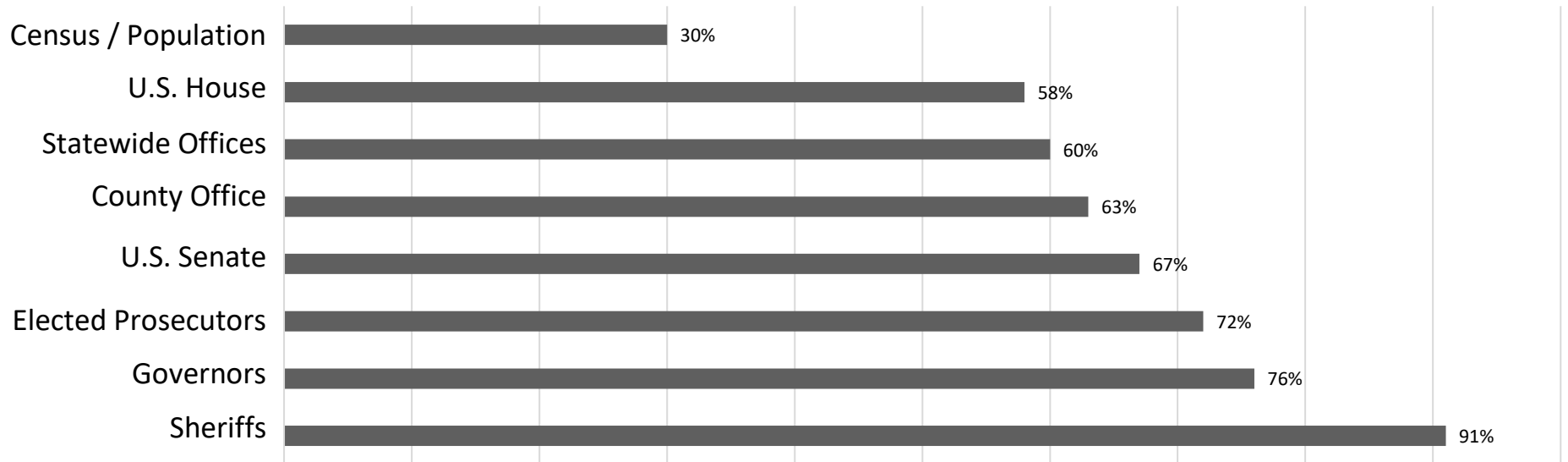


ACTIVITY: Demographics and Political Power

In your groups:

1. Review the facts on the next few pages.
2. List the questions you have.
3. Select one fact that you think will be the most useful to share with others to highlight the importance of voting in this year's election.
4. Identify someone to record the group's answers and report back to the entire group the fact the group chose and why.

FACT #1: White Men: Census vs. Officeholders



Source: <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/reflectivedemocracy-systemfailure-may2021.pdf>

FACT #2: DEMOGRAPHICS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NEW YORK STATE POPULATION

New York has 213 legislators: 163 Senators and 150 Assembly Members. The data below does not include legislators who were newly elected in 2020 and took office in 2021.

NYS Elected Officials	68%	32%	2%	9%	15%	68%
NYS Population	49%	51%	9%	19%	18%	70%
	Male	Female	Asian/Pacific Islander	Latino	Black	White

Sources:

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/state-legislator-demographics.aspx>

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/NY>

FACT #3

In 2021, New Yorkers elected the City's most diverse City Council.

- Women hold a majority: 31 out of 51 positions
- Black, Latino and Asian Caucus* holds a majority: 34 out of 51
- Seven foreign born New Yorkers
- Five Asian American representatives, including the first two South Asian members and two Korean American members
- First Muslim woman
- First Columbian American Member

SOURCE: Capalino.com, City and State, New York Post

*Groups of members meet in caucuses to ensure the needs of specific communities are represented.

FACT #4

New York City's population is:

- 52% Female and 48% Male
- 31% White
- 29% Latino
- 24% Black
- 14% Asian

SOURCE: U.S. Census Quick Facts 2020