



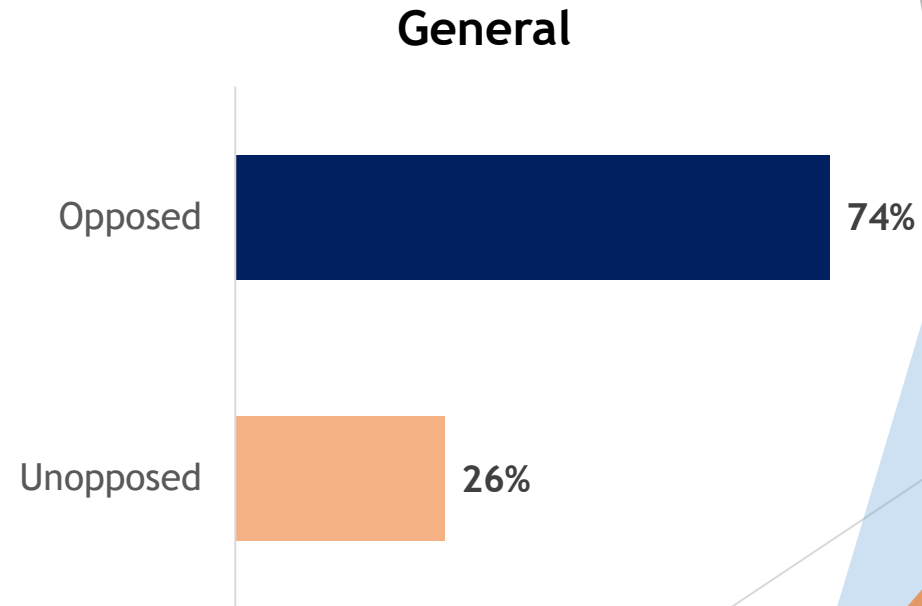
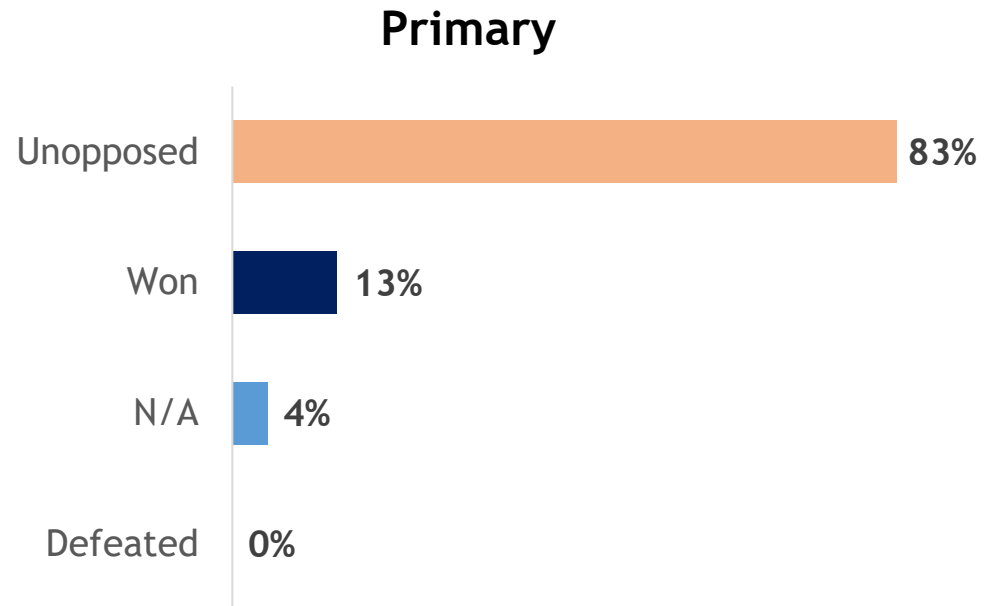
Judicial Turnover and Demographics

Texas Commission on Judicial Selection

October 16, 2020

2020 Elections

	Total Number of Judges	Up for Reelection	Ran for Reelection
Appellate	98	31	23

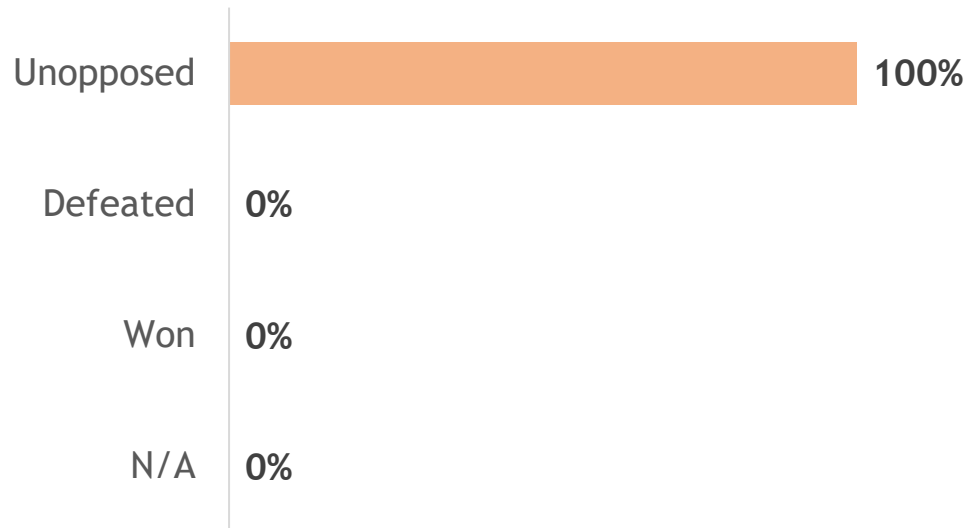


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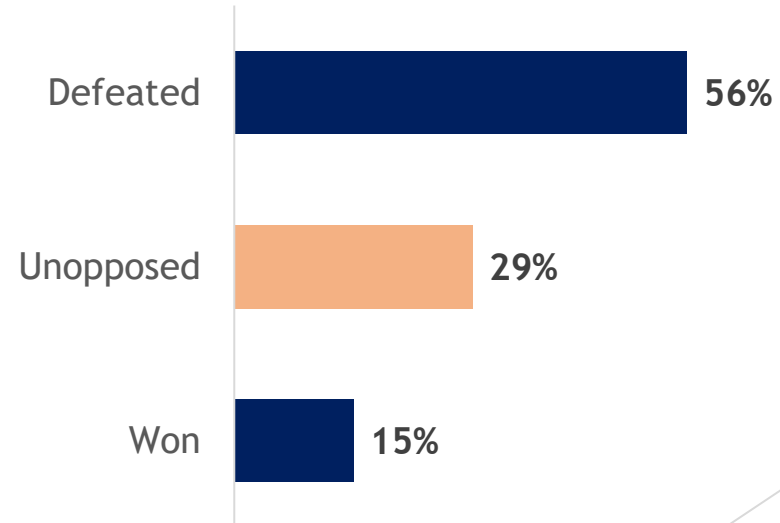
	Total Number of Judges	Up for Reelection	Ran for Reelection
Appellate	98	50	41



Primary



General

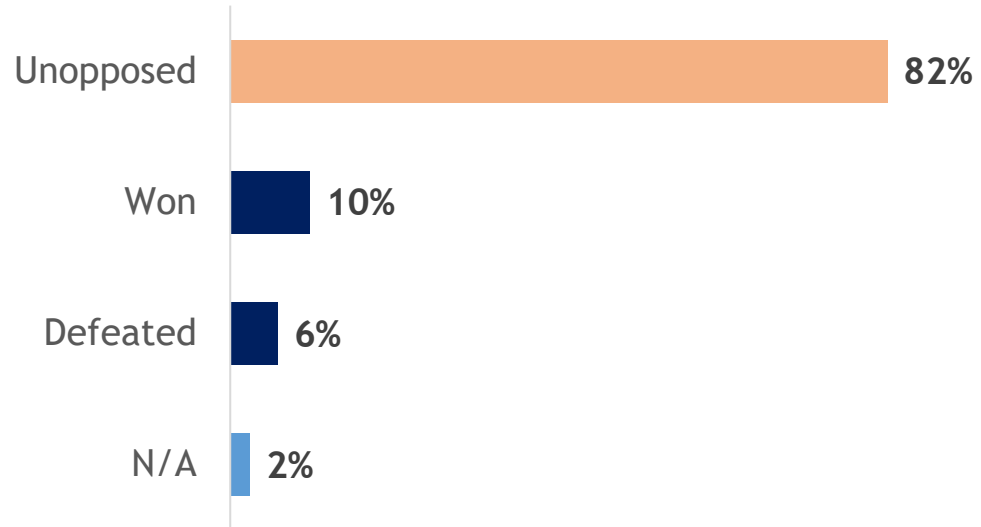


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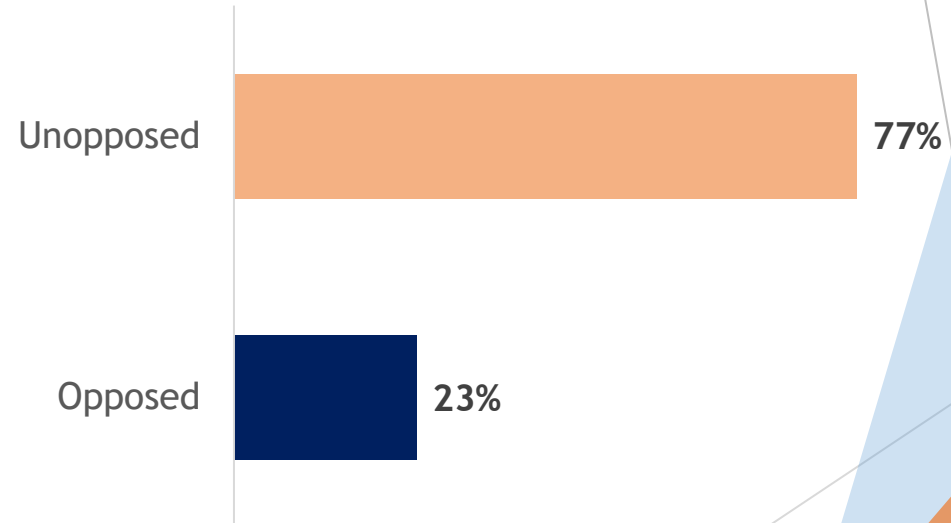
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District	478	226	199



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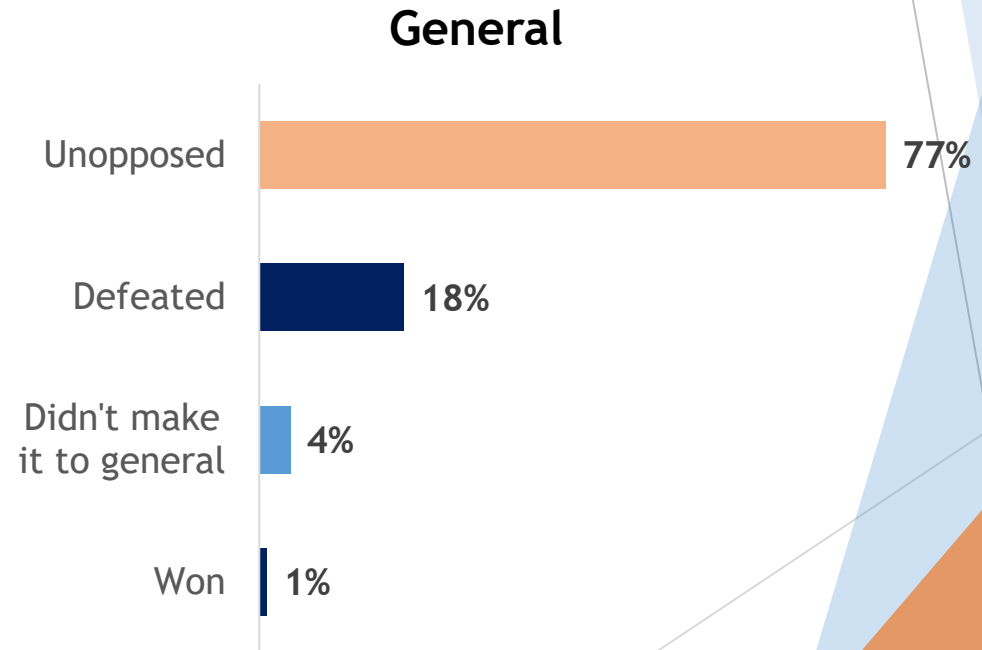
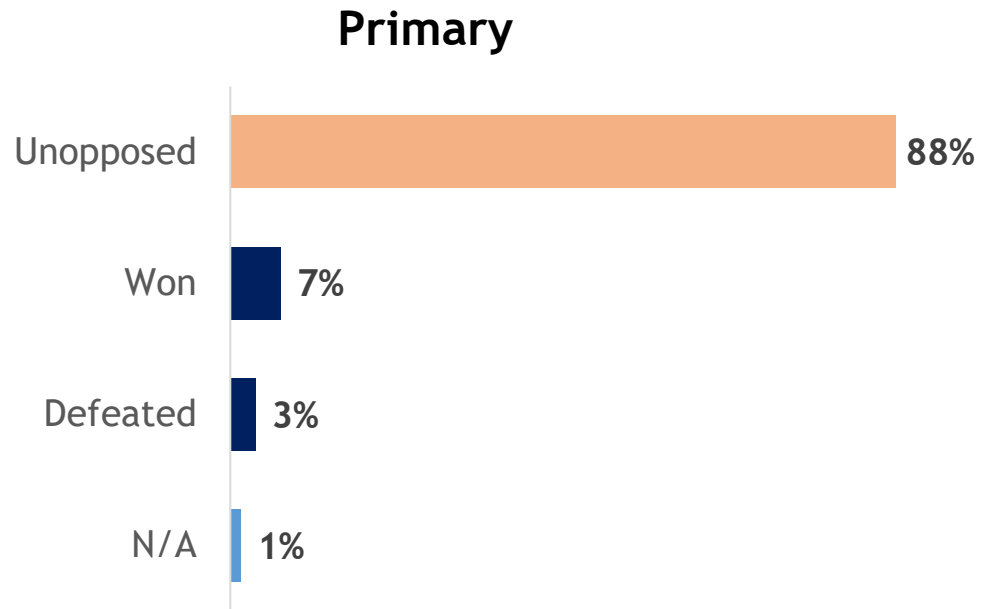


General



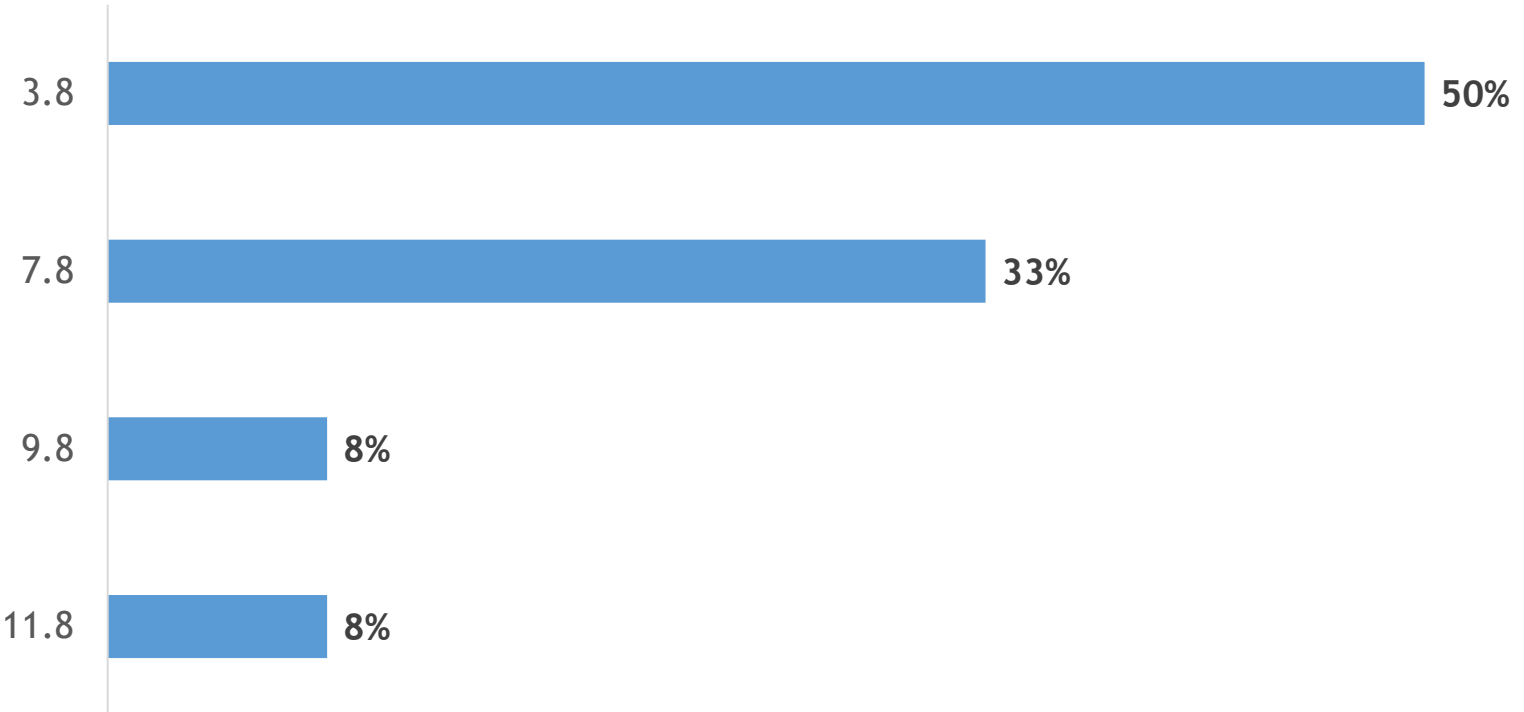
2018 Elections

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District	469	254	206

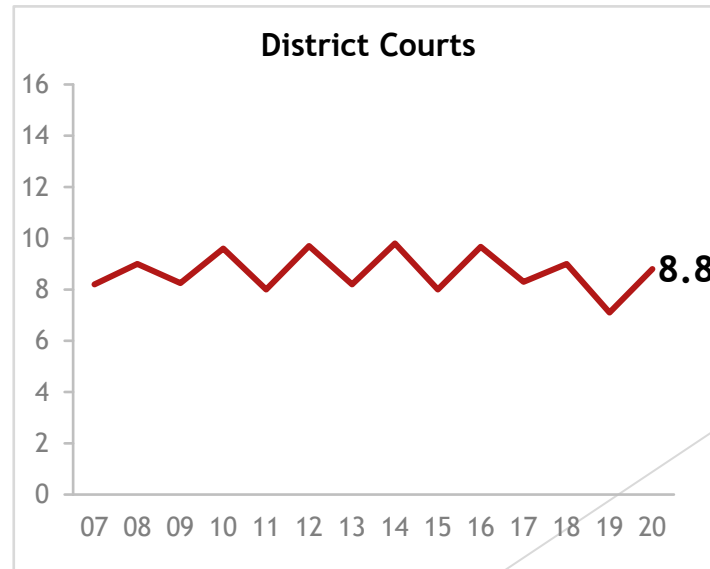
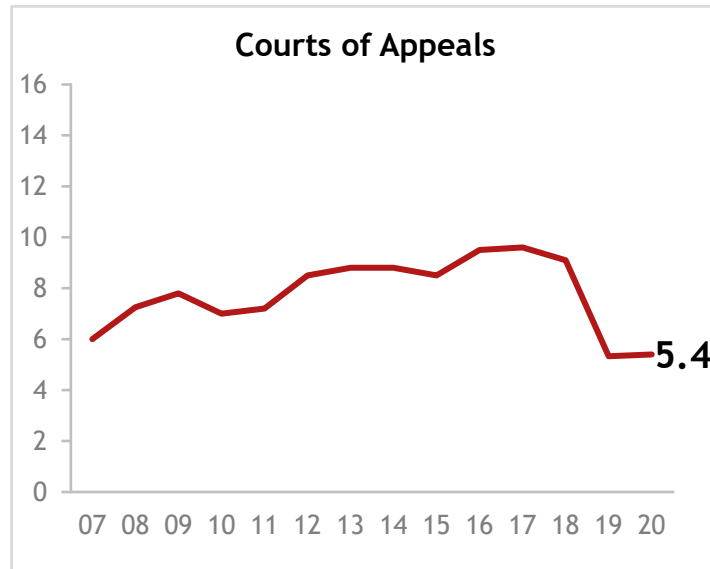
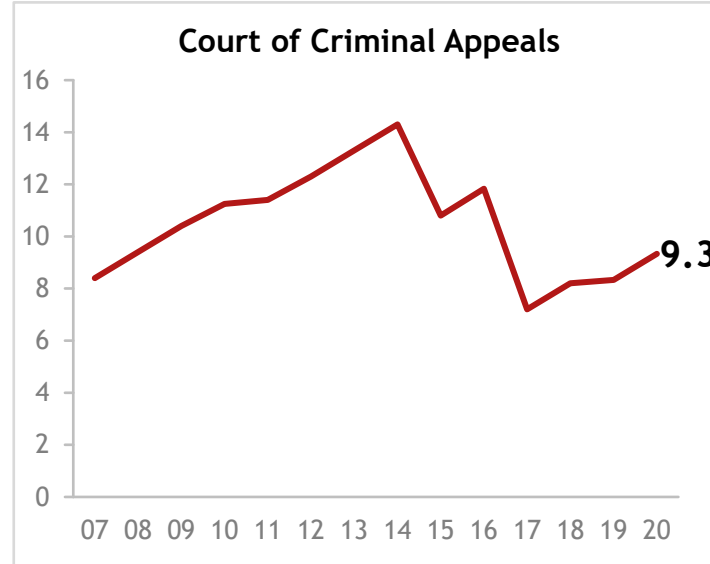
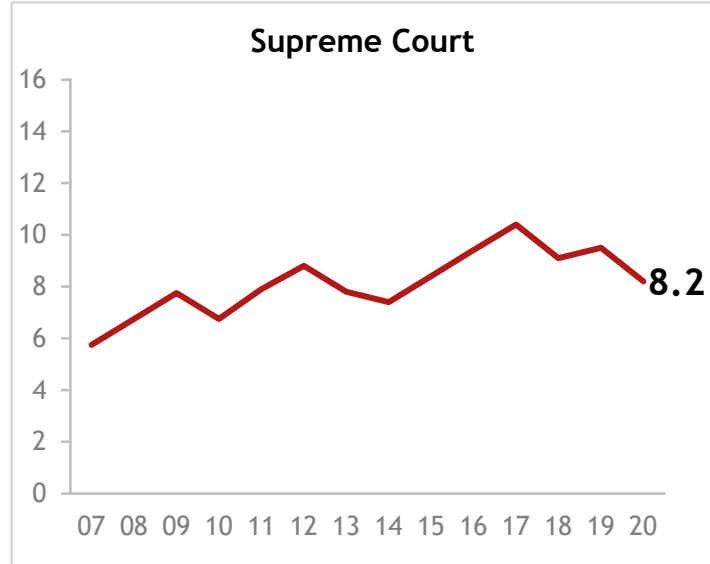


District Judges Defeated in 2020 Primaries

Years on Current Bench

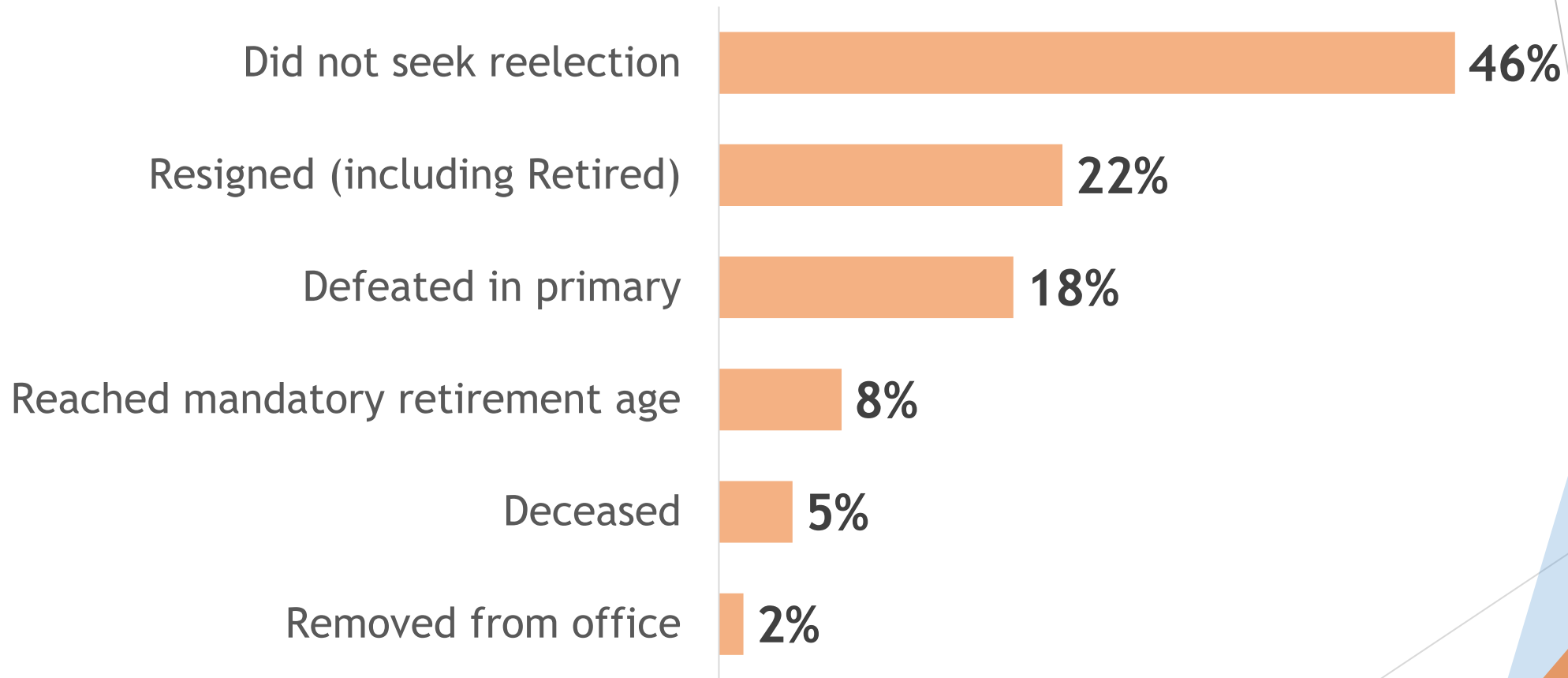


Average Years of Service on Current Bench as of September 1

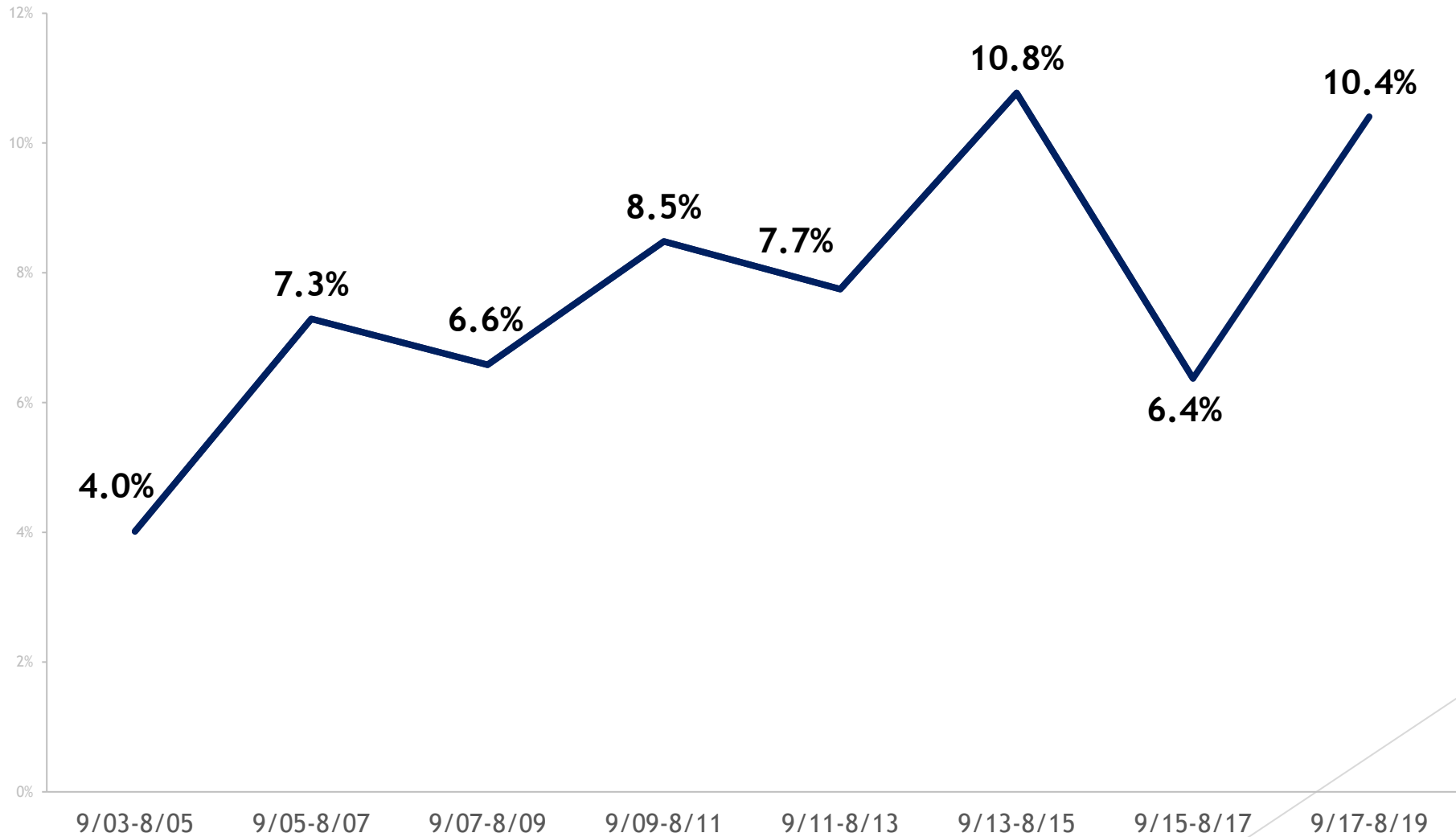


Turnover in Appellate and District Judges

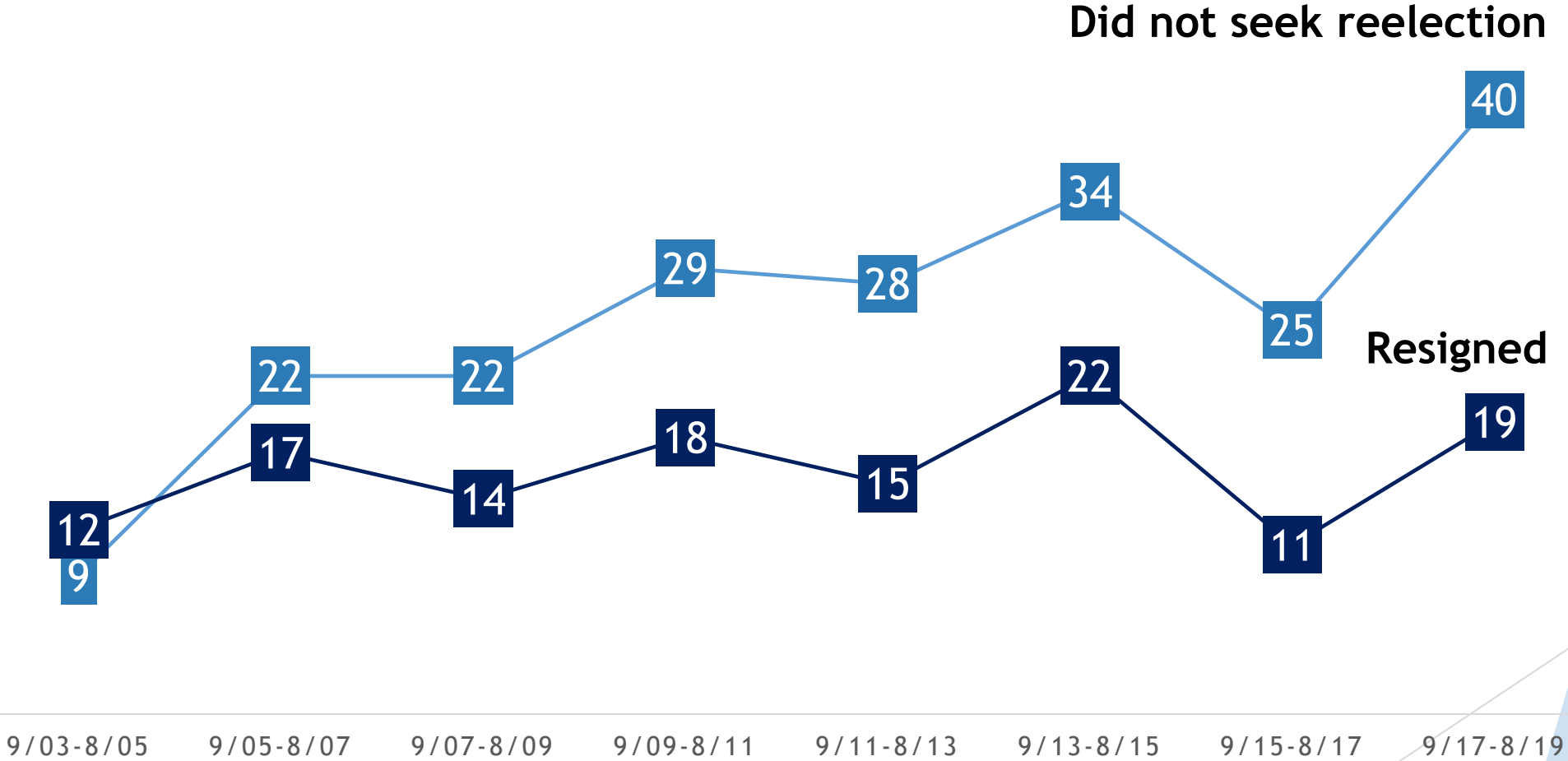
So far, 65 judges have left or will leave office from September 2019 to December 2020.



The voluntary turnover rate declined in FYs 16/17 but increased again in the last biennium. Higher turnover is expected in the future due to retirements.

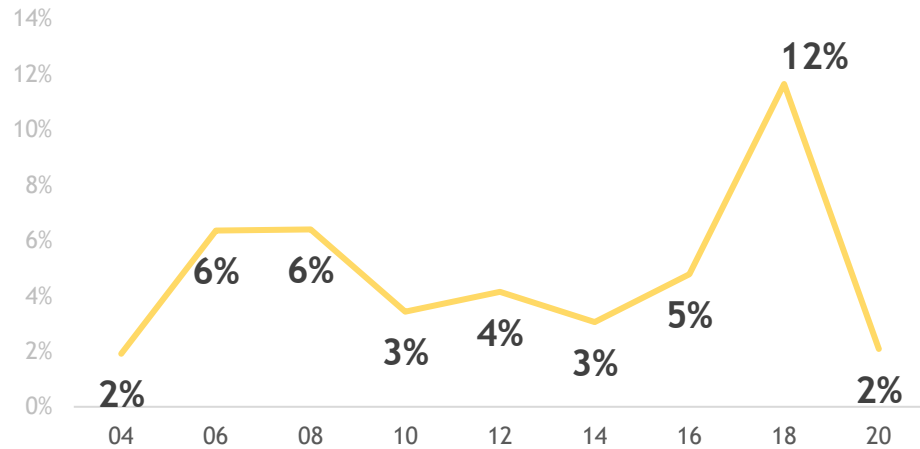


The percentage of judges voluntarily leaving office by **not seeking reelection** has been generally increasing since the fall of 2005.

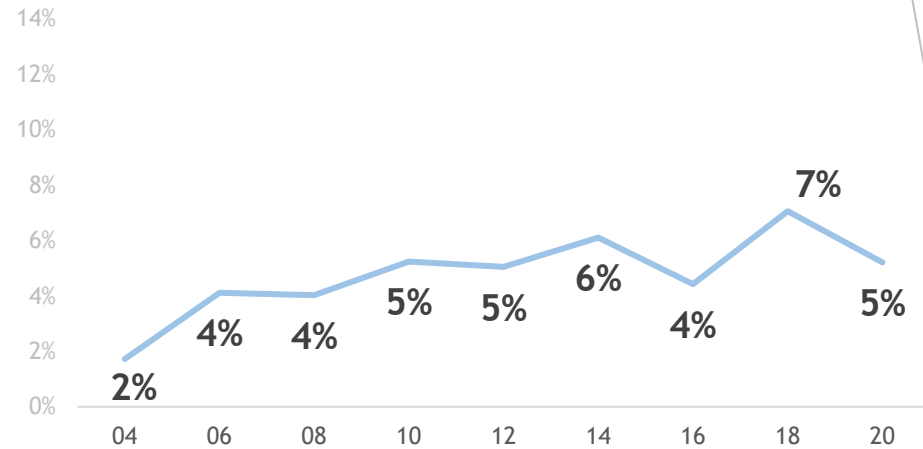


Turnover in Appellate and District Judges by Biennium

Percentage of Appellate and District Judges Defeated for Reelection



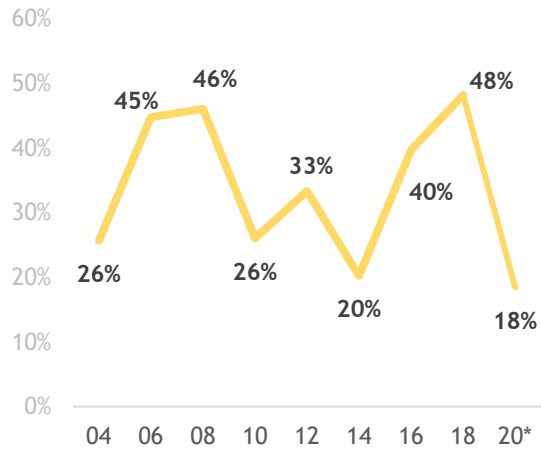
Percentage of Appellate and District Judges Not Running for Reelection



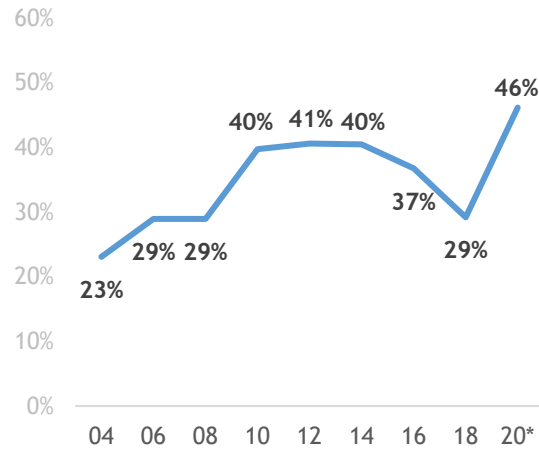
Election Year in the Biennium ³⁰	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020 (primaries)
Number of judges	523	535	547	554	555	557	565	567	576
Defeated for reelection	10	34	35	18	23	17	27	66	12
% defeated	2%	6%	6%	3%	4%	3%	5%	12%	2%
Did not run for reelection	9	22	22	29	28	34	25	40	30
% did not run for reelection	2%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%

Appellate and District Judges Leaving the State Judiciary

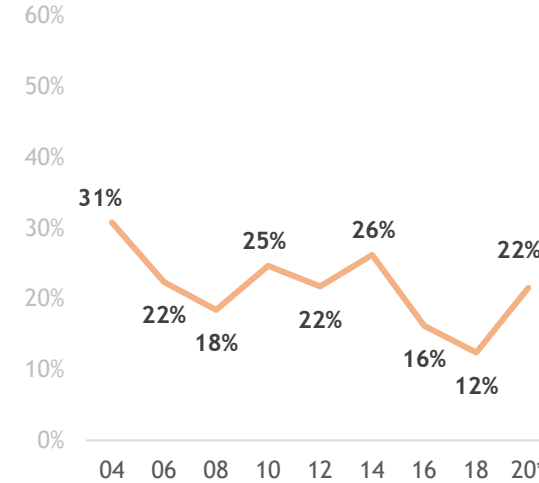
Percentage Defeated for Reelection



Percentage Not Running for Reelection

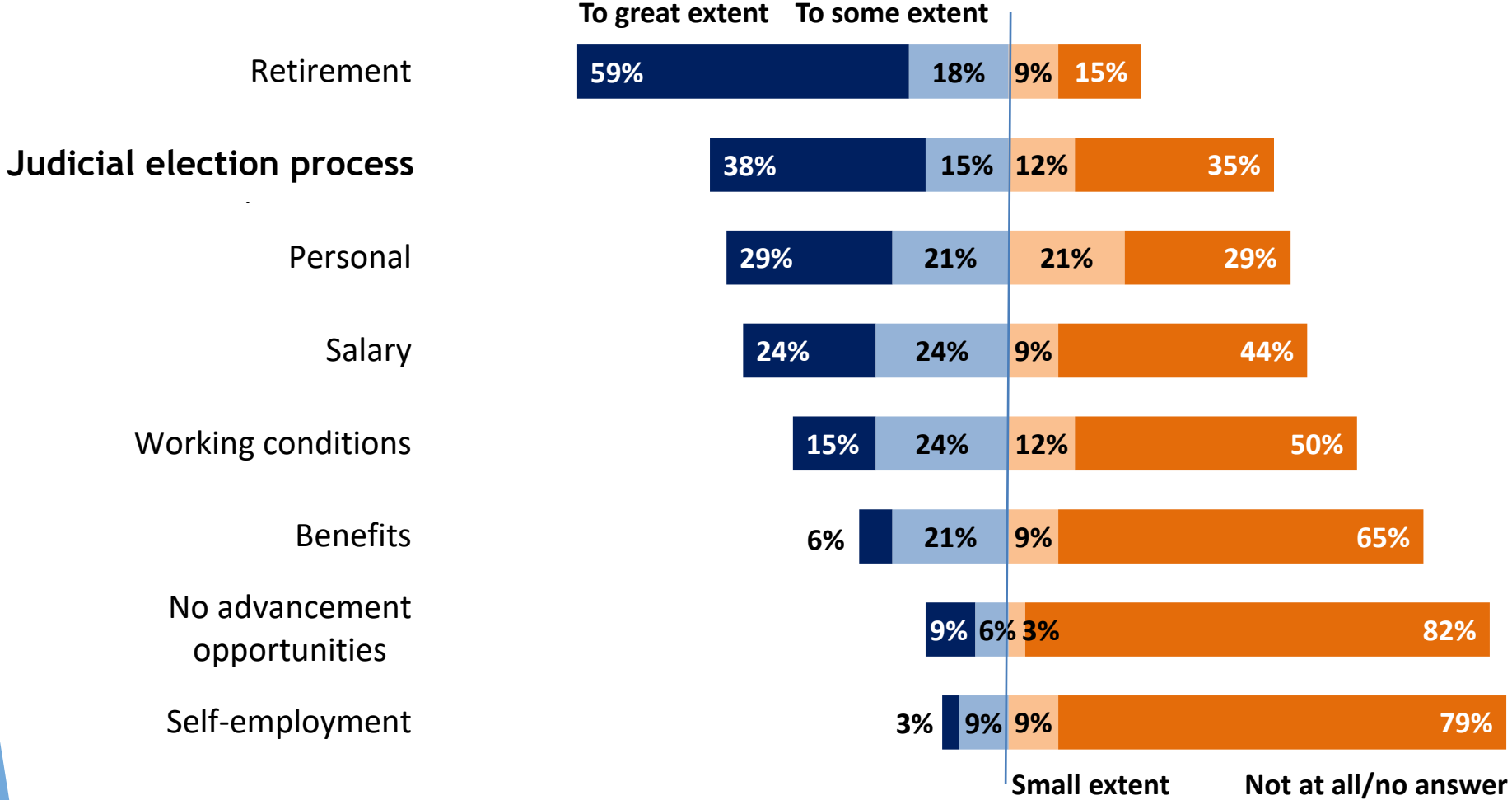


Percentage Resigning



Election Year in the Biennium	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Total Leaving State Judiciary	39	76	76	73	69	84	68	137	65
Defeated in election	26%	45%	46%	26%	33%	20%	40%	48%	18%
Did not seek reelection	23%	29%	29%	40%	41%	40%	37%	29%	46%
Resigned (including retired)	31%	22%	18%	25%	22%	26%	16%	12%	22%
Mandatory retirement	8%	3%	4%	1%	1%	5%	3%	9%	8%
Removed from office or resigned under allegations of misconduct	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%	5%	3%	1%	2%
Deceased	10%	1%	1%	7%	1%	4%	1%	0%	5%

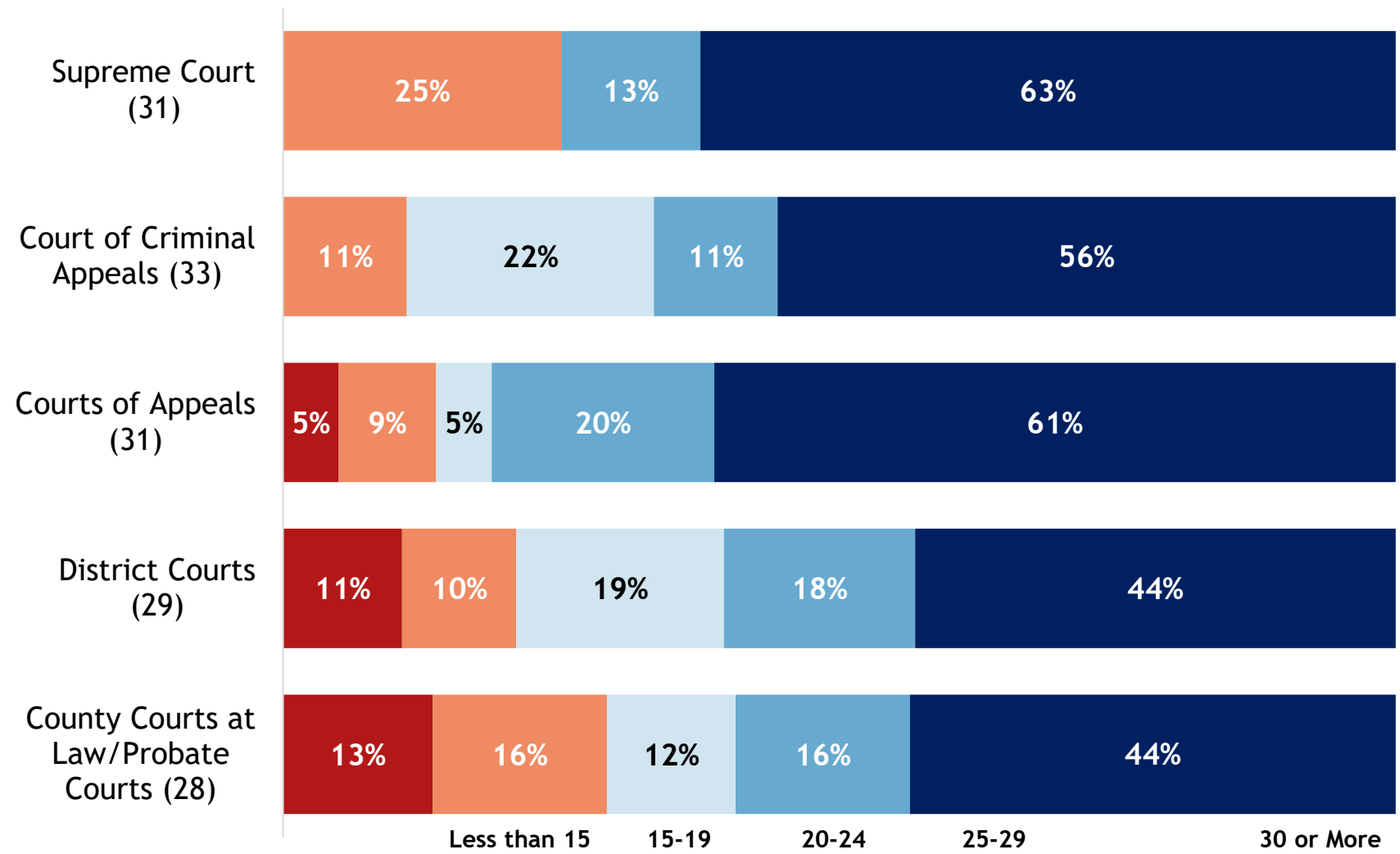
More than half of judges who left in FYs 18 and 19 indicated that elections had a significant influence on their decision to leave.



Nearly half of respondents indicated that a change in the **election** process would have affected their decision to leave, higher than the percentage who indicated that an increase in salary would have made a difference.

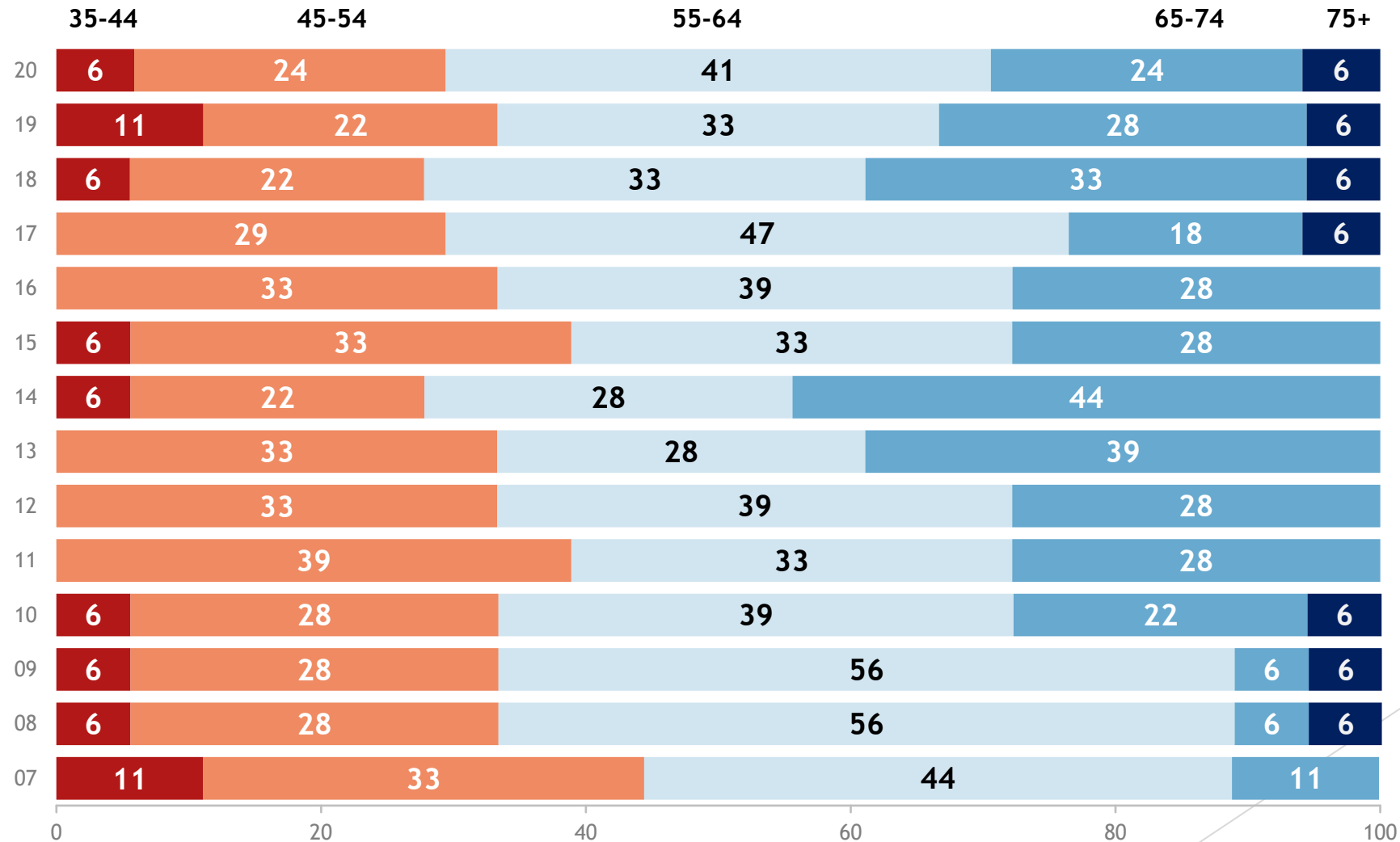


82 percent of appellate and district judges have 20 or more years of experience as an attorney, and **47 percent** have more than 30 years.



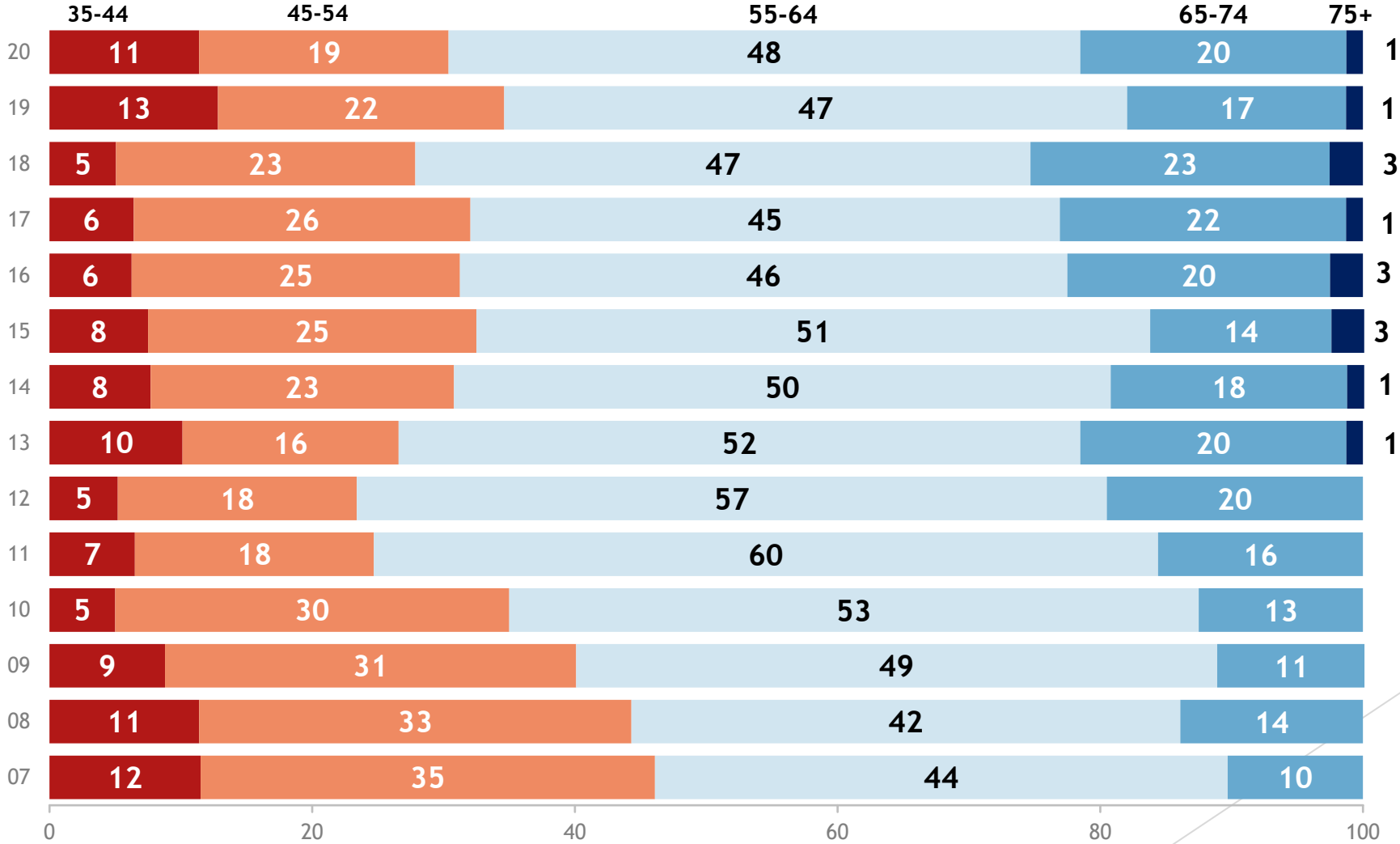
71 percent of judges in the highest appellate courts are 55 or older.

Age of Judges as of September 1



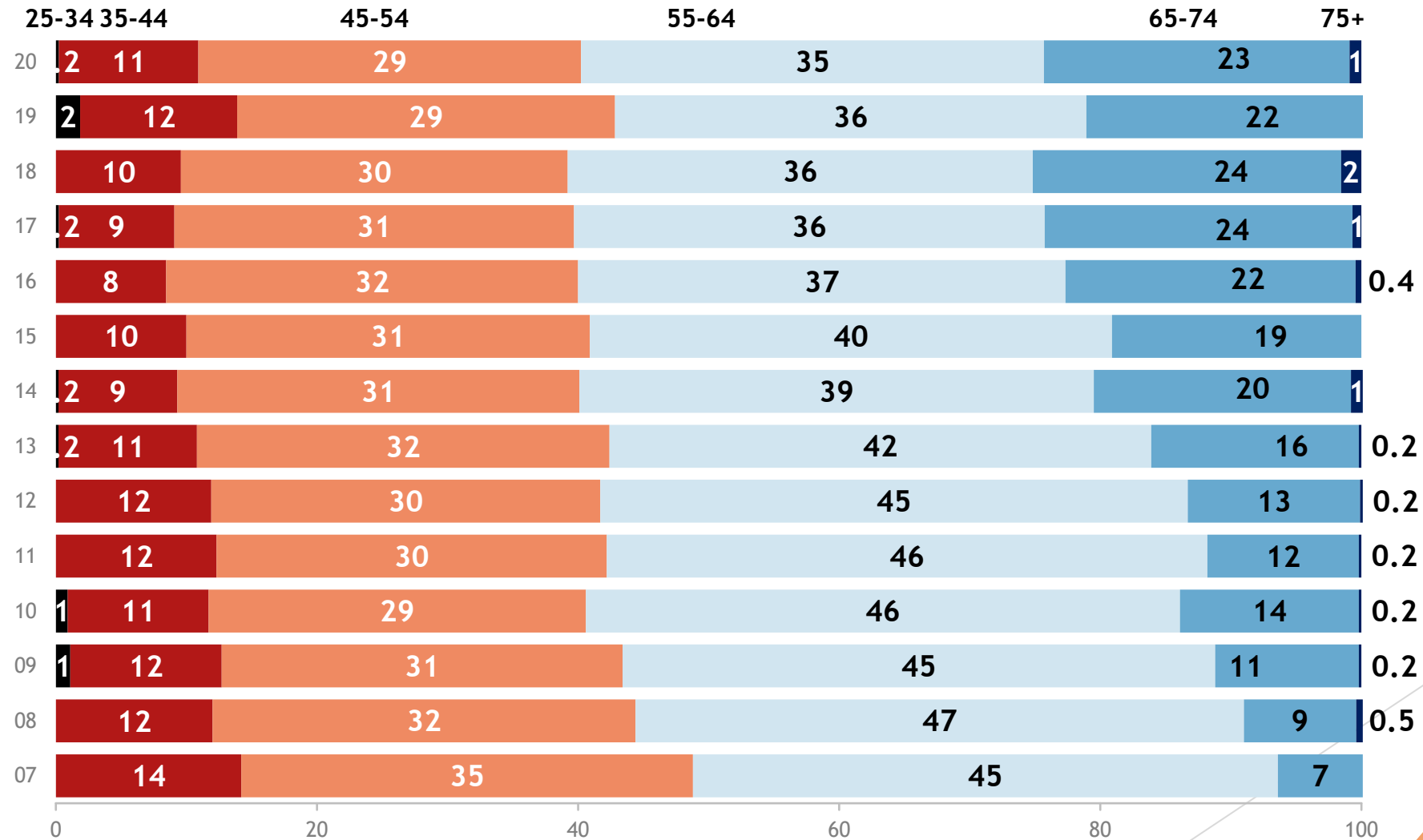
70 percent of judges in the courts of appeals are 55 or older.

Age of Judges as of September 1



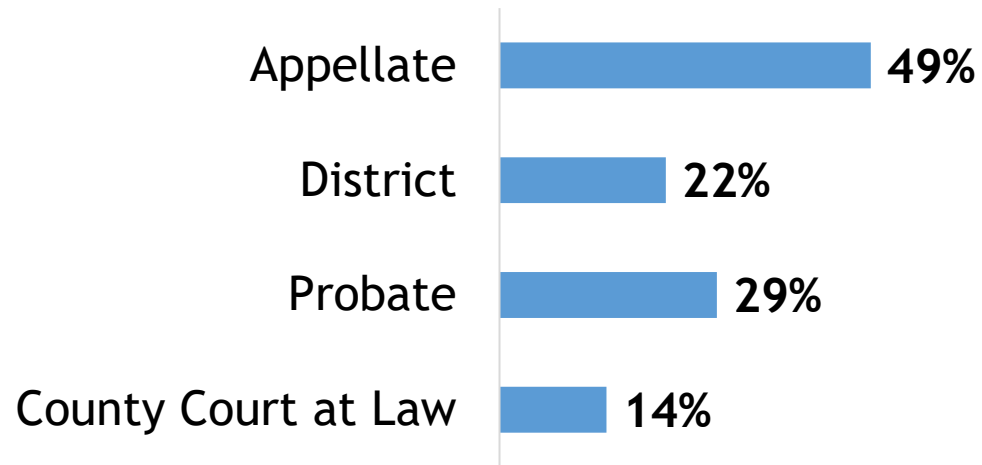
60 percent of judges in the district courts are 55 or older.

Age of Judges as of September 1



2018 Election

% of Incumbents Defeated in 2018 Election Cycle



	Total Number of Judges	Up for Reelection	Ran for Reelection	Lost Primary	Lost General	% Defeated
Appellate	98	50	41	0	20	49%
District	469	254	206	7	38	22%
Probate	18	18	14	0	4	29%
County Court at Law	246	228	192			14%