

# **Final Project Report Draft V2**

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# Summary of Results

**Overarching Project Question:** Are there any overarching racial voting patterns in Boston on the Ward-Precinct level, and how does this vary across election type over the past decade?

- We have found a variety of racial voting patterns on the Ward-Precinct level in Boston across election type during the past decade.
- Most of the answers to this question are incorporated into our key questions that we explore below.

## Key Questions and Principal Findings:

1. How do racial voting patterns differ by election type?
  - a. Generally, across election types, Black candidates tend to receive support from precincts with high black populations.
  - b. Turnout for city council elections which coincide mayoral elections is generally much higher than turnout for stand-alone city council elections.
  - c. For certain elections, such as the 2018 U.S. House Democratic primary, the race of the candidate does not seem to be a primary factor in determining whether or not the candidate will win a specific precinct.
2. What are the key predictors in determining support for Black candidates for Boston?
  - a. There is a strong positive correlation between the percentage of votes Black candidates receive and the higher the Black population in a specific precinct.
  - b. There seems to be a slight correlation between certain Black candidates (Tito Jackson and DA Rollins) winning a given precinct and that precinct's median income and average educational attainment.
3. How has voter turnout by precinct changed across city council election year?
  - a. Precincts which have the most volatile voter turnout are concentrated in East Boston and West Roxbury and are either majority Hispanic or majority white.
  - b. Precincts which have experienced the greatest change in share of voter turnout are more dispersed ethnically, and are concentrated in areas of Dorchester and Downtown Boston.
  - c. Micheal F. Flaherty is in the election from 2015 to 2019. His share of voter turnout decreases each year. His share of voter turnout, in general, decreases from 2015 to 2019.
  - d. 13 out of 20 precincts which have experienced the greatest change in share of Micheal F. Flaherty's voter turnout have a large white population (above 50%). Flaherty's share of voter change's trends in precincts with most white populations of each year are opposite than those in precincts with lowest white populations.
  - e. Michelle Wu is in the election from 2013 to 2019. Her share of voter turnout only decreased in 2019 and increased in general from 2013 to 2019.
  - f. Precincts which have experienced the greatest change in share of Michelle Wu's voter turnout all have a large white population (above 50%). Wu has the most share of voters in 2017.

- g. In 2019 we can see a huge decrease of the share of voters in precincts with most white, hispanic and asian populations. However, there is no decrease, and even some increases, in precincts with most black populations.
- h. For precincts with a majority Black population, there has been a consistent improvement in turnouts in relative terms compared to other precincts over the 2010-2019 decade.

#### 4. What are changes in District 3 particularly?

- a. Those precincts which experience the greatest volatility and change in share of voter turnout across City Council election year tend to be concentrated in the southern part of District 3. Additionally, these precincts tend to either be ethnically varied or have a very low POC population.
- b. The trends in Micheal F. Flaherty's voter turnout for District 3 is the same as the general pattern. Precincts which have experienced the greatest change in share of Micheal F. Flaherty's voter turnout do not have a strong correlation with a single race population.
- c. The trends in Michelle Wu's voter turnout for District 3 follow the same general pattern as Boston overall.
- d. Overall, the northern precincts in District 3 tend to have much higher turnouts than southern areas. And recently, precincts with high Black populations have seen higher turnout than earlier ones.

#### 5. How have the demographic changes in Boston affected local elections over the past decade?

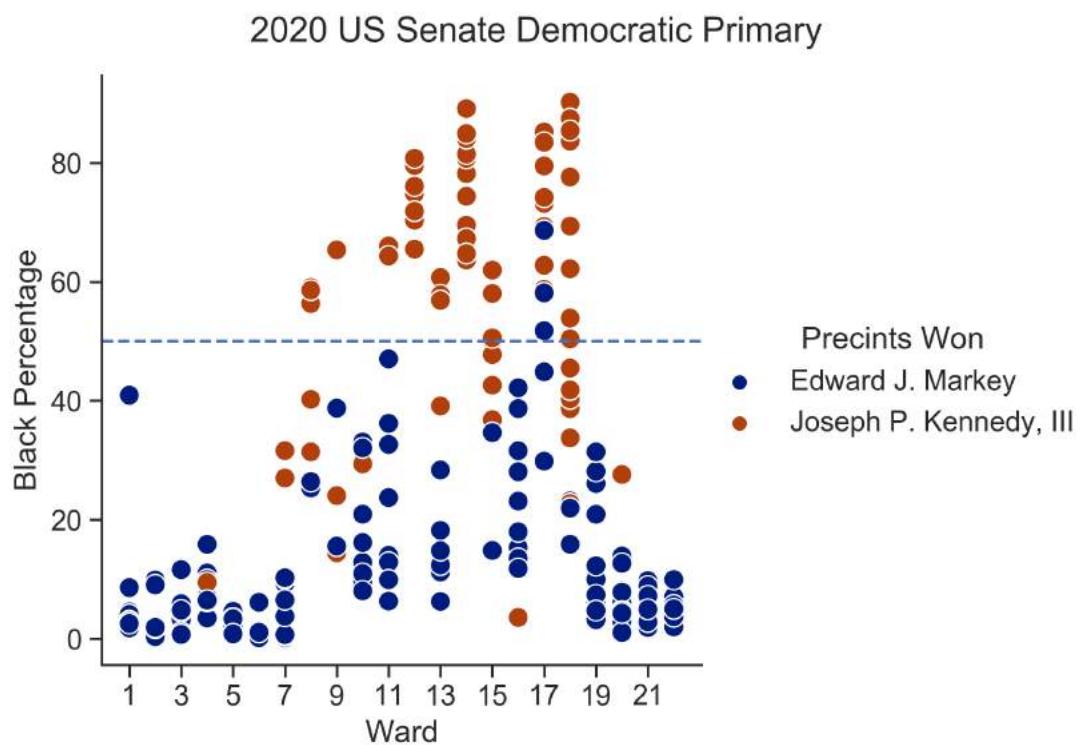
- a. Over the past decade, we found that Black, White, and Asian populations in Boston have steadily grown in numbers.
- b. Over the City Council years, we were unable to find any significant correlation between precincts with high Black, Hispanic, and White populations and high voter turnouts. However, we did find that for CC years 2011-2017, there was a negative correlation between precincts with high Asian populations and voter turnout, but this changed in CC election year 2019. This coincides with the growing Asian population in Boston, however, causation cannot be determined.
- c. In examining the performance of Black candidates in key Boston elections, we found that, over the past decade, there has been a slight upward trend in their performance. This coincides with the growing Black population, however, causation cannot be determined.

## **Key question:** How have voting patterns of Black populations in Boston changed by election type?

PROCESS: After collecting missing data, we performed some preliminary analysis focusing mainly on how voting patterns change with Black demographics.

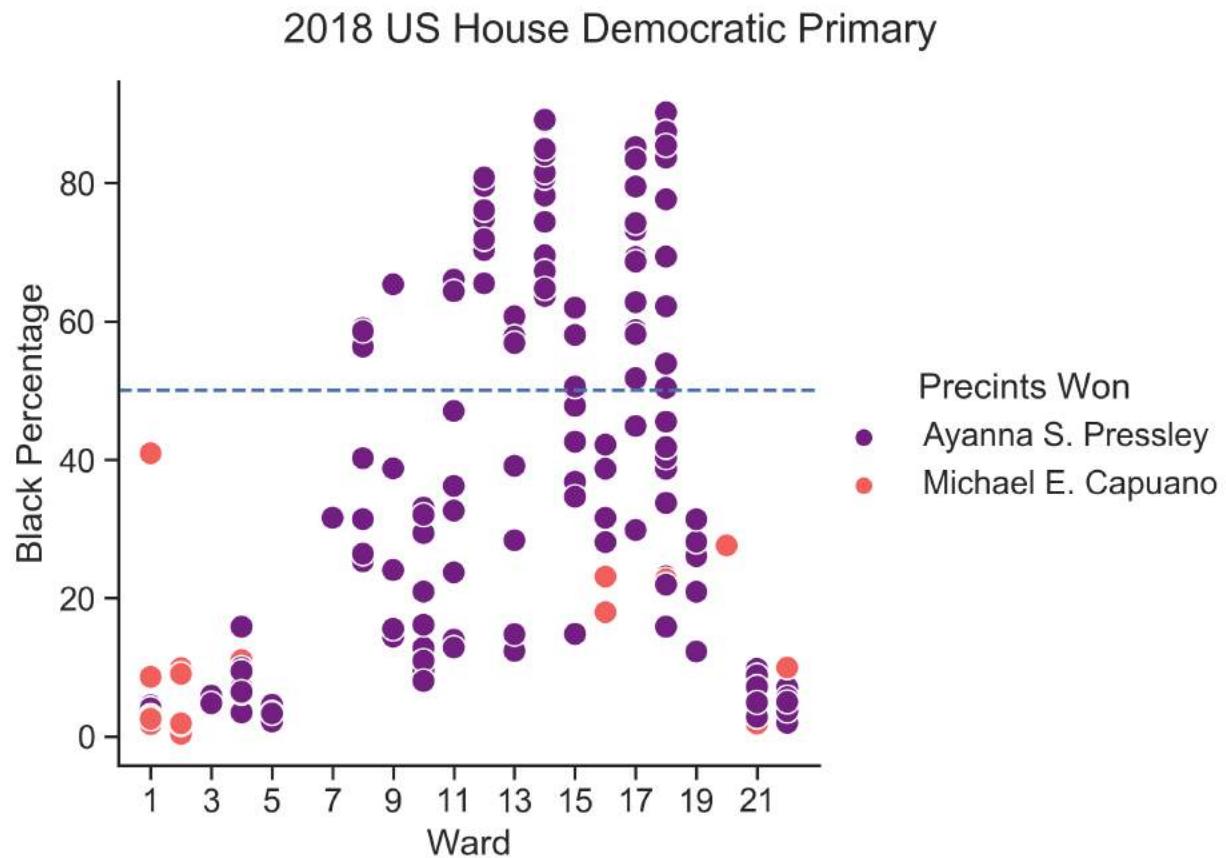
### **Part 1: Senate 2020 Democratic Primaries and 2018 US Democratic House Primaries**

1. For the Senate 2020 Democratic Primaries, here is what we found:



Here we found a clear racial pattern. Across all Wards, Kennedy won most of the precincts with Black majority as we can notice above the horizontal line, while Markey dominated the precincts with Black minority, and specifically the ones with lowest Black percentage living there.

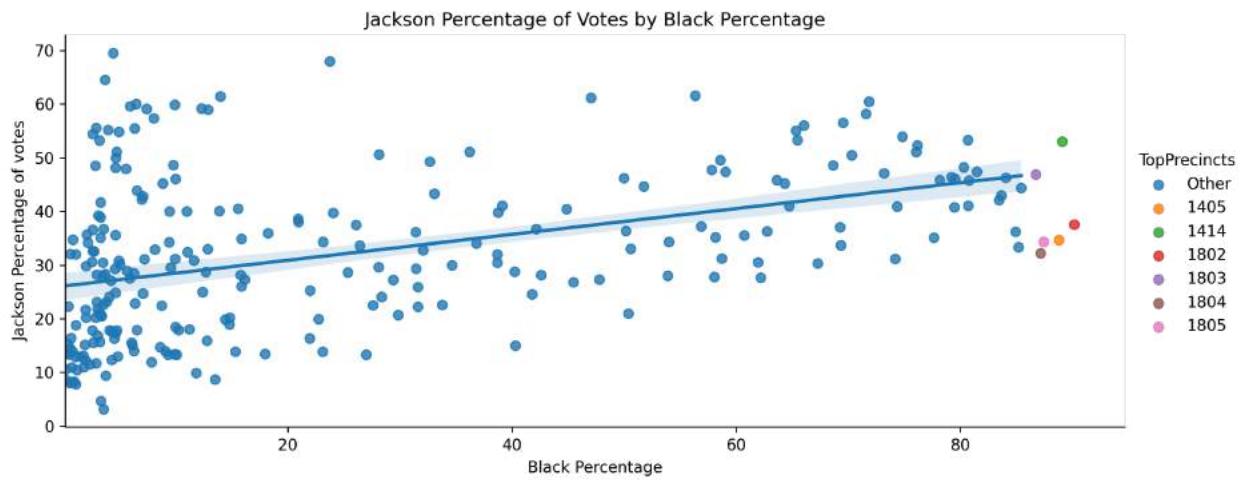
2. And for the 2018 US Democratic House Primaries:



Similarly, another racial pattern. Across all Wards, Pressley won all of the precincts with Black majority as we can notice above the horizontal line, while Capuano' wins were in the precincts with Black minority, with most of them being in lowest Black percentage precincts.

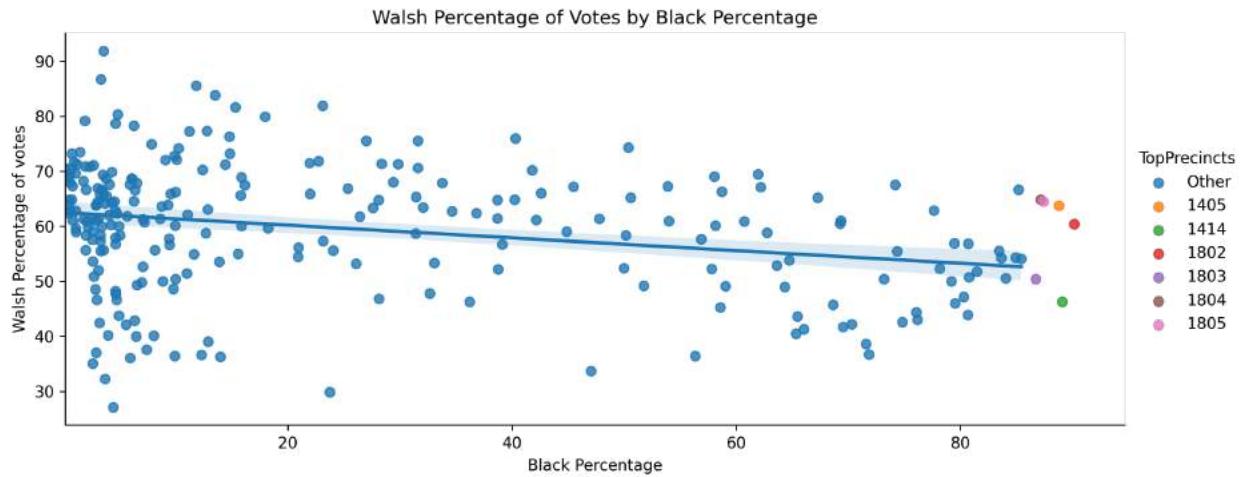
## Part 2: Mayoral 2017 Preliminary Race and Mayoral 2017 General Turnout Race

- For the Mayoral 2017 Preliminary Race, we obtained the following results:



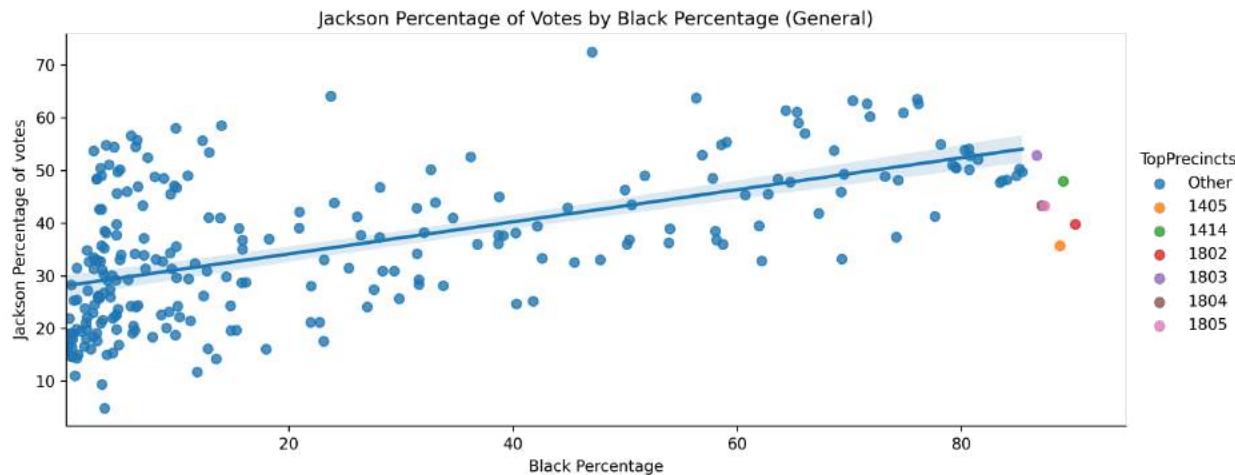
Here, we found that there is a slight positive correlation (correlation coefficient: 0.42) between a higher Black population and greater percentage of votes for Tito Jackson.

Similarly, we analyzed Marty Walsh's percentage of votes by Black Percentage:



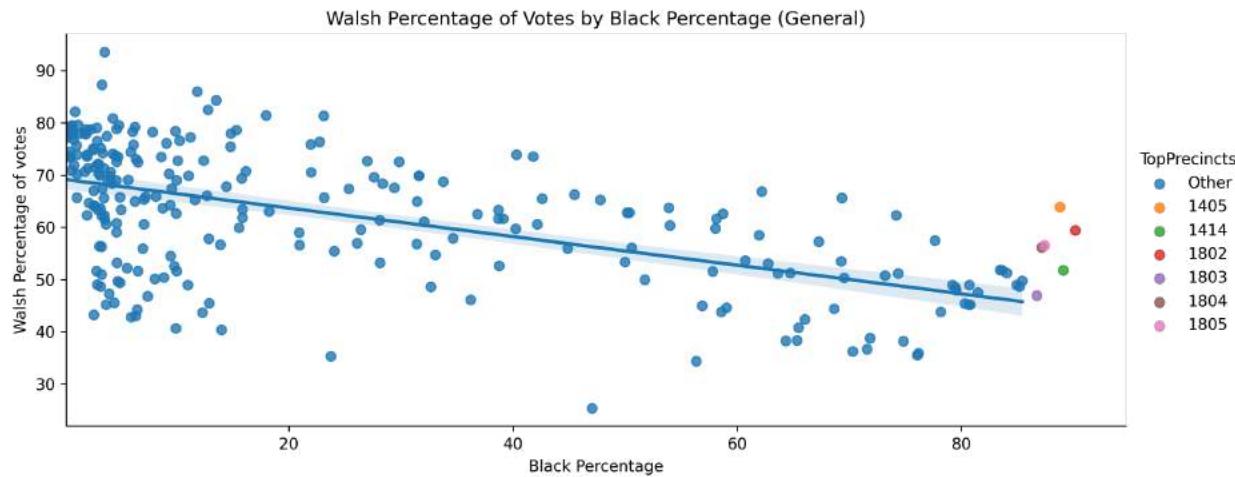
Finding that there is a slight negative correlation (coefficient: -0.25) between the two.

2. For the Mayoral 2017 General Turnout Race, we obtained the following results:



In the general race, there was a slightly stronger positive correlation between Jackson's percentage of votes and the Black population per precinct, with correlation coefficient of 0.58.

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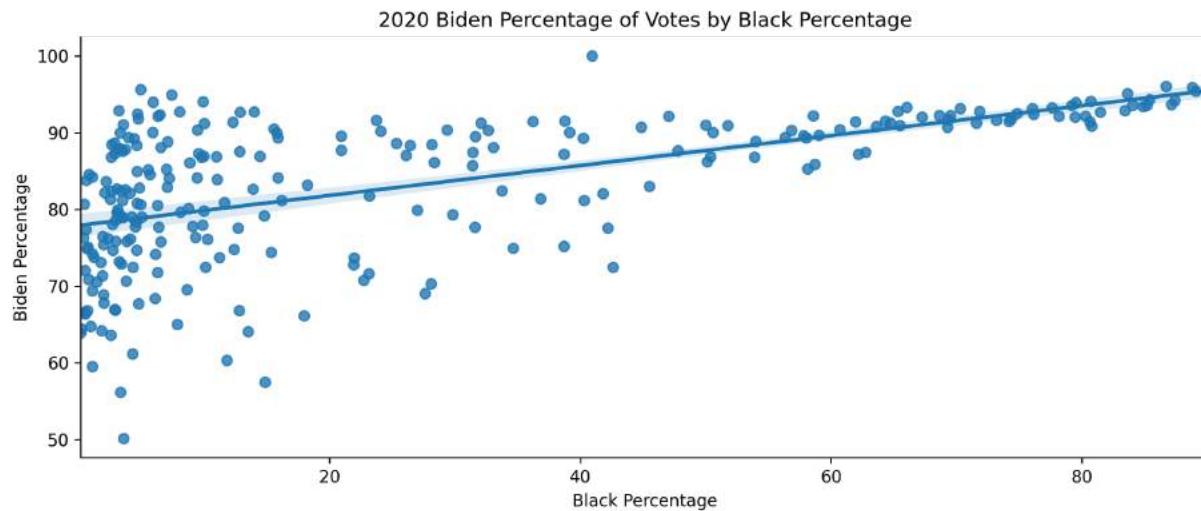


Here, we found a much stronger negative correlation of -0.56.

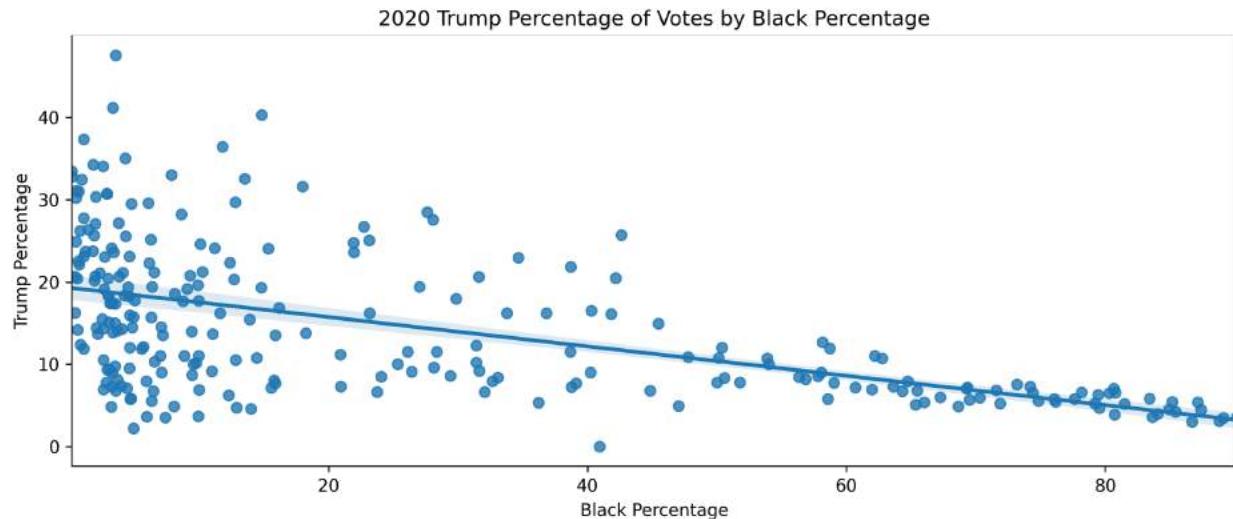
### Part 3: Presidential Elections 2020 and 2016 Presidential Elections

- For the Presidential Elections, we obtained the following results:

First, we analyzed the 2020 Trump/Biden race by Black Percentage per Boston precinct:



Here, we have a correlation coefficient of 0.58, indicating a positive correlation.



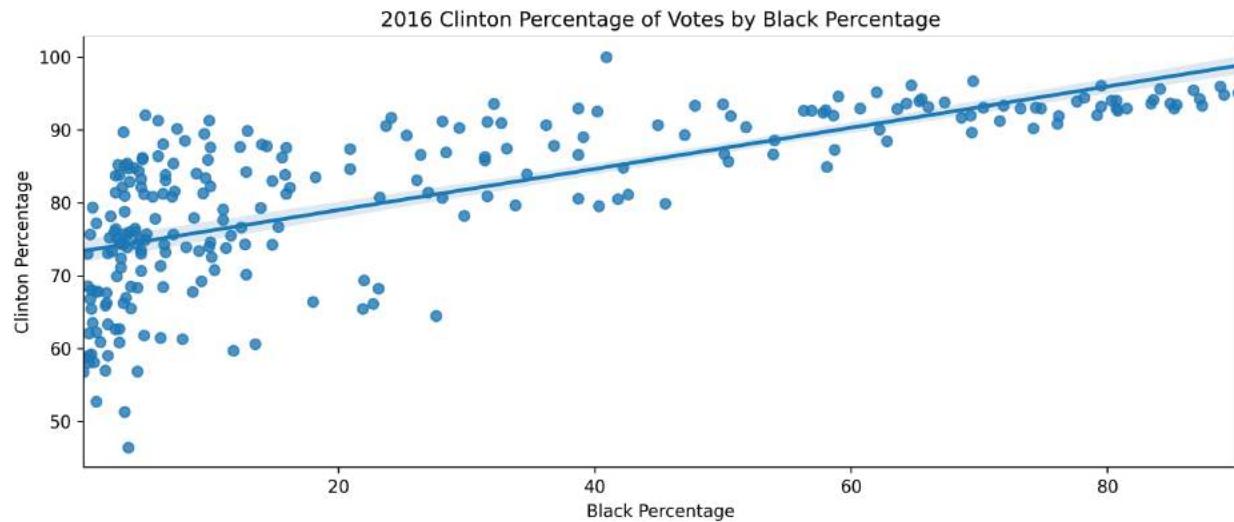
Here, we have a correlation coefficient of -0.55, indicating a negative correlation between Black Percentage per precinct and Trump's percentage of votes.

Sorting our precincts by By Black Population Percentage:

				Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	Donald J. Trump	Jo Jorgensen	Howard Hawkins	All Others	No Preference	Blanks	Two or More Races/Ethnicities (alone)	Black Percentage	Native American Percentage	Asian Percentage	Hav
	City/Town	Ward	Pct												
61	Boston	7	1.0	731	383	12	1	8.0	0.0	9.0	...	3.0	0.146735	0.000000	0.880411
59	Boston	6	8.0	823	419	19	4	7.0	0.0	5.0	...	10.0	0.194175	0.064725	0.647249
20	Boston	2	5.0	1,054	286	14	8	10.0	0.0	9.0	...	8.0	0.374532	0.000000	1.373283
18	Boston	2	3.0	1,054	212	18	0	13.0	0.0	9.0	...	15.0	0.423729	0.181598	1.452785
58	Boston	6	7.0	948	430	21	0	17.0	0.0	7.0	...	8.0	0.458716	0.065531	0.786370
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173	Boston	18	4.0	1,161	67	5	2	1.0	0.0	3.0	...	40.0	87.154150	0.247036	0.444664
174	Boston	18	5.0	1,203	57	5	5	2.0	0.0	5.0	...	37.0	87.415497	1.248050	0.208008
125	Boston	14	5.0	702	23	2	1	2.0	0.0	2.0	...	28.0	88.811675	0.347464	0.764420
134	Boston	14	14.0	773	28	4	1	2.0	0.0	2.0	...	29.0	89.111111	0.222222	0.370370
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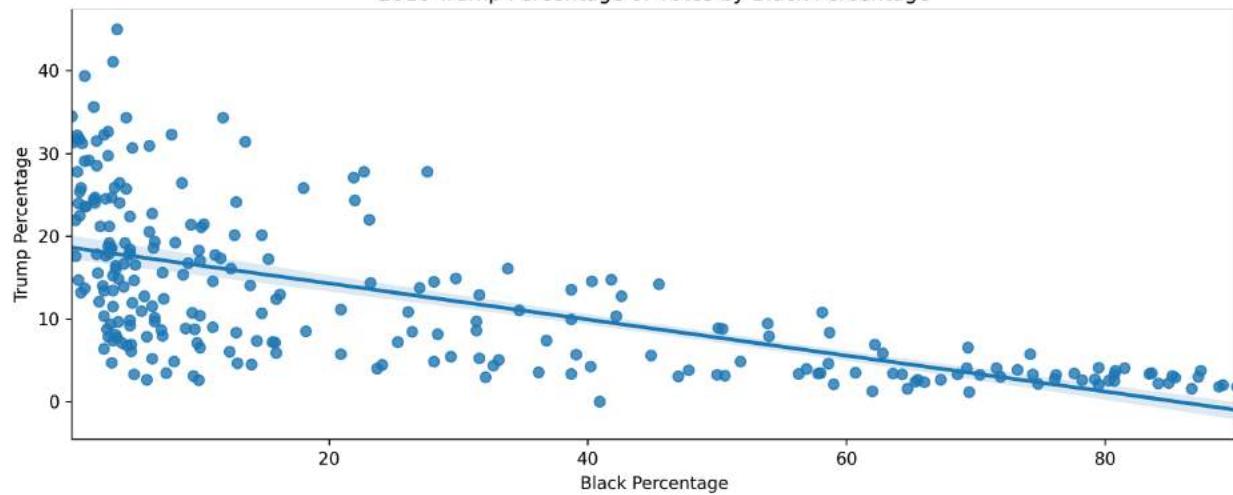
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- Next, we analyzed the 2016 Trump/Clinton race by Black Percentage per Boston precinct:



Here, we have a correlation coefficient of 0.71, indicating a strong positive correlation.

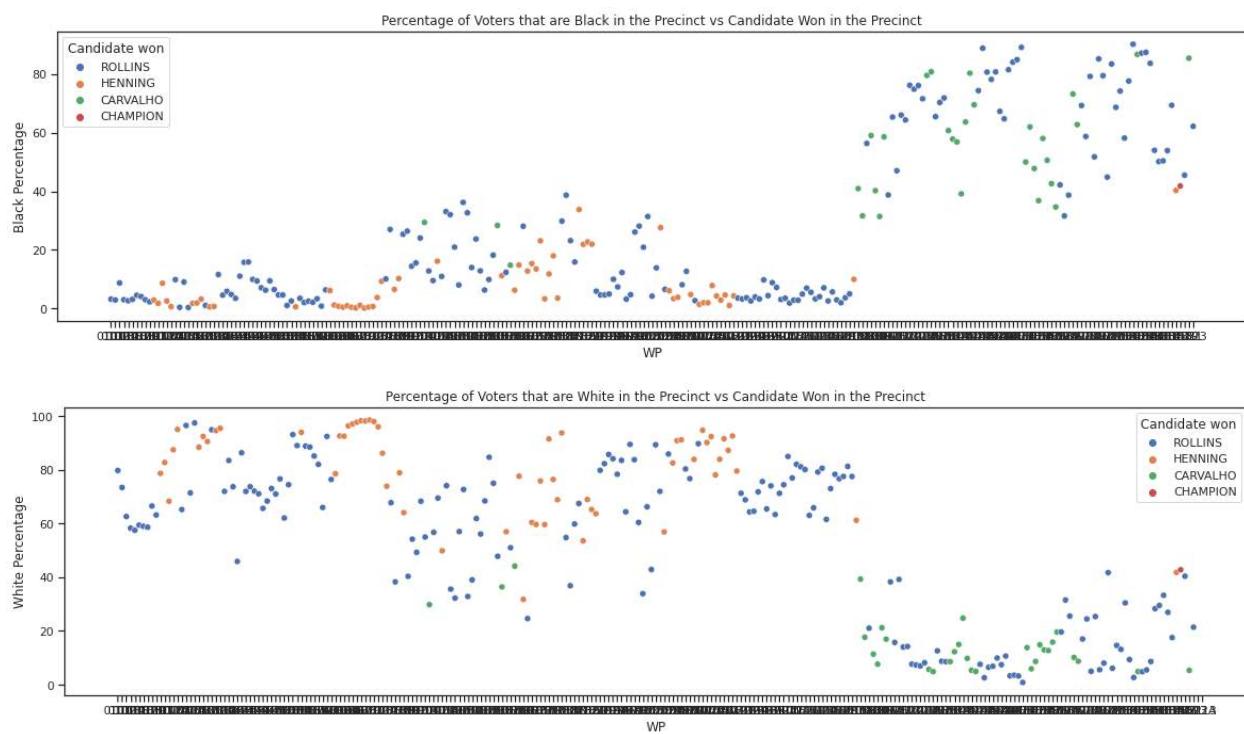
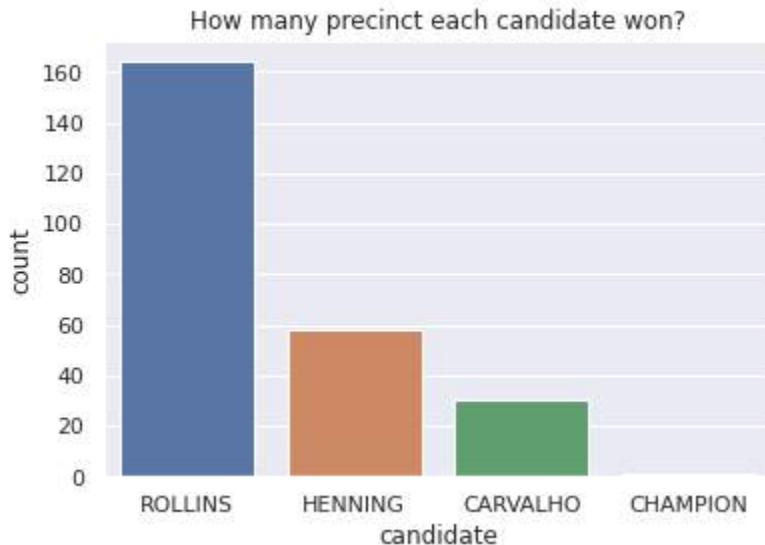
2016 Trump Percentage of Votes by Black Percentage



Here we have a correlation coefficient of -0.63, indicating a strong negative correlation.

## Part 4: DA Race Turnout 2018

- For the DA Race Turnout 2018, we obtained the following results:

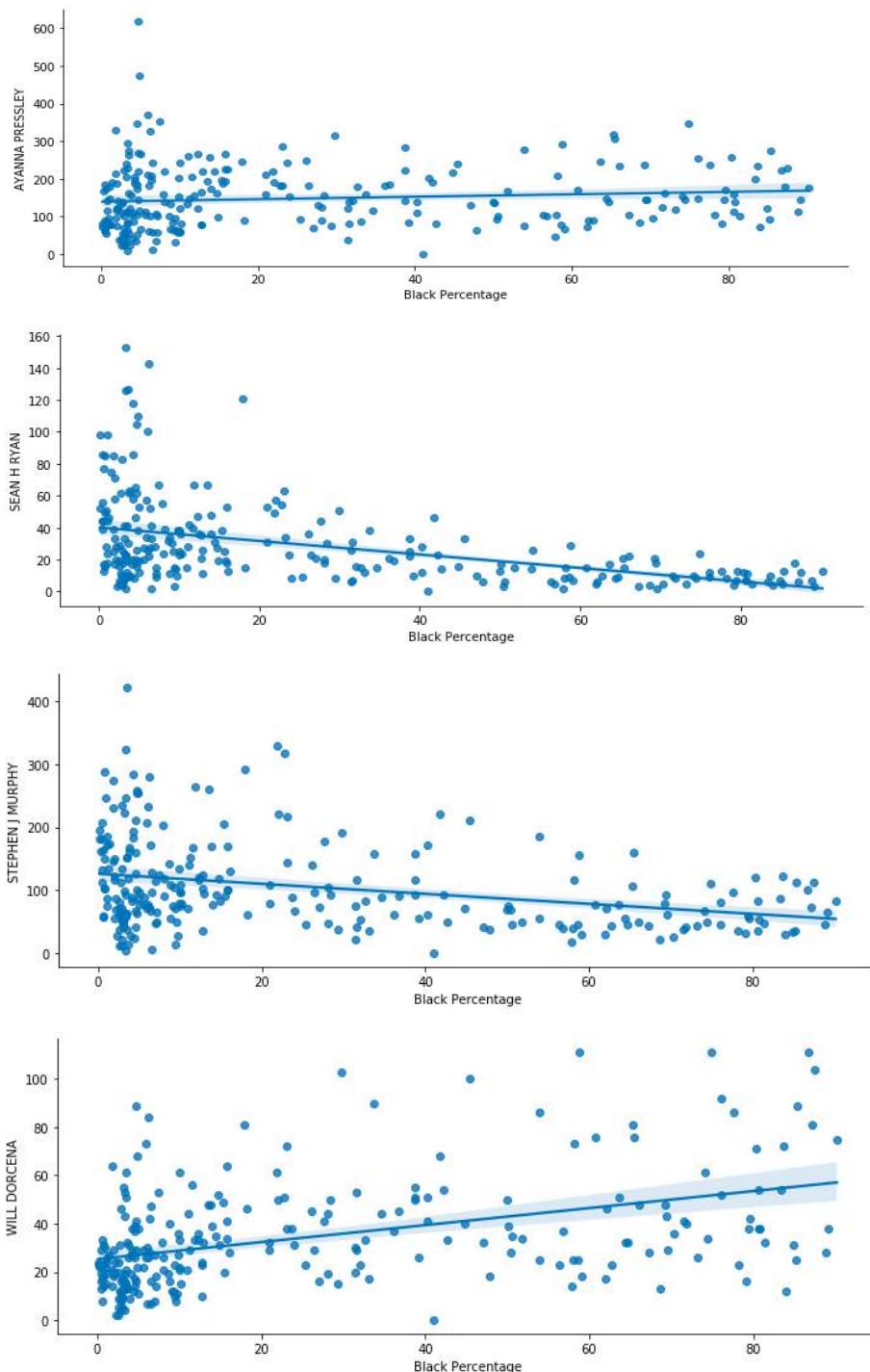


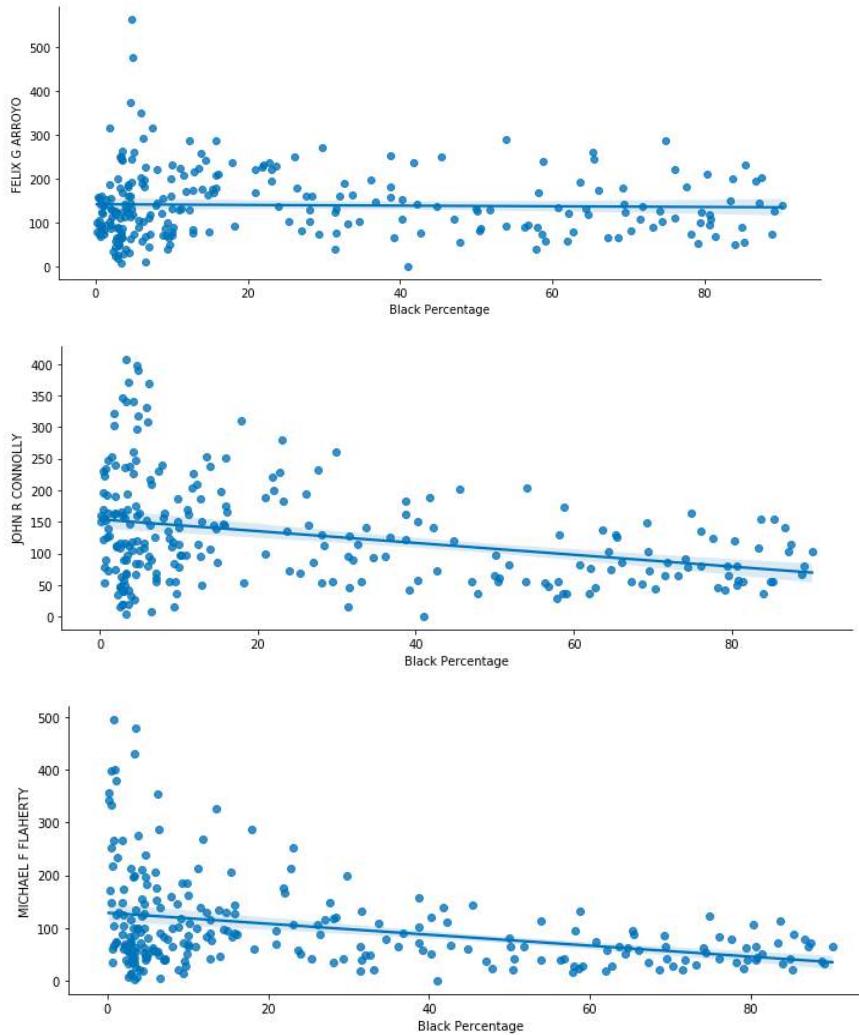
For precincts with a high percentage of voters that are black, the candidate, Rolling, seems to be favored more than other candidates. Henning, who also won a lot of precincts, doesn't seem to be favored by black people as most of his winning precincts are from precincts with a dense white population.

## Part 5: City Council Result Analysis including 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019

### 1. 2011 City Council Result

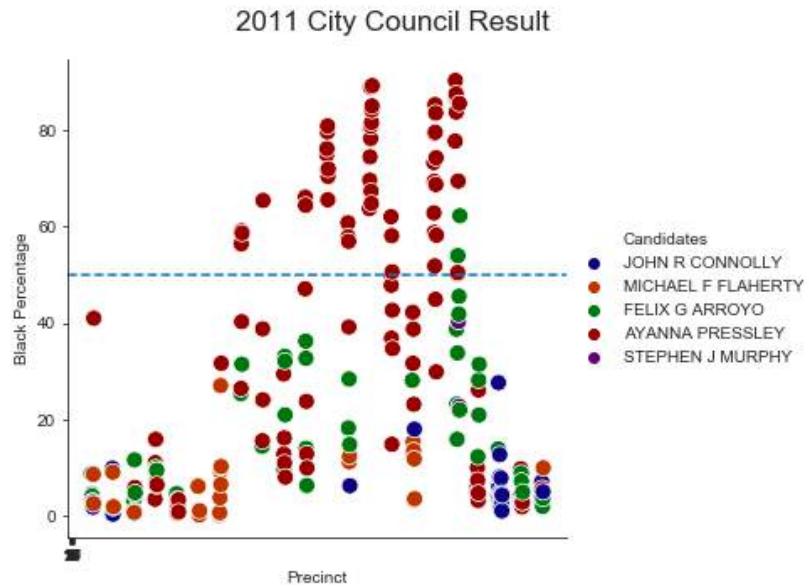
- Individual vote counts vs black percentage





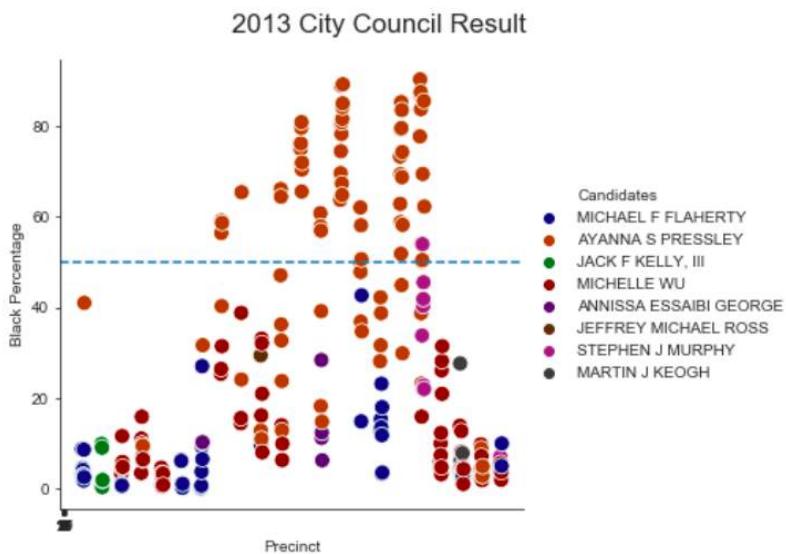
From the plot, we can see that Will Dorcena has the strongest positive correlation between black percentage and vote counts. Ayanna Pressley has a slight positive correlation. John R Connoly, Michael F Flaherty and Sean H Ryan all have negative correlation. According to Wikipedia, Ayanna Pressley is a black woman and Will Dorcena is a black man. The rest of the candidates are white men. Thus, the finding is not surprising and it confirms the hypothesis that black voters are more likely to vote black candidates.

- Winner in each precinct vs black percentage



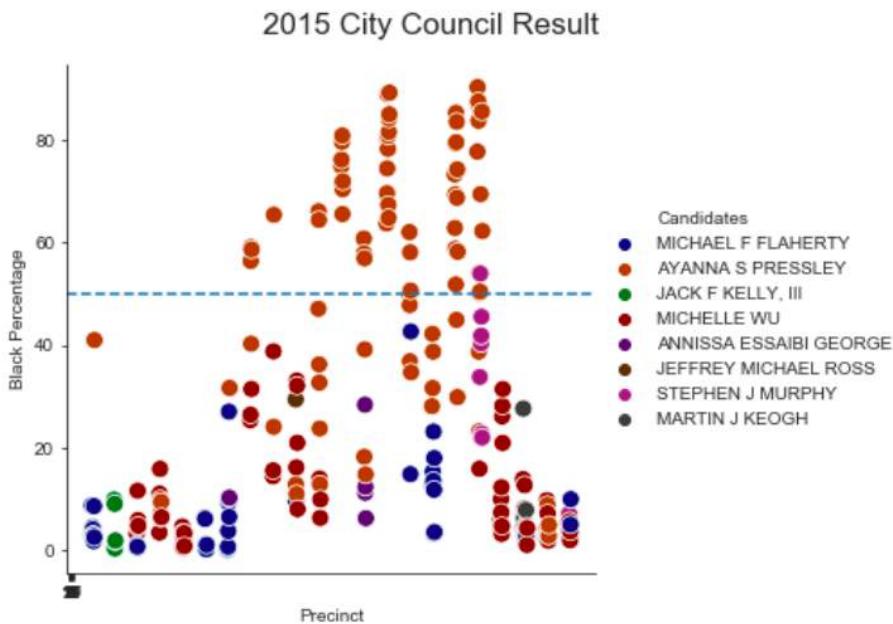
From the graph we can see that Ayanna Pressley is leading in precincts that have large black percentages. Felix, who has similar vote counts with Ayanna, his supporters are mostly in neighborhoods that have large white populations.

## 2. 2013 City Council Result General Analysis



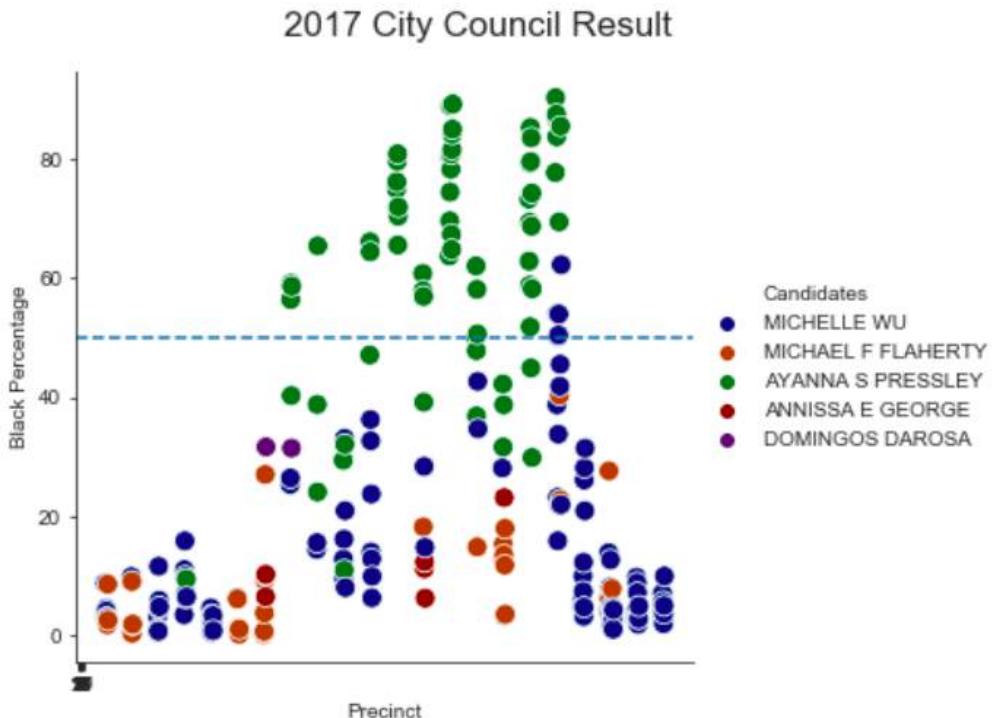
We can see that Ayanna Pressley, the only black candidate, is still leading in precincts that have large black percentages.

### 3. 2015 City Council Result General Analysis



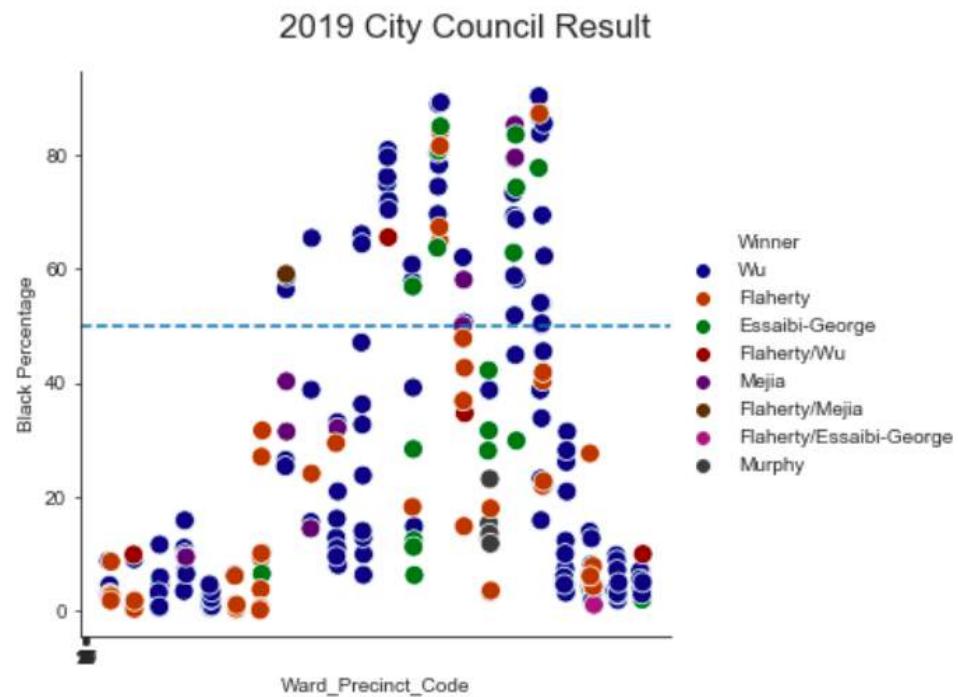
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### 4. 2017 City Council Result General Analysis



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## 5. 2019 City Council Result General Analysis



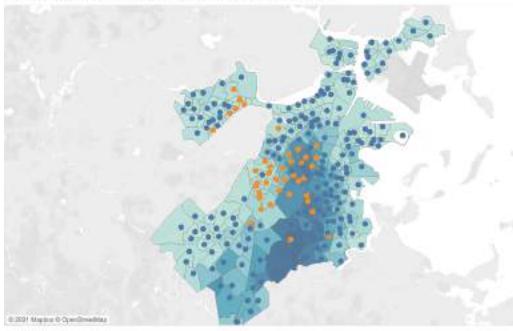
In 2019, there is no black candidate, so the winner in precincts that have a large black population is pretty random.

# Visualizing on Boston Maps How Racial Voting Patterns Differ by Election Type

## Mayoral 2017 Elections

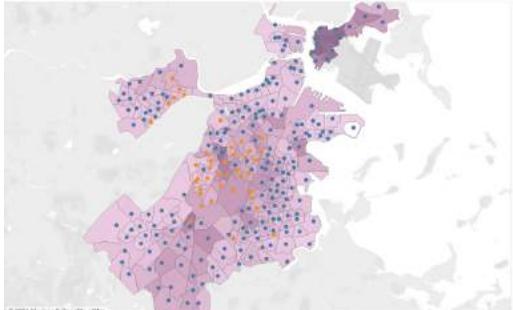
### Preliminary Race:

Mayoral 2017 Prelim Winners by Precinct (Black Population)



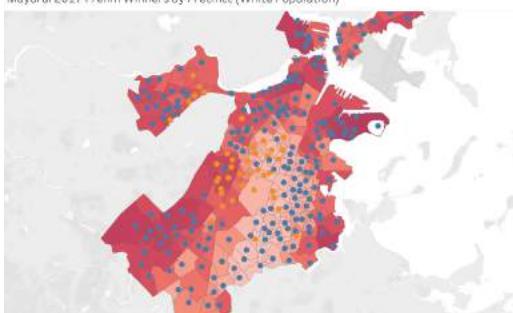
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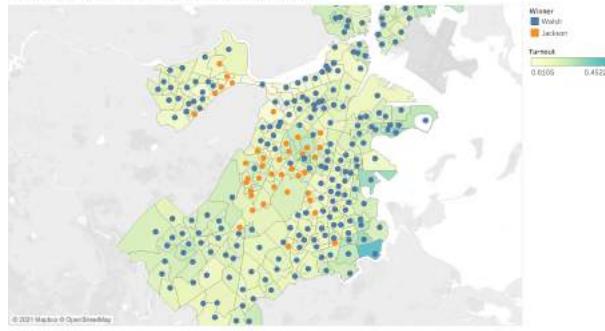
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Mayoral 2017 Prelim Winners by Precinct (White Population)



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Mayoral 2017 Prelim Winners by Precinct (Voter Turnout)



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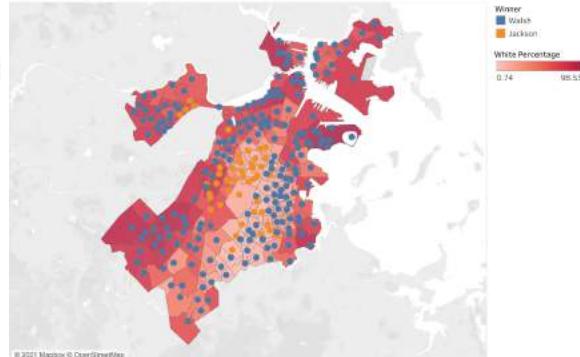
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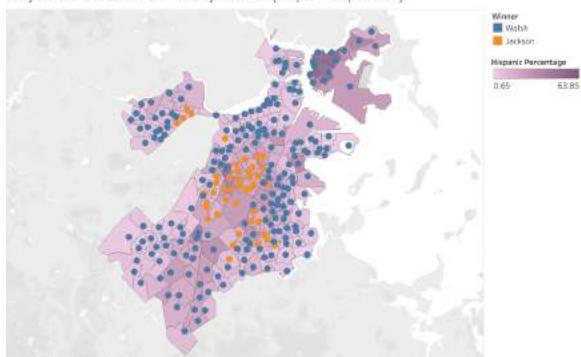
Mayoral 2017 General Winners by Precinct (Black Population)



Mayoral 2017 General Winners by Precinct (White Population)



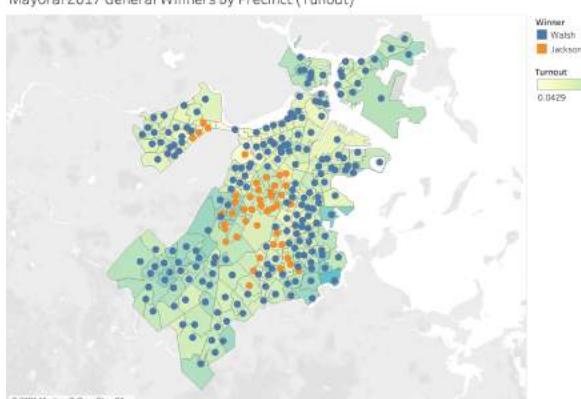
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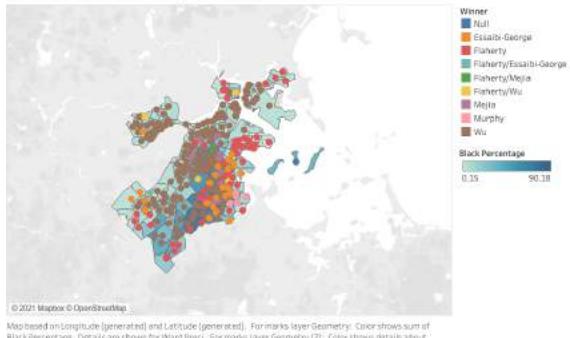


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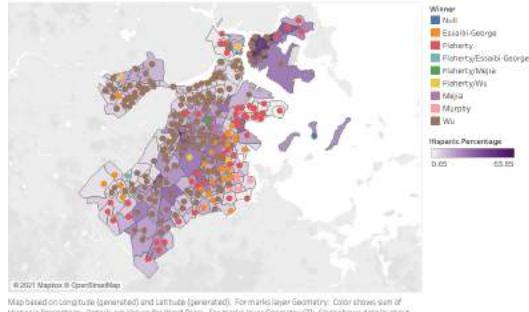


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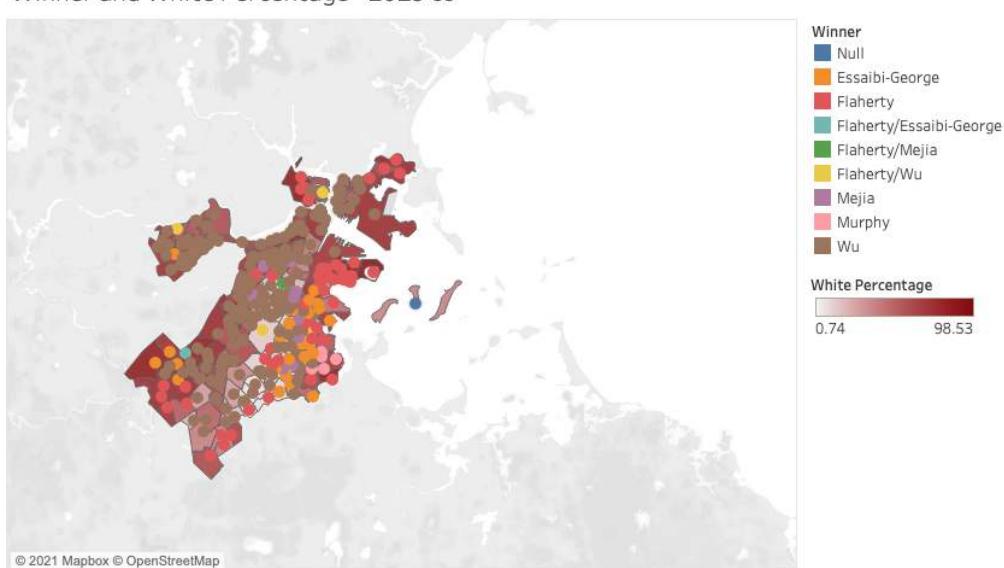
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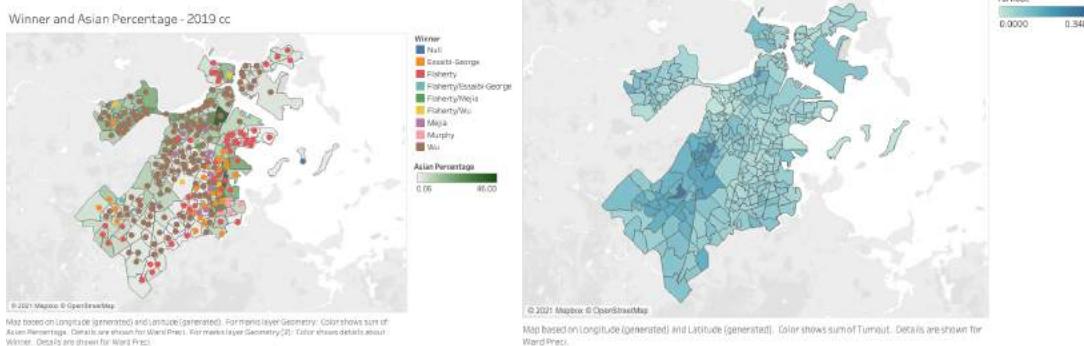
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Winner and White Percentage - 2019 cc

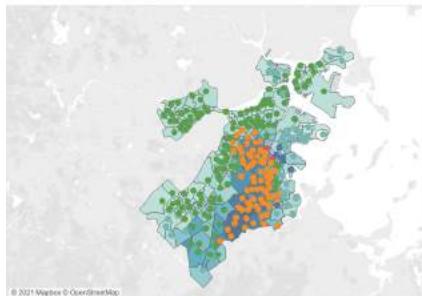


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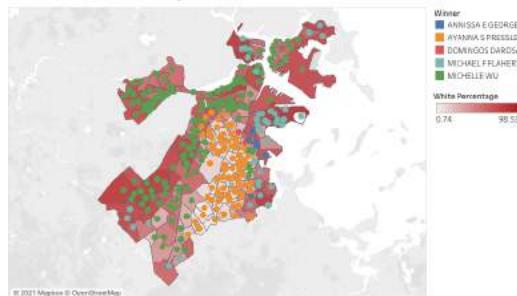


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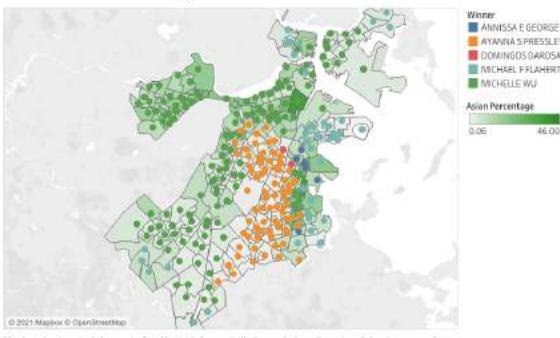


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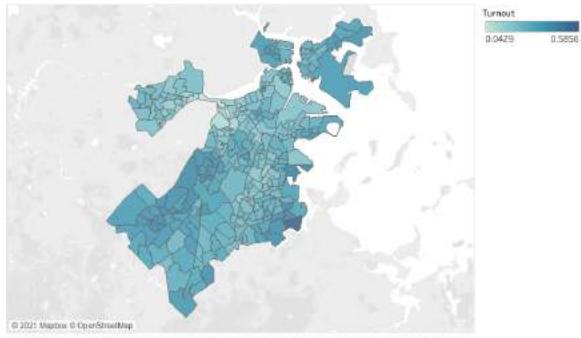
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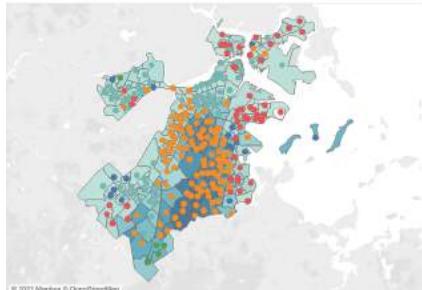
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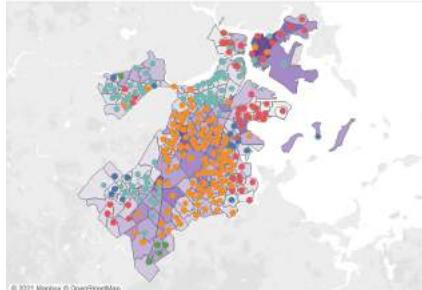
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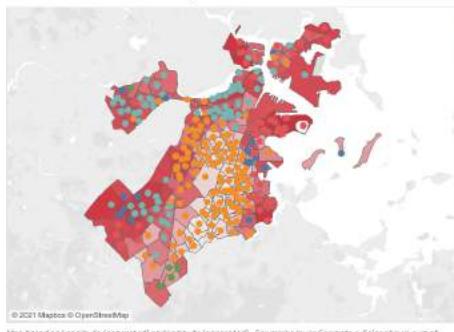
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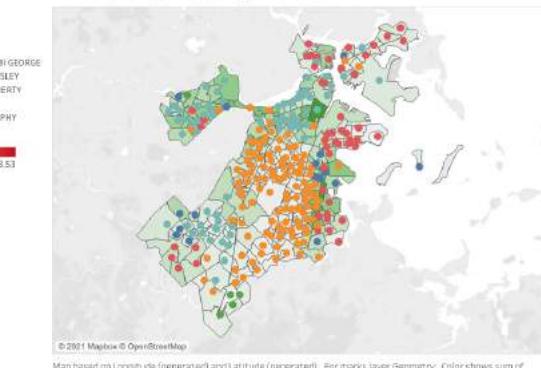
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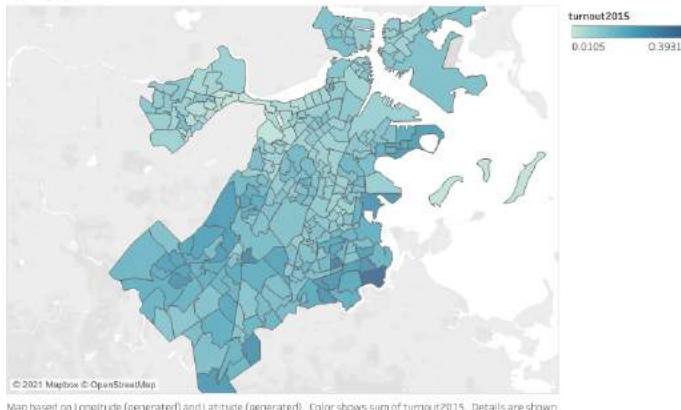
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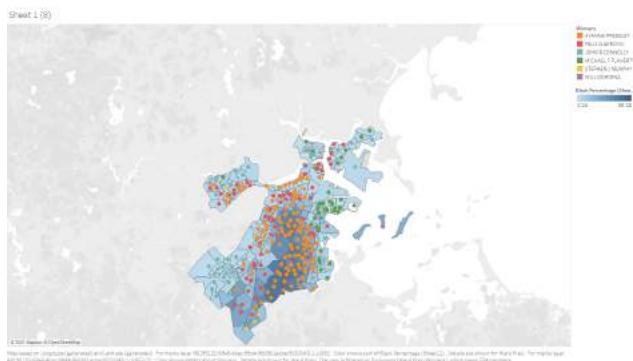


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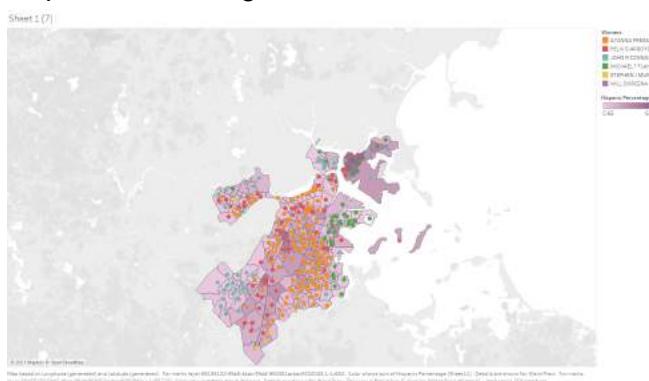


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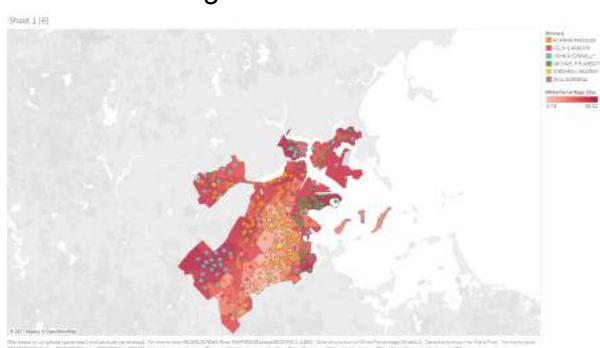
### Black Percentage & Candidates



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### White Percentage & Candidates

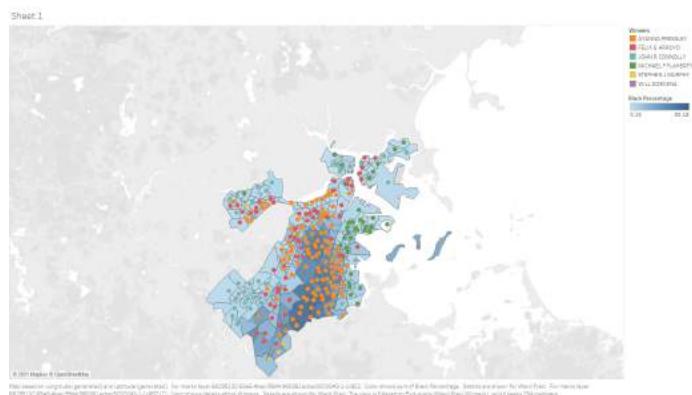


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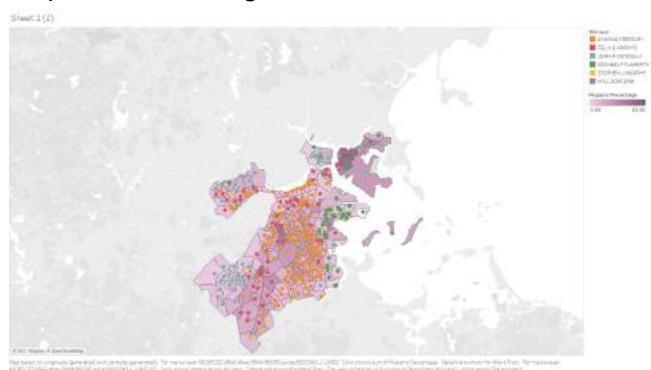


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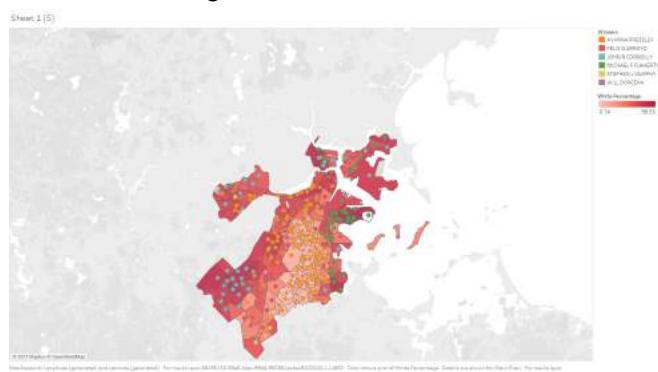
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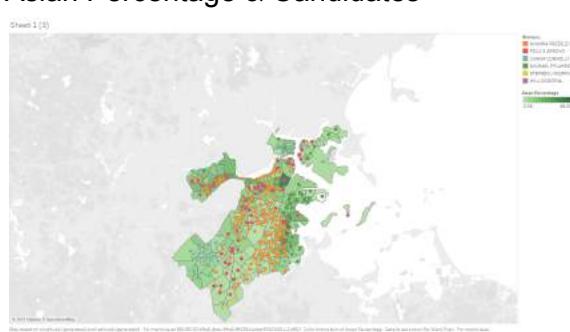
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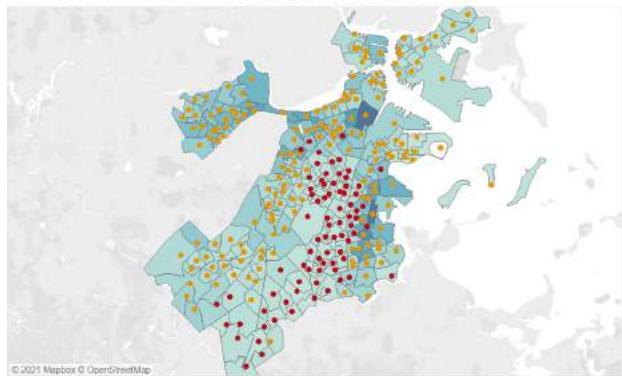


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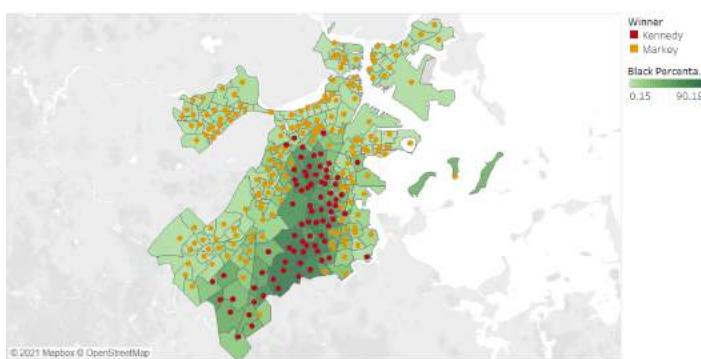
2020 US Senate Democratic Primary Winners By Precinct



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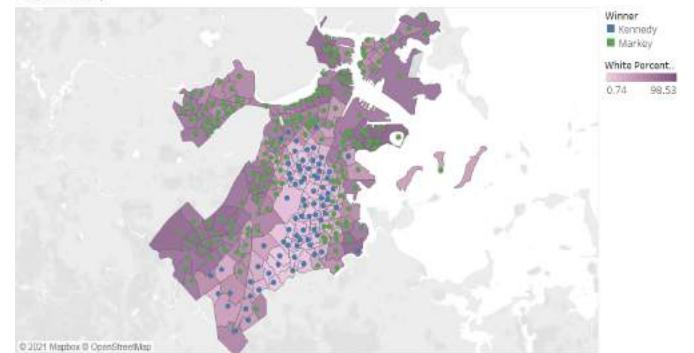
2020 US Senate Democratic Primary Winners By Precinct - (Black Population)



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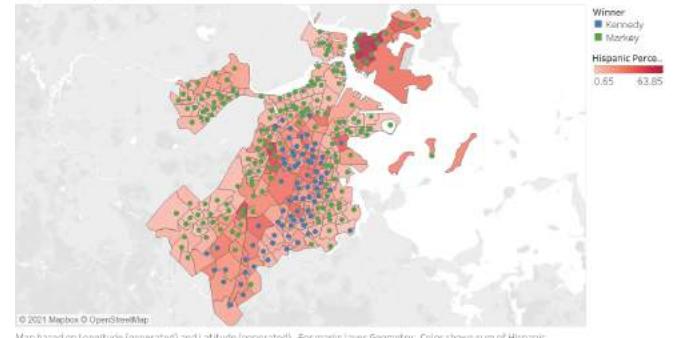
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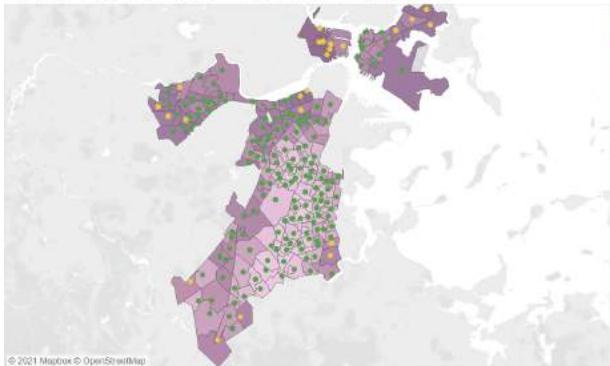


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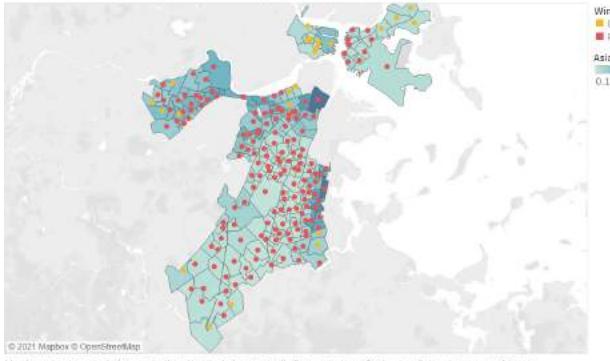
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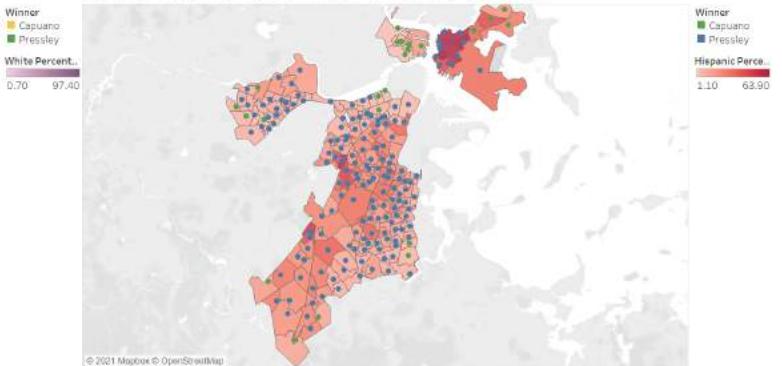
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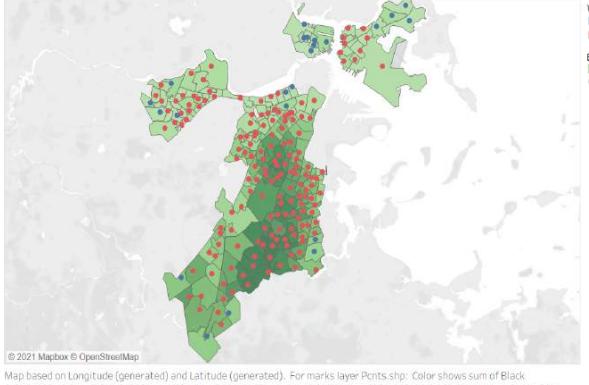
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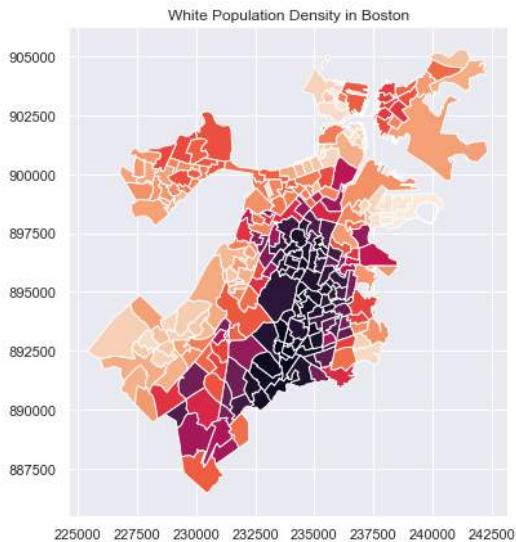
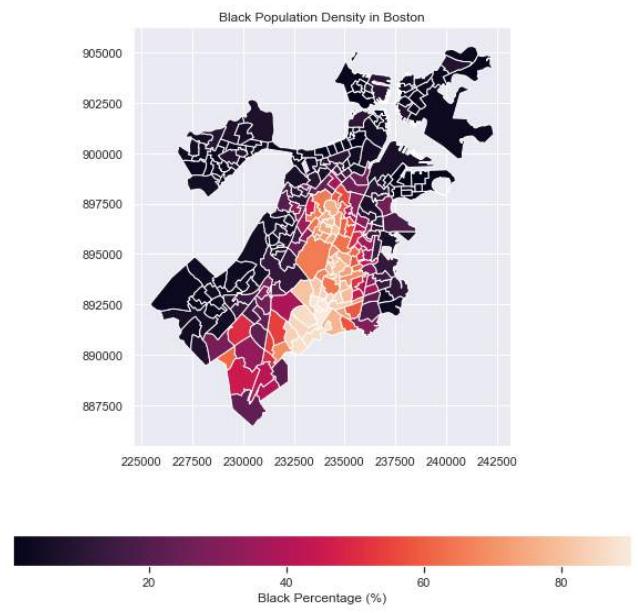
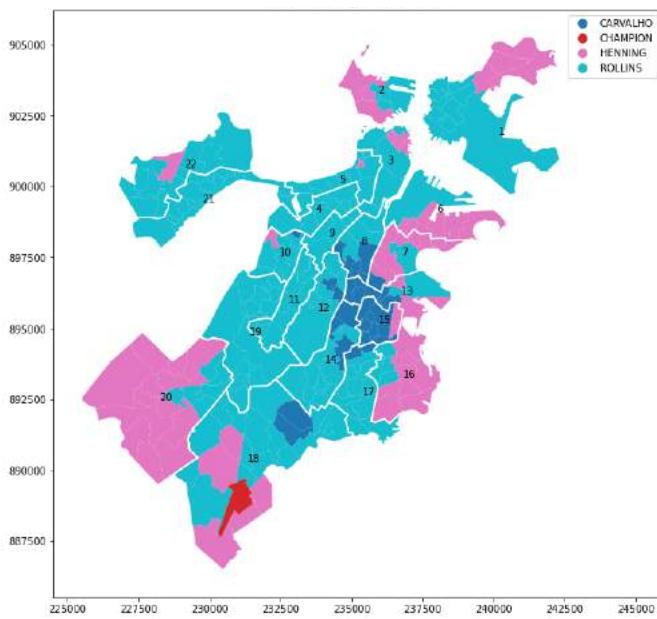
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## City Council Turnout Analysis

We examine the change in voter turnout over the various CC election years (2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019). We are answering an essential question: **How has voter turnout by precinct changed across city council election year?**

### **Part 1: “Volatility” of Voter Turnout**

To begin, we examine the volatility of voter turnout in each election year. Here we are examining the voter turnout of each specific precinct, that is, the percentage of registered voters in a specific precinct who cast a ballot in the election.

First finding the mean:

Mean voter turnout 2011: 18.3 %  
Mean voter turnout 2013: 38.5 %  
Mean voter turnout 2015: 13.9 %  
Mean voter turnout 2017: 28.3 %  
Mean voter turnout 2019: 9.0 %

As we can see, 2013 has the highest average voter turnout.

Then the median:

Median voter turnout 2011: 17.0 %  
Median voter turnout 2013: 37.3 %  
Median voter turnout 2015: 13.5 %  
Median voter turnout 2017: 27.8 %  
Median voter turnout 2019: 7.6 %

Again, 2013 is the highest.

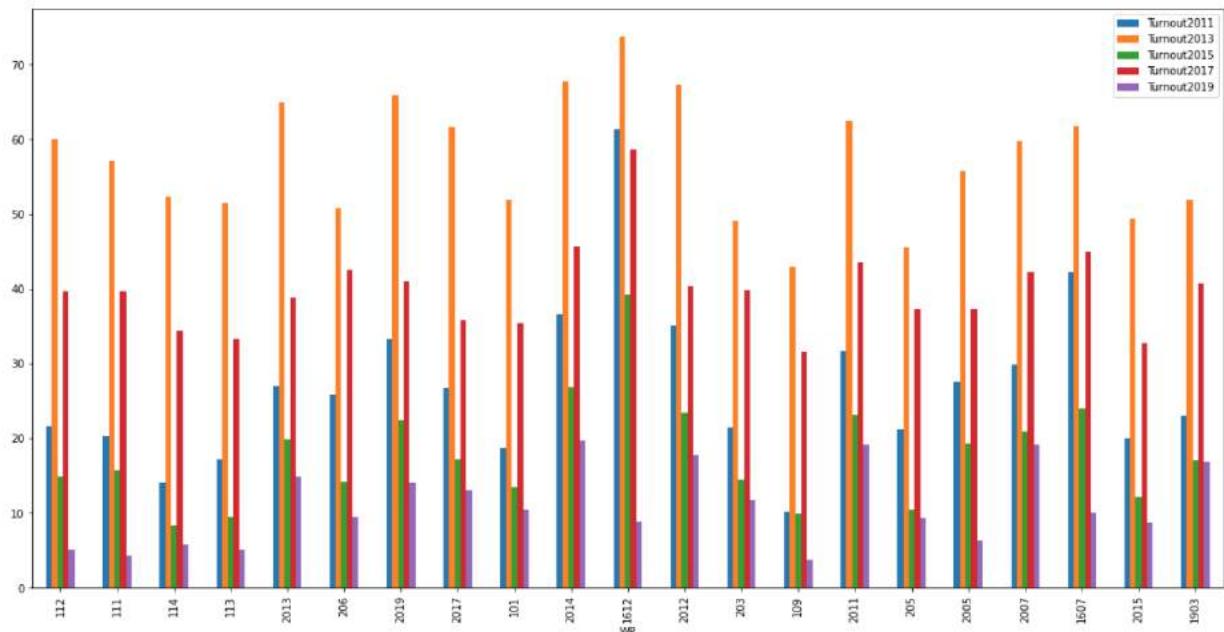
Finding that 2013 and 2017 had the highest voter turnout rates across all precincts due to the fact that they coincided with the Mayoral Elections of those same years.

Next, we determine the “Top 20 Precincts” which have the most volatile voter turnout. That is, have the greatest average change in voter turnout in that specific precinct based on election year. Listed in descending order:

WP	Turnout2011	Turnout2013	Turnout2015	Turnout2017	Turnout2019	AvgChange
112	21.5	60.1	14.8	39.7	5.1	35.8
111	20.3	57.0	15.7	39.7	4.3	34.4
114	14.0	52.4	8.3	34.4	5.7	34.3
113	17.1	51.5	9.5	33.2	5.1	32.1
2013	27.0	64.9	19.8	38.8	14.9	31.5
206	25.8	50.8	14.1	42.5	9.4	30.8
2019	33.2	65.9	22.4	40.9	14.0	30.4
2017	26.7	61.6	17.2	35.8	13.0	30.2
101	18.7	52.0	13.5	35.4	10.5	29.6
2014	36.5	67.8	26.9	45.7	19.7	29.2
1612	61.3	73.8	39.3	58.6	8.9	29.0
2012	35.1	67.3	23.4	40.4	17.7	29.0
203	21.4	49.1	14.4	39.8	11.7	29.0
109	10.2	43.0	9.9	31.5	3.8	28.8
2011	31.7	62.5	23.1	43.5	19.1	28.8
205	21.1	45.5	10.4	37.3	9.3	28.6
2005	27.5	55.8	19.3	37.2	6.3	28.4
2007	29.8	59.7	20.8	42.3	19.2	28.4
1607	42.2	61.8	24.0	44.9	10.0	28.3
2015	20.0	49.4	12.2	32.7	8.7	27.8
1903	23.0	51.9	17.0	40.7	16.9	27.8

Simply from looking at the raw data, we can see that Ward 1 (East Boston), sees a lot of volatility.

Visualizing this change across elections on a bar chart, we have:

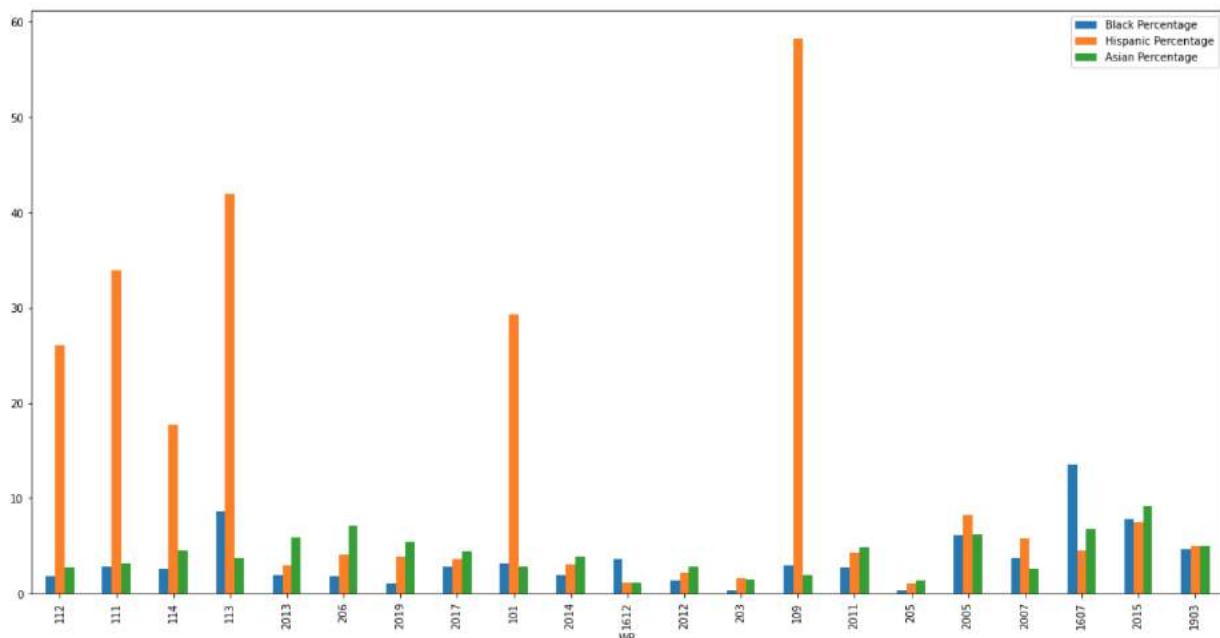


We can clearly see that voter turnout is highly volatile across each of these precincts.

Listing the demographic breakdown of each of these precincts:

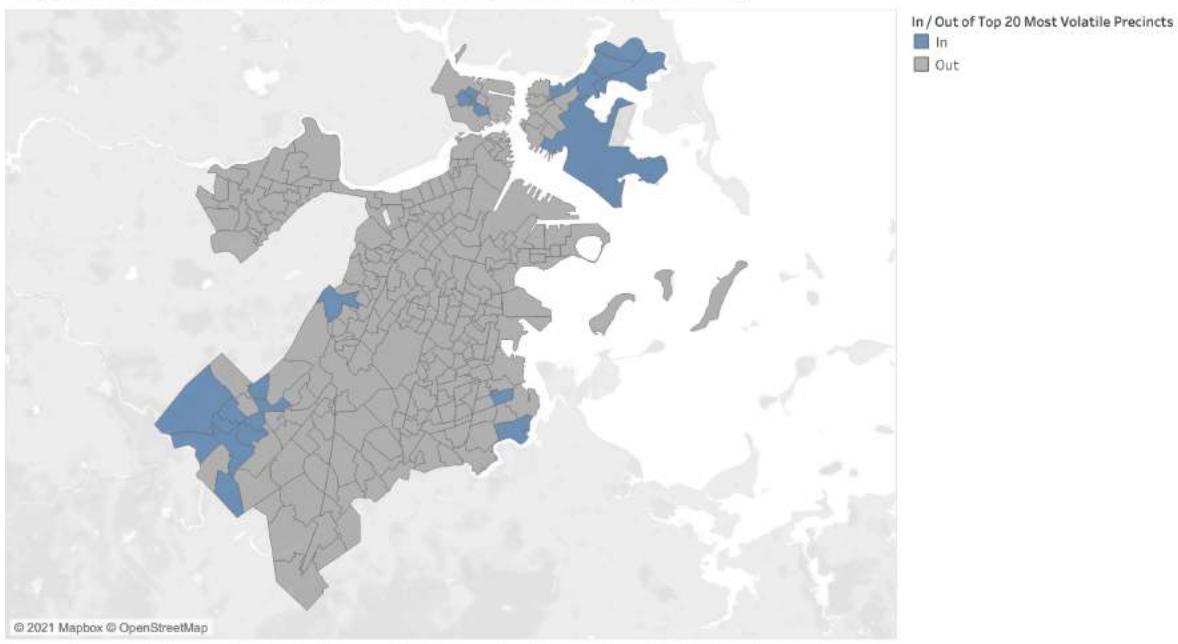
WP	Black Percentage	Hispanic Percentage	Asian Percentage
112	1.8	26.0	2.7
111	2.9	33.9	3.2
114	2.6	17.7	4.5
113	8.6	41.9	3.8
2013	2.0	3.0	5.9
206	1.8	4.1	7.1
2019	1.1	3.9	5.4
2017	2.9	3.6	4.4
101	3.2	29.3	2.9
2014	2.0	3.1	3.9
1612	3.6	1.2	1.2
2012	1.4	2.2	2.9
203	0.4	1.6	1.5
109	3.0	58.3	2.0
2011	2.7	4.3	4.9
205	0.4	1.1	1.4
2005	6.1	8.3	6.2
2007	3.8	5.8	2.6
1607	13.5	4.5	6.8
2015	7.8	7.5	9.1
1903	4.7	5.0	5.0

Now, we do a demographic breakdown of each of these precincts, finding the following:



And viewing these precincts on a Boston map, we again see the concentration of precincts in East Boston as well as a concentration in West Roxbury:

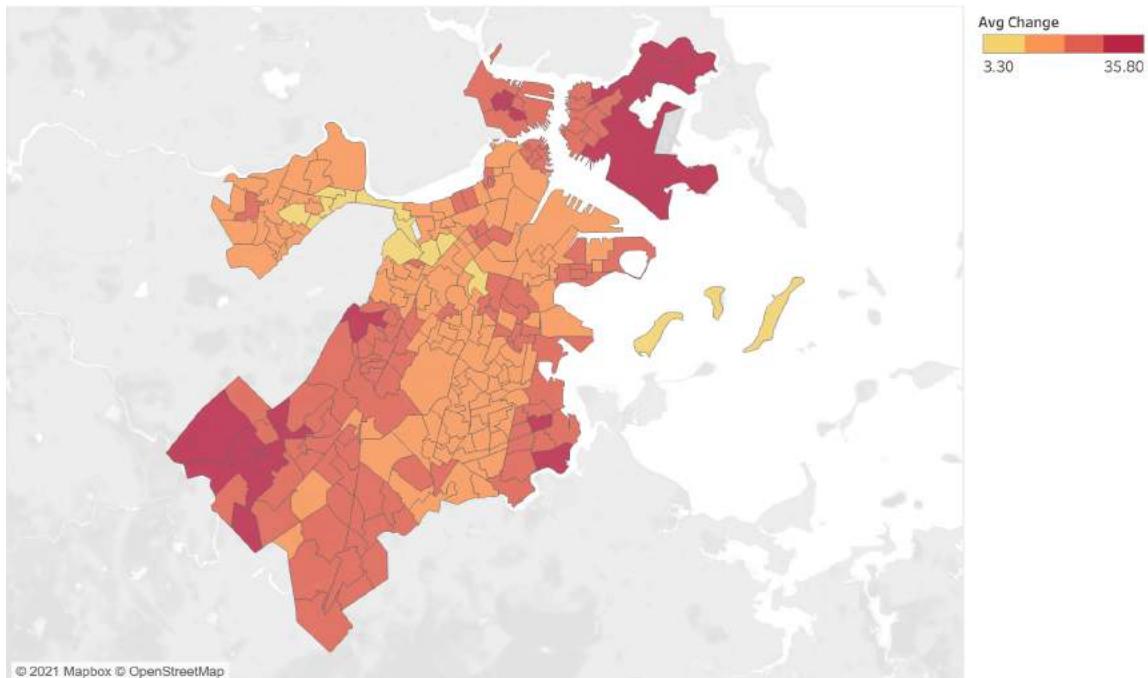
### Top 20 Most Volatile Precincts in terms of Voter Turnout (2011-2019)



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Details are shown for Ward Preci.

Additionally, we can use a heat map to visualize which districts experience the most volatility across city council elections:

Volatility Heat Map: Average Change in Voter Turnout in City Council Elections  
from 2011 to 2019



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## Part 2: Changes in Share of Voter Turnout

We now analyze which precincts experienced the greatest average change in *share of voter turnout* over time. That is, we are analyzing what percentage of the total votes cast for this particular election is from each precinct, and then analyzing the precincts which experienced the greatest change.

**Metric:** For each precinct, we calculate the percent share of votes: [Number of Ballots Cast in Precinct X]/[Total Ballots Cast in CC Election YYYY] \* 100.

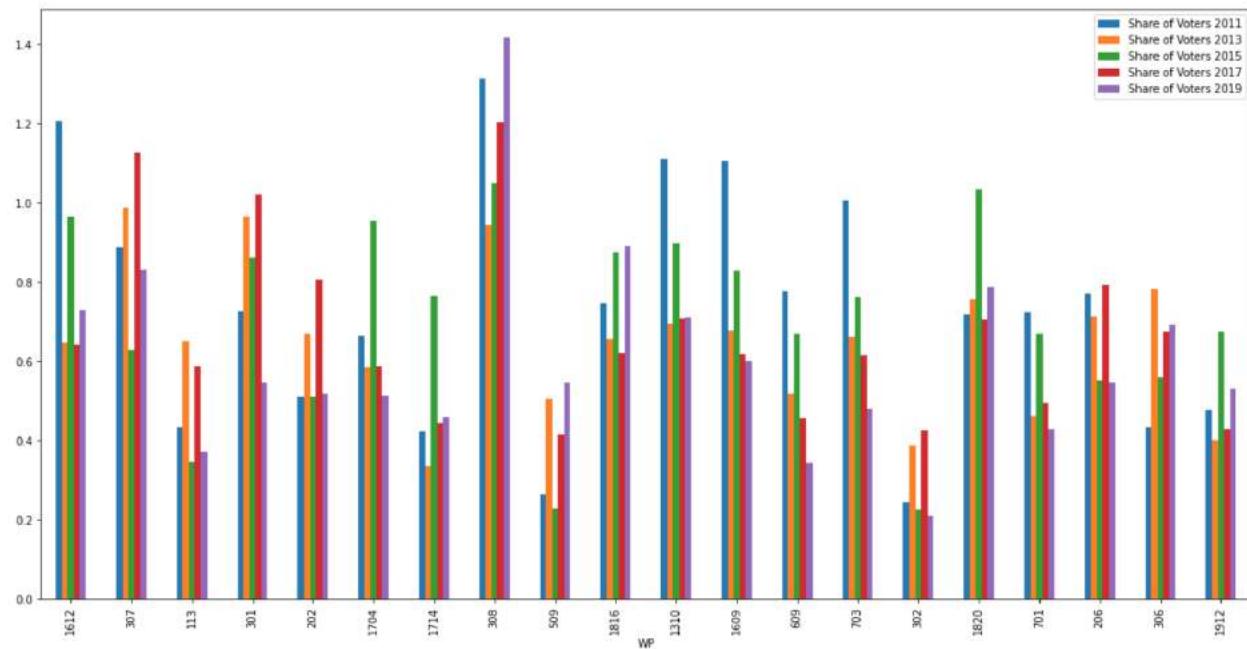
First, we find the top 20 precincts with the greatest average change in share of voters across each election. Note that these top 20 could be experiencing either significant negative or positive change.

Looking at the raw data:

WP	Share of Voters 2011	Share of Voters 2013	Share of Voters 2015	Share of Voters 2017	Share of Voters 2019	AvgChange
1612	1.20712	0.64750	0.96486	0.64263	0.72872	0.32133
307	0.88745	0.98822	0.62943	1.12690	0.82983	0.31352
113	0.43259	0.65104	0.34727	0.58646	0.37009	0.24444
301	0.72682	0.96418	0.86226	1.01918	0.54691	0.24212
202	0.51052	0.67012	0.51104	0.80558	0.51852	0.22507
1704	0.66479	0.58388	0.95499	0.58646	0.51404	0.22324
1714	0.42305	0.33577	0.76557	0.44468	0.45974	0.21326
308	1.31209	0.94298	1.04970	1.20239	1.41858	0.21118
509	0.26401	0.50613	0.22691	0.41430	0.54591	0.21008
1816	0.74749	0.65528	0.87409	0.62145	0.89110	0.20833
1310	1.11010	0.69274	0.89580	0.70799	0.70979	0.20251
1609	1.10533	0.67860	0.82871	0.61685	0.60071	0.20121
609	0.77612	0.51744	0.66889	0.45573	0.34369	0.18383
703	1.00673	0.66022	0.76163	0.61593	0.48116	0.18210
302	0.24333	0.38808	0.22494	0.42627	0.20870	0.18170
1820	0.71886	0.75707	1.03392	0.70523	0.78600	0.18113
701	0.72523	0.46230	0.66889	0.49440	0.42836	0.17751
206	0.77135	0.71395	0.55248	0.79177	0.54492	0.17625
306	0.43259	0.78181	0.56037	0.67485	0.69236	0.17566
1912	0.47871	0.40080	0.67481	0.42903	0.52848	0.17429
501	1.44886	1.14656	0.98064	1.16556	1.19892	0.17163

From the raw data, we can see that some of the top 20 precincts that experienced the greatest average change had a significant decrease in the share of voters (Example: WP 703), while others like WP 509 saw significant dips up and down across election year.

Visualizing, on a bar chart, the percent share of voters of each of these top 20 precincts:

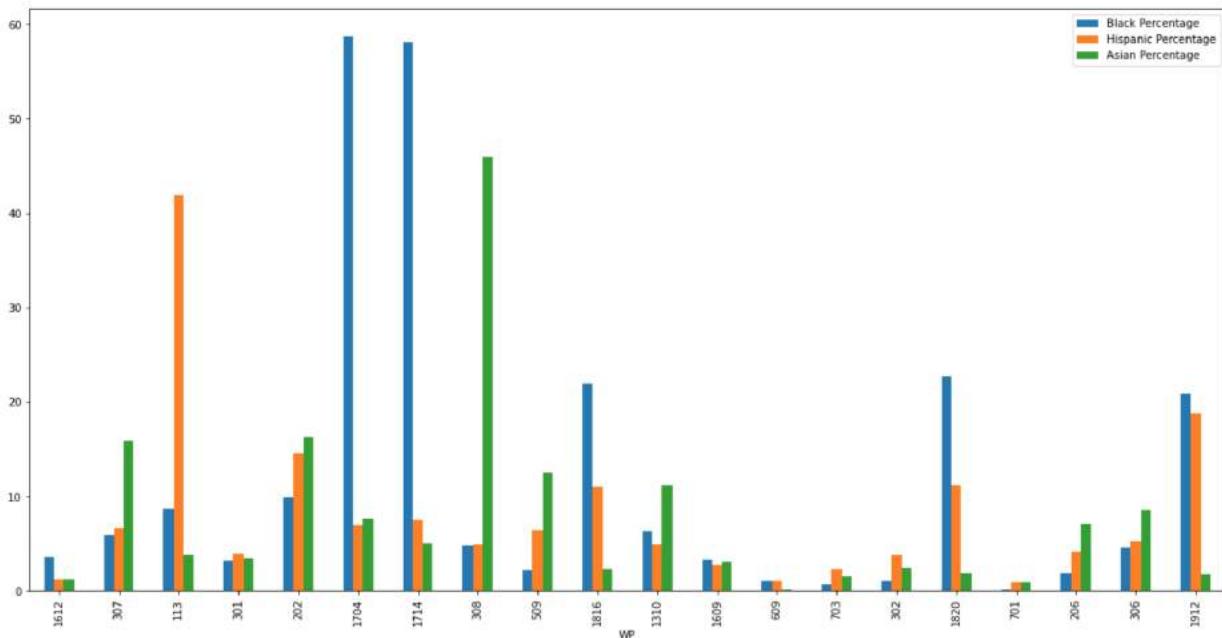


We can clearly see that the voter turnout has changed dramatically across each election in each of these precincts.

Listing the demographic breakdown of these precincts:

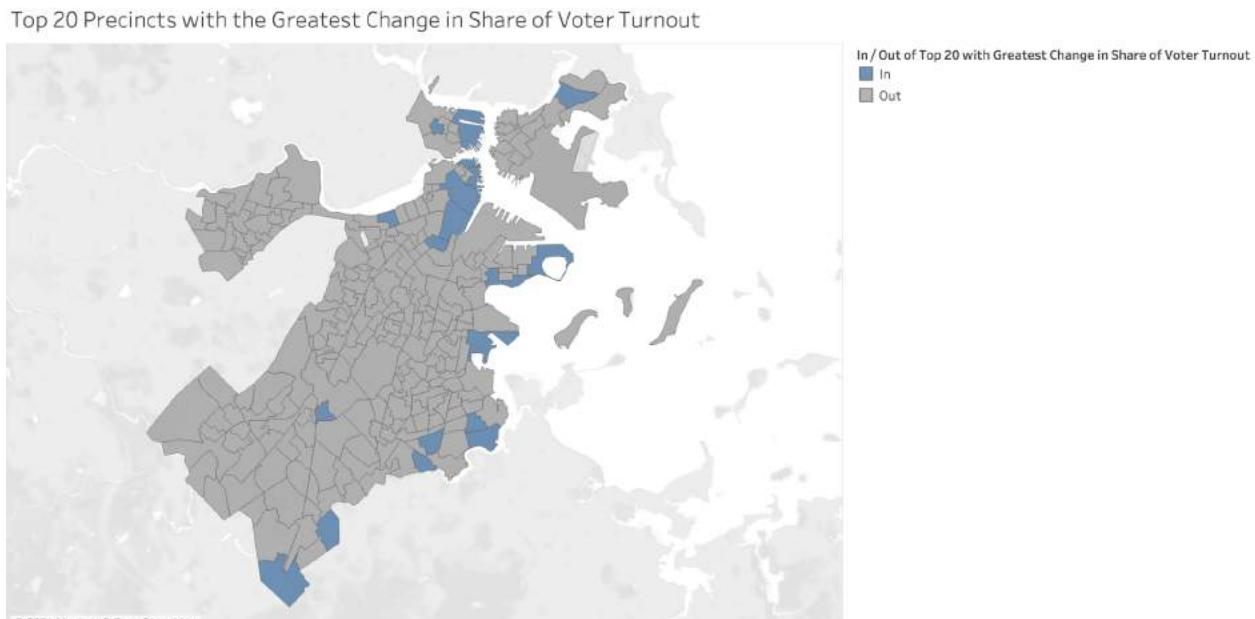
WP		Black Percentage	Hispanic Percentage	Asian Percentage
154	1612	3.6	1.2	1.2
28	307	5.9	6.6	15.9
12	113	8.6	41.9	3.8
22	301	3.2	3.9	3.4
16	202	9.9	14.5	16.2
158	1704	58.7	6.9	7.6
168	1714	58.1	7.5	5.0
29	308	4.8	4.9	46.0
48	509	2.2	6.4	12.5
184	1816	21.9	11.0	2.3
119	1310	6.3	4.9	11.2
151	1609	3.3	2.7	3.1
59	609	1.1	1.1	0.1
62	703	0.7	2.3	1.5
23	302	1.1	3.8	2.4
188	1820	22.7	11.1	1.8
60	701	0.1	0.9	0.9
20	206	1.8	4.1	7.1
27	306	4.6	5.3	8.5
203	1912	20.9	18.7	1.7

Now, visualizing the demographic breakdown of each of these precincts:



Here, we see that most of the precincts with the greatest change in share of voter turnout have a very small POC population. However, four precincts stand out amongst them: 113, 1704, 1714, and 308, all of which are majority POC precincts.

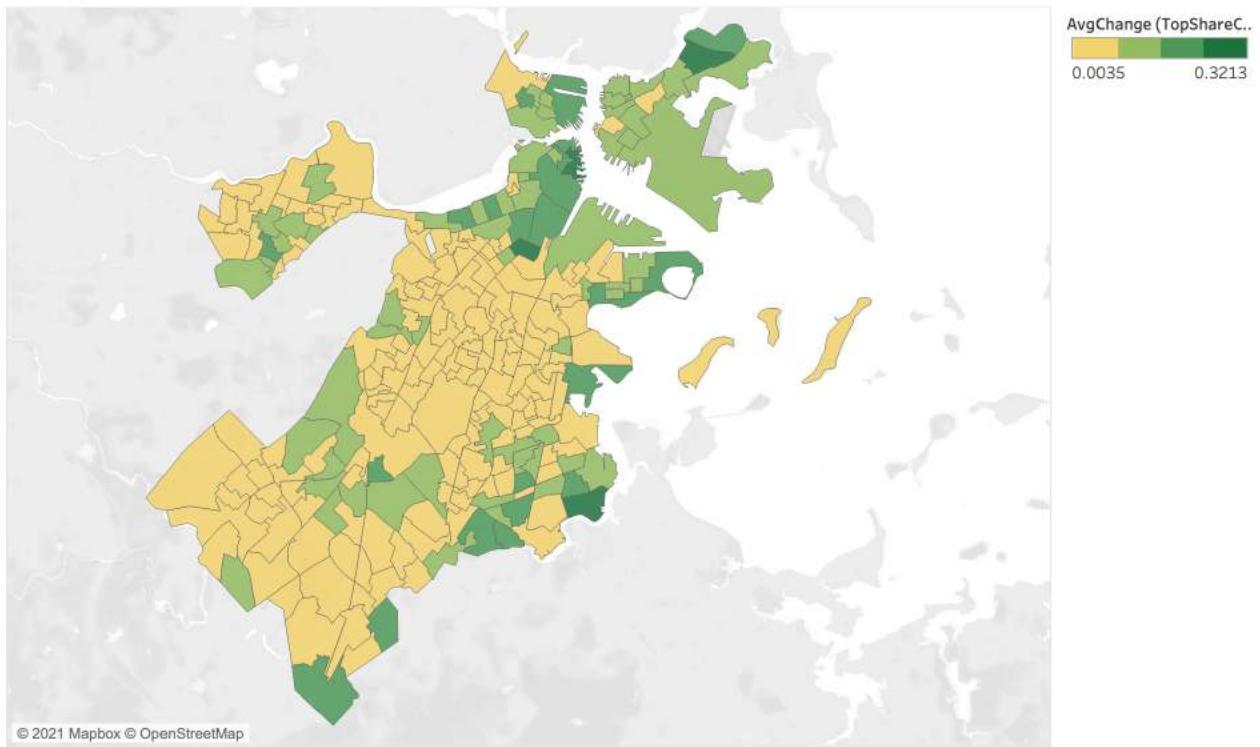
Visualizing on a map the geographic distribution of each of these precincts:



Here, we see that these precincts are a bit more scattered across Boston, but there is a slight concentration in an area of Dorchester and in Downtown Boston.

Viewing this information on a heat map:

Change in Share of Voters Heat Map

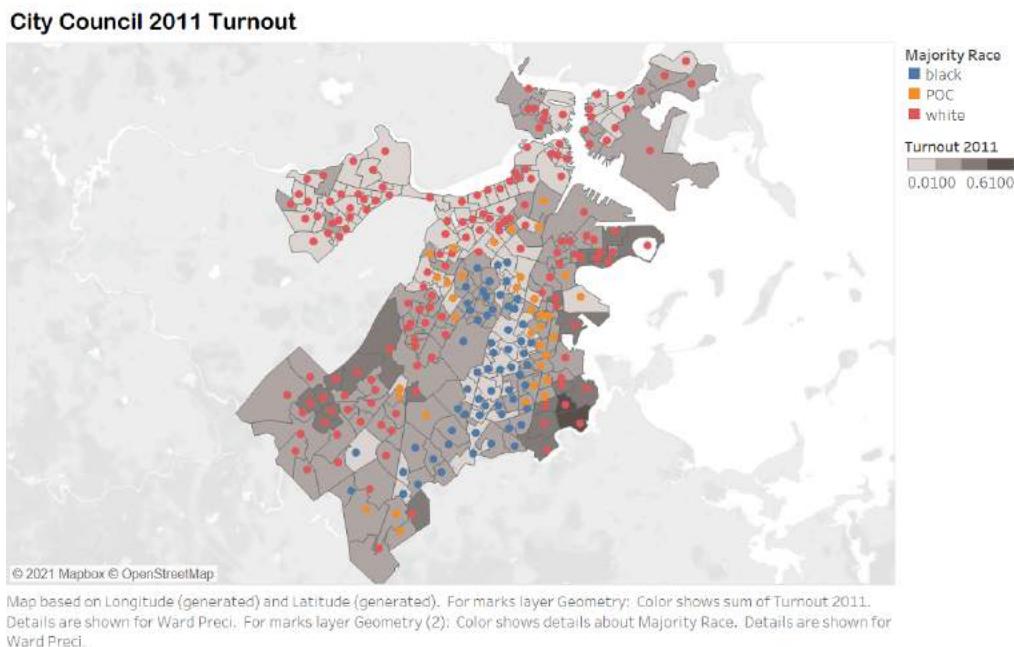


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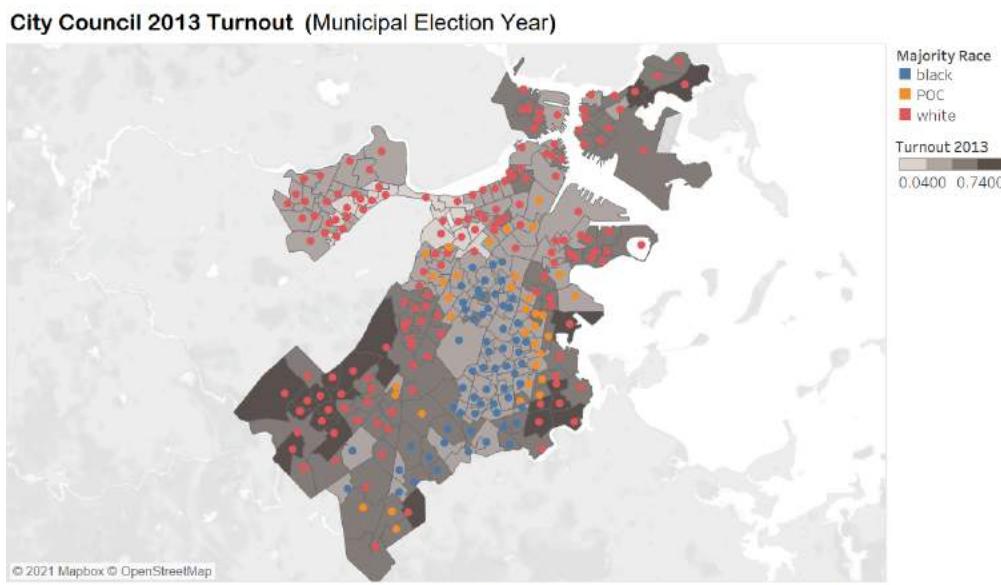
Here, the greens indicated those districts which have experienced a measurable change in share of total voter turnout. As we can observe, a lot of the intense green is concentrated in the Dorchester neighborhoods, as well as near downtown Boston, Seaport, and East Boston.

## Part 3: Visualizing the Change in Voter Turnout in Majority White/African American Precincts

Analyzing City Council turnout by precinct, based on the majority race of that precinct, we find that in 2011, white population had much higher turnouts:

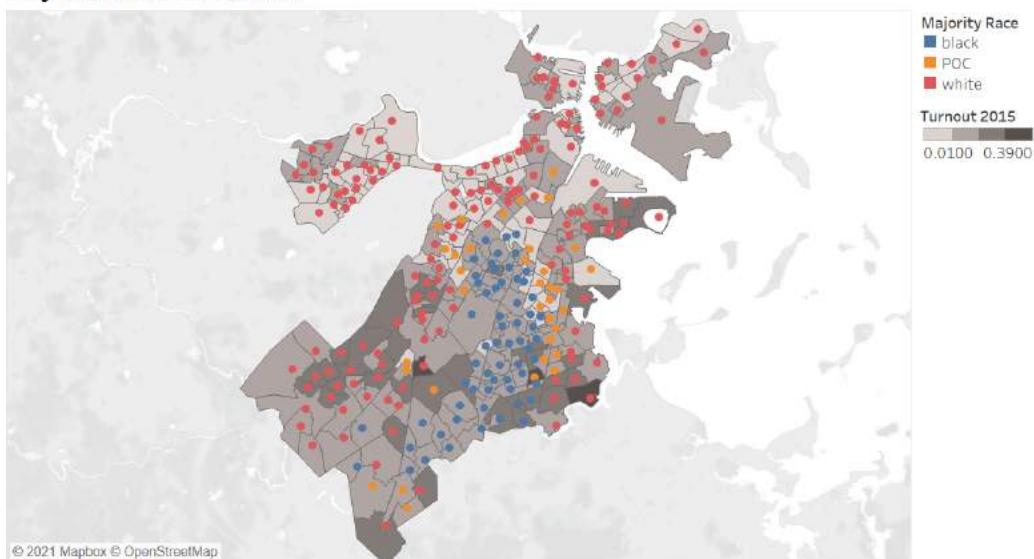


Similarly in 2013, but this time different precincts with majority of whites are having very high turnout rate:



In 2015 however, we saw some majority black precincts show higher turnouts in relative terms, compared to white as you can see below:

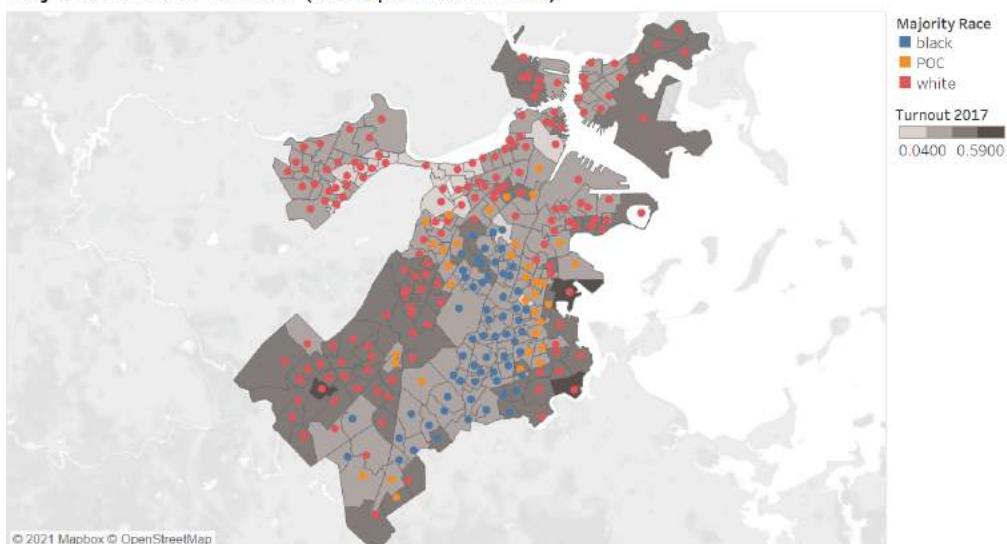
**City Council 2015 Turnout**



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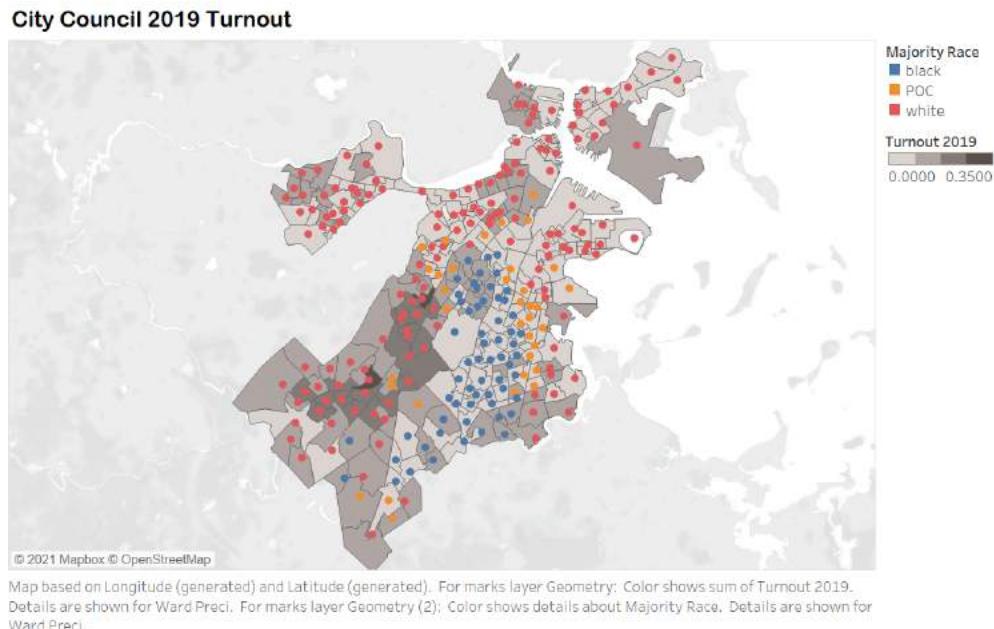
In 2017, we see different majority-black precincts with higher turnouts compared to previous years:

**City Council 2017 Turnout (Municipal Election Year)**



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Finally, in 2019 overall turnout has decreased significantly compared to previous years:



Overall, the turnouts fluctuate from year to year, and as we can see in 2011 the turnout rate ranged from 0.01-0.61, and in 2013 the range is 0.04-0.74, in 2015 the range is 0.01-0.39, in 2017 the range is 0.04-0.59, and finally in 2019 the range 0-0.35. So, clearly there is huge overall fluctuation in turnouts.

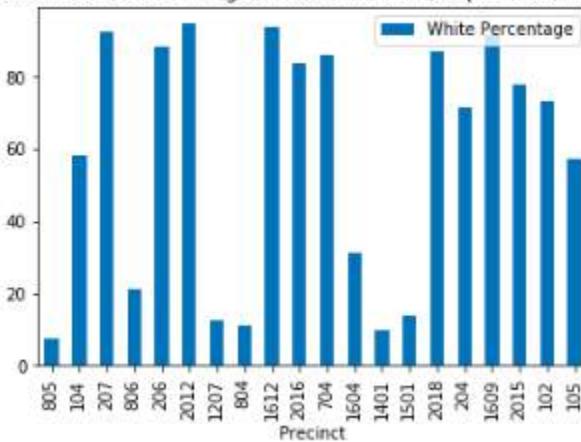
On relative terms, the turnout trend for majority black precincts tends to increase across the years, while for majority white precincts is volatile, pretty much reflecting overall fluctuations.

## Part 4: How has Michael F. Flaherty's performance changed across districts with large white populations?

In this section, we are going to find some relations between Michael F. Flaherty's performance and districts with large white populations.

To begin, we made a graph of precincts with the most dramatic change of share of voters, and printed out the average turnout change for each year. (Flaherty is in the election from 2015 to 2019.)

Precincts with most dramatic change of Share of voters (top 20) and White Percentage

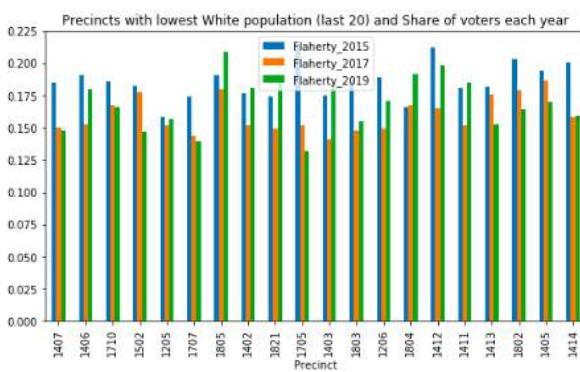
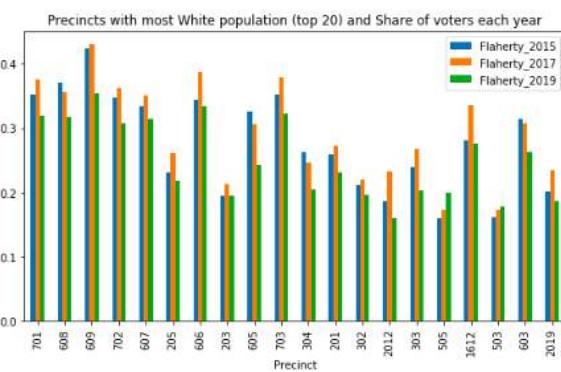


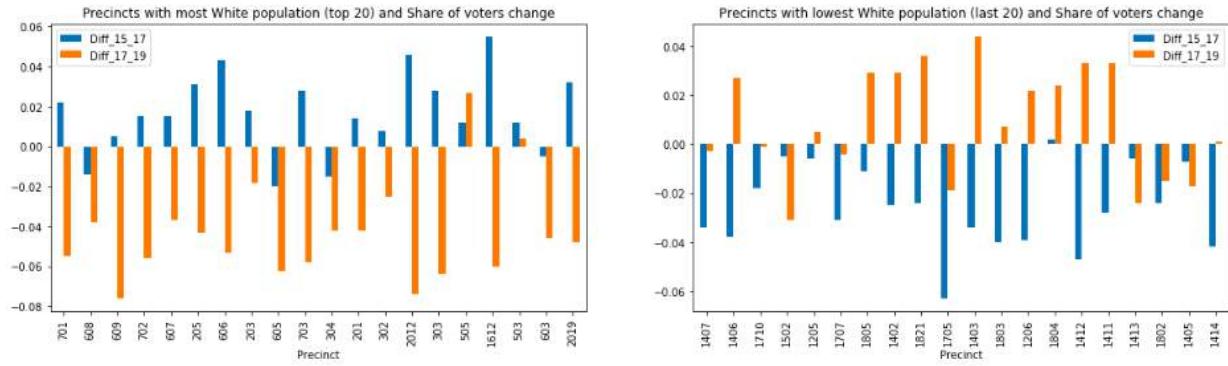
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Average Share of voters Change from 2017 to 2019: -0.02182142857142858

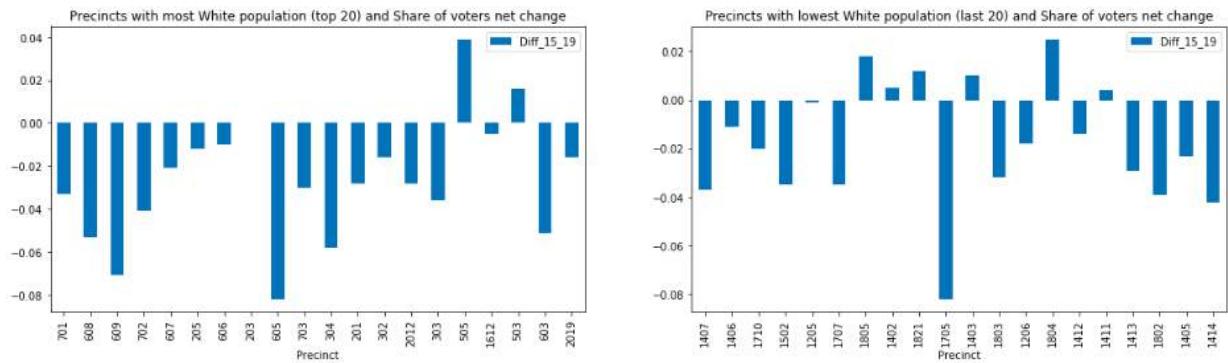
Average Share of voters Change from 2015 to 2019: -0.03157142857142857

From the graph above, we can see that 13 over 20 precincts with the greatest average change in *share of voter turnout* over time have a large white population (above 50%). The average share of voters decreases each year since they are all negative.



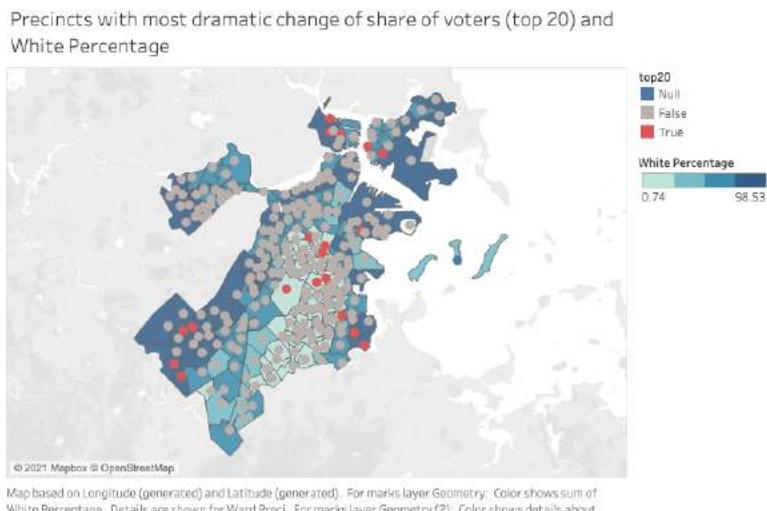


From the graphs above, we can see that the share of voter changes of 2015 to 2017 are mostly positive in precincts with most white population while are negative in precincts with lowest white population. We can know that, in precincts with most white populations, Flaherty was popular in 2017 but lost supporters in 2019.



From the graph of the share of voters net change, we can see that most changes are negative, which corresponds to what we found before: Flaherty lost supporters in 2019 compared to 2015.

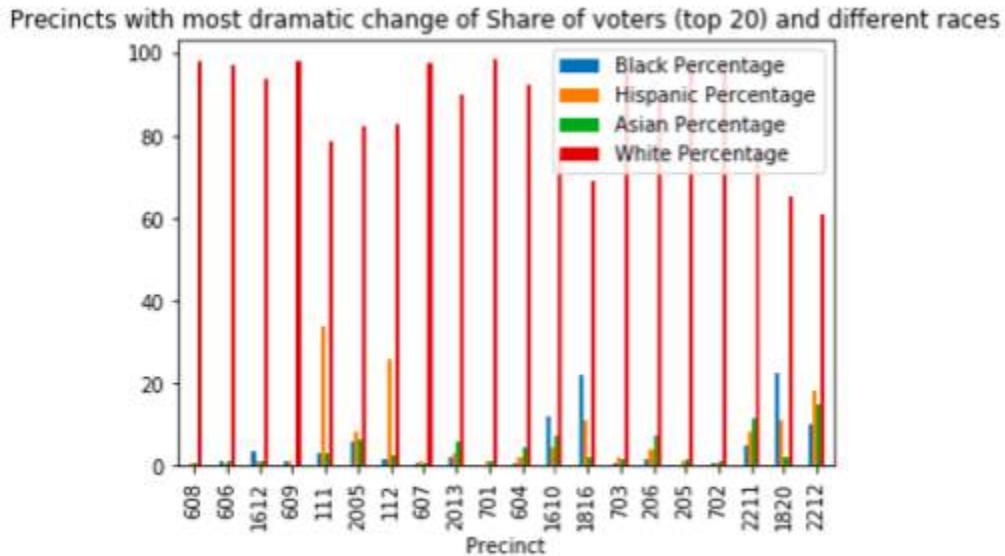
### Visualizing it in actual map:



## Part 5: How has Michelle Wu's performance changed over time?

In this section, we will try to find the correlation between Michelle Wu's most dramatic change of share of voters and different racial demographics.

To begin our analysis, we made a graph of precincts with the most dramatic change of share of voters across different races. We also printed out the average turnout change for each year. (Wu is in the election from 2013 to 2019.)



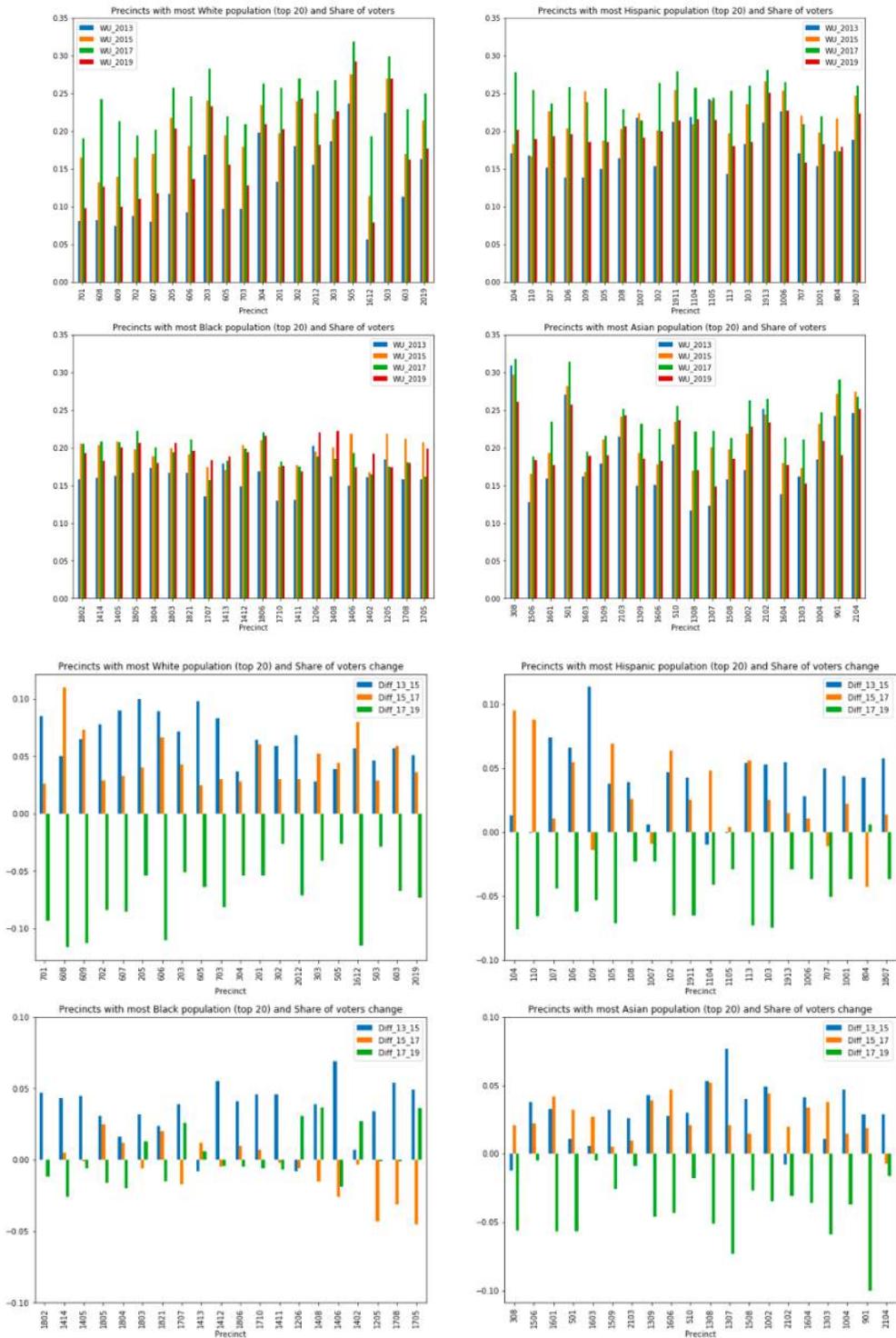
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Average Turnout Change from 2015 to 2017: 0.017567460317460298

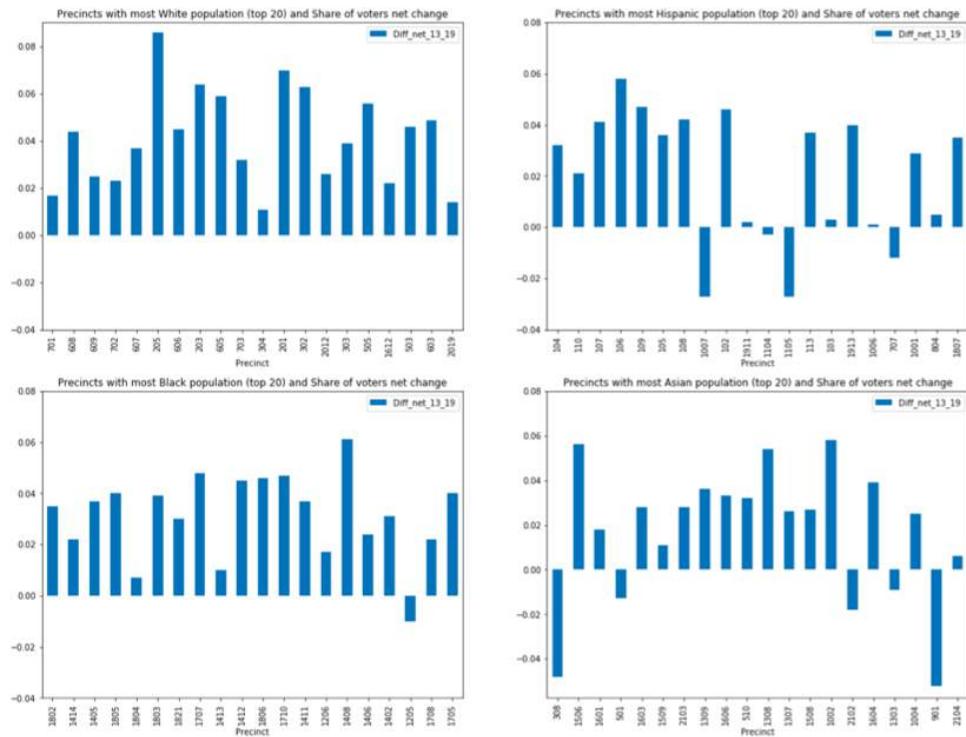
Average Turnout Change from 2017 to 2019: -0.035019841269841284

Average Turnout Change from 2013 to 2019: 0.02062698412698412

I found that, in general, she has more supporters in 2019 than in 2013. Only in 2019, she lost supporters compared to the last election (2017). In other years, she had a larger share of voters than last elections. All precincts with the most dramatic change of share of voters are with the most white population.



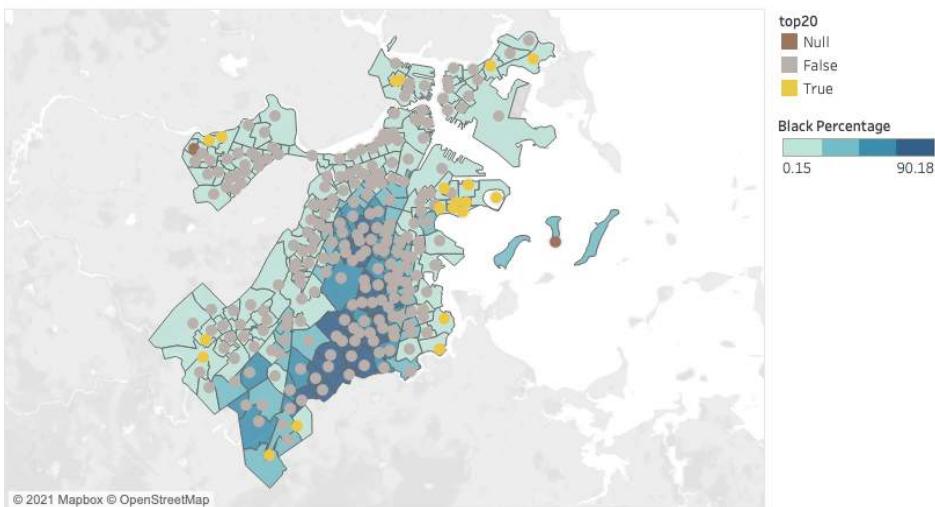
From the graphs, we can see that Wu has the most share of voters in 2017. In 2019 we can see a huge decrease of the share of voters in precincts with most white, hispanic and asian populations. The decrease is not obvious in precincts with most black populations. We can even see some increase.



In general, Wu gained share of voters in 2019 compared to 2013, which corresponds to what we found before.

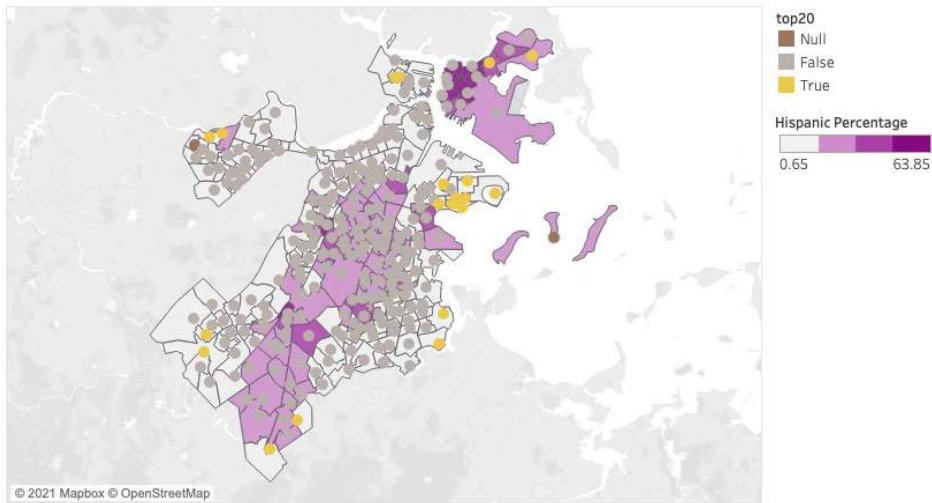
### Visualizing it on an actual map:

Precincts with most dramatic change of share of voters (top 20) and Black Percentage



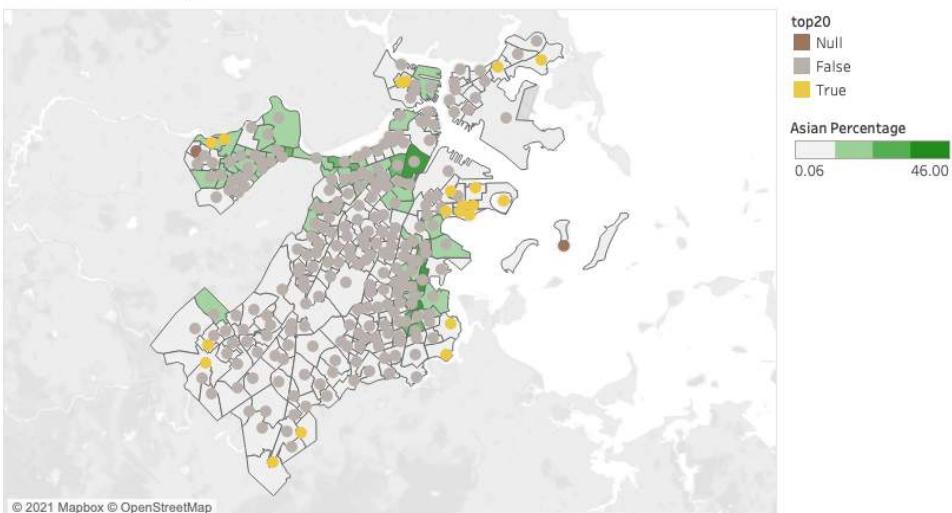
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Precincts with most dramatic change of share of voters (top 20) and Hispanic Percentage



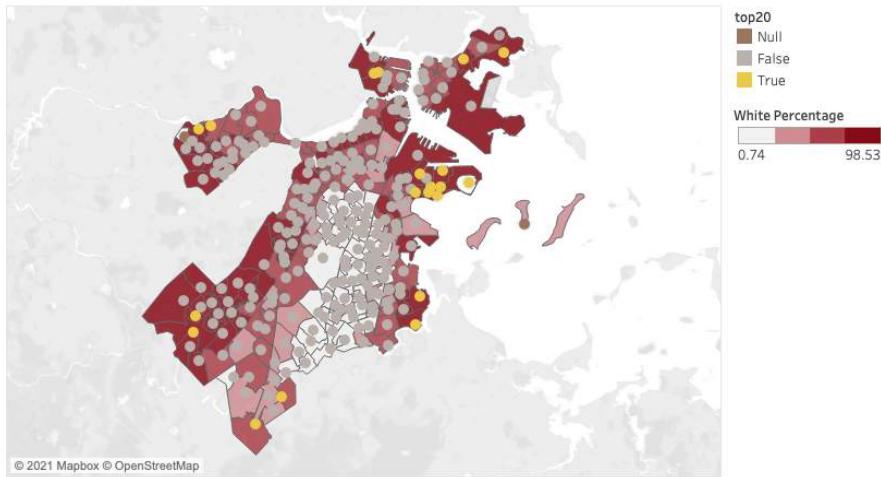
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Precincts with most dramatic change of share of voters (top 20) and Asian Percentage



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Precincts with most dramatic change of share of voters (top 20) and White Percentage

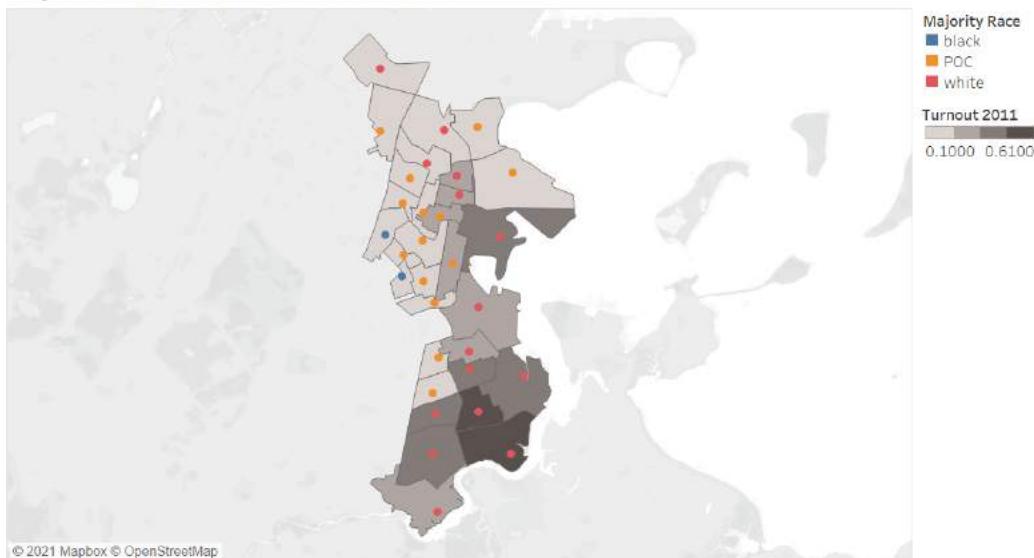


## Part 6: Changes in District 3 Specifically

We break down our findings to focus specifically on District 3.

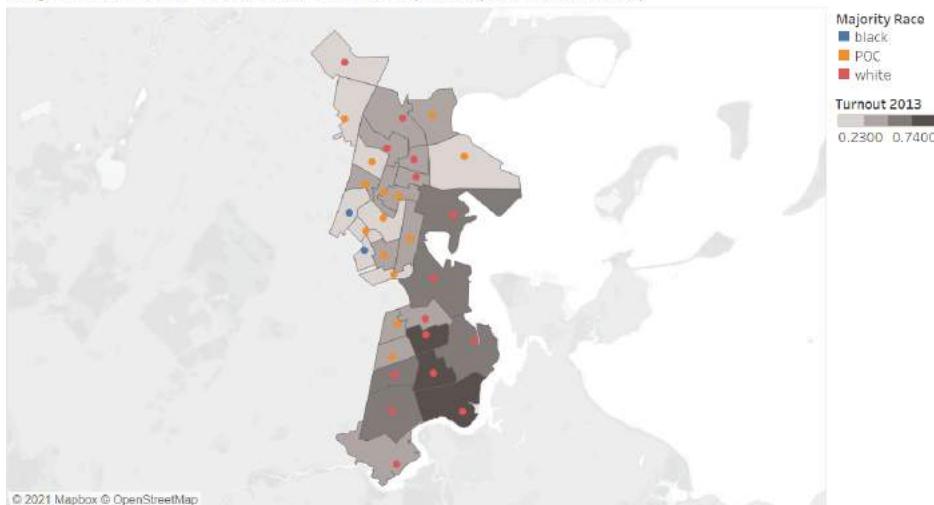
First, we look at all those areas, and compare turnout across the years in the following maps:

**City Council 2011 Turnout for District 3**



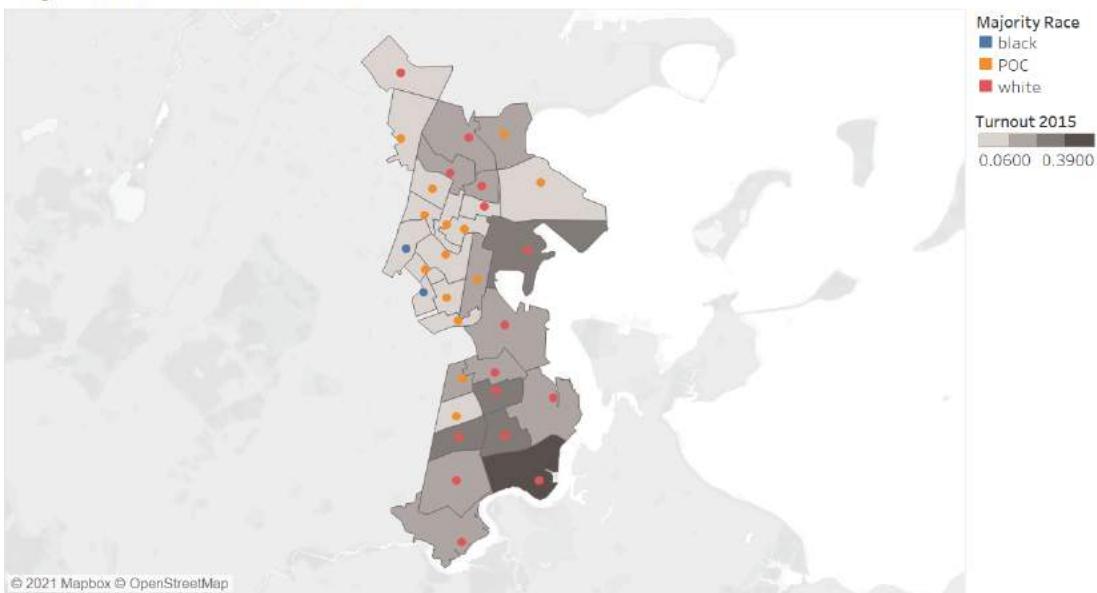
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**City Council 2013 Turnout for District 3 (Municipal Election Year)**



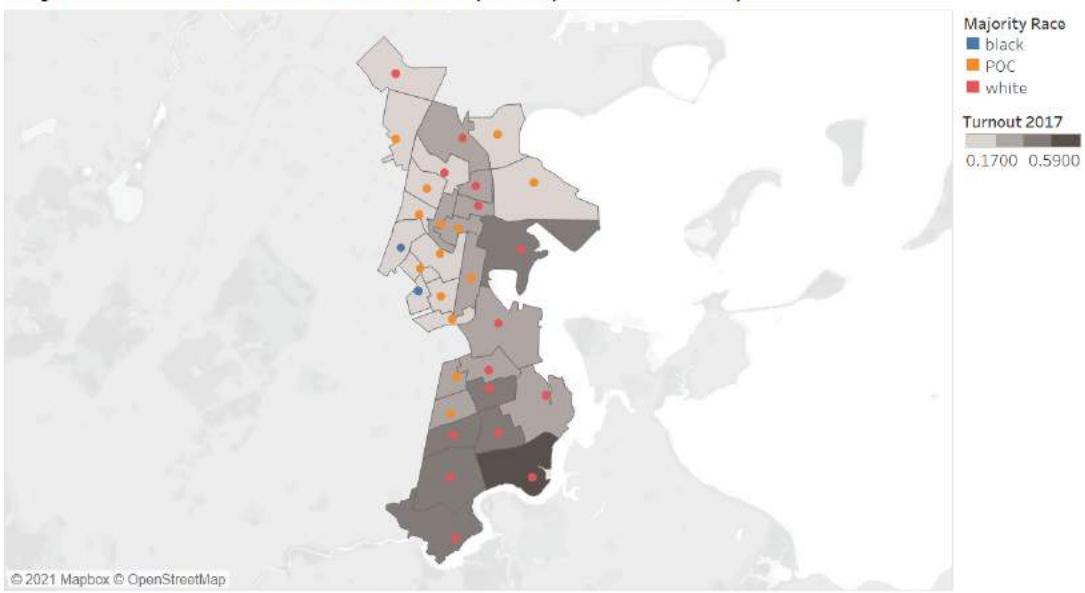
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### City Council 2015 Turnout for District 3



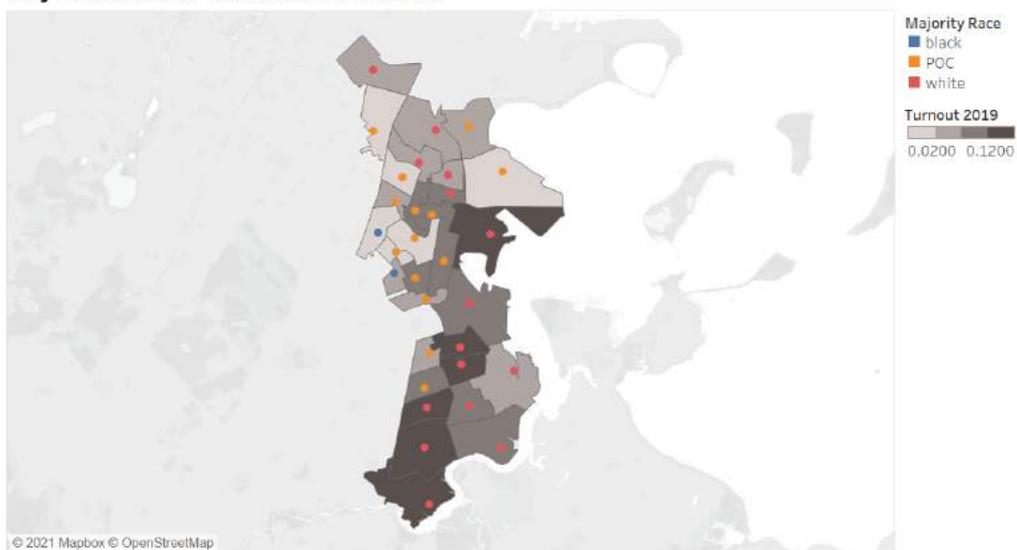
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### City Council 2017 Turnout for District 3 (Municipal Election Year)



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### City Council 2019 Turnout for District 3



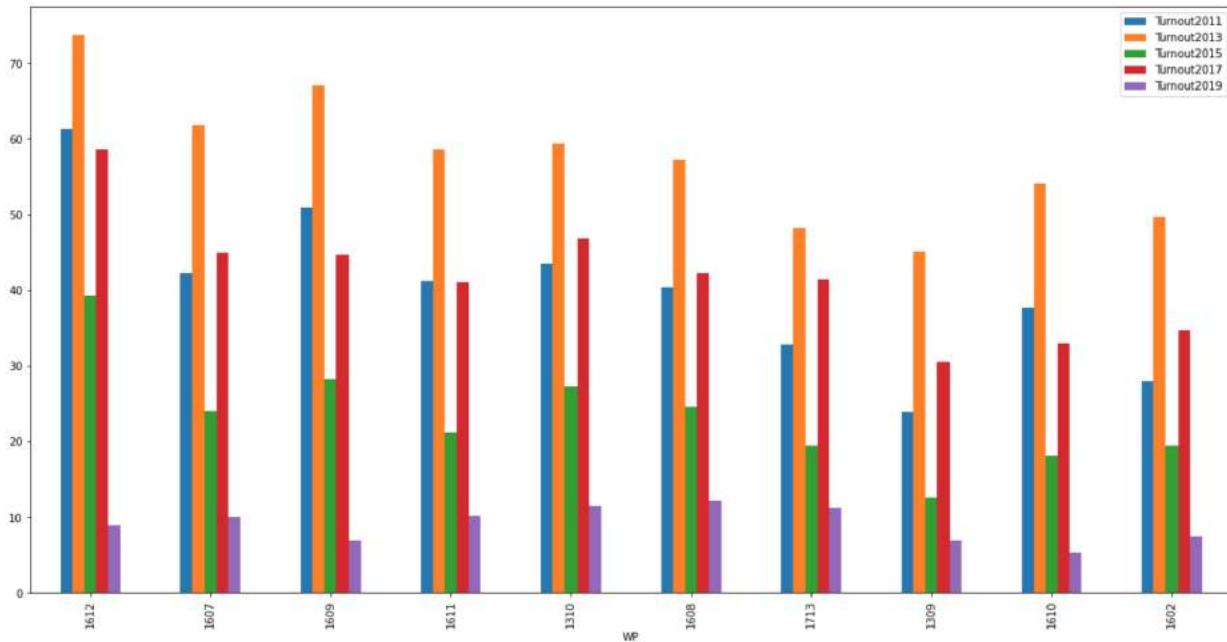
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We find that for different years, different precincts have different turnouts, but the constant factor is the southern areas usually have much higher turnouts compared to northern ones on the above maps. On the racial side of things, precincts with majority blacks are recently improving their turnouts, as you can see on the left side of the maps.

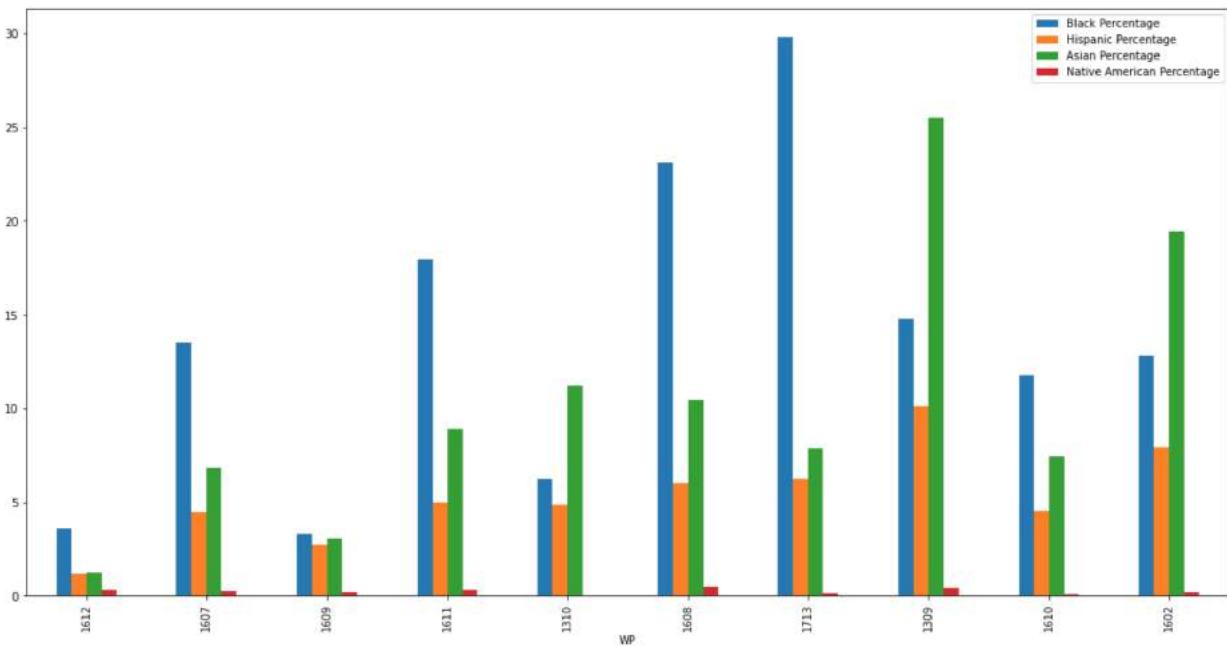
Second, we find the top 10 precincts with the greatest volatility across city council election year in District 3:

WP	Turnout2011	Turnout2013	Turnout2015	Turnout2017	Turnout2019	AvgChange
1612	61.3	73.8	39.3	58.6	8.9	29.0
1607	42.2	61.8	24.0	44.9	10.0	28.3
1609	51.0	67.0	28.2	44.7	6.9	27.3
1611	41.2	58.7	21.1	41.1	10.2	26.5
1310	43.5	59.4	27.3	46.8	11.5	25.7
1608	40.4	57.2	24.6	42.3	12.1	24.3
1713	32.8	48.2	19.5	41.4	11.1	24.1
1309	23.8	45.1	12.6	30.5	6.9	23.8
1610	37.7	54.1	18.2	33.0	5.3	23.7
1602	28.0	49.7	19.4	34.7	7.5	23.6

Visualizing the volatility:



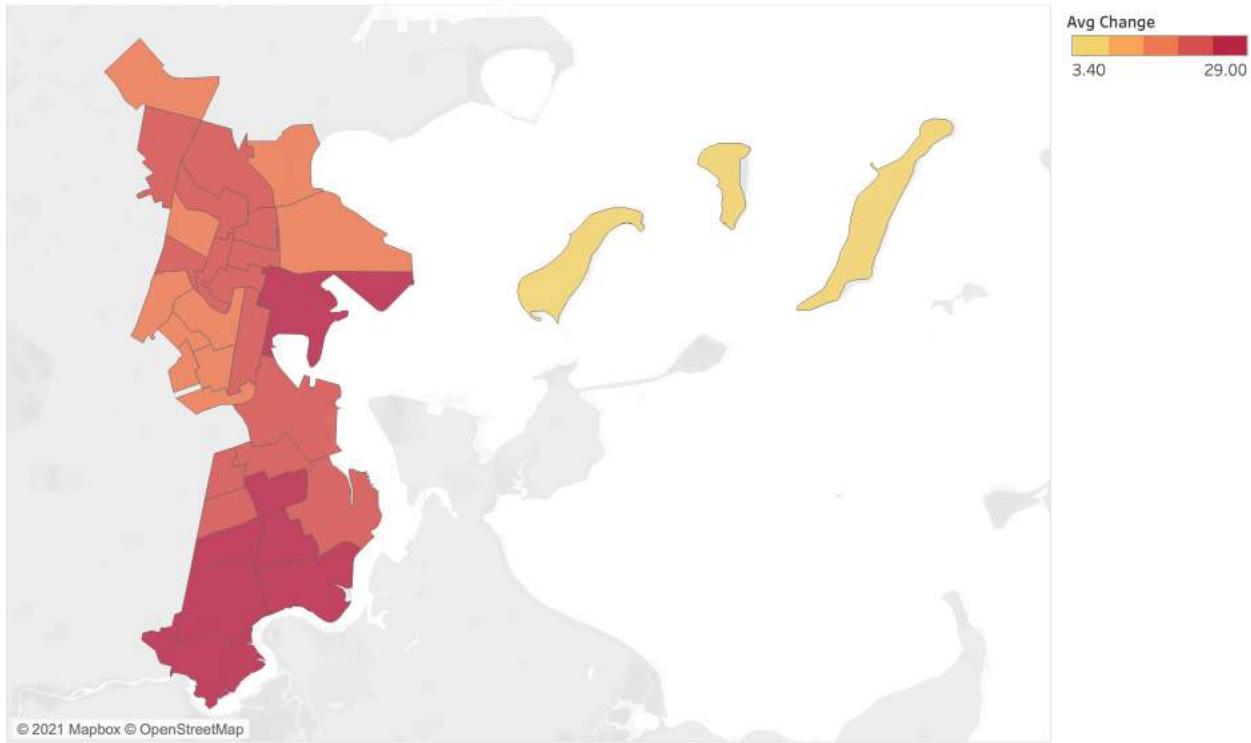
And finally, looking at the demographic breakdown of each of these top precincts:



As we can see, about 3 of these precincts have a sizable black population (greater than 15%), while two have a sizable Asian population (greater than 15%). However, most have a majority white population, and the top most volatile district, 1612, has a very low POC population.

Visualizing this on a heat map of District 3:

### Heat Map of Volatility of Precincts in District 3



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows sum of Avg Change. Details are shown for Ward Preci.

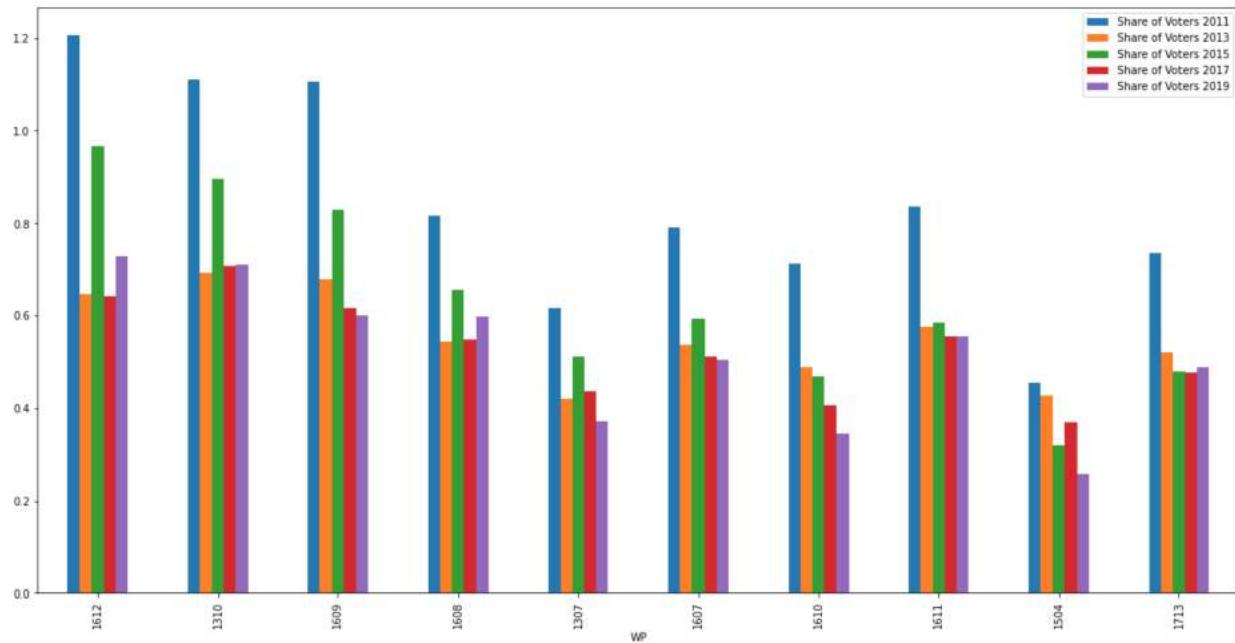
As we can see, those precincts with the greatest volatility across CC election years seem to be mostly concentrated in the southern part of District 3.

Now, for the same subset of District 3 wards, we determine the top 10 precincts with the greatest change in *share of voter turnout* from 2011 to 2019:

WP	Share of Voters 2011	Share of Voters 2013	Share of Voters 2015	Share of Voters 2017	Share of Voters 2019	AvgChange
1612	1.20712	0.64750	0.96486	0.64263	0.72872	0.32133
1310	1.11010	0.69274	0.89580	0.70799	0.70979	0.20251
1609	1.10533	0.67860	0.82871	0.61685	0.60071	0.20121
1608	0.81747	0.54430	0.65705	0.54872	0.59821	0.13594
1307	0.61549	0.42130	0.51104	0.43732	0.37108	0.10597
1607	0.79202	0.53581	0.59391	0.51189	0.50407	0.10104
1610	0.71091	0.48916	0.46960	0.40693	0.34618	0.09118
1611	0.83655	0.57611	0.58602	0.55516	0.55637	0.07561
1504	0.45645	0.42695	0.31965	0.36827	0.25652	0.07429
1713	0.73477	0.52168	0.47947	0.47691	0.48764	0.06715

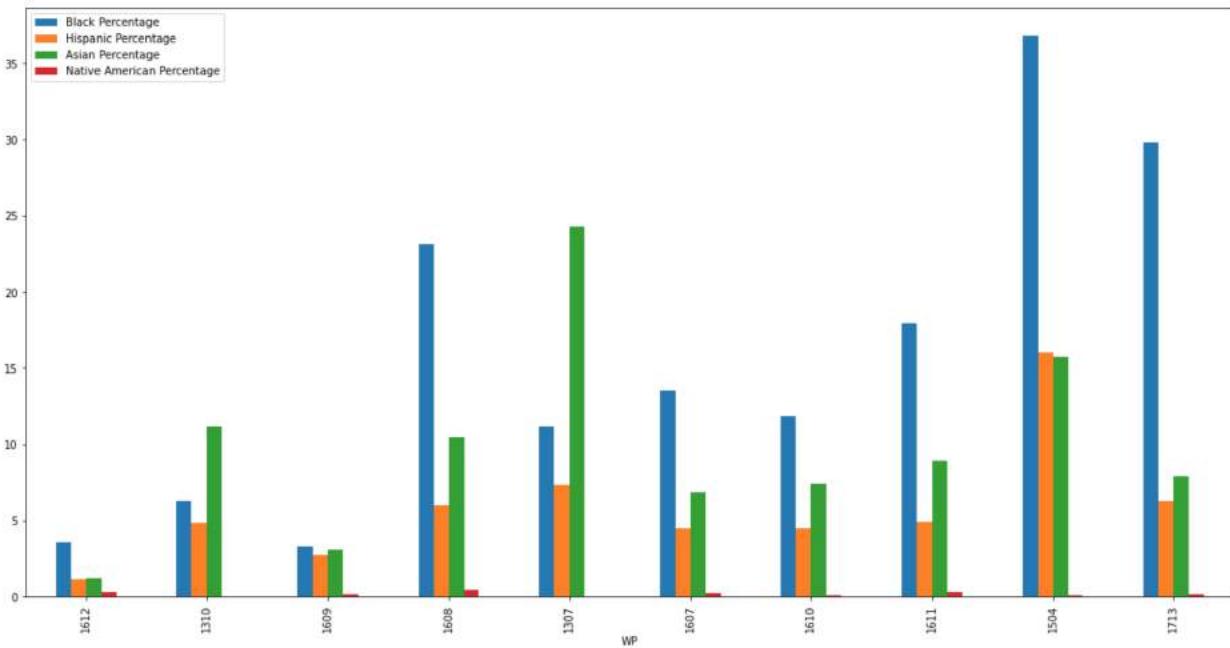
Again, here share of voters is [Ballots Cast in X Precinct]/[Total Ballots Cast in Boston] \*100.

Visualizing how this share has changed over each year on a bar chart:



As we can see, the share of voters in Ward-Precinct 16-12 really fluctuates across the City Council election years, while Ward-Precinct 16-10's share of total votes cast has really dropped off since 2011. 16-11, on the other hand, stays steady across most city council elections except 2011.

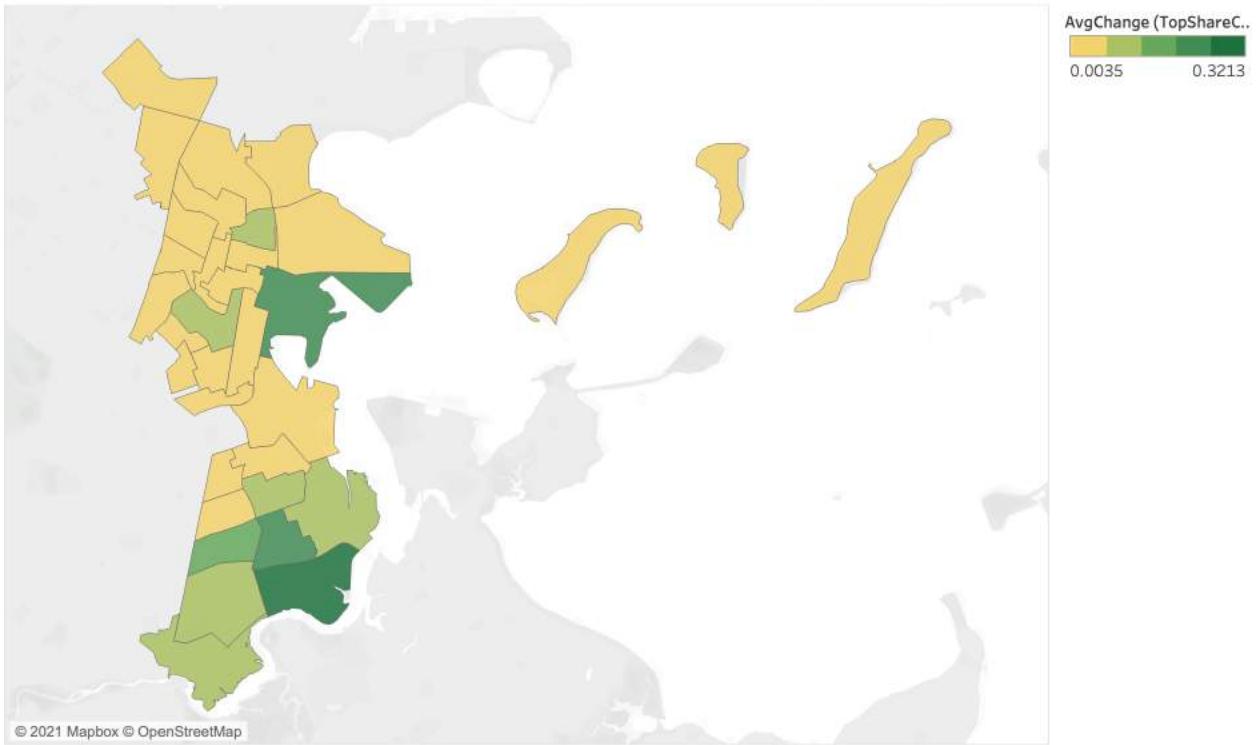
Now, for the demographic breakdown of each of these precincts:



The demographics breakdown here indicates no clear pattern: some precincts have a very small POC population while some, like 1608 and 1307 are multiracial.

Visualizing this change in share of voter turnout on a heat map:

Change in Share of Voter Turnout accross City Council Elections (District 3)



Similar to our previous findings, we find that those precincts with the greatest change in share of voter turnout tend to be concentrated in the southern part of District 3.

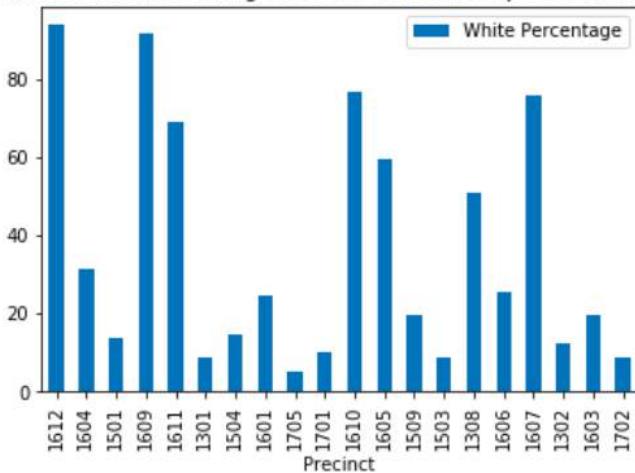
Now, we focus on how Michael F. Flaherty's performance changed in precincts in District 3 with large white populations.

**Average Turnout Change from 2015 to 2017: -0.02062222222222226**

**Average Turnout Change from 2017 to 2019: -0.01791111111111117**

**Average Turnout Change from 2015 to 2019: -0.03855555555555554**

Precincts with most dramatic change of Share of voters (top 20) and White Percentage



From the graph above, we can see that districts with the greatest average change in *share of voter turnout* over time do not have strong correlation with white percentage.

Lastly, we focus on how Michelle Wu's performance changed in district 3 over time.

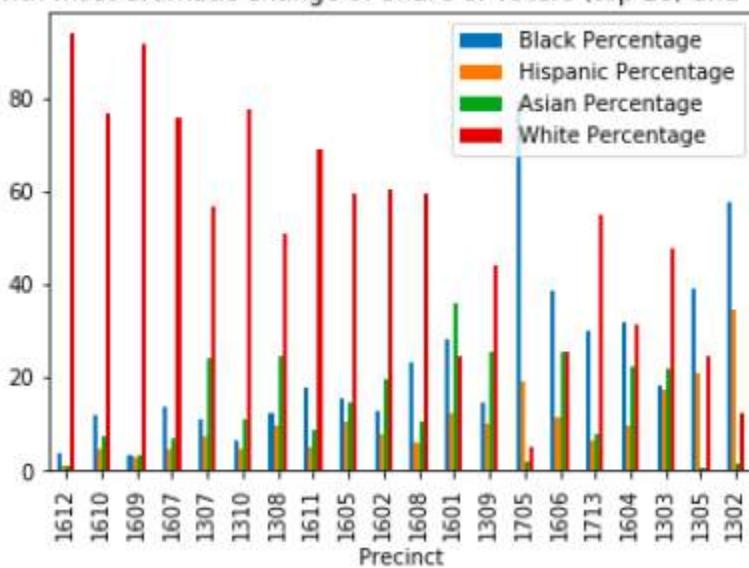
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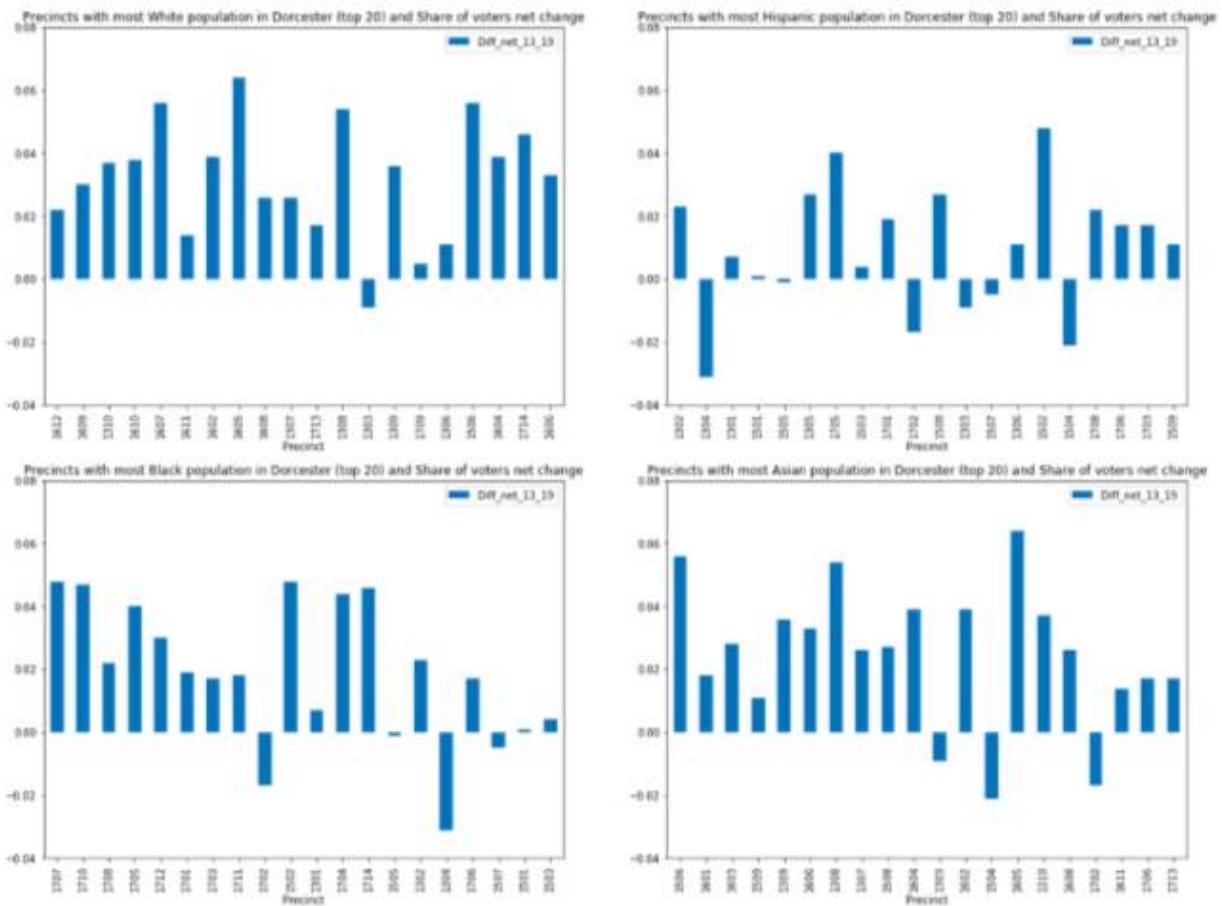
Precincts with most dramatic change of Share of voters (top 20) and different races



The turnout change trend in District 3 is the same as the overall trend. 16 out of 20 precincts with the most dramatic change of voter turnout are with the most white population. The rest 3 of the precincts with the most dramatic change of voter turnout are with the most black population. One is with the most asian population.



We can see that the decrease of share of voter turnout in 2019 is only obvious in precincts with most white and asian populations. In precincts with most hispanic and black population, we can see a decrease of share of voter turnout in 2017, but the decrease does not appear in precincts with most white and asian population.



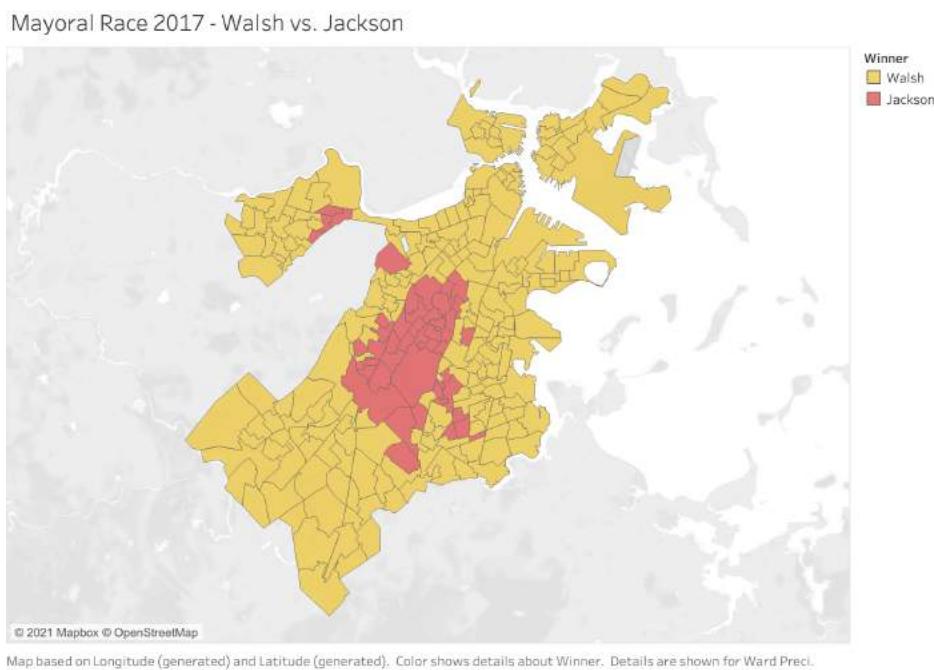
In general, Wu gained more supporters in 2019 compared to 2013, which is the same as the overall population.

## **Key Question: What are the key predictors in determining support for Black candidates for Boston?**

From our previous analysis, we have found that race plays a key role in determining support for Black candidates. We will now be examining how other factors, such as median income, educational level, and features of neighborhoods may affect support for Black candidates. We will be comparing the outcomes to these maps of three elections with African American frontrunners: 2017 Mayoral Race, 2018 DA Race, and the 2018 US House Democratic Primary.

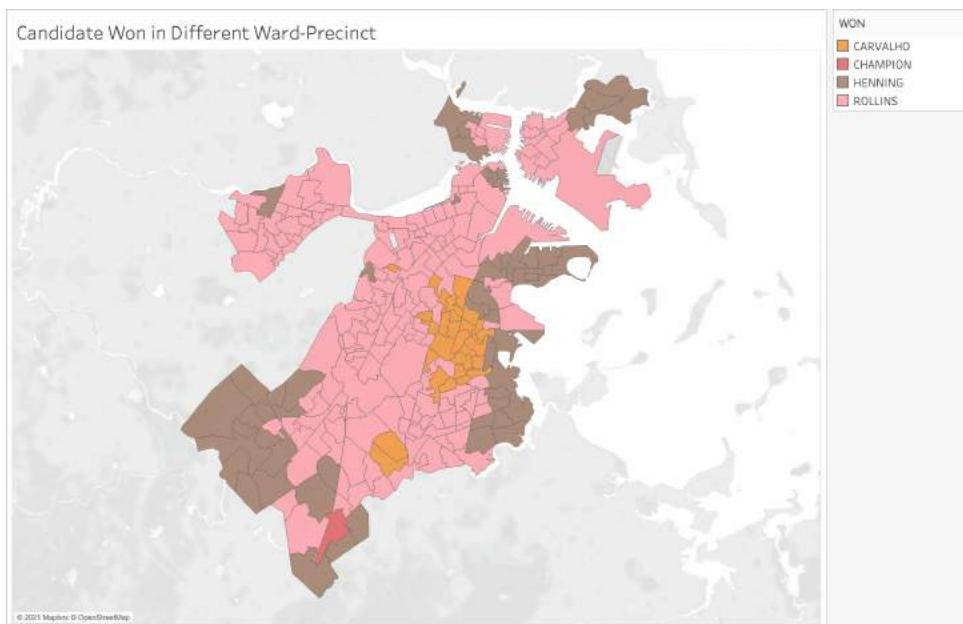
### Part 1: Visualization of Key Races

#### Outcome of the 2017 General Mayoral Race:



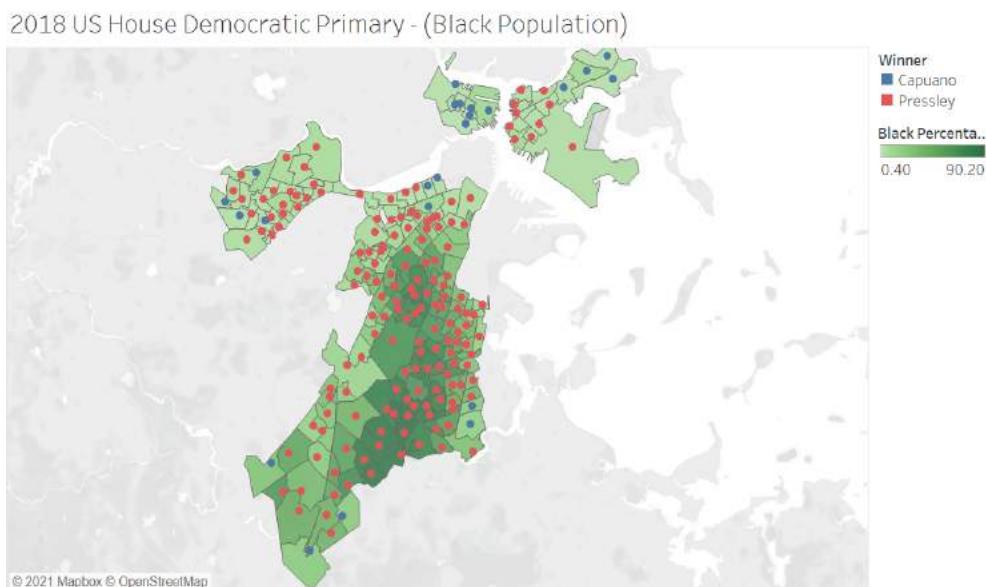
In this race, we will be focusing on Tito Jackson, the Black candidate for mayor in 2017.

### Outcome of the 2018 DA Race:



Here, we will be focusing on the performance of the first Black woman DA in Boston, DA Rollins.

### Outcome of the 2018 US House Democratic Primary:

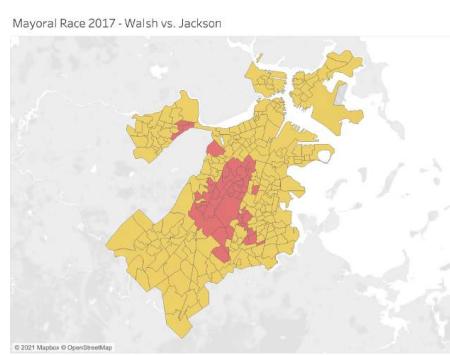
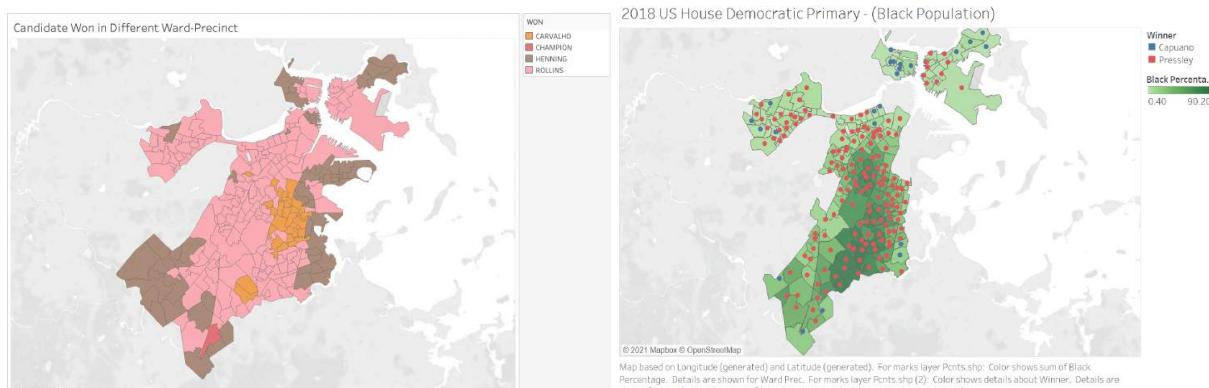
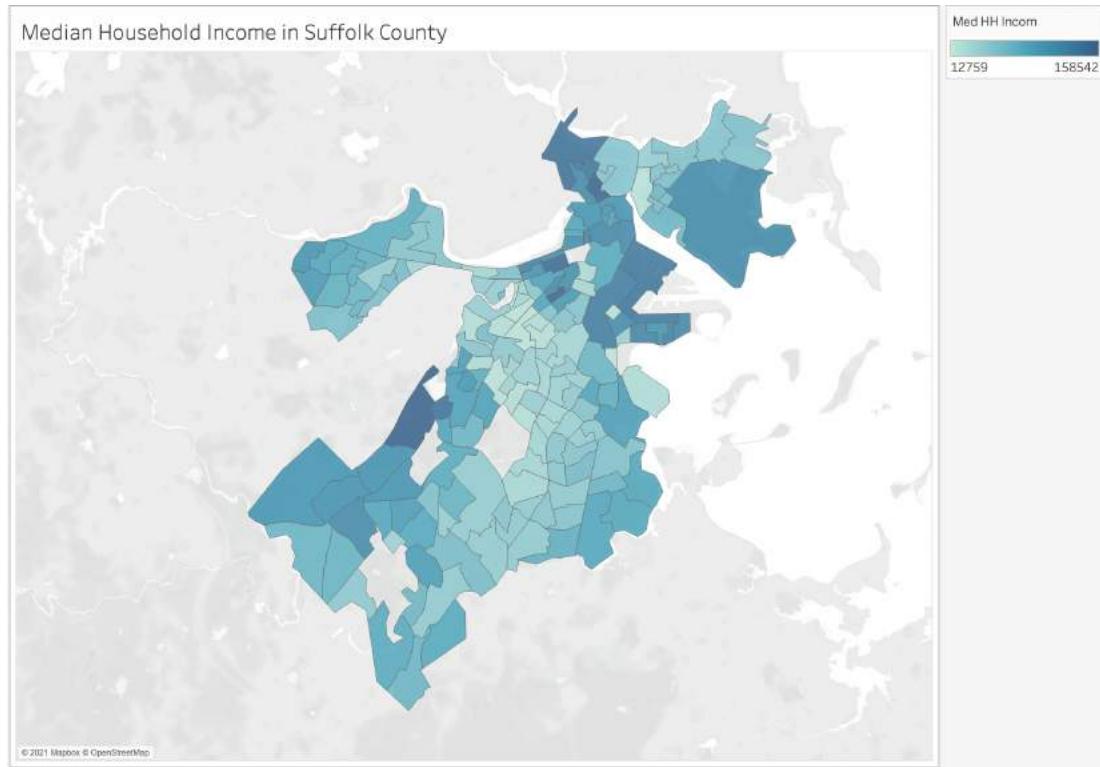


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Here, we will primarily focus on Ayanna Pressley's performance.

## Part 2: Median Household Income

We first visualize the median household income across various Boston precincts:



Source:

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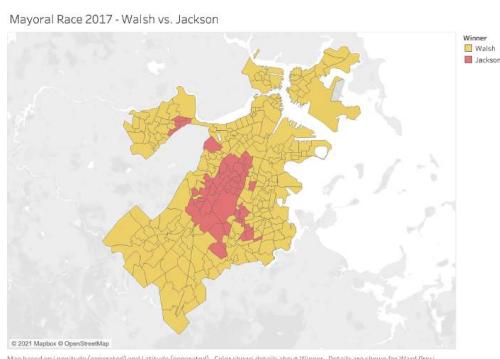
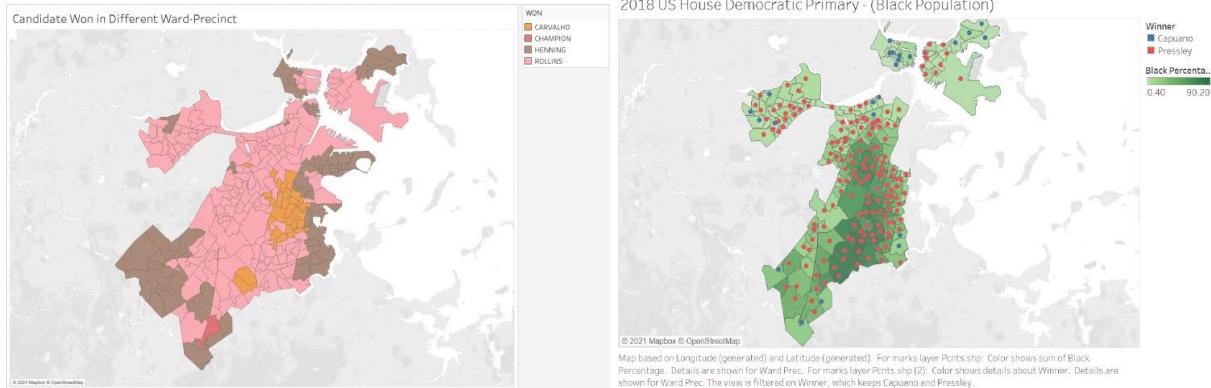
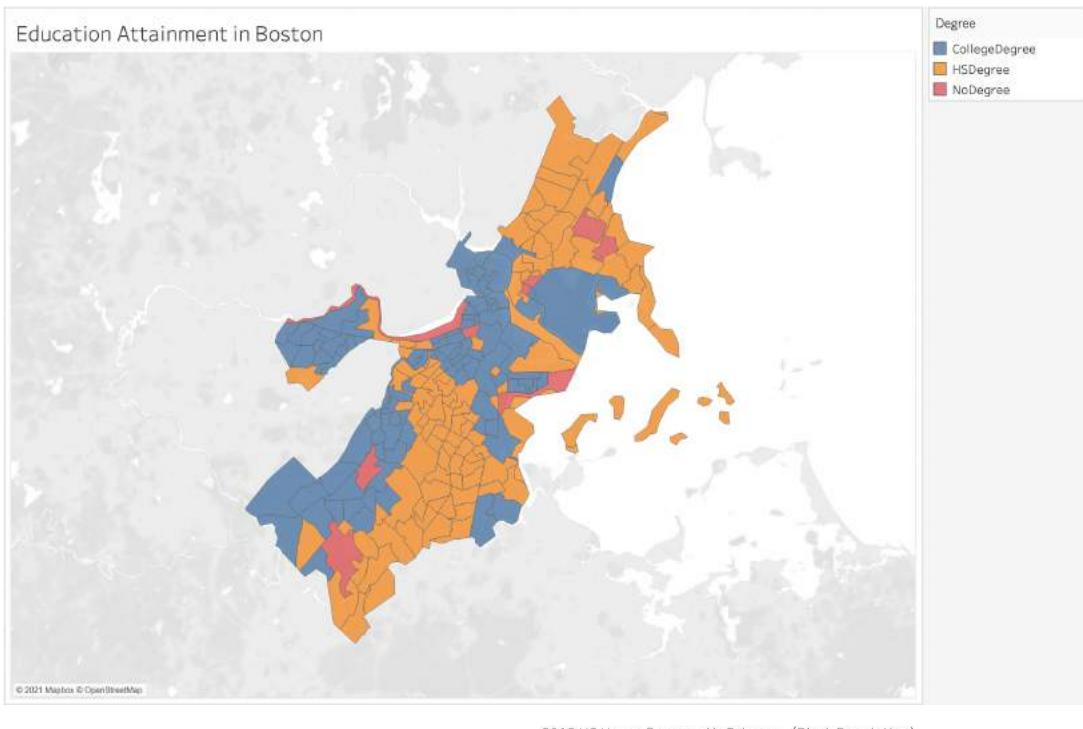
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We compare this median income map with the maps of various elections in which a Black candidate was a frontrunner.

In both the 2017 Mayoral Races and the 2018 DA Race, there seems to be a slight correlation between the median income of a given precinct and a Black candidate winning said precinct. By contrast, however, this does not seem to be the case in the 2018 U.S. House Democratic Primary, as Ayanna Pressley won the majority of precincts regardless of median income.

## Part 3: Educational Attainment

### 2018 Educational Attainment



Source:

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Education&g=0500000US25025.140000&tid=ACSST5Y2019.S1501&moe=false&tp=false&hidePreview=false>

We now analyze any correlation between the average educational attainment of a given precinct and the performance of Black candidates in that precinct:

**2017 Mayoral Race:**

In most precincts where Tito Jackson won, the average educational attainment of the residents was a high school diploma. By contrast, Walsh won almost all districts in which the average educational attainment is a college degree.

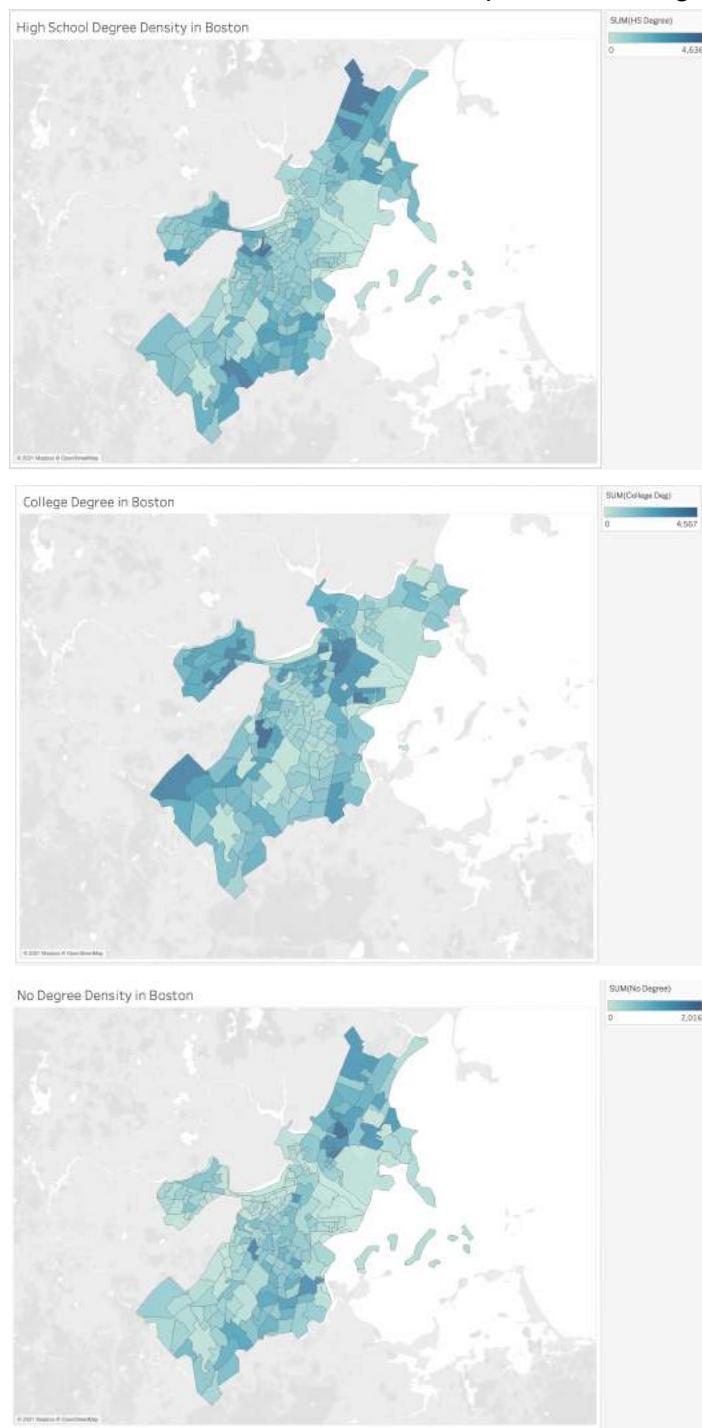
**2018 DA Race:**

From the data visualization of the educational attainment in Boston compared with the candidate won in each ward-precincts visualization, we could see that most of Henning's precinct that he won over have high density of college degree population; however, Rollin's encompass wide variety of educational attainment population; therefore, it is hard to find correlation between the two variables.

**2018 US Senate Democratic Primary:**

Again, there is no correlation between the precincts which voted for Pressley and educational attainment, as Pressley won the overwhelming majority of districts regardless of educational attainment.

Lastly we visualize the education levels across all Boston precincts as a gradient:



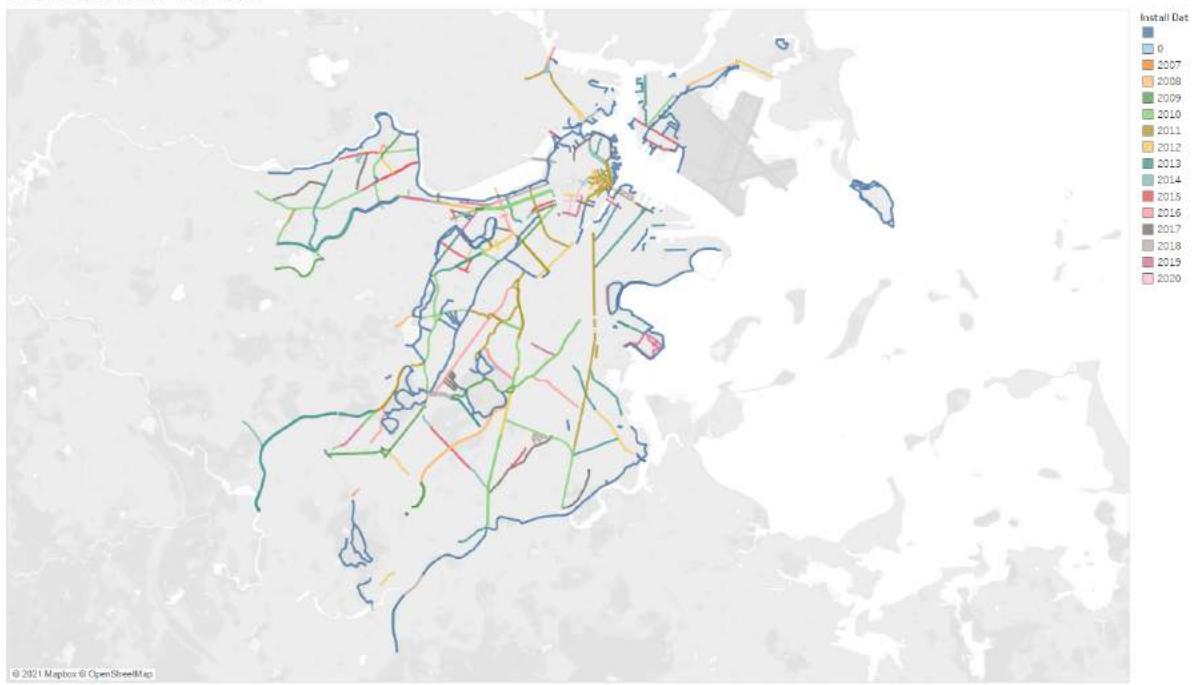
Does more houses affect voting participation for black candidates?

Housing Data



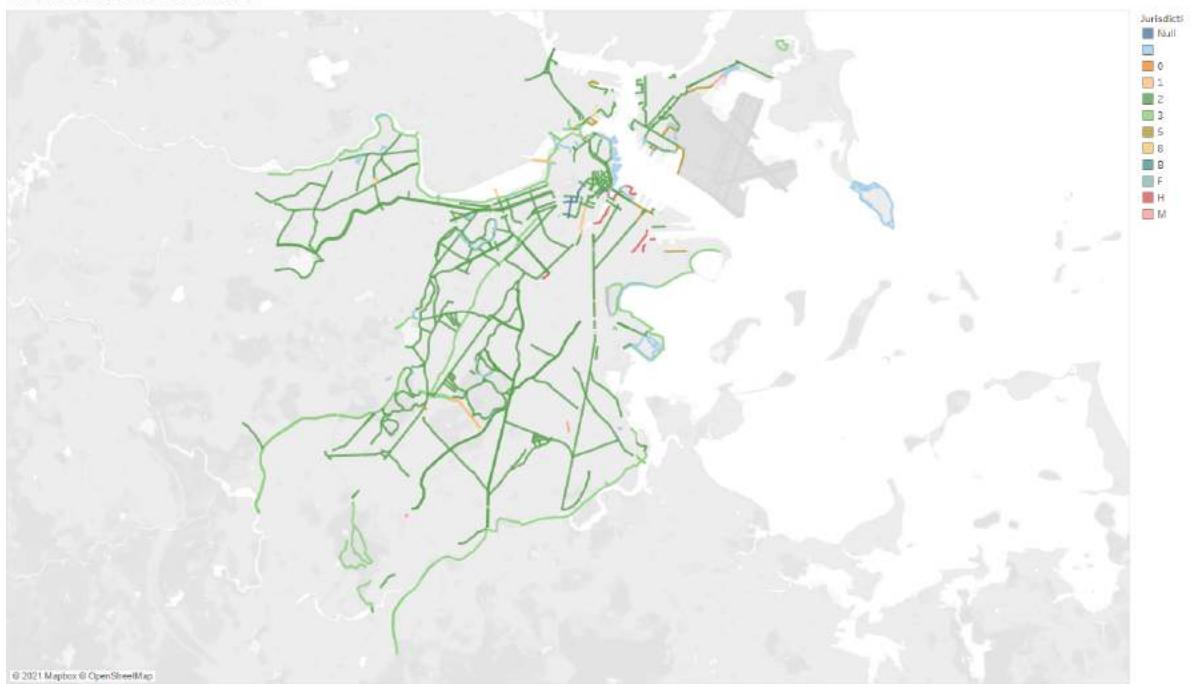
The Bottom of Boston's Building population is around 82% less populated. The Very tip of Boston's Building population is around 56% less populated. This is not a key predictor of black voting participation. There is not a correlation with the amount of houses for both 2017 General mayoral races where Johnson got most votes in the center of the map. And there is no correlation when Pressley received the most votes during the US Democratic party.

Bike Lanes Based On Install Date



We do not believe bike lanes installation dates affect support for Black candidates. There is no clear correlation for bike lanes and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party.

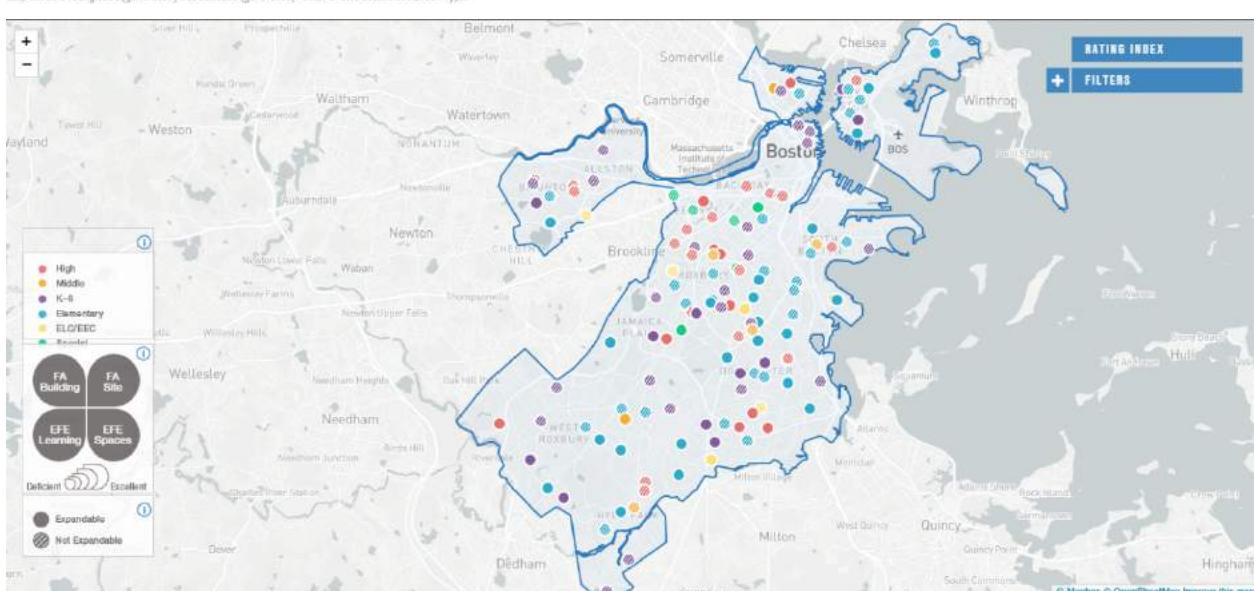
Bike Lanes Based On Jurisdiction



We do not believe bike lanes affect support for Black candidates. There is no clear correlation for bike lanes and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party. This shows that there is more transit on the left side of the map.

## Does Public Schools Affect the Support for black candidates?

Public Schools



<https://data.boston.gov/showcase/buildbps-dashboard>

There is no clear correlation for the number of schools and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race. This shows that there are more schools in the center/top of the map.

## Do Park Trees Affect the Support for black candidates?



No clear correlation. There is no clear correlation for park trees and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race. This shows that there are a few spots that are empty/void of trees, which does not correlate to voting data.

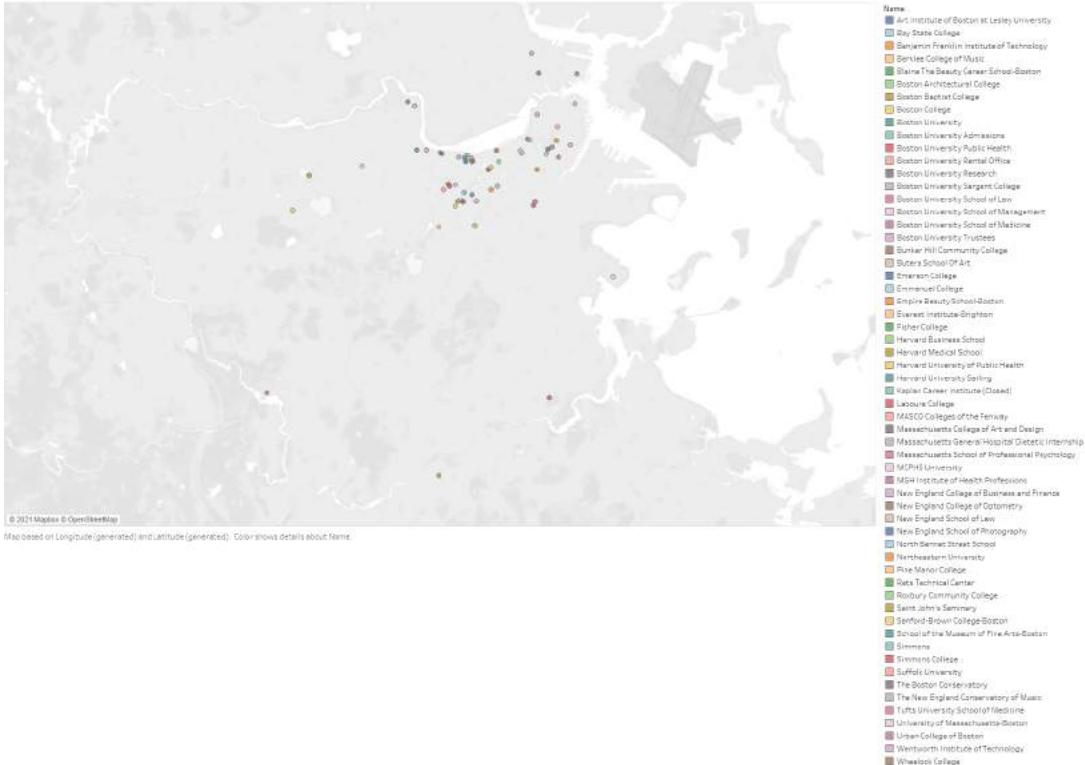
## Street Trees



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Street trees do not have a correlation. There is no clear correlation for street trees and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race. This shows that there are a few spots that are empty/void of trees, which does not correlate to voting data.

## Universities



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows details about Name.

Universities do not affect support for black candidates.

**For the following Tableaus Social vulnerability during a climate event:**

**Population Definitions:**

**Older Adults:**

Older adults (those over age 65) have physical vulnerabilities in a climate event; they suffer from higher rates of medical illness than the rest of the population and can have some functional limitations in an evacuation scenario, as well as when preparing for and recovering from a disaster. Furthermore, older adults are physically more vulnerable to the impacts of extreme heat. Beyond the physical risk, older adults are more likely to be socially isolated. Without an appropriate support network, an initially small risk could be exacerbated if an older adult is not able to get help.

*Data source:* 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract for population over 65 years of age.

**Children:**

Families with children require additional resources in a climate event. When school is cancelled, parents need alternative childcare options, which can mean missing work. Children are especially vulnerable to extreme heat and stress following a natural disaster.

*Data source:* 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract for population under 5 years of age.

**People of Color:**

People of color make up a majority (53 percent) of Boston's population. People of color are more likely to fall into multiple vulnerable groups as well. People of color statistically have lower levels of income and higher levels of poverty than the population at large. People of color, many of whom also have limited English proficiency, may not have ready access in their primary language to information about the dangers of extreme heat or about cooling center resources. This risk to extreme heat can be compounded by the fact that people of color often live in more densely populated urban areas that are at higher risk for heat exposure due to the urban heat island effect.

*Data source:* 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract: Black, Native American, Asian, Island, Other, Multi, Non-white Hispanics.

**Limited English Proficiency:**

Without adequate English skills, residents can miss crucial information on how to prepare for hazards. Cultural practices for information sharing, for example, may focus on word-of-mouth communication. In a flood event, residents can also face challenges communicating with emergency response personnel. If residents are more socially isolated, they may be less likely to hear about upcoming events. Finally, immigrants, especially ones who are undocumented, may be reluctant to use government services out of fear of deportation or general distrust of the government or emergency personnel.

*Data Source:* 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract, defined as speaks English only or speaks English "very well".

**Low to no Income:**

A lack of financial resources impacts a household's ability to prepare for a disaster event and to support friends and neighborhoods. For example, residents without televisions, computers, or data-driven mobile phones may face challenges getting news about hazards or recovery resources. Renters may have trouble finding and paying deposits for replacement housing if their residence is impacted by flooding. Homeowners may be less able to afford insurance that will cover flood damage. Having low or no income can create difficulty evacuating in a disaster event because of a higher reliance on public transportation. If unable to evacuate, residents may be more at risk without supplies to stay in their homes for an extended period of time. Low- and no-income residents can also be more vulnerable to hot weather if running air conditioning or fans puts utility costs out of reach.

*Data source:* 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract for low-to- no income populations. The data represents a calculated field that combines people who were 100% below the poverty level and those who were 100-149% of the poverty level.

**People with Disabilities:**

People with disabilities are among the most vulnerable in an emergency; they sustain disproportionate rates of illness, injury, and death in disaster events.<sup>46</sup> People with disabilities can find it difficult to adequately prepare for a disaster event, including moving to a safer place. They are more likely to be left behind or abandoned during evacuations. Rescue and relief resources—like emergency transportation or shelters, for example—may not be universally accessible. Research has revealed a historic pattern of discrimination against people with disabilities in times of resource scarcity, like after a major storm and flood.

*Data source:* 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (ACS) data by census tract for total civilian non-institutionalized population, including: hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and independent living difficulty.

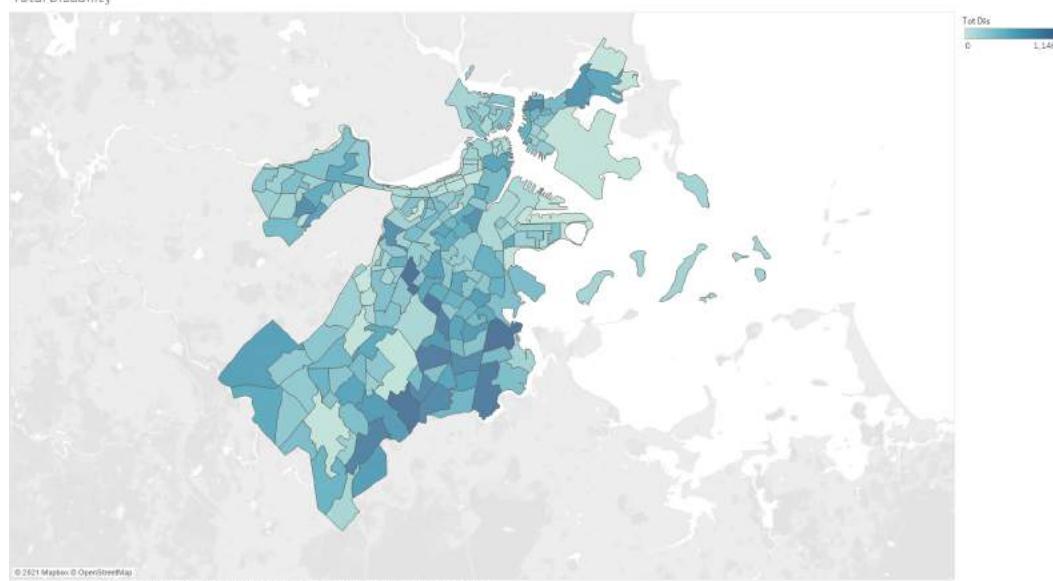
**Medical Illness:**

Symptoms of existing medical illnesses are often exacerbated by hot temperatures. For example, heat can trigger asthma attacks or increase already high blood pressure due to the stress of high temperatures put on the body. Climate events can interrupt access to normal sources of healthcare and even life-sustaining medication. Special planning is required for people experiencing medical illness. For example, people dependent on dialysis will have different evacuation and care needs than other Boston residents in a climate event.

*Data source:* Medical illness is a proxy measure which is based on EASI data accessed through Simply Map. Health data at the local level in Massachusetts is not available beyond zip codes. EASI modeled the health statistics for the U.S. population based upon age, sex, and race probabilities using U.S. Census Bureau data. The probabilities are modeled against the census and current year and five year forecasts. Medical illness is the sum of asthma in children, asthma in adults, heart disease, emphysema, bronchitis, cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, and liver disease. A limitation is that these numbers may be over-counted as the result of people potentially having more than one medical illness. Therefore, the analysis may have greater numbers of people with medical illness within census tracts than actually present. Overall, the analysis was based on the relationship between social factors.

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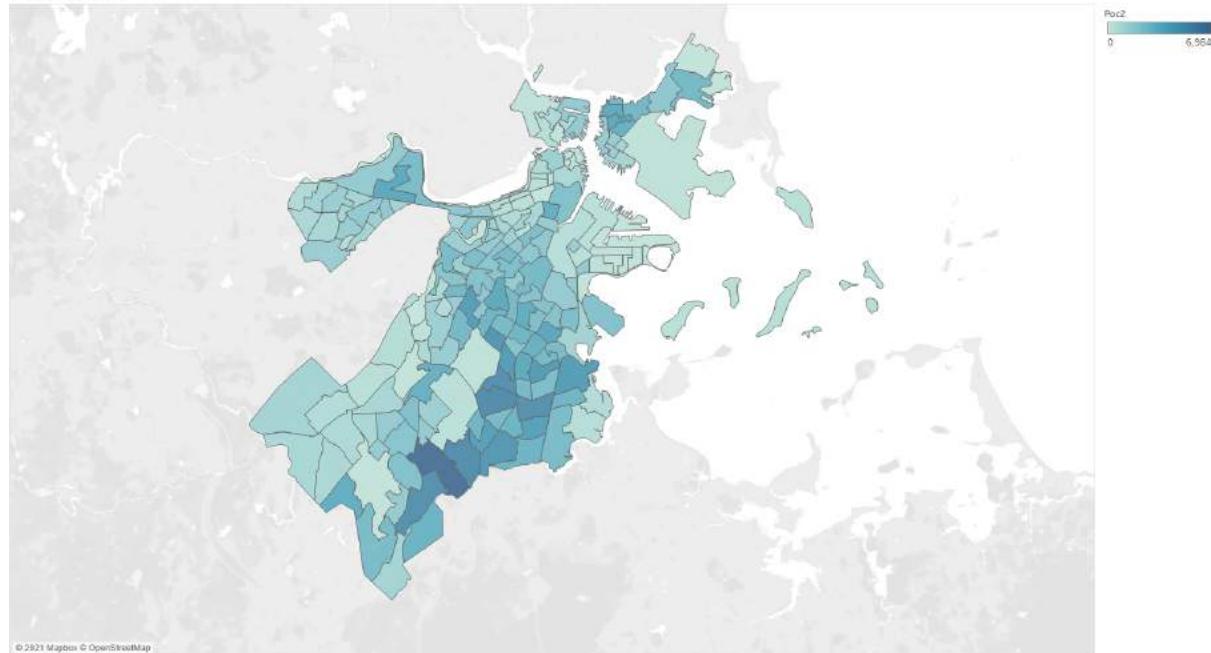
Total Disability



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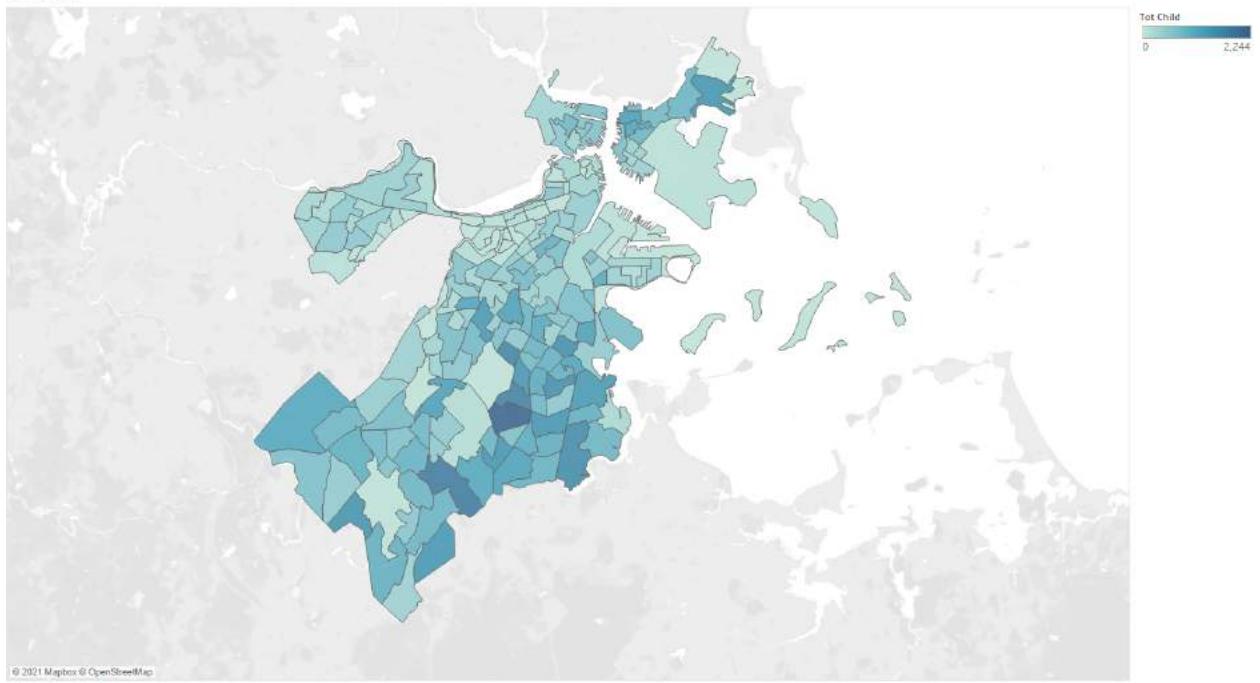
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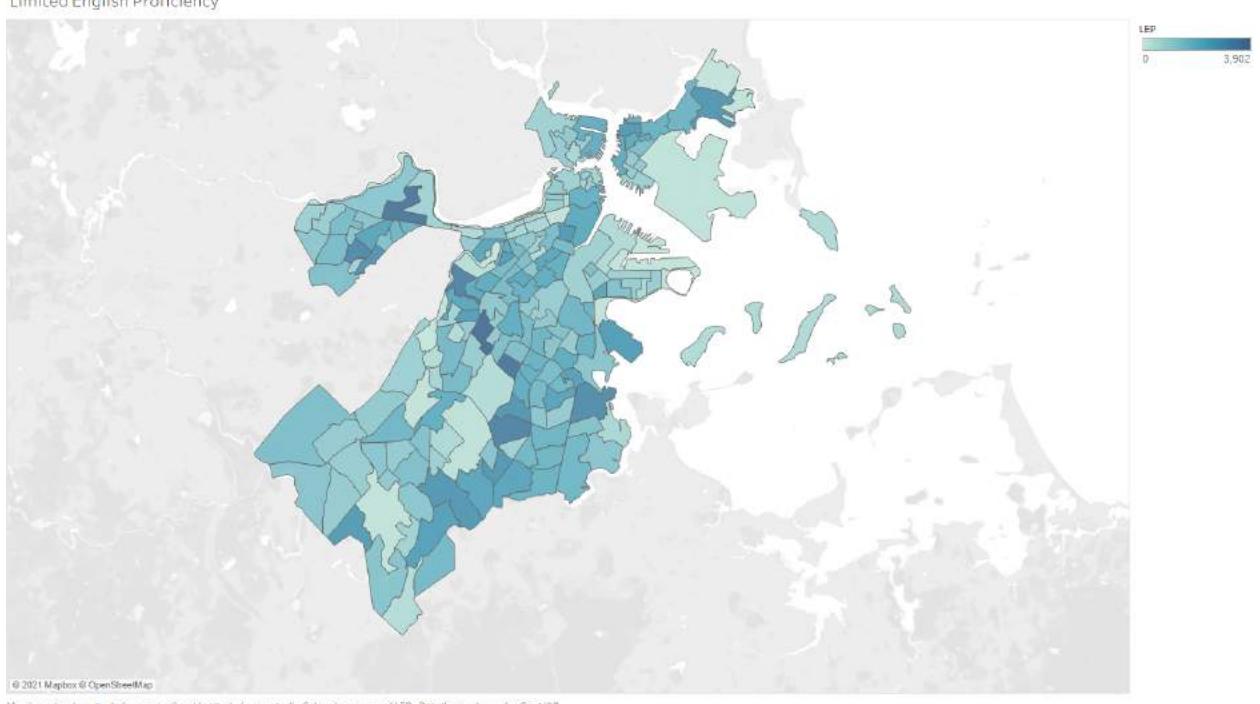
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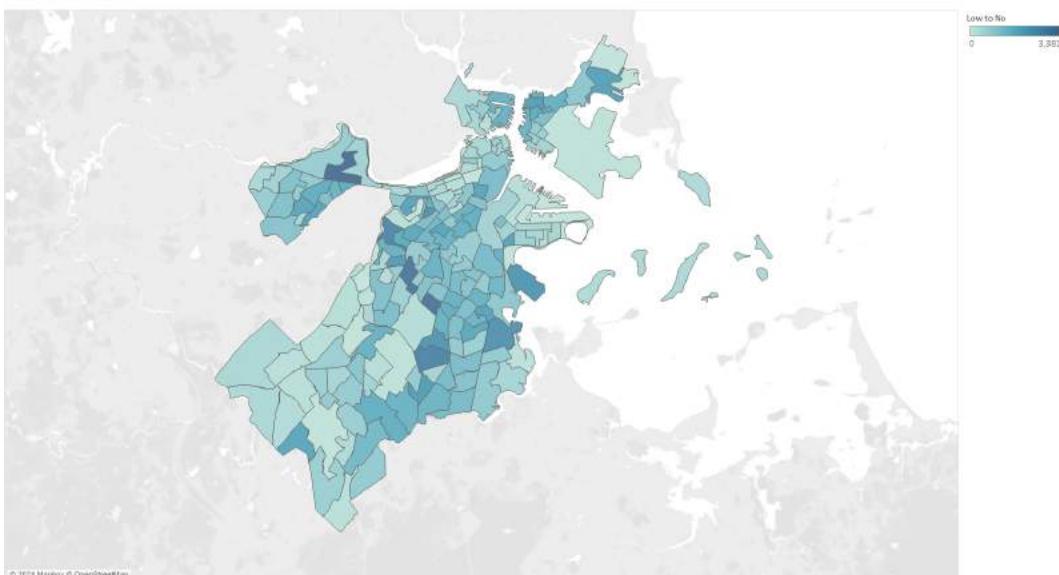
Children



Limited English Proficiency



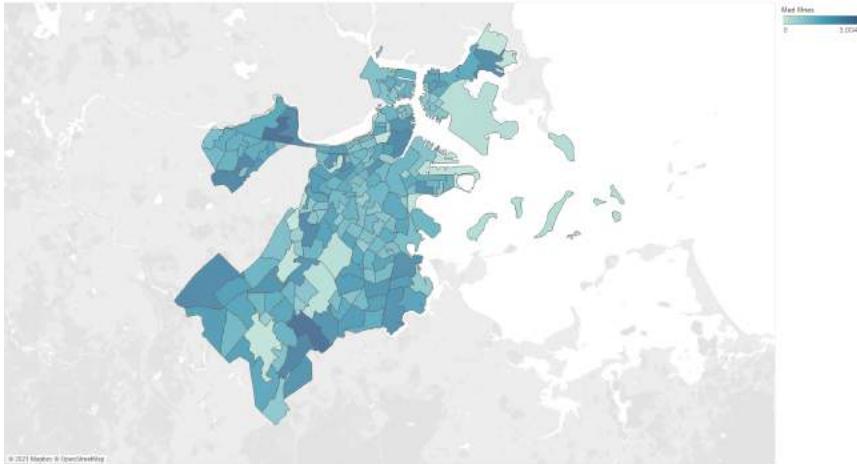
Low to No Income



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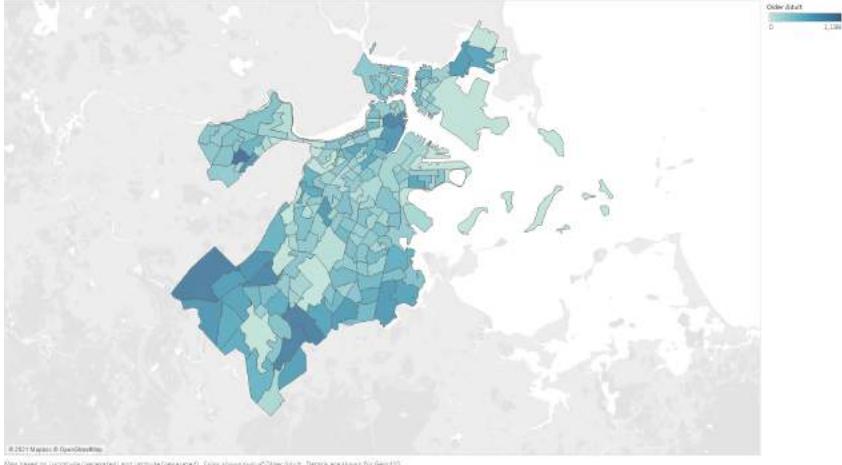
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Old People



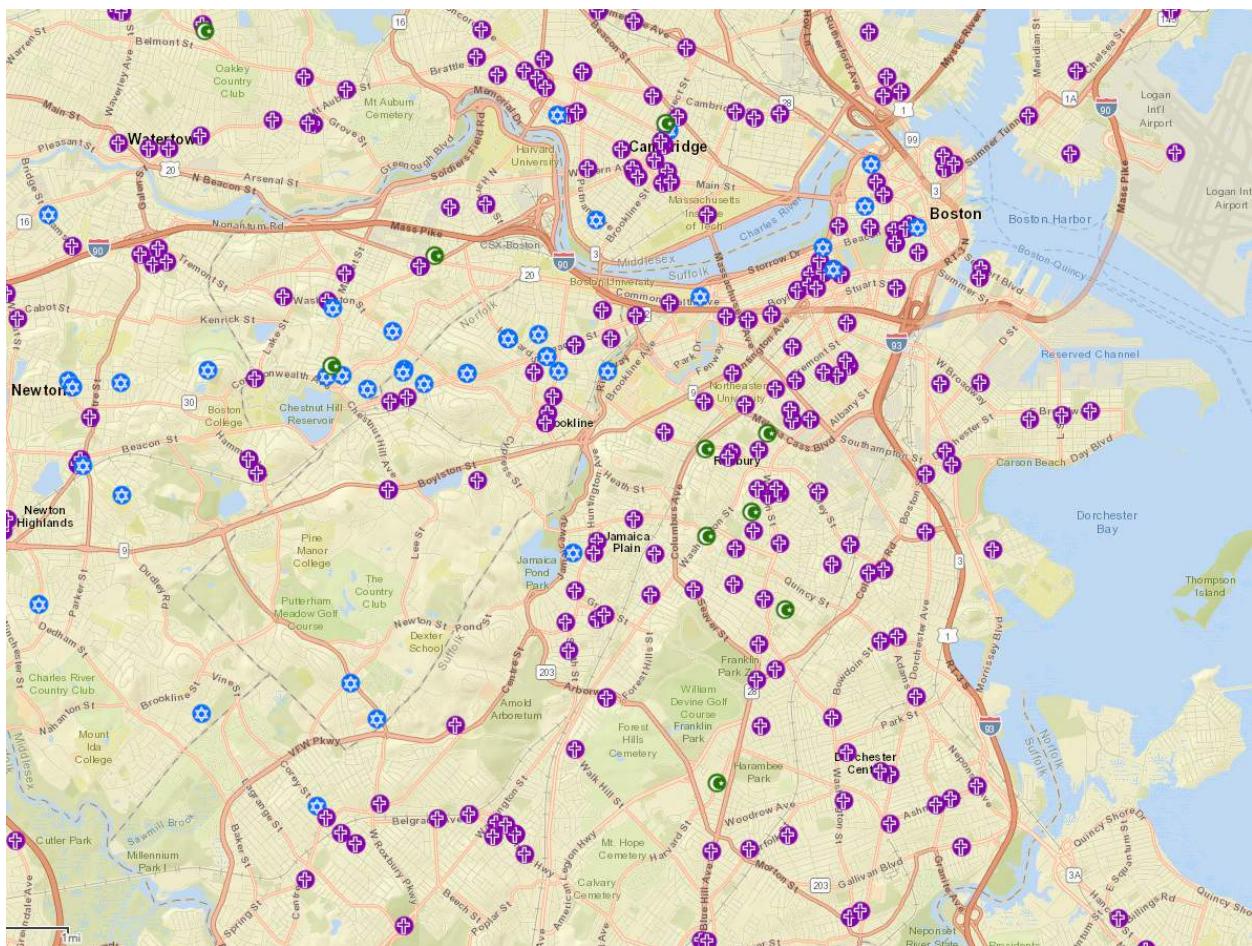
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Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows sum of Old Peop. Details are shown for Geoid:10.

There is no clear correlation for Total disability/People of Color/Old People/ Medical Illness/Low To No Income/ English Proficiency and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race. What this shows is that Disabilities and Medical Illnesses are more apparent and are more prone to climate changes. There might be a slight correlation between people low to no income vulnerable to climate change voting for Jackson in the 2017 General Mayoral Race.

We see that the south end of boston is the most prone to climate, there's no clear correlation.

### Boston Churches:



<https://massgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9fc18ba7901546a1b342393b6486cf31>

There is no clear correlation for Number of Churches and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race.

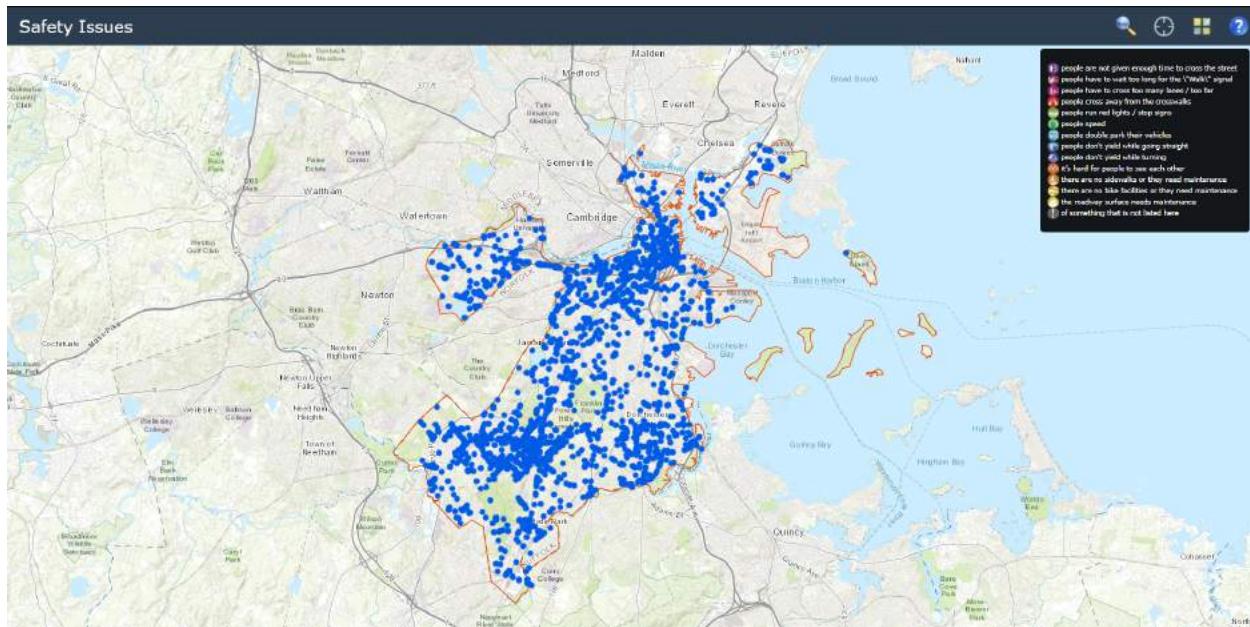
Link to More Geospatial data (Not Correlated):

<https://docs.digital.mass.gov/dataset/massgis-data-layers>

311 Reports Trash areas in Boston

<https://jhaddadin.github.io/trashcity/garbagemap.html>

There is no clear correlation for Trash Areas and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race.



<http://app01.cityofboston.gov/VZSafety/>

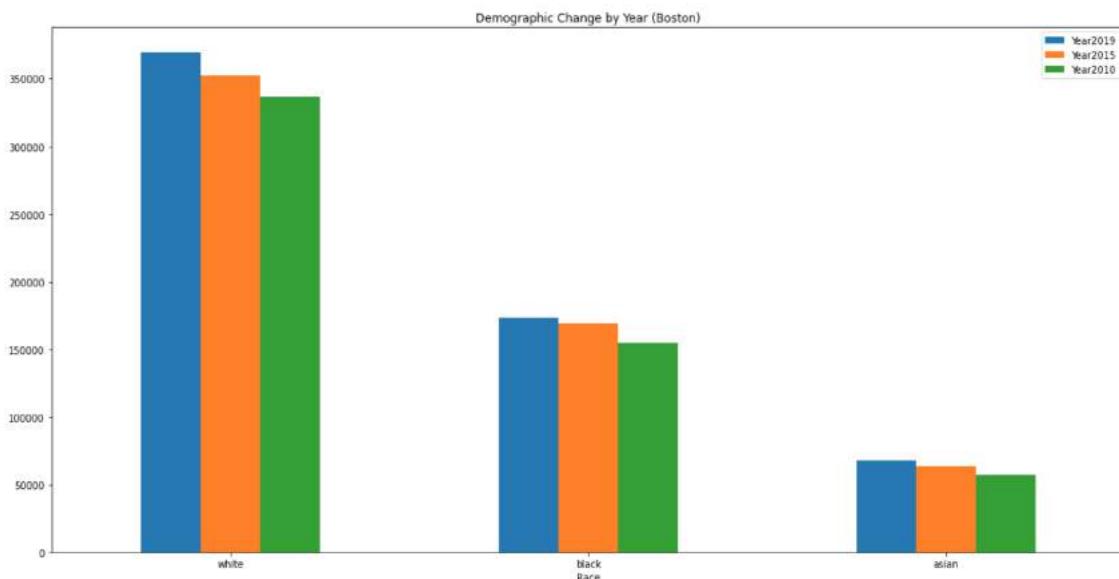
There is no clear correlation for Safety Issues and the 2017 General Mayoral Race nor the US House Democratic Party nor the 2018 DA race.

## **Key Question: How have the demographic changes in Boston affected local elections over the past decade?**

### **Part 1: Examining the Demographic Changes in Boston over the Past Decade**

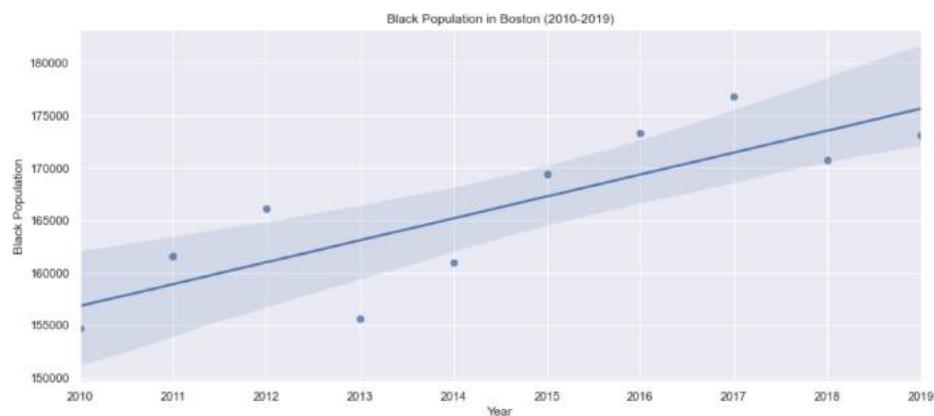
Using census data, we give an overview of how the demographics have changed in Boston in the past decade. Note that this analysis is not on the precinct level, since the data used is from in-between census years using the American Community Survey. Additionally, this data is only a rough estimate of the actual population for this same reason.

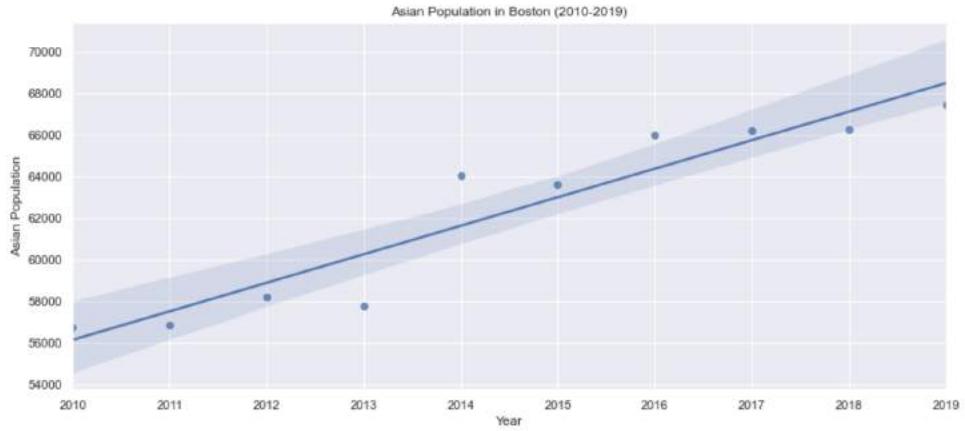
First, we examine the raw numbers of white, Black, and Asian populations for the years 2010, 2015, and 2019.



Here, we find that each of these demographics have grown in Boston throughout the past 10 years.

We also visualize the growth of Black and Asian populations using the following charts:





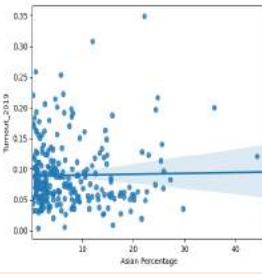
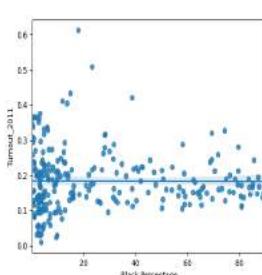
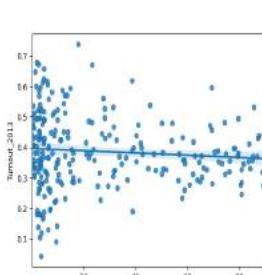
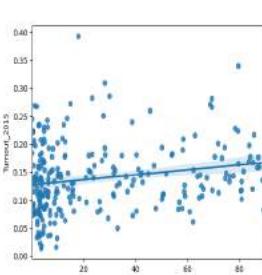
Clearly, both demographics are on an upward trend of growth. In the past 10 years, the Black population in Boston has grown by around 20,000 people, while the Asian population in Boston has grown by approximately 12,000 people.

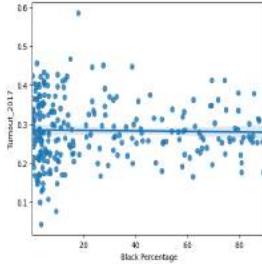
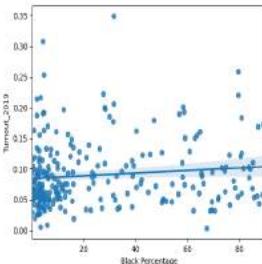
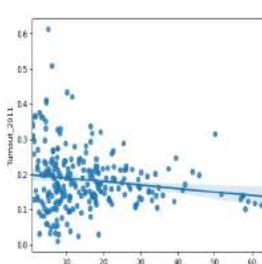
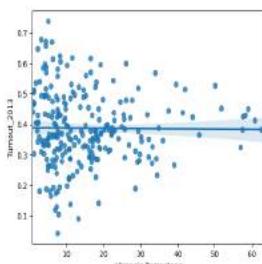
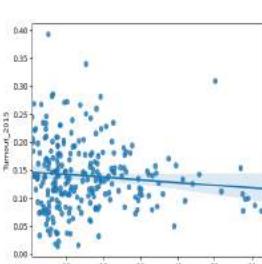
Now, we will examine the performance of Black candidates over key elections in the past decade. While we cannot determine causation, we will be able to examine if there is any correlation between the growth in Black population and the performance of these candidates over the years.

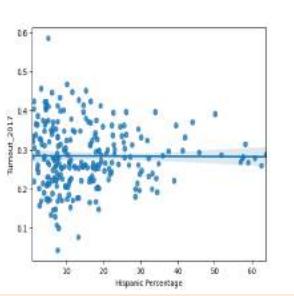
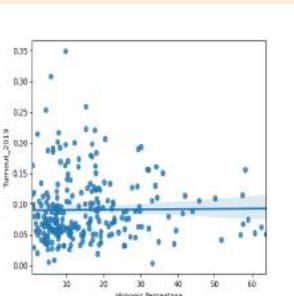
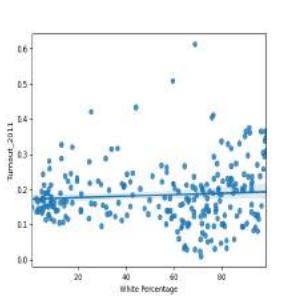
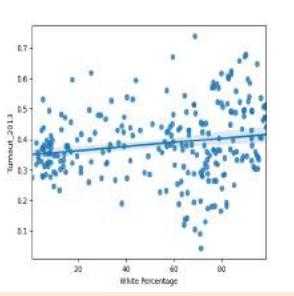
## Part 2: Regression Analysis of City Council Voter Turnout Percentages by a given Race's Percentage in Each Precinct

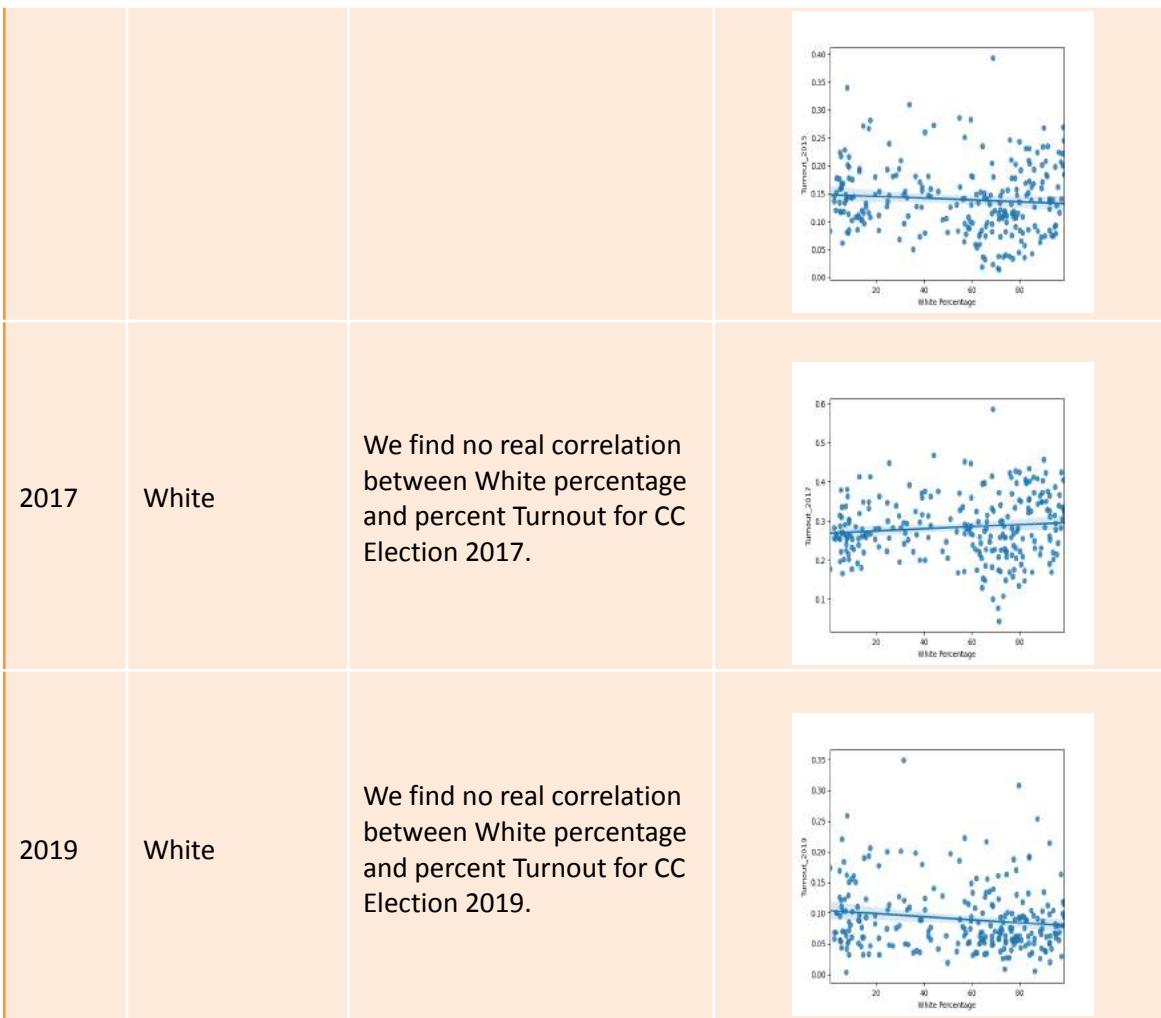
In this section, we examine whether or not there is any correlation between voter turnout and the percentage of a given race in each precinct. For this analysis, we examine the turnouts of the City Council elections of the years 2011 to 2019.

Year	Race/Ethnicity	Description	Graph
2011	Asian	We find a slight negative correlation between Asian percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2011, however, it is not significant.	
2013	Asian	We find a slight negative correlation between Asian percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2013.	
2015	Asian	We find a slight negative correlation between Asian percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2015, however, it is not significant.	
2017	Asian	We find a slight negative correlation between Asian percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2017, however, it is not significant.	

2019	Asian	We find no real correlation between Asian percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2019.	
2011	Black	We find no real correlation between Black percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2011.	
2013	Black	We find no real correlation between Black percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2013.	
2015	Black	We find a slight positive correlation between Black percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2015, however, it is not significant.	
2017	Black	We find no real correlation between Black percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2017.	

			
2019	Black	We find no real correlation between Black percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2019.	
2011	Hispanic	We find a slight negative correlation between Hispanic percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2011, however, it is not significant.	
2013	Hispanic	We find no real correlation between Hispanic percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2013.	
2015	Hispanic	We find no real correlation between Hispanic percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2015.	

2017	Hispanic	We find no real correlation between Hispanic percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2017.	
2019	Hispanic	We find no real correlation between Hispanic percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2019.	
2011	White	We find no real correlation between White percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2011.	
2013	White	We find a slight positive correlation between White percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2013, however, it is not significant.	
2015	White	We find no real correlation between White percentage and percent Turnout for CC Election 2015.	



#### Summary of results:

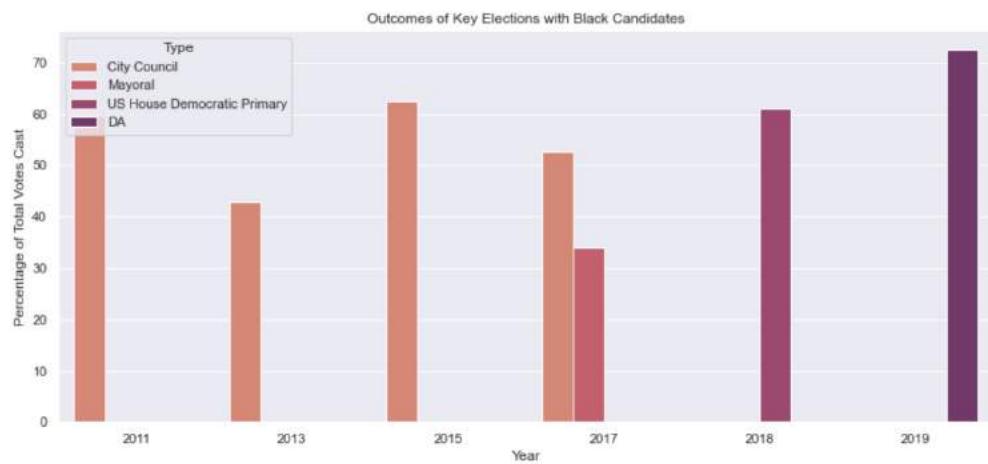
- For CC 2011 through CC 2017, we found that precincts with higher Asian populations tended to have lower voter turnout. However, in 2019, this changed, as we no longer found a negative correlation.
  - This coincides with the growing Asian population in Boston, but causation cannot be determined.
- We found no real relationship between precincts with high Black populations and voter turnout, except perhaps in 2015, when there was a slight positive correlation between the two.
- We found no correlation between precincts with high Hispanic populations and voter turnout.
- We found no correlation between precincts with high White populations and voter turnout.

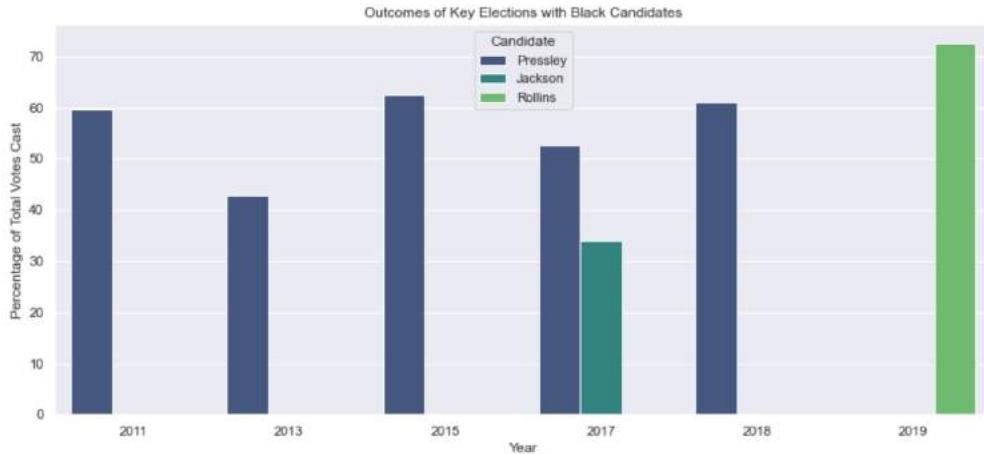
### Part 3: The Performance of Key Black Candidates Over the Past Decade

In this section, we will be examining the following elections and Black candidates while keeping in mind our findings in Part 1 that the Black population in Boston has been growing over the past decade:

Year	Type	Candidate	Percentage
2011	City Council	Pressley	59.57
2013	City Council	Pressley	42.81
2015	City Council	Pressley	62.51
2017	City Council	Pressley	52.75
2017	Mayoral	Jackson	33.97
2018	US House Democratic Primary	Pressley	61.12
2019	DA	Rollins	72.60

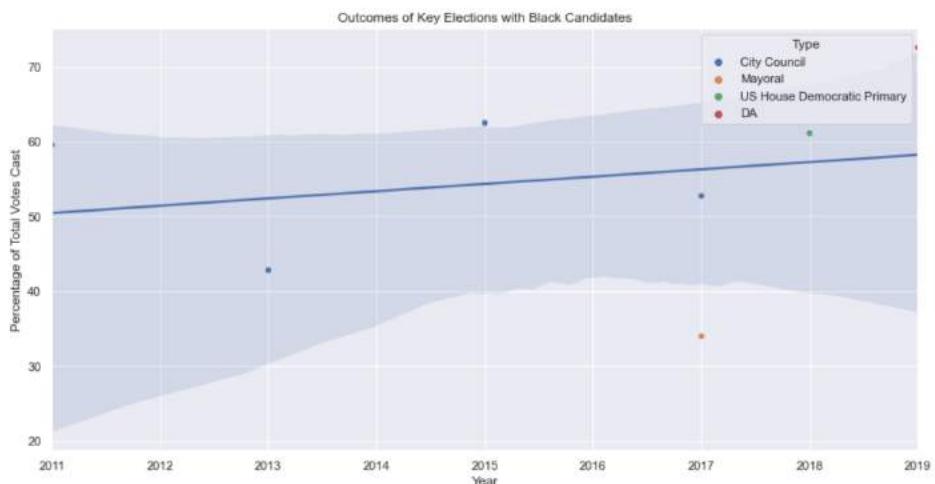
Visualizing their performance:





From these bar charts, we find no clear trend in the performance of Black candidates across each year.

However, we also fit a regression line to determine if there has been any trend:



As we can see, there has been a very slight positive trend in the performance of Black candidates over the past decade, however it is not significant. This begs the question of whether or not this has any relationship with the growing Black population in Boston, as we saw from our earlier analysis.