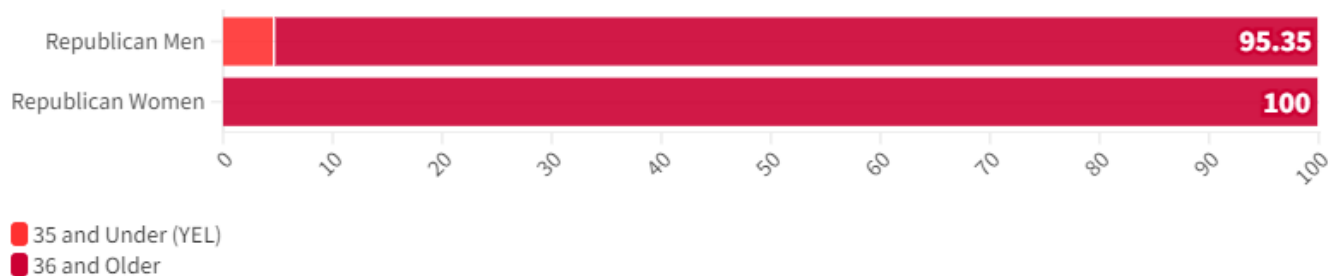
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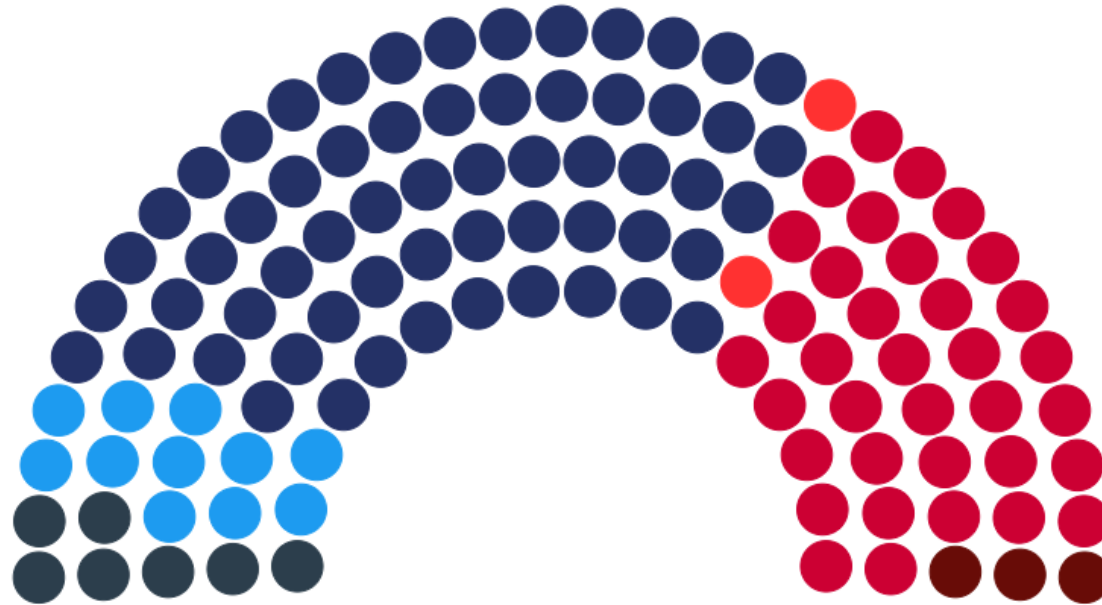
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2022-2023 Illinois House of Representatives

Number of Representatives	118
Number of Representatives in dataset	100 (100% complete)
Average Age of Representatives	49.7 years
Number of Representatives \leq 35 Years of Age	13 (11.02%)
Youngest Representative	Rep. Bradley J. Fritts Male Born 2000 White Republican Party
Number Female Representatives	48 (40.68%)
Average Age Female Representatives	49.3 years
Number of Male Representatives	69 (58.47%)
Average Age Male Representatives	50.1 years
Number of Democrat Representatives	78 (66.10%)
Average Age Democrat Representatives	48 years
Number of Republican Representatives	39 (33.05%)
Average Age Republican Representatives	53.1 years

Illinois House of Representatives

2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	7
● Democratic YELs	11
● Democrats	60
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	35
● Missing Republicans (age)	3
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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Illinois House of Representatives, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

1

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

26

Gen X (1965-1980)

51

Millennials (1981-1996)

27

Gen Z (1997-2012)

2

Missing

10

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Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

Illinois House of Representatives 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

4

Black/African American

21

Hispanic/Latinx

12

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

1

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

73

Missing

7

- 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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Illinois House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

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

0

Missing

0

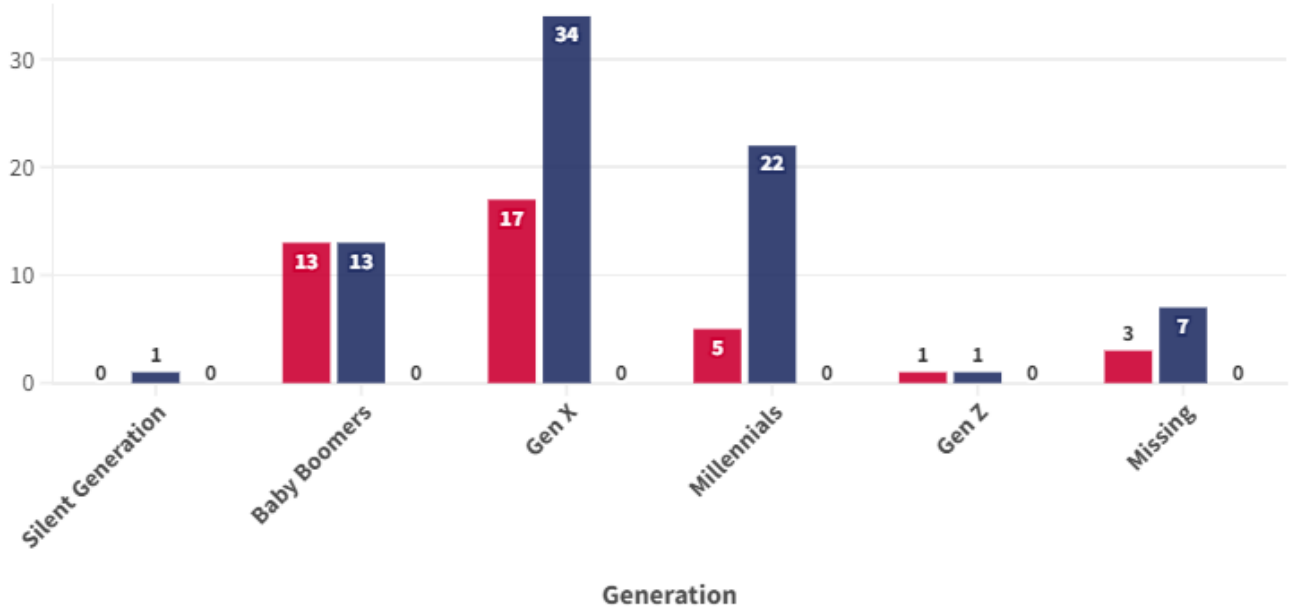
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- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Two or more ethnicities
- Other race/ethnicity
- White
- Missing

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Illinois House of Representatives House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



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Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

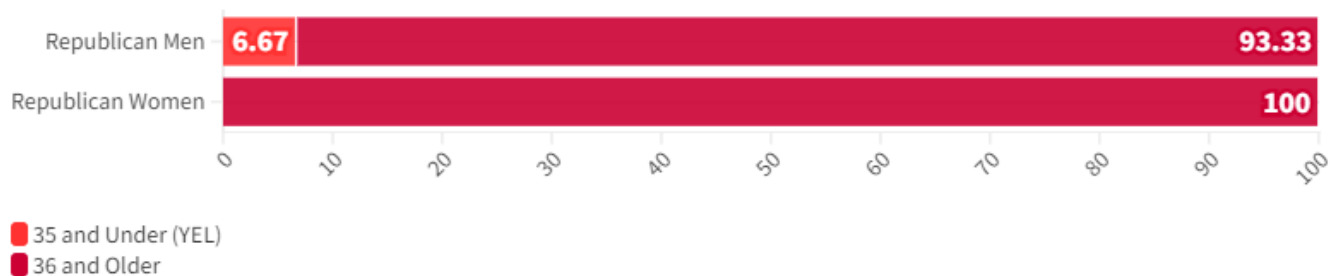


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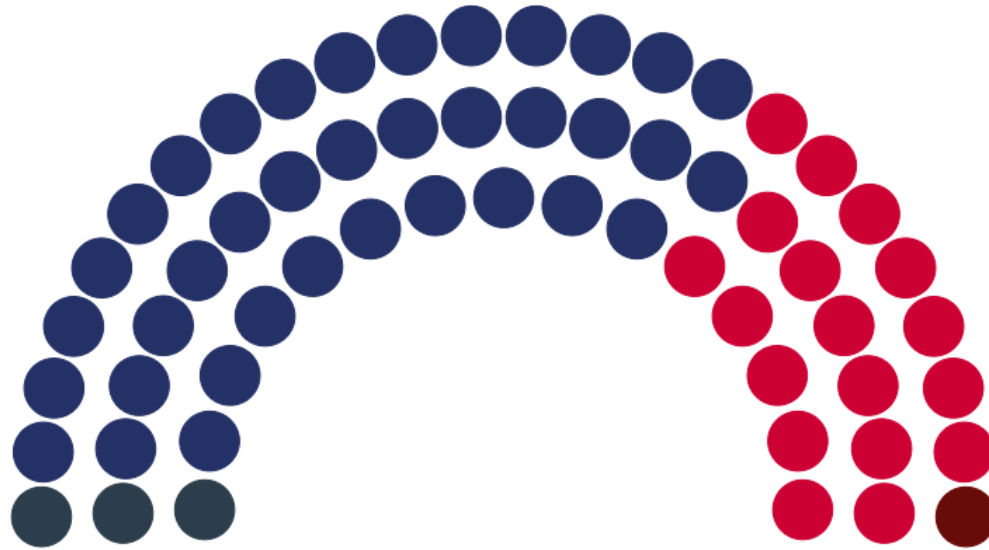


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2022-2023 Illinois Senate

Number of Senators	59
Number of Senators in dataset	59 (100% complete)
Average Age of Senators	51.4 years
Number of Senators \leq 35 Years of Age	0
Youngest Senator	0
Number Female Senators	25 (42.37%)
Average Age Female Senators	55.4 years
Number of Male Senators	34 (57.0%)
Average Age Male Senators	49.0 years
Number of Democrat Senators	40 (67.80%)
Average Age Democrat Senators	51.0 years
Number of Republican Senators	19 (32.20%)
Average Age Republican Senators	52.4 years

Illinois Senate 2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	3
● Democratic YELs	0
● Democrats	37
● Republican YELs	0
● Republicans	18
● Missing Republicans (age)	1
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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Illinois Senate, 2022-2023

Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

0

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

18

Gen X (1965-1980)

23

Millennials (1981-1996)

14

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

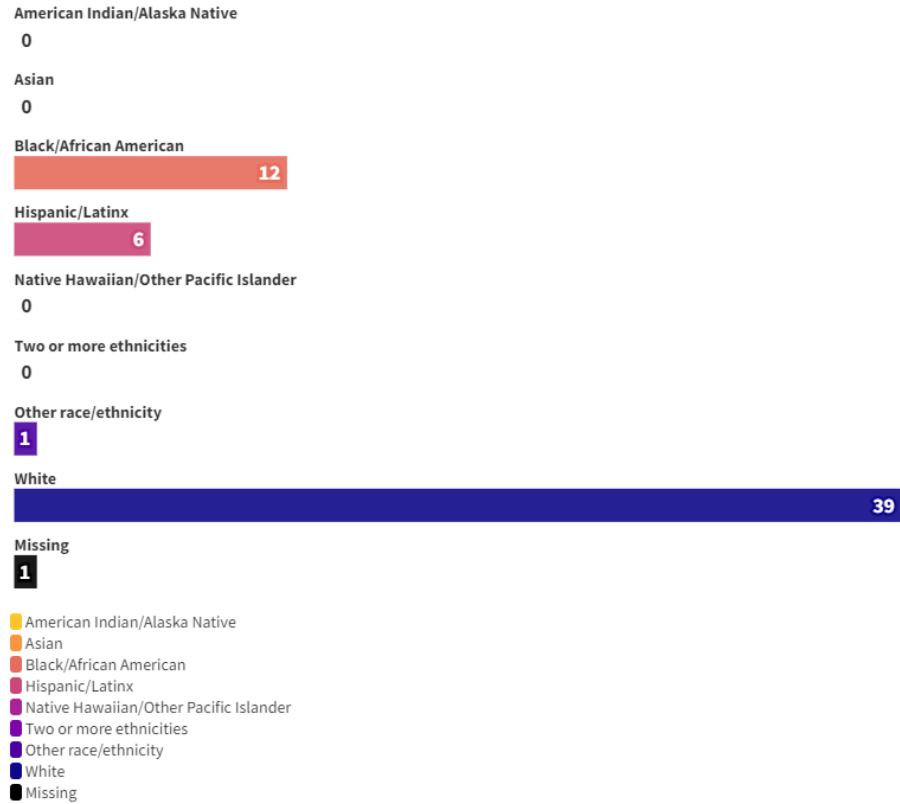
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Illinois Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

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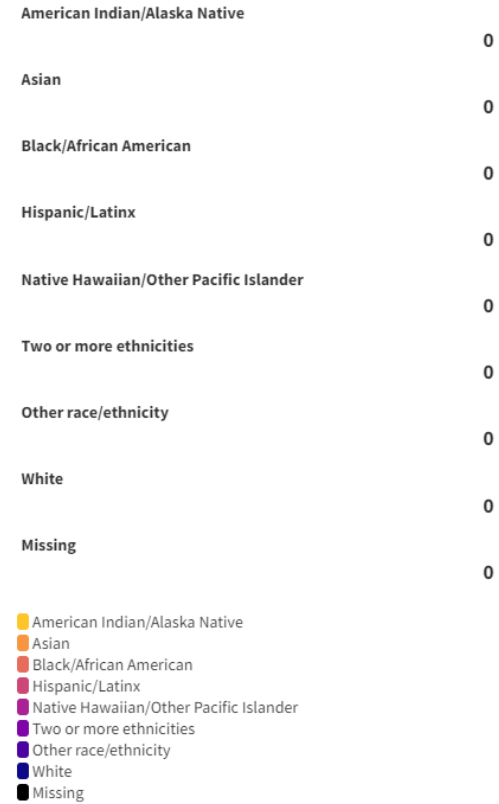


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Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

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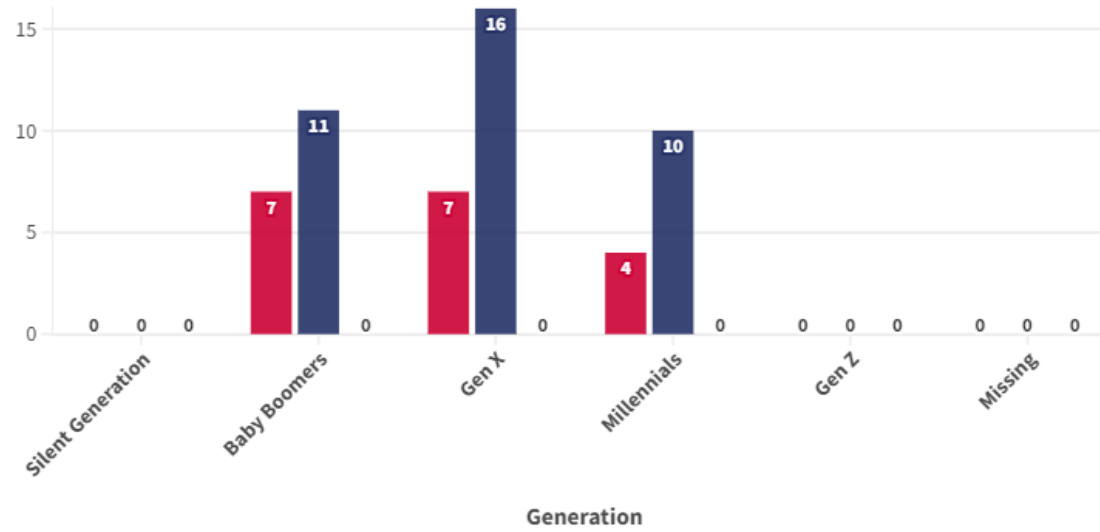


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Generation by Party

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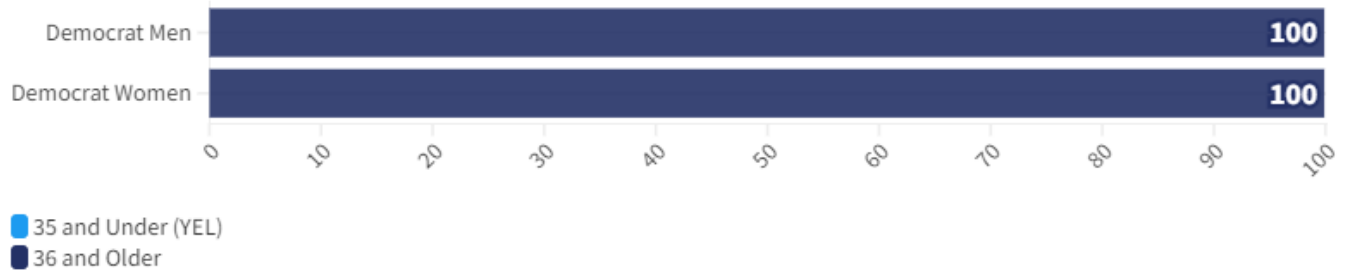
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