

WHO VOTES FOR MAYOR?

Washington DC



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 Washington DC's April 1, 2014 mayoral election was near the median of the 30 largest cities, with about one-fifth of the city's eligible citizens casting a ballot. Washington DC 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

16th

Washington DC ranked 16th for voter turnout among the 30 largest cities, with 19.8% of eligible citizens casting a ballot.

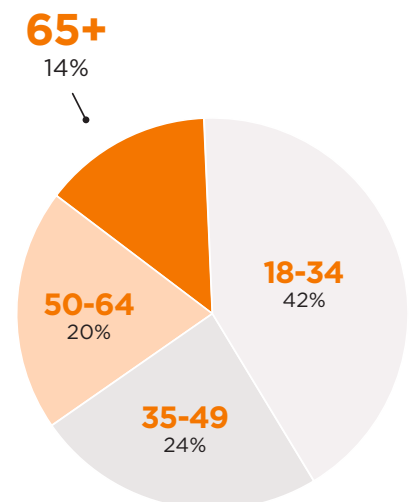
WASHINGTON DC RESIDENTS LIVING IN VOTING DESERTS

9.9%

In Washington DC, 9.9% of residents lived in "voting deserts," areas where turnout was half (or less) than the citywide average. Eighteen cities had a lower rate of voting deserts than Washington DC.

PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS IN LAST ELECTION BY AGE

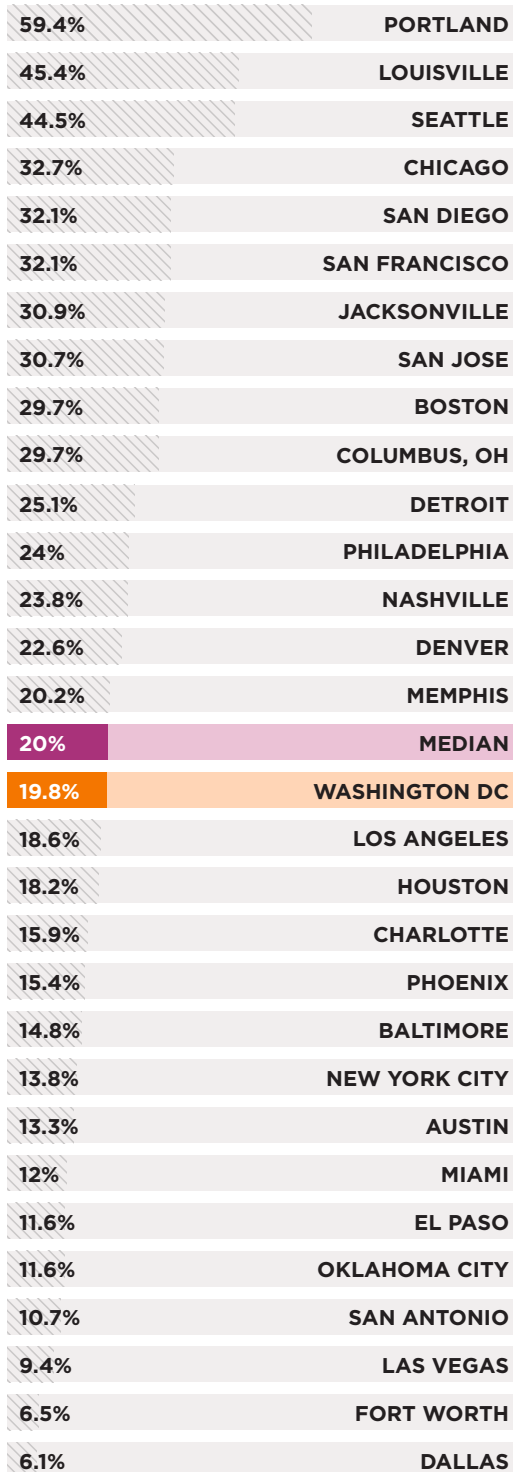
People who do vote



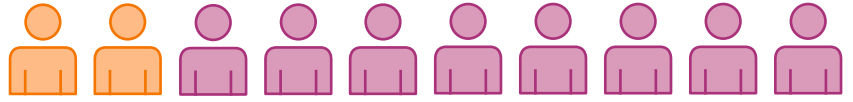


Who's voting in local elections in Washington DC?

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



Only 19.8% of eligible citizens voted in the last election



MEDIAN AGE OF ADULT POPULATION: WASHINGTON DC VS. LARGEST 30 CITIES

Washington DC

39 yrs.

30 Largest Cities

42 yrs.

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

In Washington DC, limited demographic data is available for local elections. In contrast to other cities included in the Who Votes for Mayor project, Washington DC has no data available about the ages of people who voted in the 2014 local election.