

WHO VOTES FOR MAYOR?

Charlotte



Voter turnout is shockingly low in elections for mayor and other local officials across the United States. For the most recent round of mayoral elections in America's 30 largest cities, turnout of eligible citizens in 15 of them was less than 20%.

Turnout in Charlotte's November 3, 2015 mayoral election was lower than in many cities, with just over 15% of the city's eligible citizens casting a ballot. Charlotte neighborhoods where voter turnout exceeded the city average had a higher share of residents 65 years and older; a lower share of racial/ethnic minorities; and a higher percentage of owner-occupied homes.

VOTER TURNOUT RANKING

19th

Charlotte ranked 19th for voter turnout among the 30 largest cities, with 15.9% of eligible citizens casting a ballot.

CHARLOTTE RESIDENTS LIVING IN VOTING DESERTS

10.5%

In Charlotte, 10.5% of residents lived in "voting deserts," areas where turnout was half (or less) than the citywide average. Twenty cities had a lower rate of voting deserts than Charlotte.

AGE GAP

15_{yrs.}

The median age of those who voted in Charlotte was 57 while the median age of Charlotte's adult population was 42. This "age gap" of 15 years ranks Charlotte 16th. The top city has the lowest age gap.

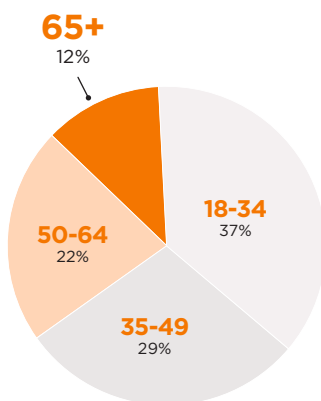
OLDER VOTERS HAVE MORE ELECTORAL CLOUT

16x

A Charlotte resident over the age of 65 is 16 times more likely to cast a ballot than a younger resident between the ages of 18 and 34, giving older voters much more "electoral clout."

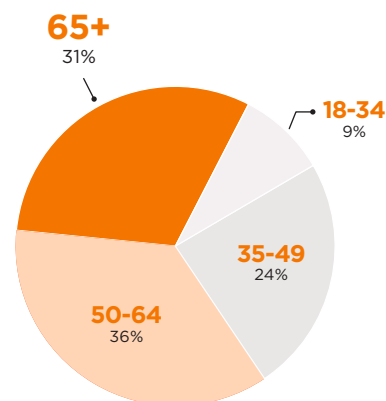
PERCENTAGE OF VOTING AGE RESIDENTS BY AGE

People who can vote



PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS IN LAST ELECTION BY AGE

People who do vote

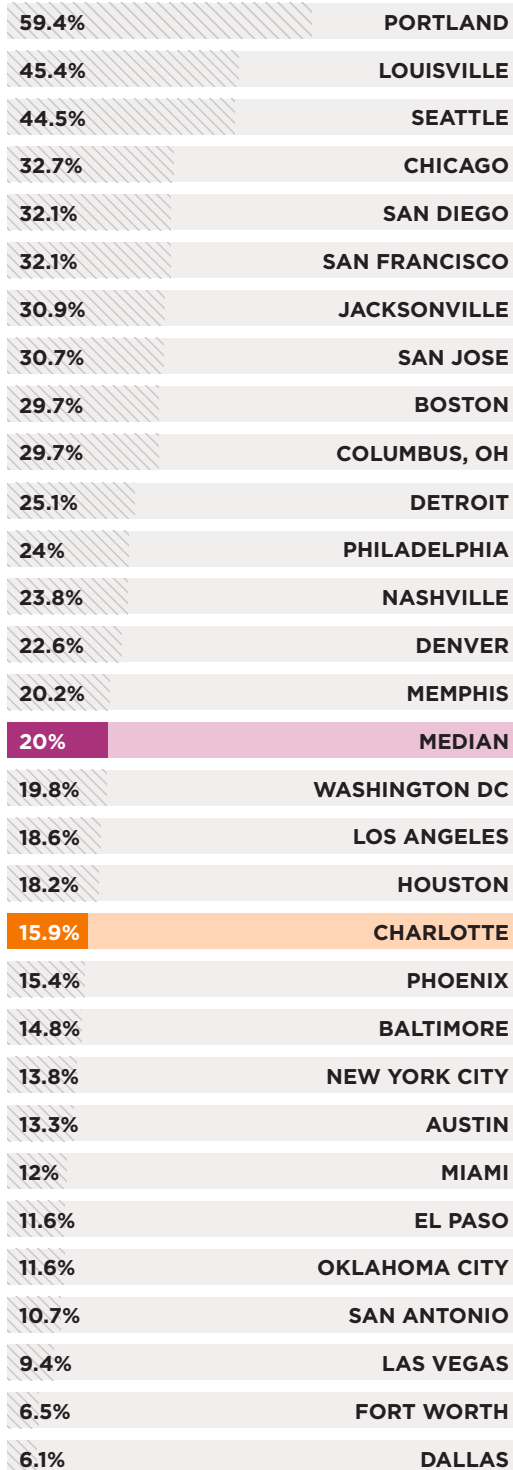


All data refer to each city's "determinative" mayoral election, which in most cases was either its only contest, or the second round or "run-off" election. However, in several cities (e.g. Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City) the dominant party primary election was considered determinative.

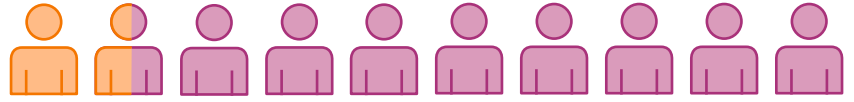


Who's voting in local elections in Charlotte?

TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN MOST RECENT MAYORAL ELECTION: 30 LARGEST CITIES



Only 15.9% of eligible citizens voted in the last election



MEDIAN AGE OF VOTERS IN LAST ELECTION VS. ADULT POPULATION: CHARLOTTE

Voters

57 yrs.

Adult Population

42 yrs.

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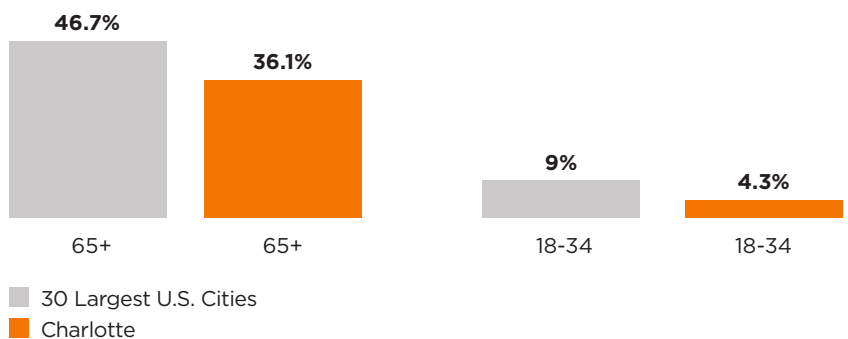
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TURNOUT OF REGISTERED VOTERS BY AGE GROUP



NOTE: Caution should be used in making city-to-city comparisons of registered voter turnout since cities vary widely in how frequently they update voter registration rolls.

Explore the data: Visit whovotesformayor.org for an in-depth look at who's voting in local elections in Charlotte and other cities around the country, including maps comparing voter turnout with factors like age, race, and education.