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2022-2023 WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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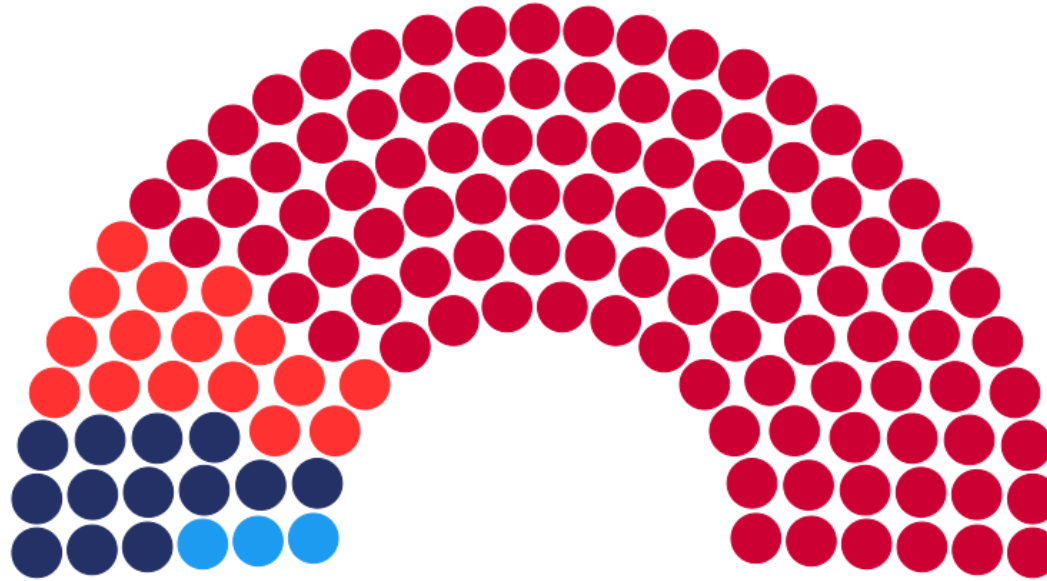
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Title: 2022-2023 West Virginia General Assembly

2022-2023 West Virginia General Assembly

Number of Legislators	134
Number of Legislators in dataset	134 (100% complete)
Average Age of Legislators	52.2 years
Number of Legislators \leq 35 Years of Age	19 (14.18%)
Youngest Legislator	Rep. Elias Coop-Gonzalez Male Born 2002 Republican Party
Number Female Legislators	16 (11.94%)
Average Age Female Legislators	52.6 years
Number of Male Legislators	118 (88.06%)
Average Age Male Legislators	51.2 years
Number of Democrat Legislators	16 (11.94%)
Average Age Democrat Legislators	51.1 years
Number of Republican Legislators	118 (88.06%)
Average Age Republican Legislators	52.4 years

West Virginia State Legislature 2022-2023

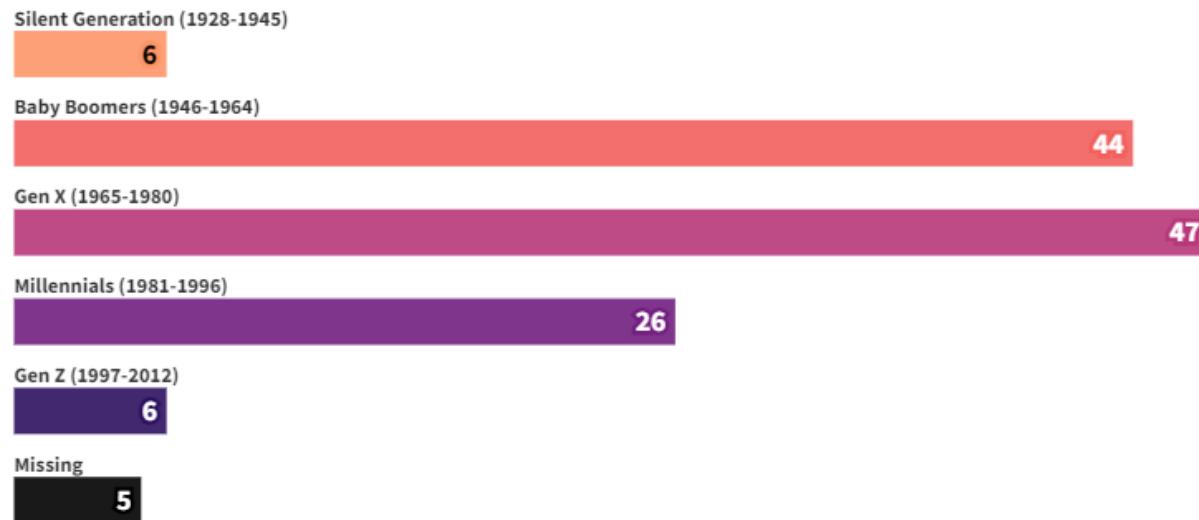


Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	3
● Democrats	13
● Republican YELs	16
● Republicans	102
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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

West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count



Young Elected Leaders Project: West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023
Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count



Young Elected Leaders Project: West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023 • U.S. Census Bureau - Race/Ethnicity Categories
Representative of legislators elected in November, 2021

West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

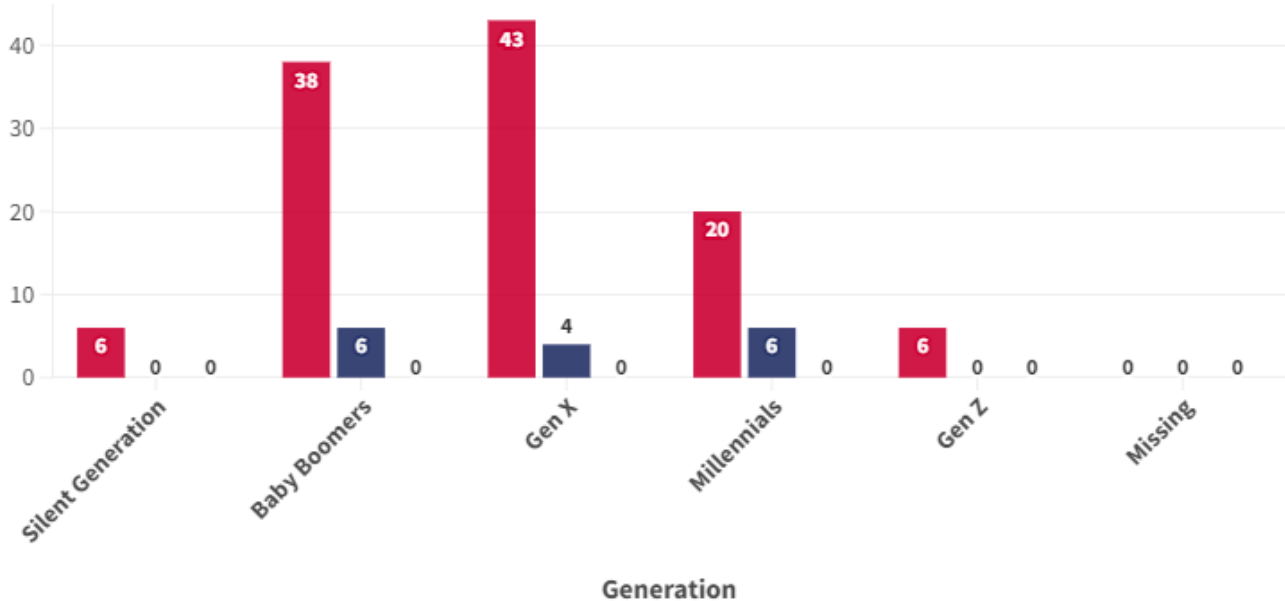


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West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



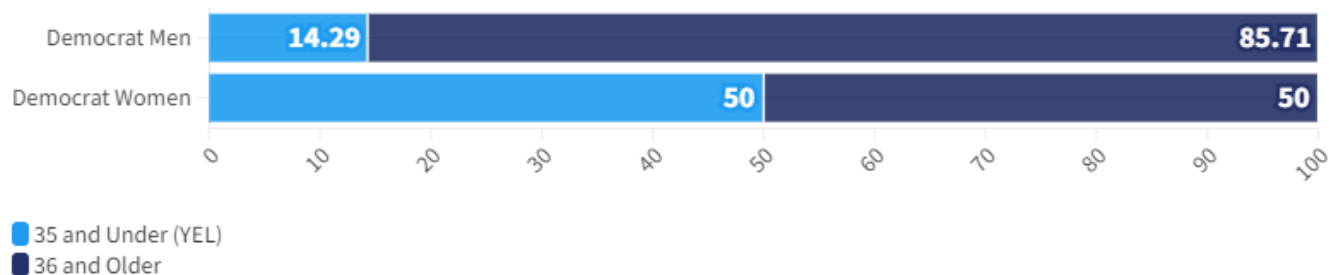
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West Virginia General Assembly, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

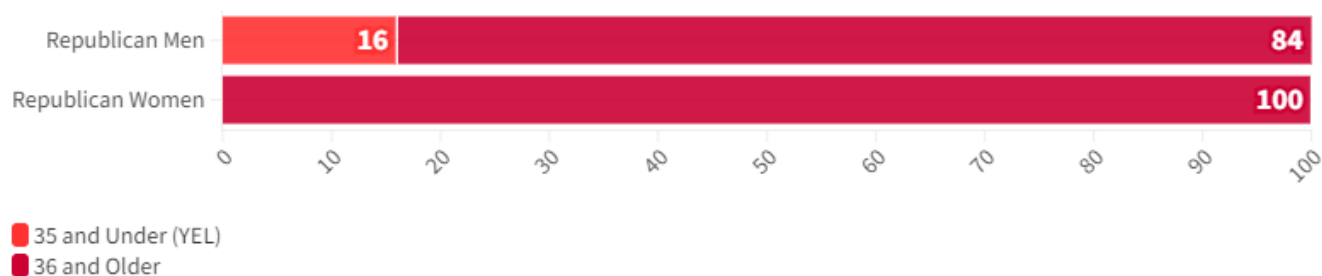


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Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



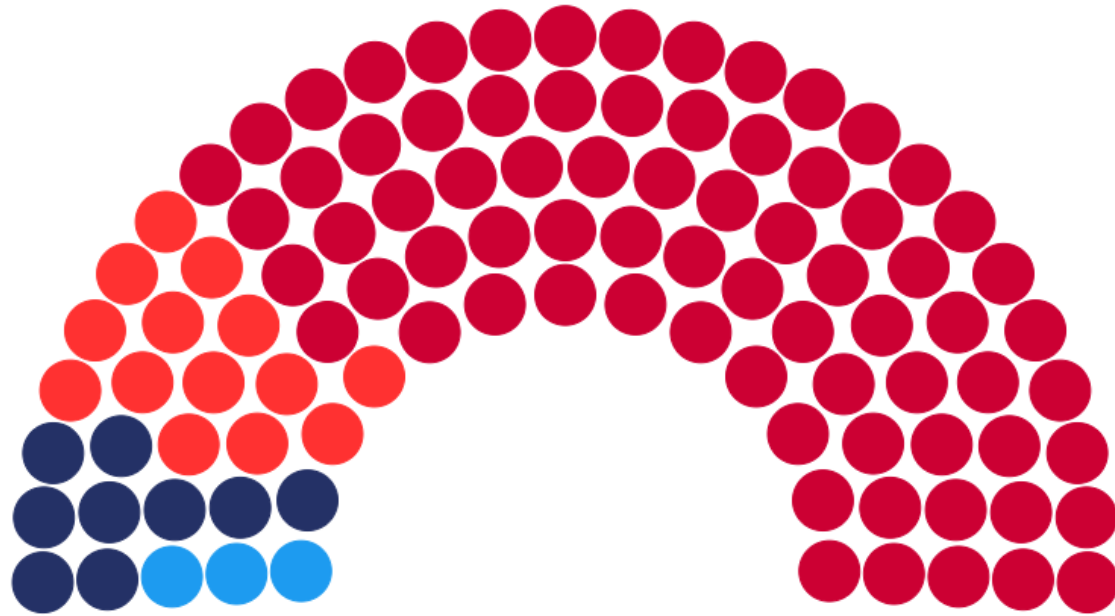
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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

2022-2023 West Virginia House of Representatives

Number of Representatives	100
Number of Representatives in dataset	100 (100% complete)
Average Age of Representatives	50.8 years
Number of Representatives \leq 35 Years of Age	17 (17.00%)
Youngest Representative	Rep. Elias Coop-Gonzalez Male Born 2002 Republican Party
Number Female Representatives	12 (12.00%)
Average Age Female Representatives	52.2 years
Number of Male Representatives	88 (88.00%)
Average Age Male Representatives	50.6 years
Number of Democrat Representatives	12 (12.00%)
Average Age Democrat Representatives	46.4 years
Number of Republican Representatives	88 (88.00%)
Average Age Republican Representatives	50.6 years

West Virginia House of Representatives

2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	3
● Democrats	9
● Republican YELs	14
● Republicans	74
● 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

West Virginia House of Representatives, 2022-2023 Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)

3

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

31

Gen X (1965-1980)

34

Millennials (1981-1996)

22

Gen Z (1997-2012)

6

Missing

4

Young Elected Leaders Project: West Virginia House of Representatives, 2022-2023
Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

West Virginia House of Representatives 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

3

Hispanic/Latinx

1

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

88

Missing

8

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

Young Elected Leaders Project: West Virginia House of Representatives, 2022-2023 • U.S. Census Bureau - Race/Ethnicity Categories Representative of legislators elected in November, 2021

West Virginia House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, Young Elected Leaders

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

1

Hispanic/Latinx

0

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

13

Missing

3

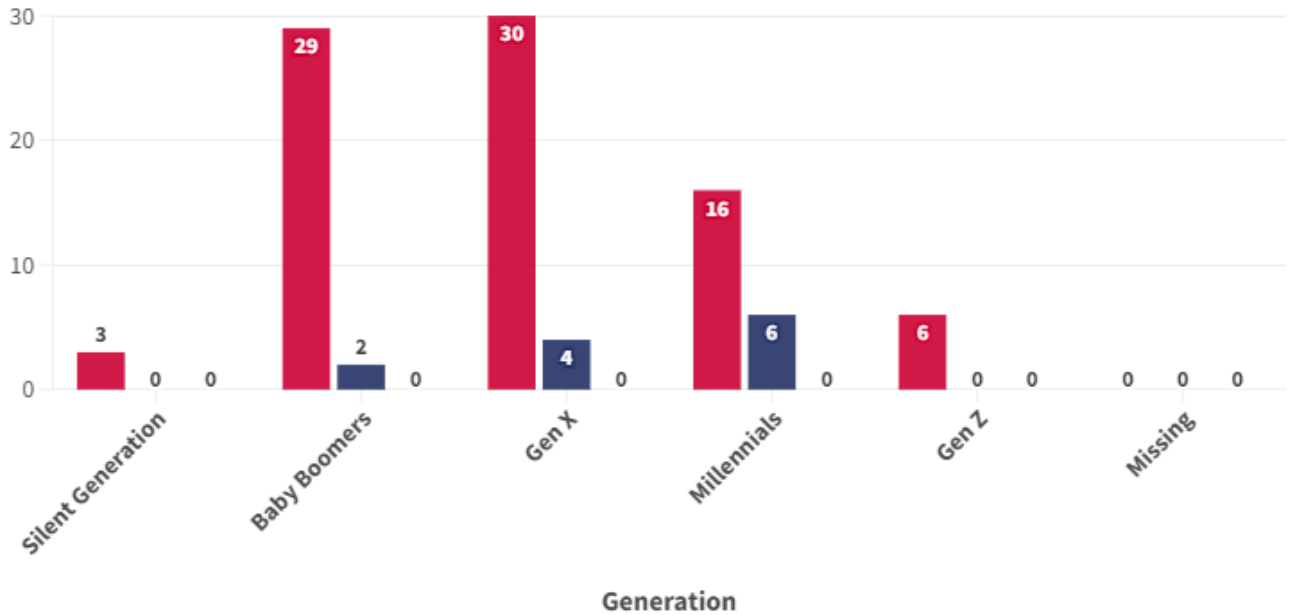
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- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Two or more ethnicities
- Other race/ethnicity
- White
- Missing

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West Virginia House of Representatives House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



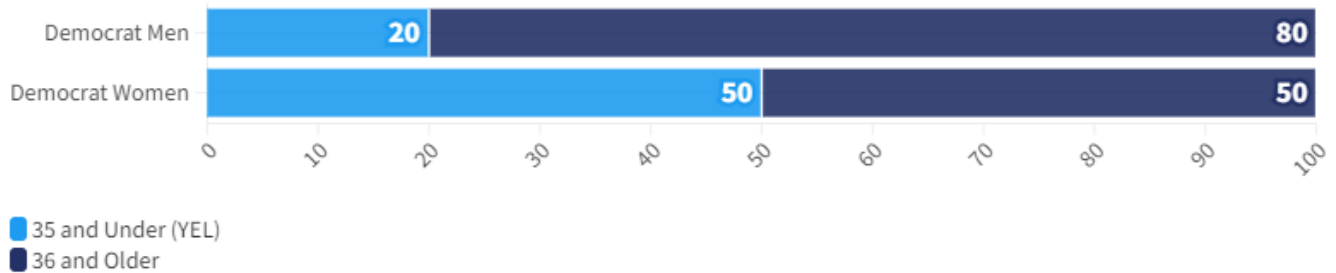
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West Virginia House of Representatives, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



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Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion

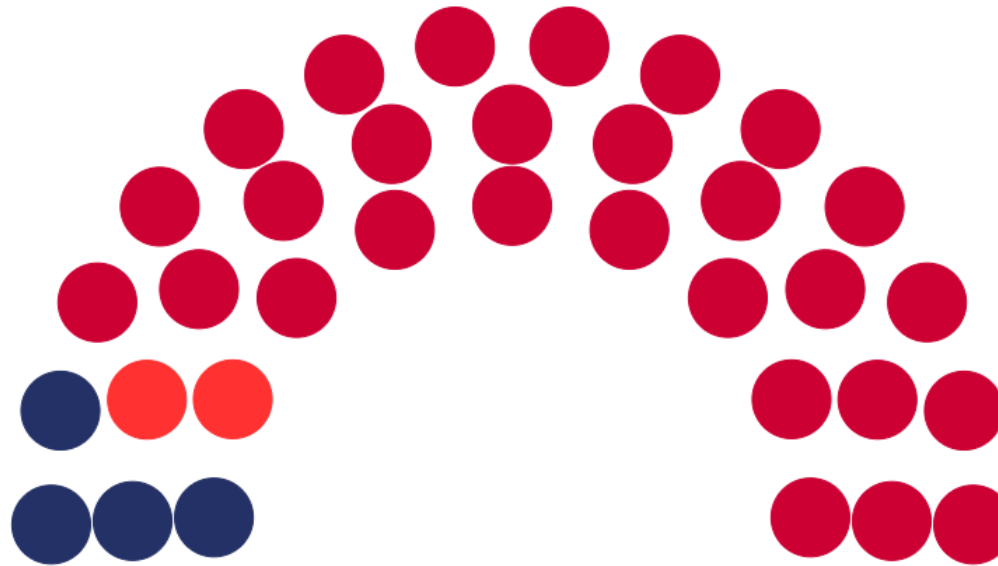


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Representative of legislators elected November, 2021

2022-2023 West Virginia Senate

Number of Senators	34
Number of Senators in dataset	34 (100% complete)
Average Age of Senators	56.4 years
Number of Senators \leq 35 Years of Age	2 (5.88%)
Youngest Senator	Sen. Bennett Montgomery Queen Male Born 1995 White Republican Party
Number Female Senators	4 (11.76%)
Average Age Female Senators	53.8 years
Number of Male Senators	30 (88.24%)
Average Age Male Senators	56.7 years
Number of Democrat Senators	4 (11.76%)
Average Age Democrat Senators	65.3 years
Number of Republican Senators	30 (88.24%)
Average Age Republican Senators	55.1 years

West Virginia Senate 2022-2023



Party	2023
● Missing Democrats (age)	0
● Democratic YELs	0
● Democrats	4
● Republican YELs	2
● Republicans	28
● Missing Republicans (age)	0
● No Party/Independents YELs	0
● No Party/Independents	0
● Vacant	0
● Missing Party	0

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West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023

Generational Composition

Count

Silent Generation (1928-1945)



Baby Boomers (1946-1964)



Gen X (1965-1980)



Millennials (1981-1996)



Gen Z (1997-2012)

0

Missing



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Representative of legislators elected, Nov. 2021

West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023

Race/Ethnicity Composition, All Legislators

Count

American Indian/Alaska Native

0

Asian

0

Black/African American

0

Hispanic/Latinx

1

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

0

Two or more ethnicities

0

Other race/ethnicity

0

White

32

Missing

1

American Indian/Alaska Native

Asian

Black/African American

Hispanic/Latinx

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Two or more ethnicities

Other race/ethnicity

White

Missing

Young Elected Leaders Project: West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023 • U.S. Census Bureau - Race/Ethnicity Categories Representative of legislators elected in November, 2021

West Virginia Senate, 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

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Hispanic/Latinx

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Two or more ethnicities

Other race/ethnicity

White

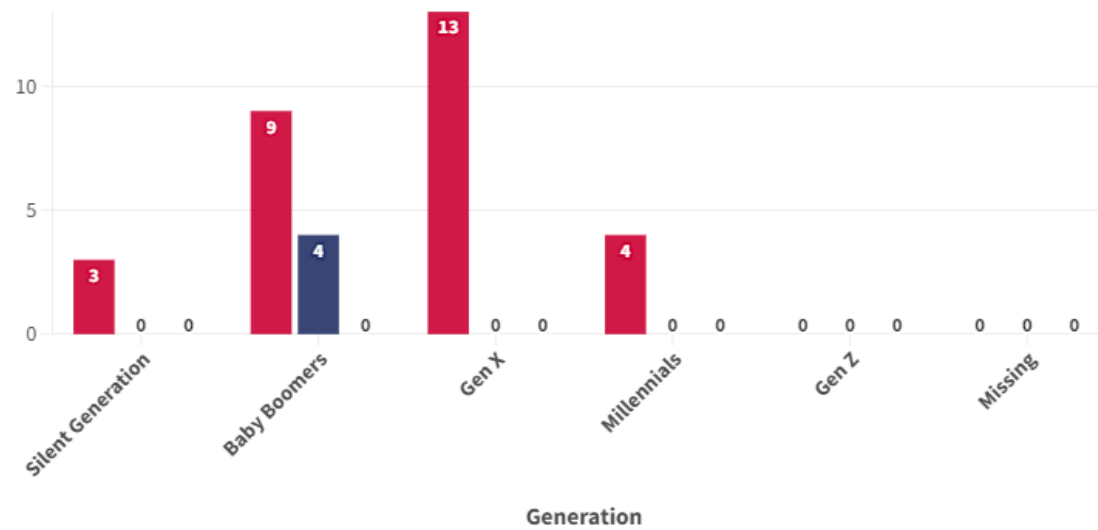
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West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023

Generation by Party

Count



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West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



- 35 and Under (YEL)
- 36 and Older

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West Virginia Senate, 2022-2023

Proportion of YELs by Party and Gender

Proportion



- 35 and Under (YEL)
- 36 and Older

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