Voter Registration and Participation

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The 2014 Election

Participation in the 2014 Elections was below all expectations

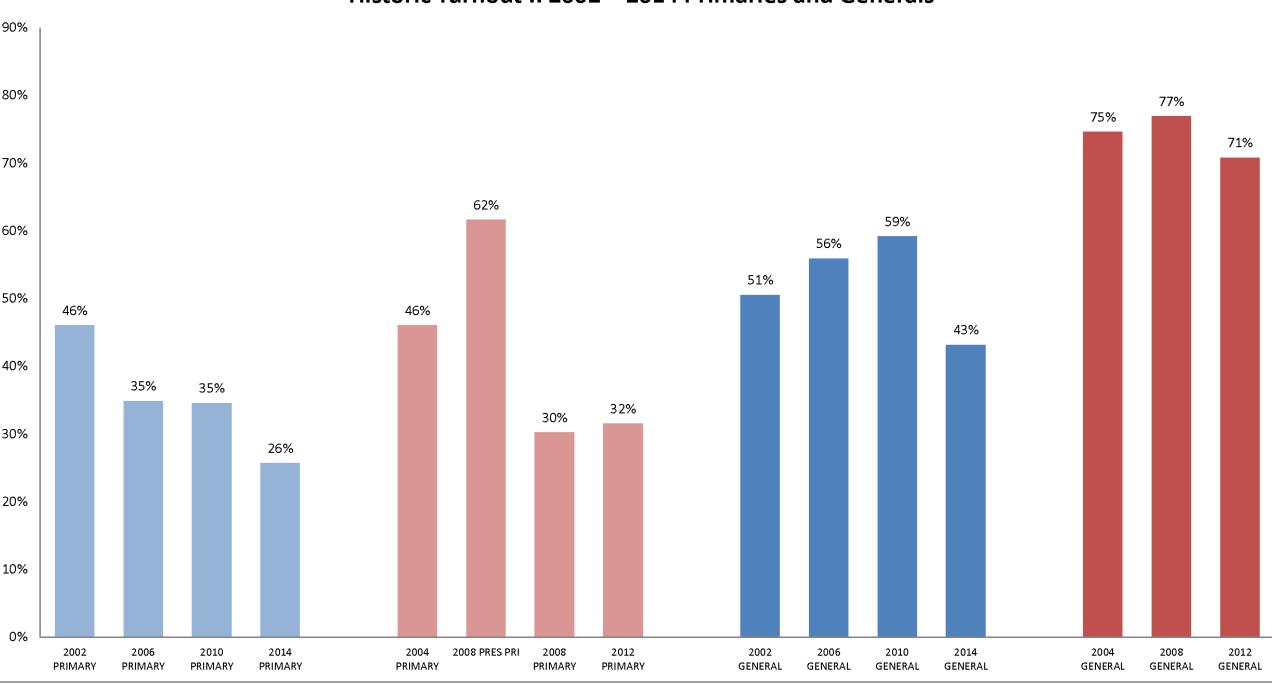
2014 Primary

:: 25% Total Turnout – Gov Primary usually ~ 35%

2014 General

:: 42% Total Turnout – Gov General usually ~ 52%

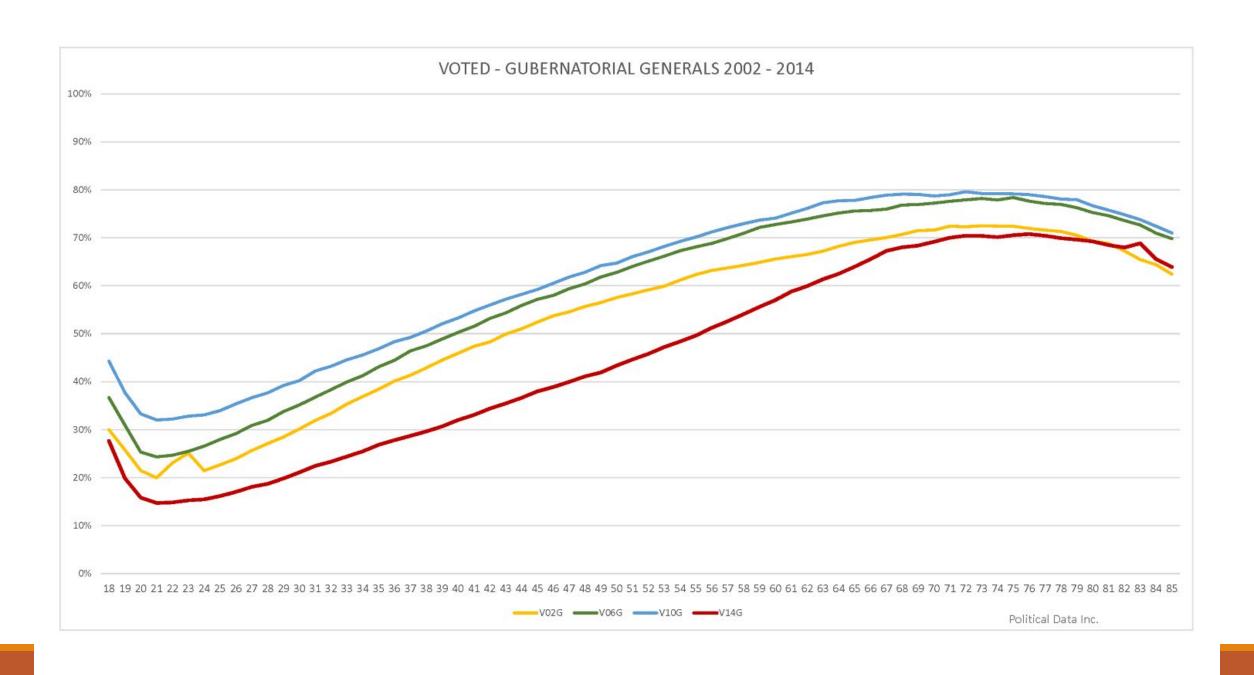
Historic Turnout :: 2002 – 2014 Primaries and Generals



Age as a key factor in voting

Who votes is very strongly associated with age

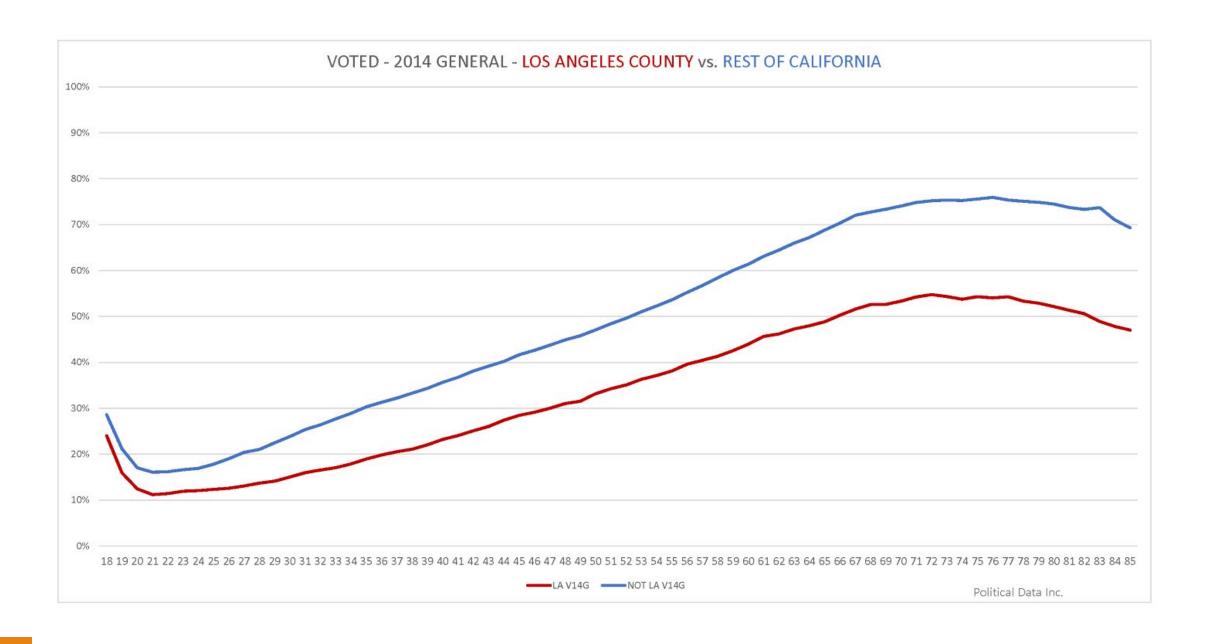
- Looking at Registered Voters there is a strong historic pattern
- High and low turnout elections generally follow same patterns
- 2014 showed strong drop for everyone under 60.



Los Angeles and Rest of State

Different voting patterns historically

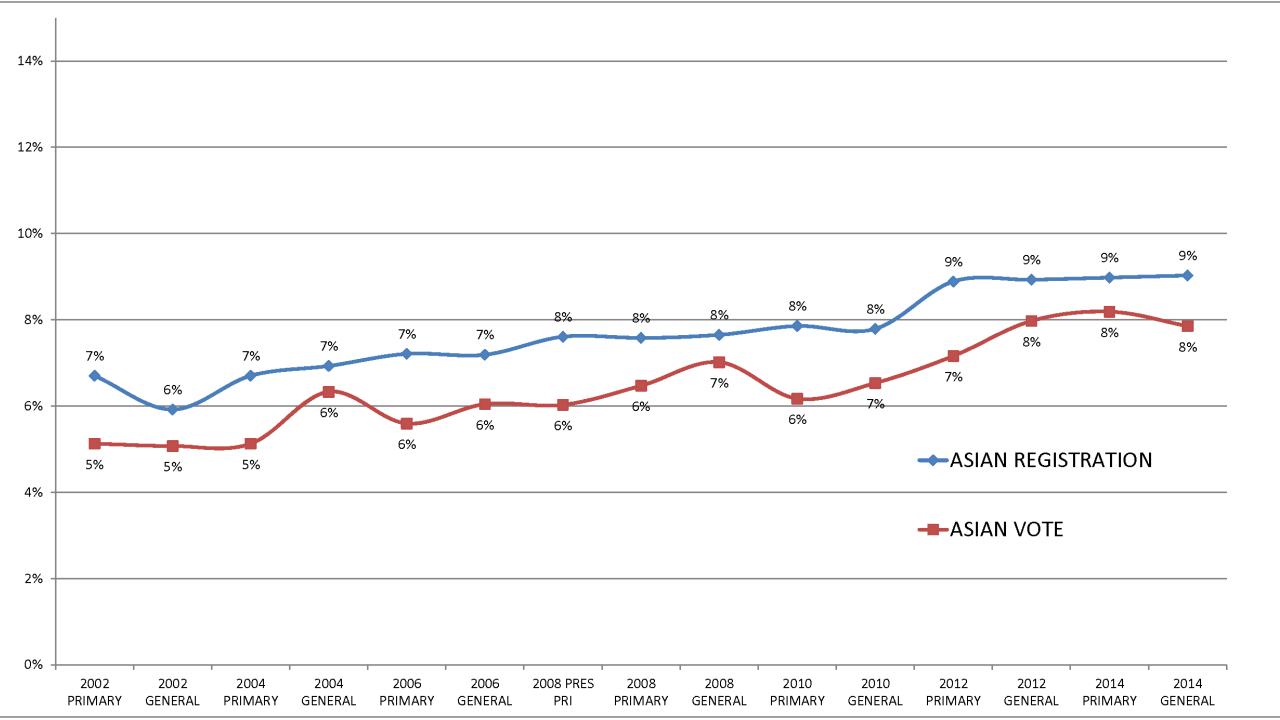
- Significantly lower turnout 31% for LA / 46% for rest of state
- Latino 23% to 31% Statewide; Asian 26% to 42%
- Reduced vote turnout exists across age groups

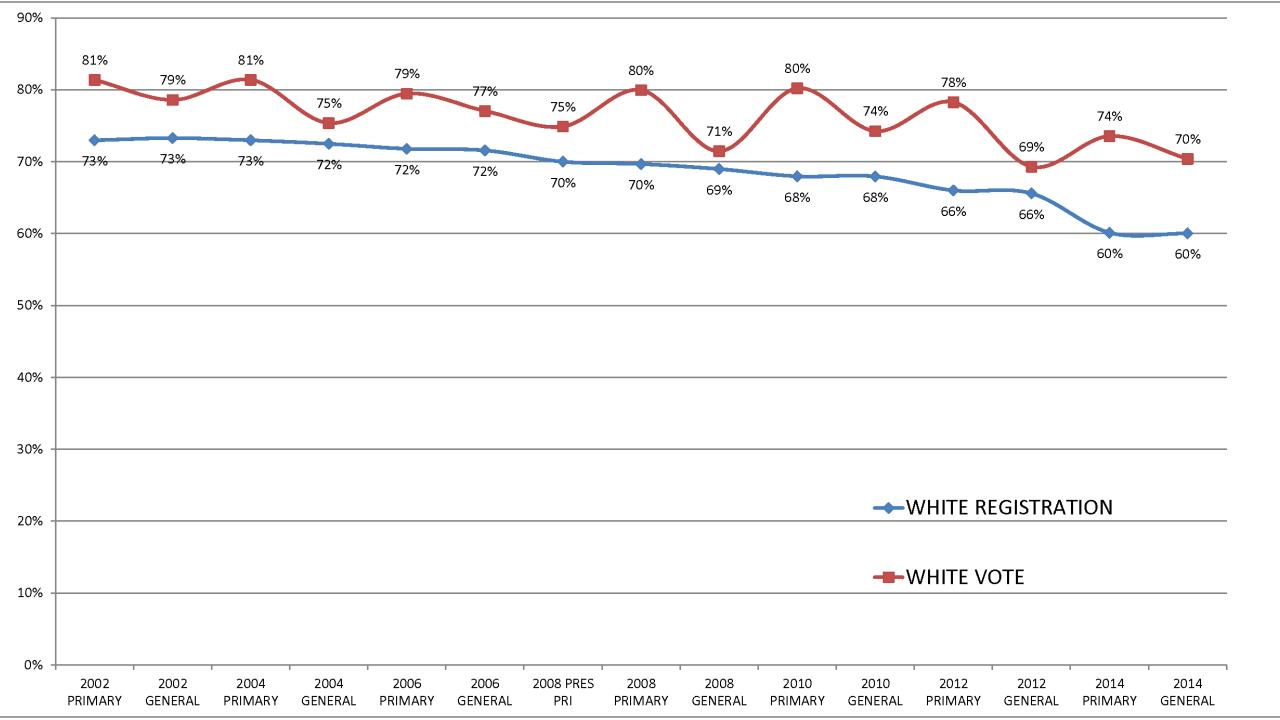


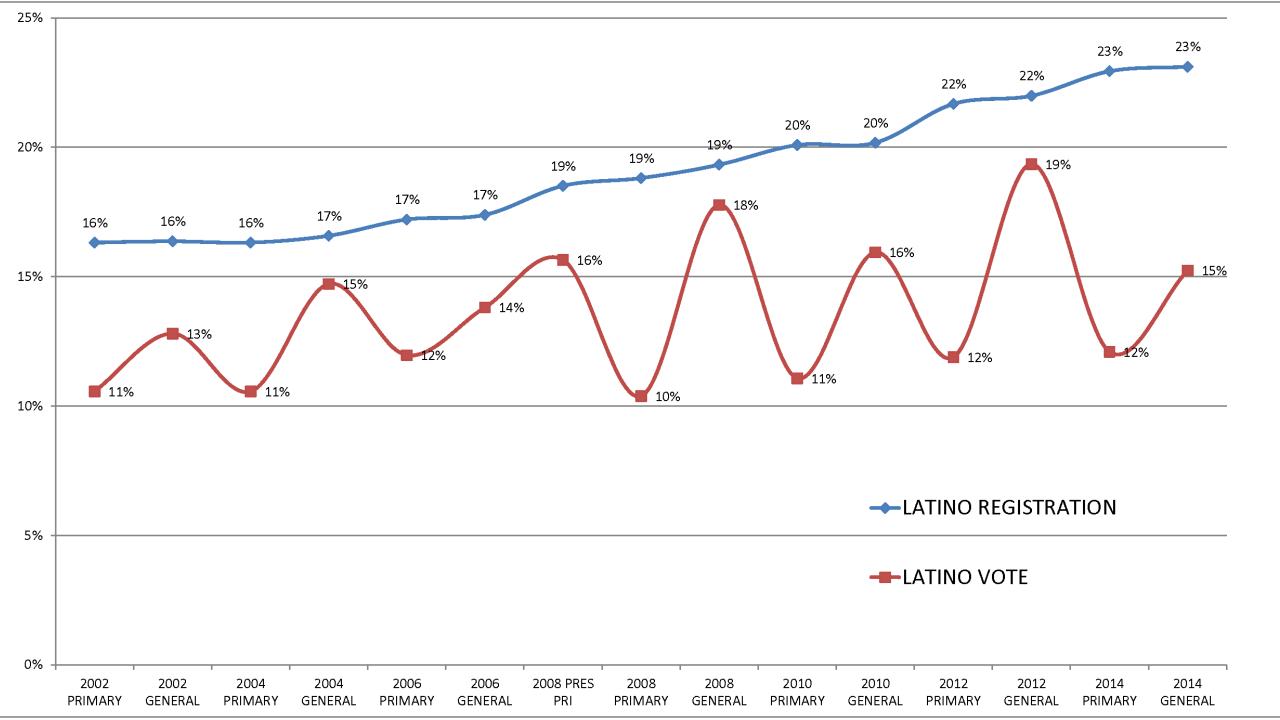
Ethnicity and voting

Hard to overstate the power of ethnicity in voting behavior

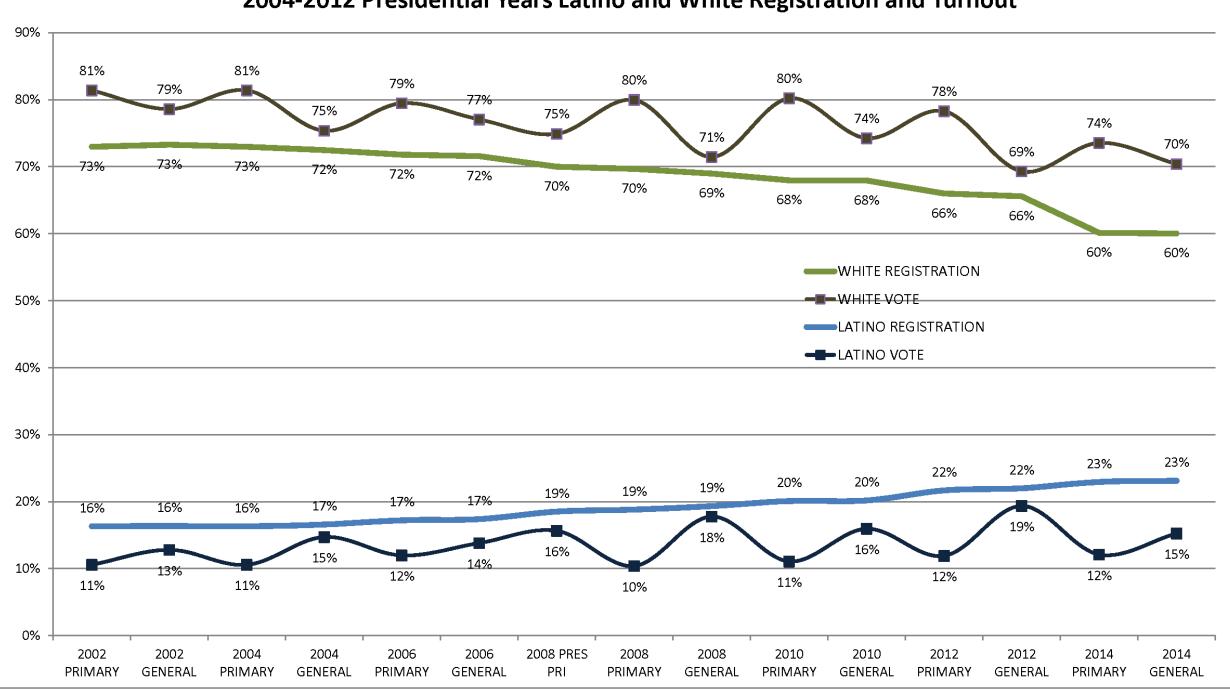
- Dramatic differences between the population as a whole and those who vote
 making for an Electorate that does not look like California.
- Several Los Angeles Communities are Majority Latino but in low turnout elections the median voter is White
- Latinos have only twice, in thousands of elections studied, significantly outpaced their rate of registration.







2004-2012 Presidential Years Latino and White Registration and Turnout



Rates of Permanent Absentee Status have been increasing.

· 2002

:: 9% of Voters are PAV

:: 15% of Votes cast are By Mail

· 2014

:: 50% of Voters are PAV

:: 62% of Votes cast are By Mail

Rates of Permanent Absentee Growth has been uneven.

LA County

:: 31% of Voters are PAV // 44% of Votes cast are By Mail

SF Bay

:: 60% of Voters are PAV // 69% of Votes cast are By Mail

Rates of Permanent Absentee Growth has been uneven.

Divergence in PAV use by Ethnicity

:: African American 30%

:: Latino 40%

:: Asian 55%

:: White 52%

Rates of Permanent Absentee Growth has been uneven.

New Registrants are becoming more PAV

:: 49% of Traditional paper registration forms

:: 60% of Motor Voter paper forms

:: 66% of Online Voter Registrations

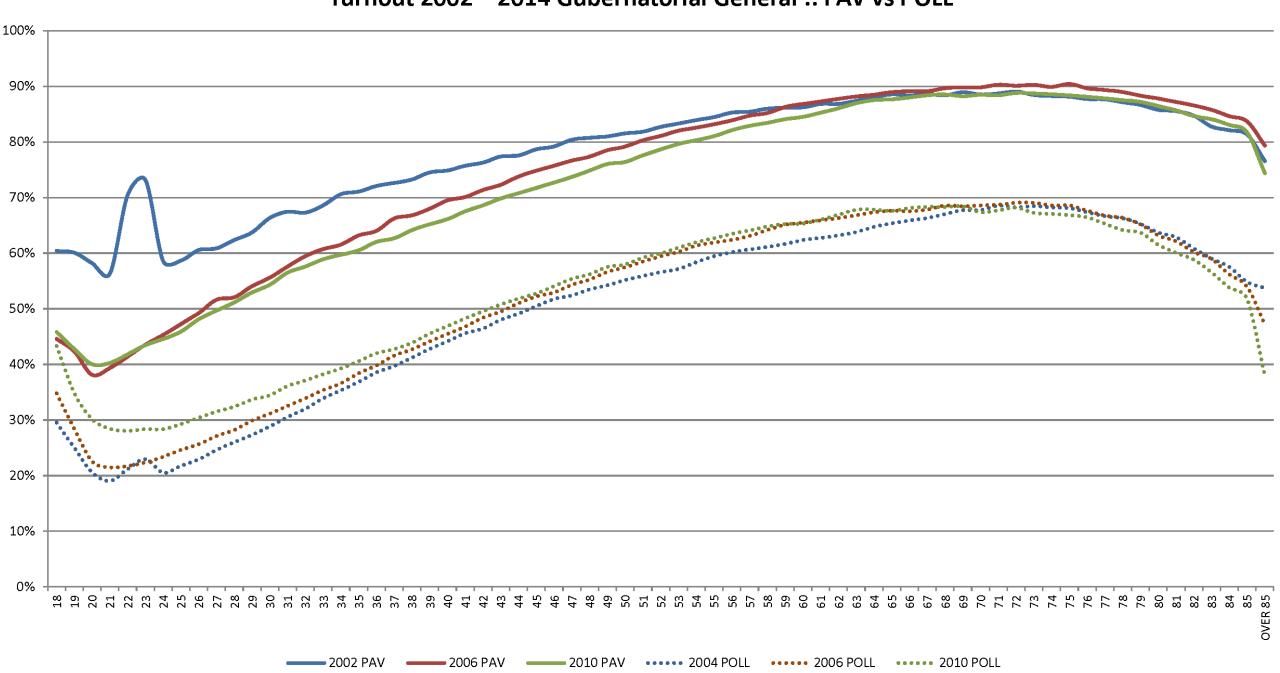
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Age a significant factor, but Closing

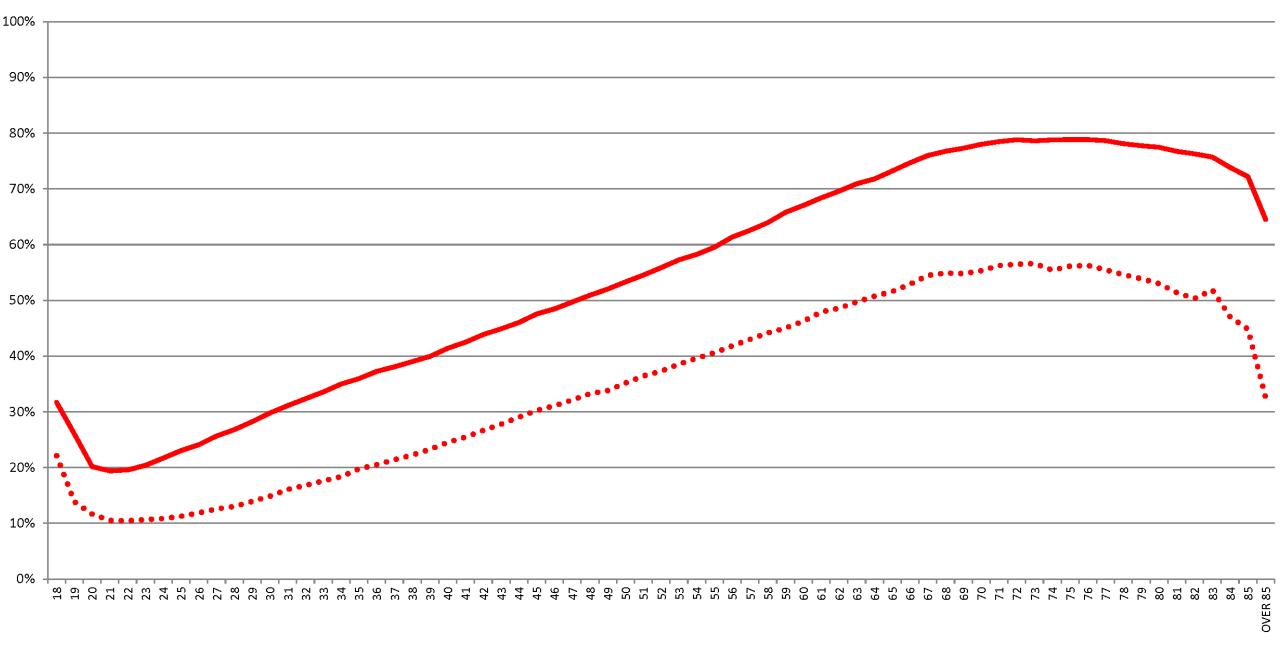
:: 2002: 25% of Age 60+ Ballots / 8% of Age 18-28

:: 2014: 68% of Age 60+ Ballots / 60% of Age 18-28

Turnout 2002 – 2014 Gubernatorial General :: PAV vs POLL



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