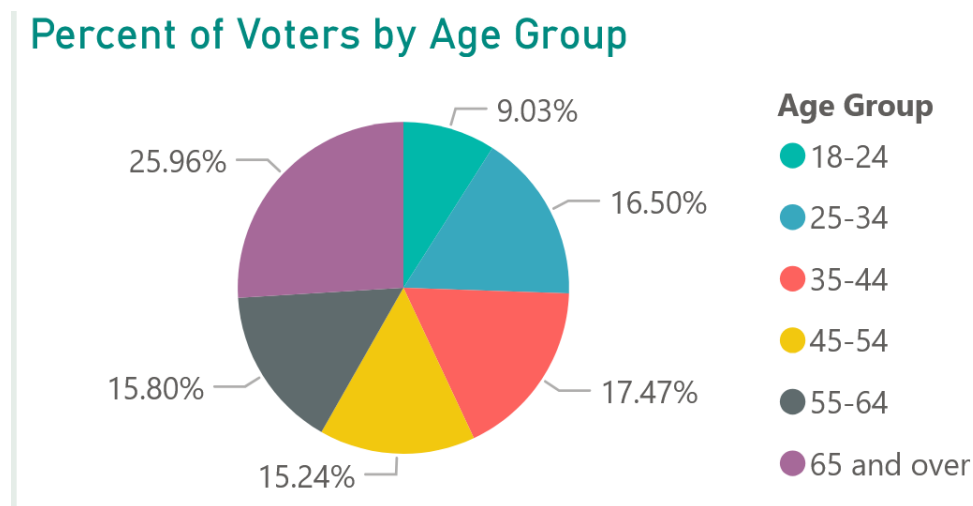


Washington Voters and Turnout

Demographic of Washington Voters

We explored [the Washington State Secretary of State website voter demographics section](#) to better understand the voter base in Washington. The largest group by age is the population aged 65 and older. Women outnumber men in every category except age 18-24.

This first Chart shows the % of Washington voters by age group



This graph further delineates by both age and gender.

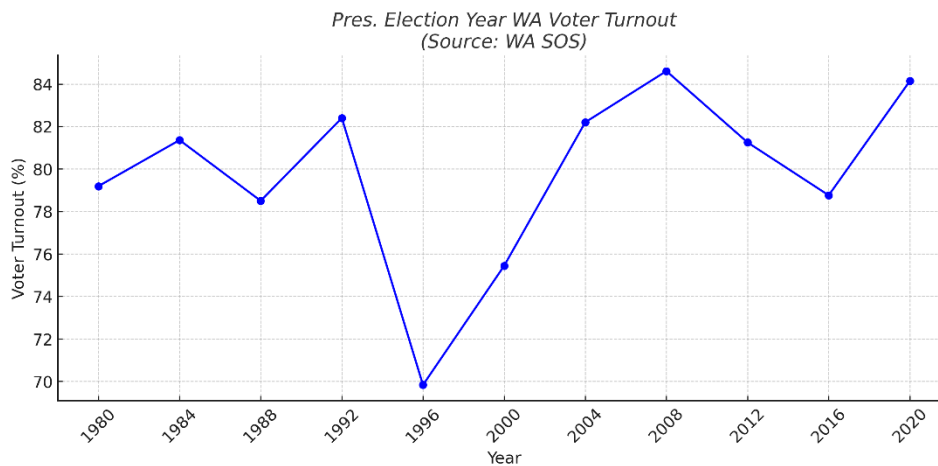
Voters by Age Group and Gender

Gender	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Female	208,064	387,919	417,511	367,276	385,057	667,504	2,433,331
Male	212,654	386,247	408,272	357,314	366,163	573,023	2,303,673
Unspecified	16,773	25,110	20,756	13,599	13,998	17,313	107,549
Total	437,491	799,276	846,539	738,189	765,218	1,257,840	4,844,553

The breakdown by congressional district.

Active Voters by Age Group and Congressional District							
District	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
1	43,950	76,462	86,648	78,287	72,758	98,407	456,512
2	44,013	78,042	82,377	70,667	81,131	155,230	511,460
3	45,730	78,650	84,089	79,847	84,229	142,489	515,034
4	46,683	69,167	68,125	58,219	63,421	111,520	417,135
5	48,836	81,529	83,891	73,214	81,199	142,804	511,473
6	38,289	72,594	83,524	72,948	87,229	170,131	524,715
7	38,558	113,950	103,396	77,667	67,521	102,701	503,793
8	50,030	74,007	92,908	89,244	88,641	122,566	517,396
9	39,209	78,324	78,156	67,482	68,281	97,647	429,099
10	42,193	76,551	83,425	70,614	70,808	114,345	457,936
Total	437,491	799,276	846,539	738,189	765,218	1,257,840	4,844,553

In the 2020 general election, voter turnout in Washington State reached 84.1%, just shy of the all-time record of 84.6% set in 2008. The turnout varied across the state, with counties in both Eastern and Western Washington showing high levels of participation. The top 2 counties were both in Western Washington, the bottom 5 turnout were all in Eastern Washington.



This charts the overall turnout on Presidential election years since 1980

While turnout was good across the state, in Eastern Washington some of the counties lagged behind the rest of the state.

1. **Negative Advertising and Political Disillusionment:** Some voters in Eastern Washington, particularly in conservative areas, may have been turned off by negative political advertising. Additionally, the contentious political climate, including concerns about voter

fraud, may have led to voter disillusionment and a decision by some to stay home rather than participate in the election ([Cascade PBS News](#)).

2. **Lack of Competitive Races:** In certain areas, like the 4th Congressional District, where incumbent Rep. Dan Newhouse (R) was easily re-elected despite facing primary challenges, the perceived lack of competitiveness may have reduced voter motivation to turn out ([Cascade PBS News](#)).
3. **Belief in Voter Fraud:** Some conservative voters might have been influenced by narratives of widespread voter fraud, leading to a belief that their votes would not count. This skepticism about the electoral process could have contributed to lower participation rates ([Cascade PBS News](#)).

To address voter disillusionment, especially for moderate voters who feel silenced by the vocal majority, we need ing not to vote, moderates to vote, by choosing not to vote we are essentially letting politicians think that the public is in favor of the extremes. We are allowing our criteria for voting to be dictated by media and campaigns who avoid the subjects where they do not shine. Consider what are the most important issues in your life and find the candidate who will make a difference.