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2022-2023 SOUTH DAKOTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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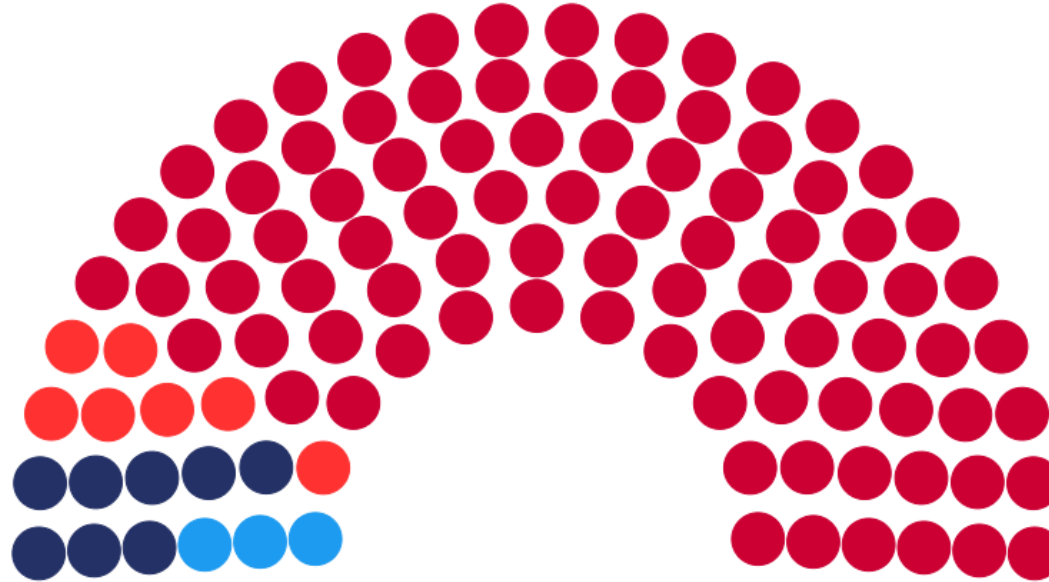
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2022-2023 South Dakota General Assembly

Number of Legislators	105
Number of Legislators in dataset	105 (100% complete)
Average Age of Legislators	54.7 years
Number of Legislators \leq 35 Years of Age	10 (9.52%)
Youngest Legislator	Rep. Tyler Lee Tordsen Male Born 1992 Republican Party
Number Female Legislators	30 (28.57%)
Average Age Female Legislators	50.5 years
Number of Male Legislators	75 (71.43%)
Average Age Male Legislators	56.3 years
Number of Democrat Legislators	11 (10.48%)
Average Age Democrat Legislators	45.2 years
Number of Republican Legislators	94 (89.52%)
Average Age Republican Legislators	55.6 years

South Dakota State Legislature

2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	3
● Democrats	8
● Republican YELs	7
● Republicans	87
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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

South Dakota General Assembly, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

1

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

48

Gen X (1965-1980)

27

Millennials (1981-1996)

23

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

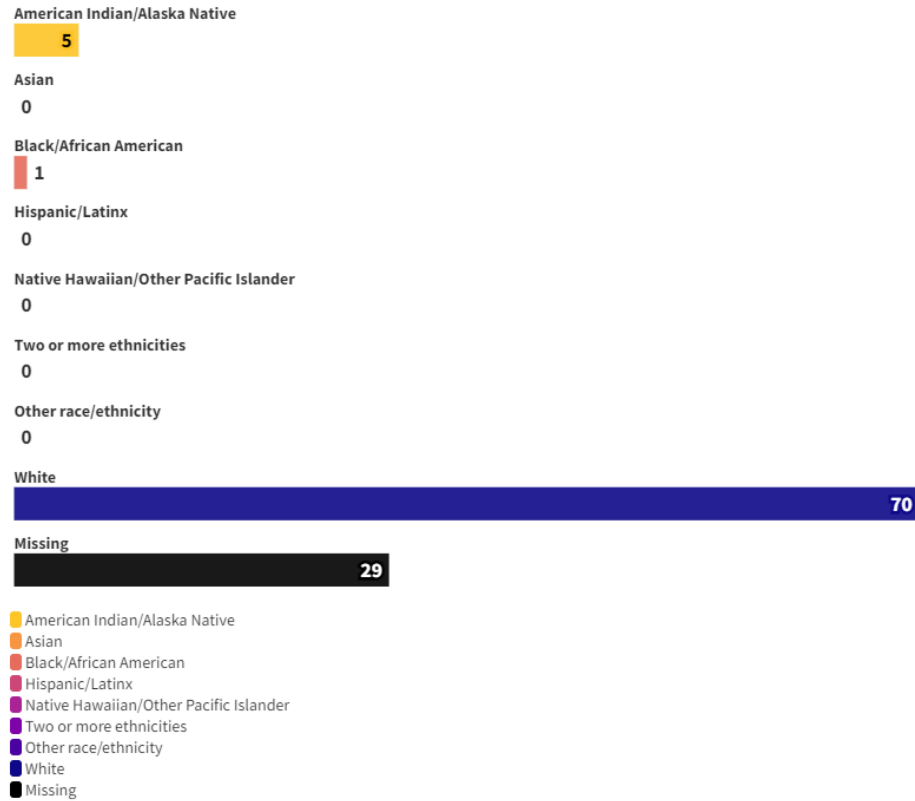
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Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

South Dakota General Assembly, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count



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South Dakota General Assembly, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

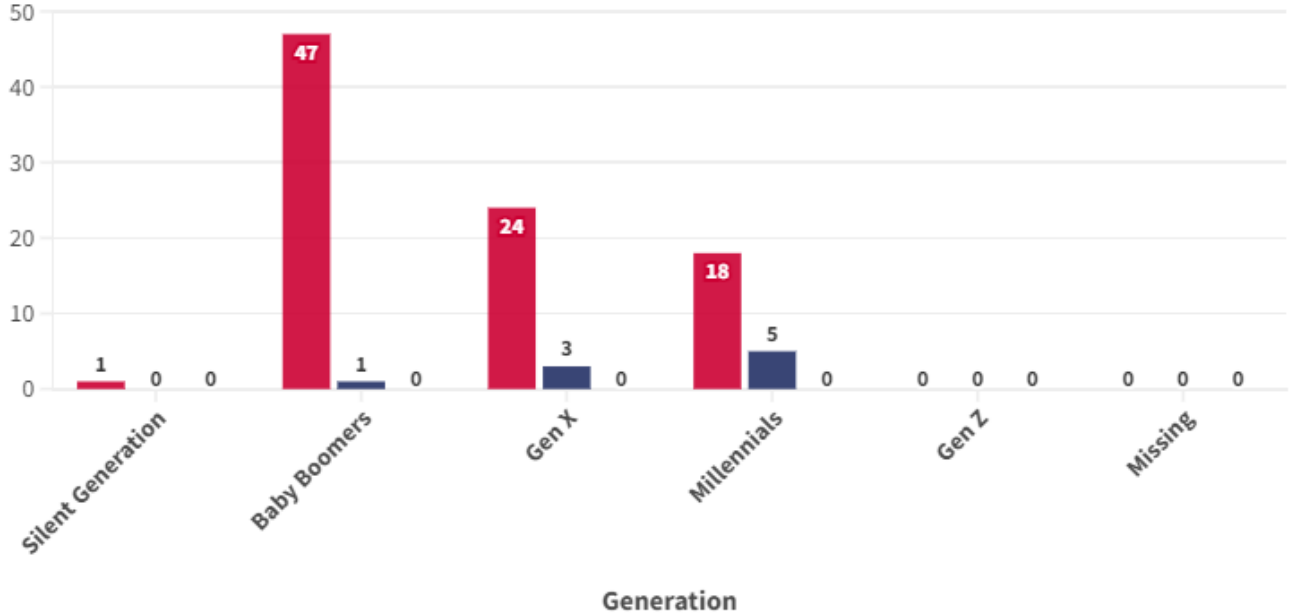


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South Dakota General Assembly, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



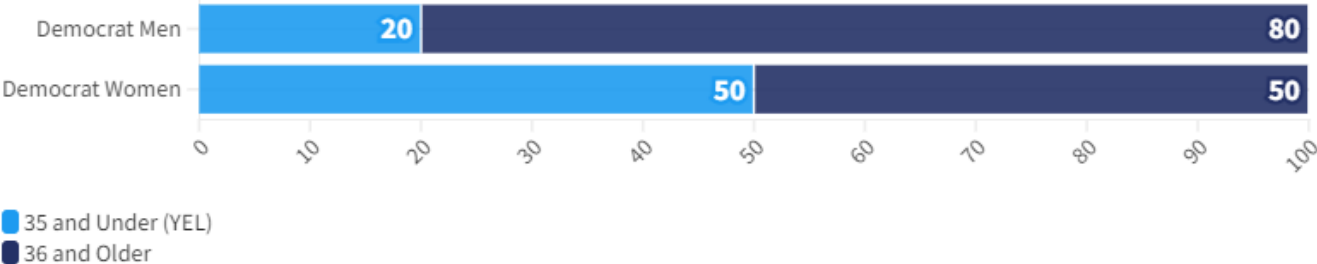
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South Dakota General Assembly, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

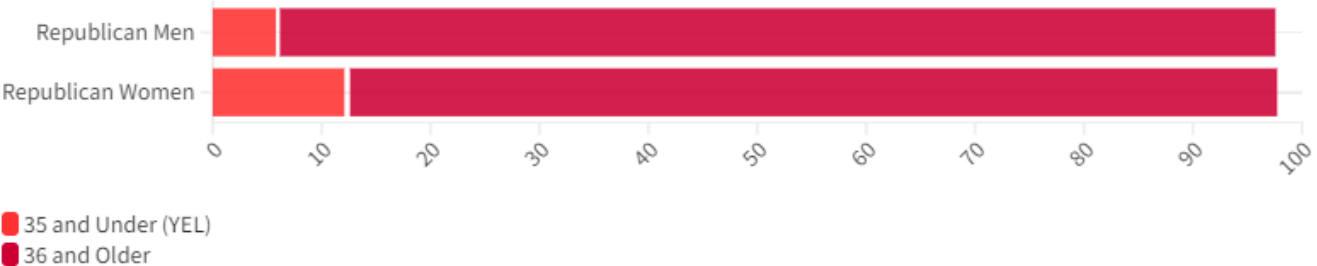


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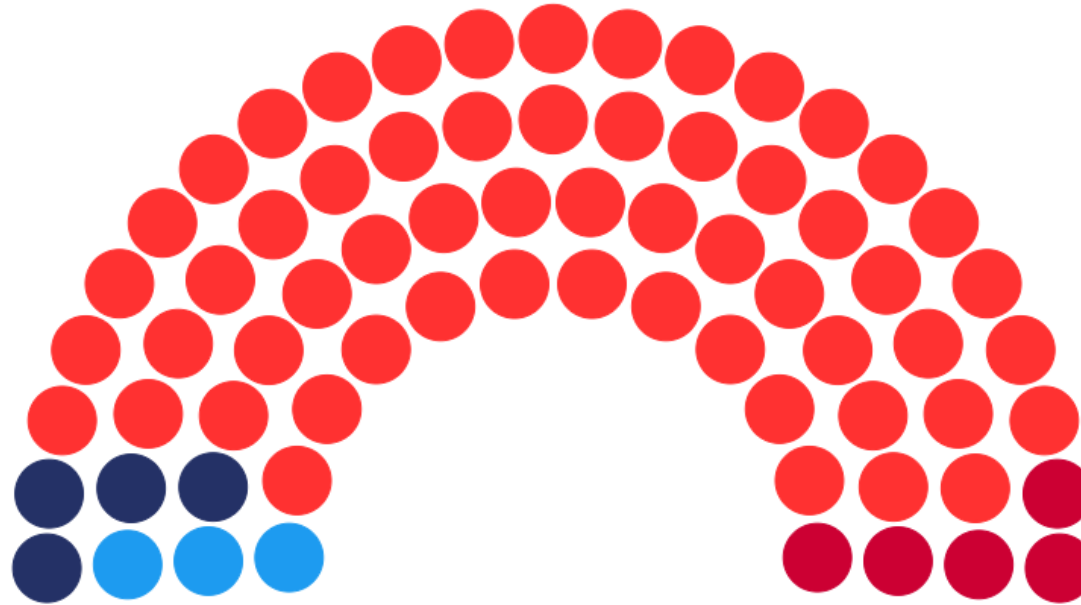


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2022-2023 South Dakota House of Representatives

Number of Representatives	70
Number of Representatives in dataset	70 (100% complete)
Average Age of Representatives	54.3 years
Number of Representatives \leq 35 Years of Age	8 (11.43%)
Youngest Representative	Rep. Tyler Lee Tordsen Male Born 1992 Republican Party
Number Female Representatives	22 (31.43%)
Average Age Female Representatives	50.0 years
Number of Male Representatives	48 (68.57%)
Average Age Male Representatives	56.3 years
Number of Democrat Representatives	7 (10.0%)
Average Age Democrat Representatives	42.3 years
Number of Republican Representatives	63 (90.0%)
Average Age Republican Representatives	55.7 years

South Dakota House of Representatives 2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	3
● Democrats	4
● Republican YELs	58
● Republicans	5
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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South Dakota House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

0

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

35

Gen X (1965-1980)

16

Millennials (1981-1996)

17

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

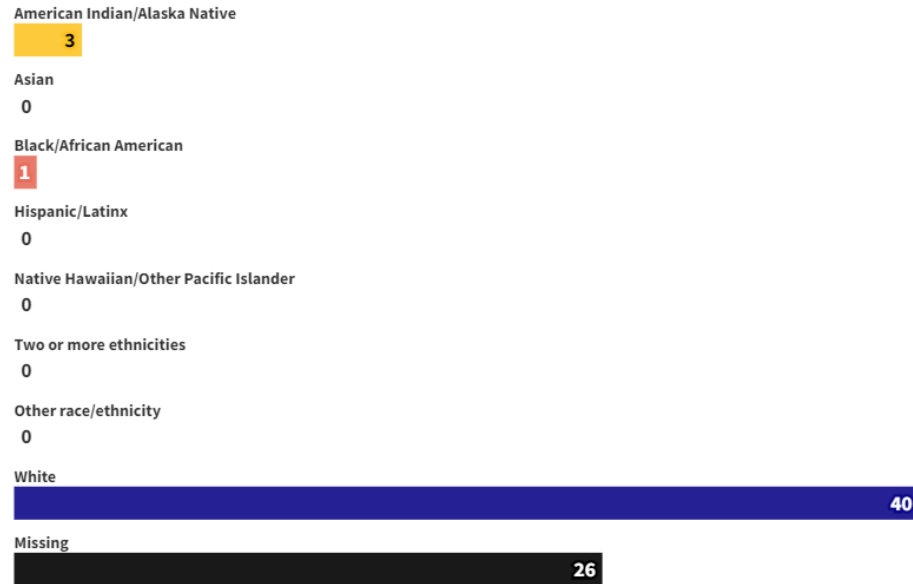
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Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

South Dakota House of Representatives 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count



- 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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South Dakota House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

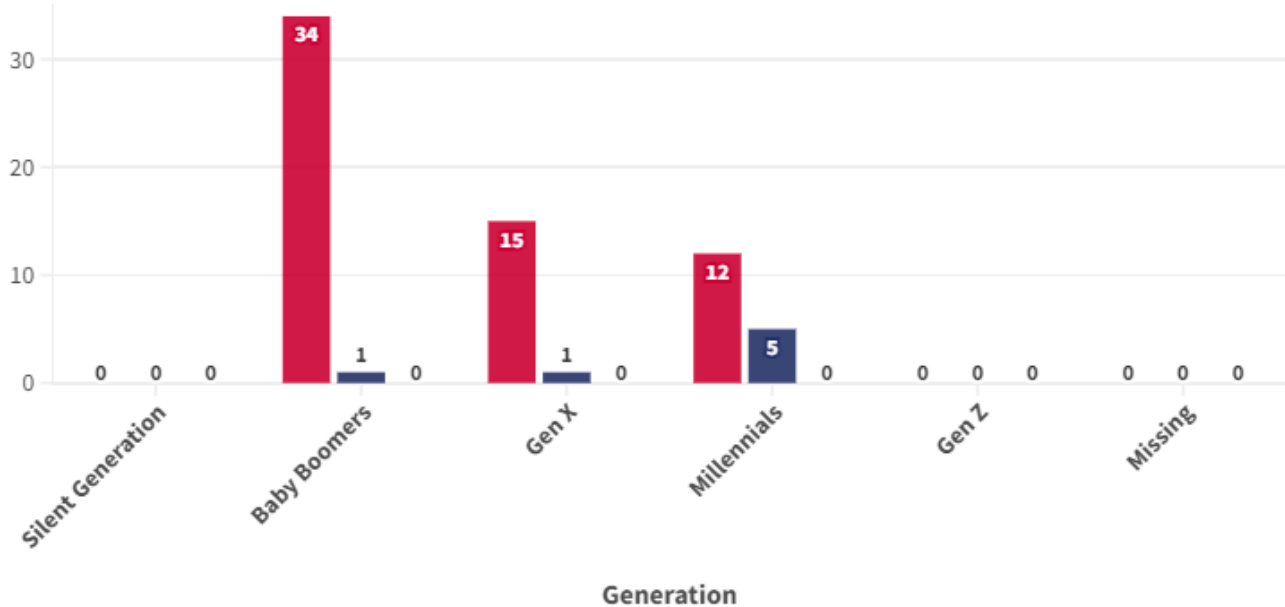


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South Dakota House of Representatives House of Representatives, 2022-2023 Generation by Party

Count



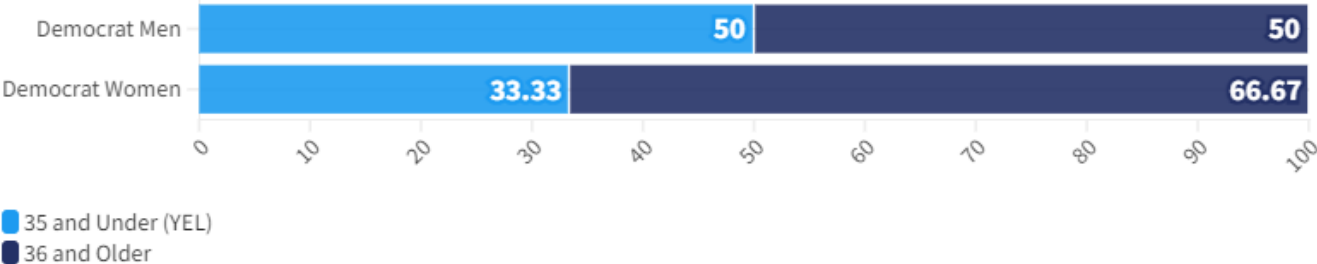
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South Dakota House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



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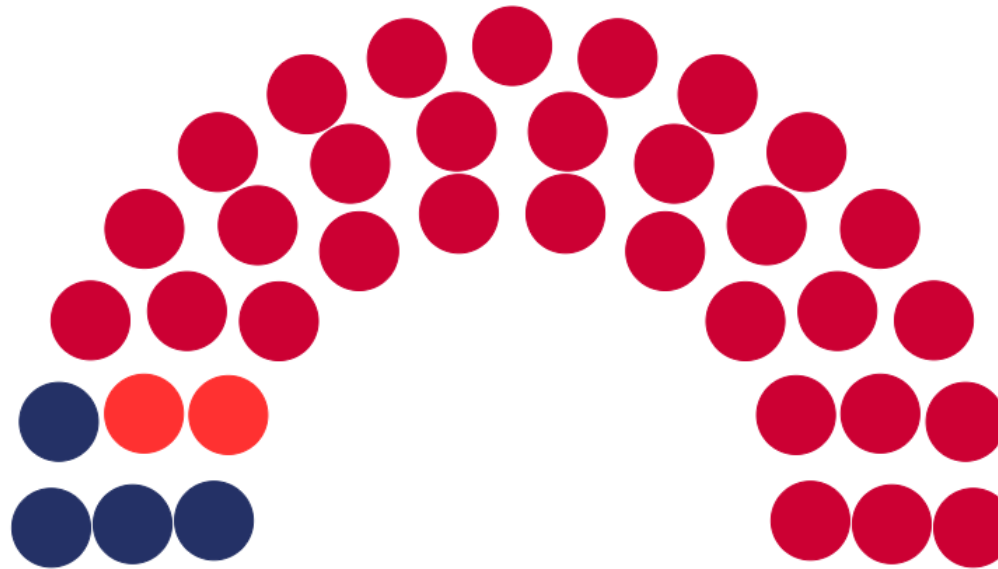


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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

2022-2023 South Dakota Senate

Number of Senators	35
Number of Senators in dataset	35 (100% complete)
Average Age of Senators	55.5 years
Number of Senators \leq 35 Years of Age	2 (5.71%)
Youngest Senator	Sen. Tyler Lee Tordsen Male Born 1992 Republican Party
Number Female Senators	8 (22.86%)
Average Age Female Senators	52.3 years
Number of Male Senators	27 (77.14%)
Average Age Male Senators	56.3 years
Number of Democrat Senators	4 (11.43%)
Average Age Democrat Senators	55.5 years
Number of Republican Senators	31 (88.57%)
Average Age Republican Senators	55.6 years

South Dakota Senate 2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	0
● Democrats	4
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	31
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
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● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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South Dakota Senate, 2022-2023

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Millennials (1981-1996)

6

Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing

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South Dakota Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

2

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

30

Missing

3

- 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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South Dakota Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

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Hispanic/Latinx

0

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

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Other race/ethnicity

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White

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Missing

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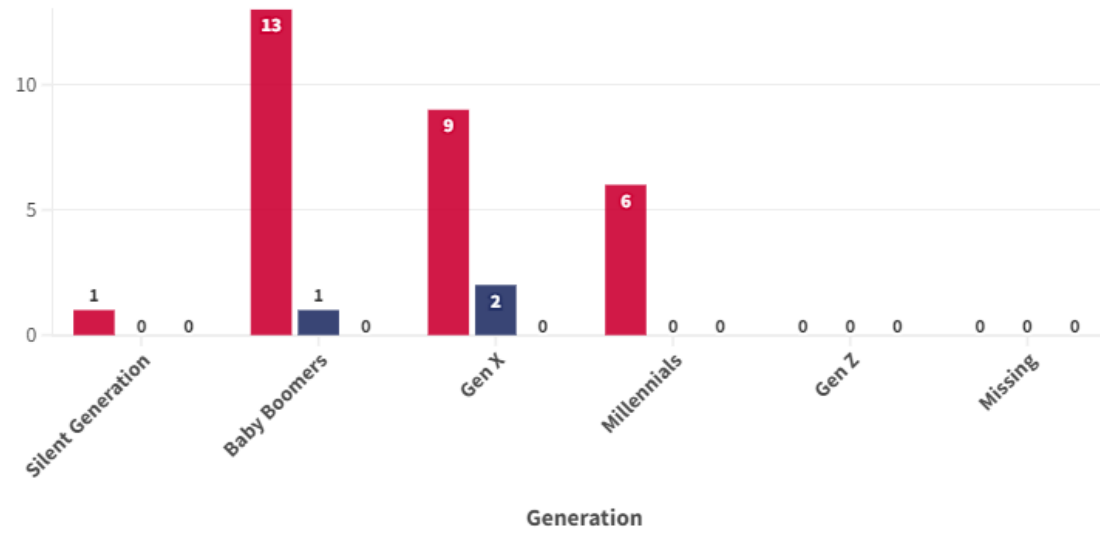
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Generation by Party

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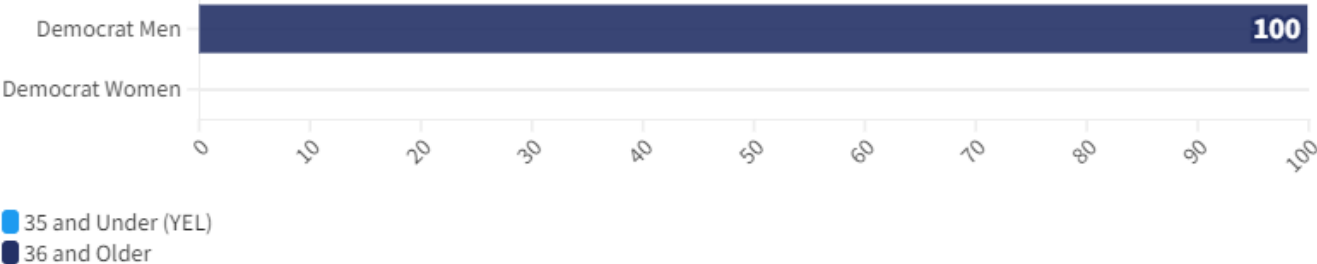


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