



VOTING TRENDS IN AMERICA, 1964-2014

Activity Items

The following items are part of this activity and appear at the end of this student version.

- Item 1: Percent Voting by Race and Region of Total Voting-Age Population in Presidential Elections
- Item 2: Percent Registering and Voting by Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin, Presidential Elections
- Item 3: Voting and Registration Graphs, Congressional Elections, 2014

Student Learning Objectives

- I will be able to read and understand several years of data presented in bar graphs and line graphs.
- I will be able to identify voting trends by race, year, and region.
- I will be able to compare, analyze, and evaluate voter registration and voting information to write a response.

8. Looking at the dark purple bars for 1992, rank the four racial/ethnic groups from highest to lowest according to the percentages of people who actually voted in the presidential election that year. You may need to use a straight edge to help you!
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
9. Now, looking at the dark purple bars for 2012, rank the four racial/ethnic groups from highest to lowest according to the percentages of people who actually voted in the presidential election that year.
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10. Write a sentence that summarizes the voting trends of white voters and black voters during the presidential elections of 2004, 2008, and 2012.

Part 2 - Organize Your Ideas

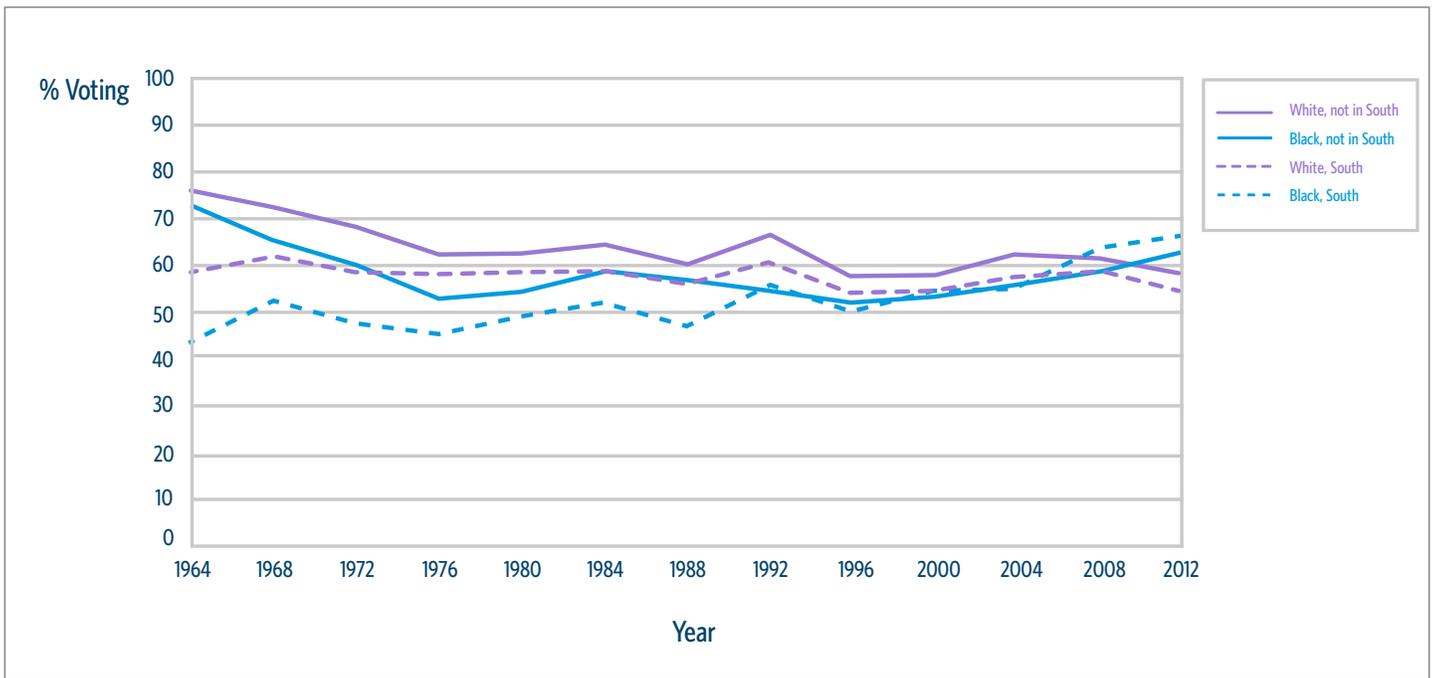
Use the graphic organizer below to write notes (in bullet points) from what you learned, to help you answer the question “Who votes in American elections?”

Six Voting Amendments Information	Presidential Election Voting History (from Items 1 and 2)	2014 Congressional Election Voting Information (from Item 3)

Part 3 - Write Your Response

Use your points from part 2 to write a one-paragraph response to the question “Who votes in American elections?” Make sure you include a topic sentence and a concluding sentence.

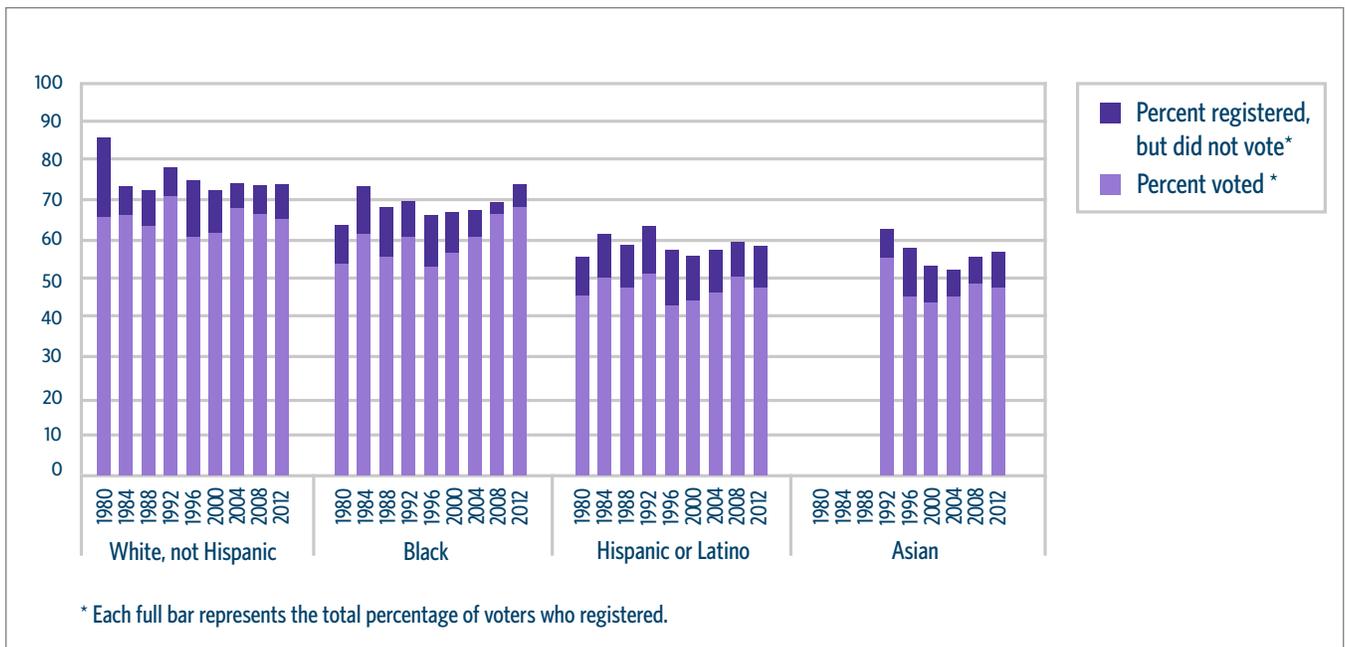
Item 1: Percent Voting by Race and Region of Total Voting-Age Population in Presidential Elections



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Item 2: Percent Registering and Voting by Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin, Presidential Elections

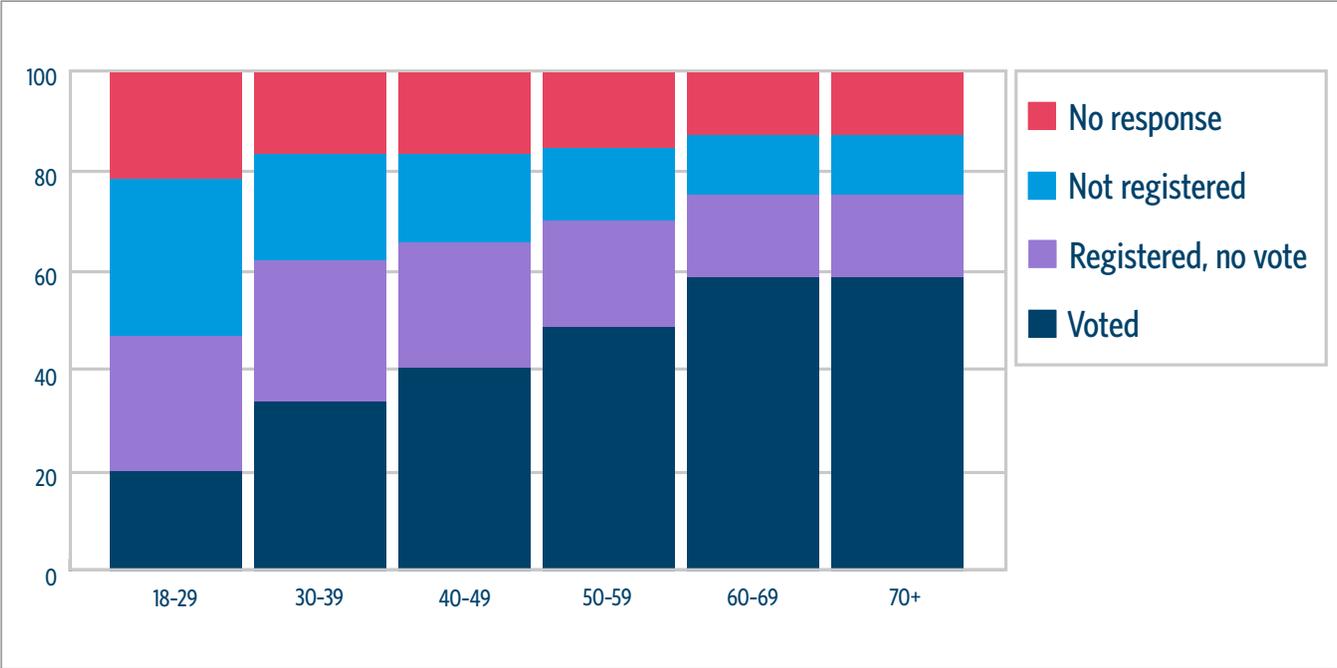


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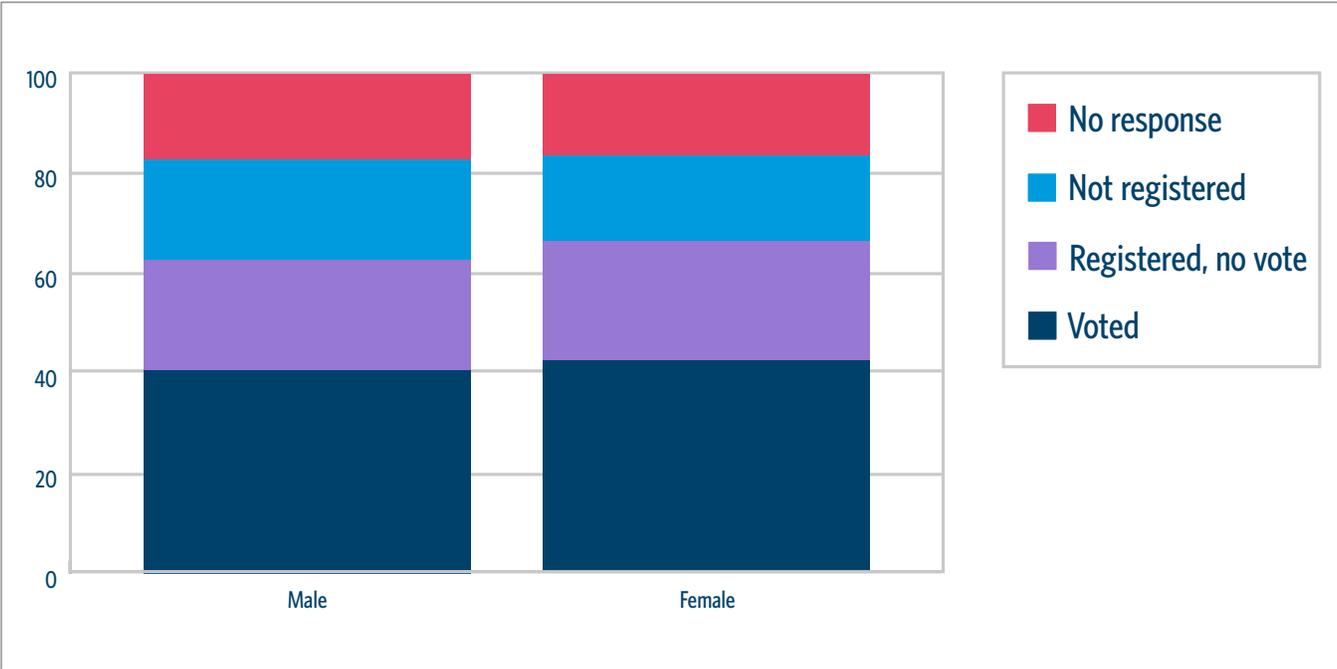
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Item 3: Voting and Registration Graphs, Congressional Elections, 2014

Voting and registration by age in United States: 2014

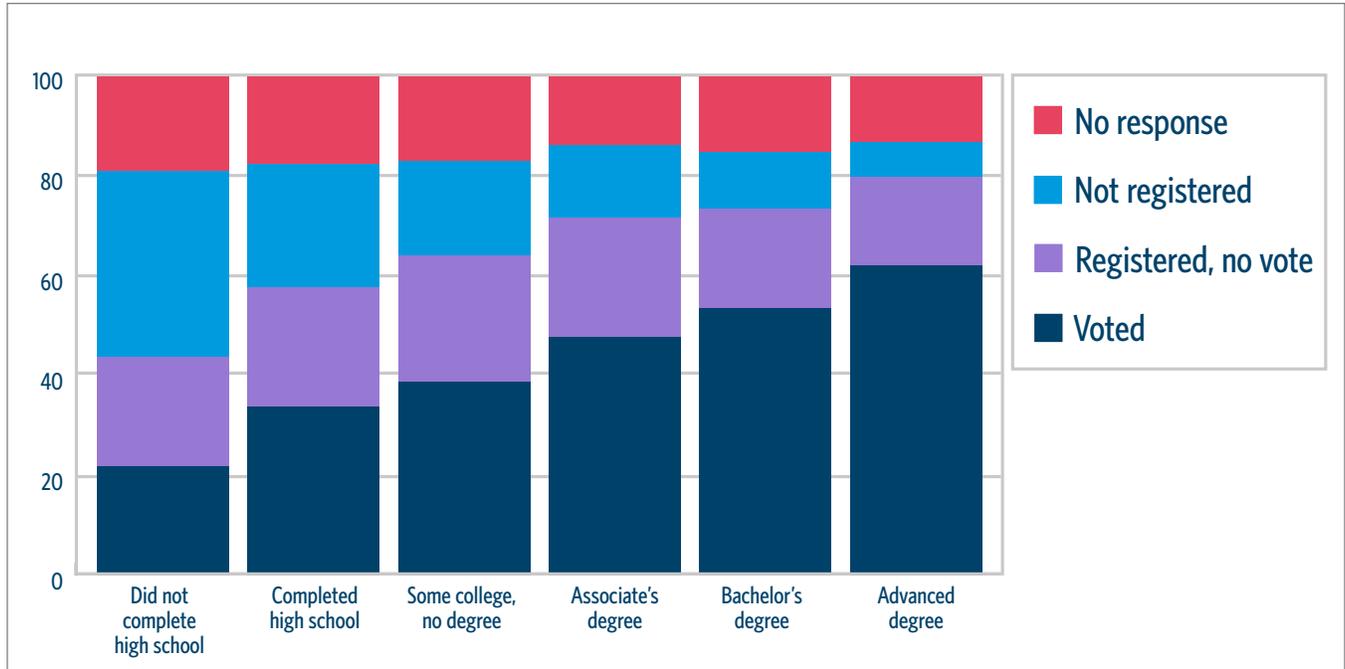


Voting and registration by sex in United States: 2014



Item 3: Voting and Registration Graphs, Congressional Elections, 2014 (Continued)

Voting and registration by education in United States: 2014



thedataweb.rm.census.gov/TheDataWeb_HotReport2/voting/voting.html

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