

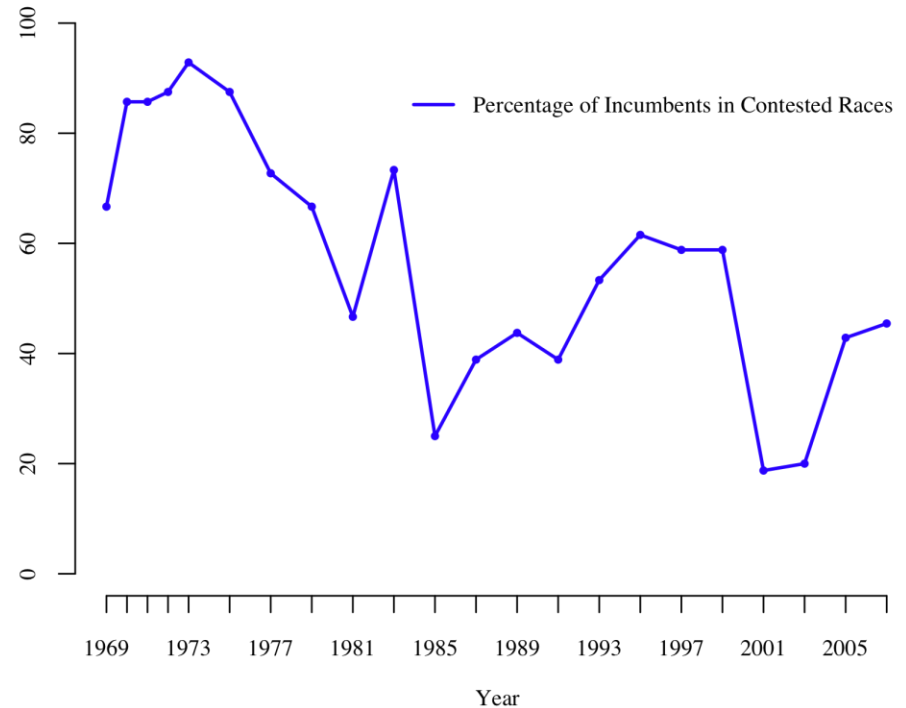
Common Council Incumbents in Contested Races

- Percentage of incumbents having to contest the general election

- Prior to 1981, only one election in which less than half of incumbents did not have a challenger

- Percentage rebounded in 1990s, dropped in early 2000s but increased again in 2005 and 2007

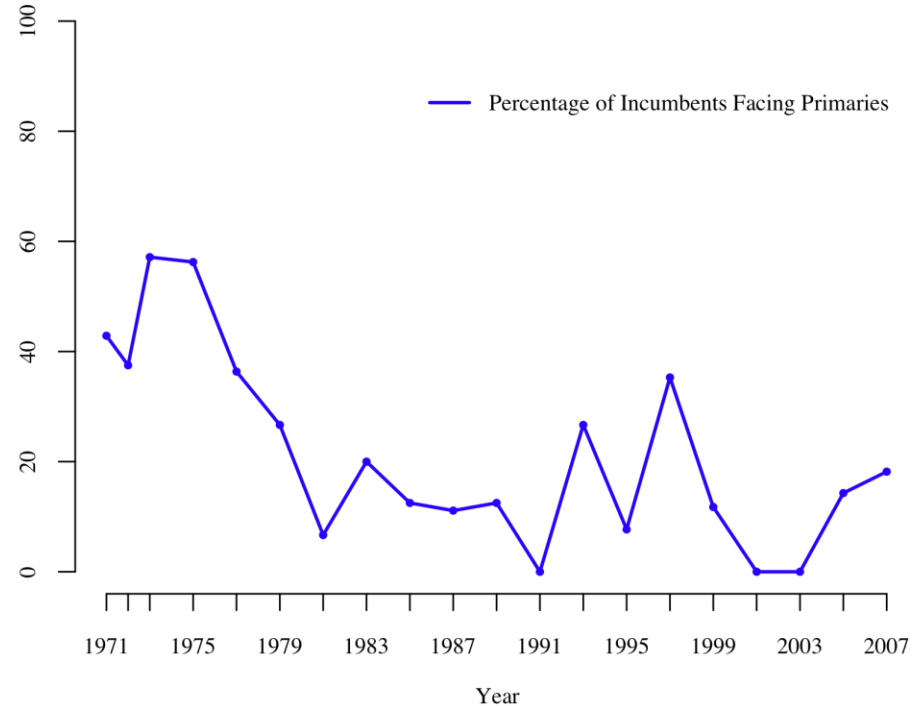
- **NOTES:** Prior to 1973, CC had staggered terms; prior to 1993, CC had 22 seats



Common Council Incumbents Facing Primaries

- Unsurprisingly, this trend parallels the first: decline in 1970s and 1980s, with higher numbers again in 1990s and 2000s (except for 2001 and 2003)

- Percentage is roughly half of the percentage for each year in the previous graph

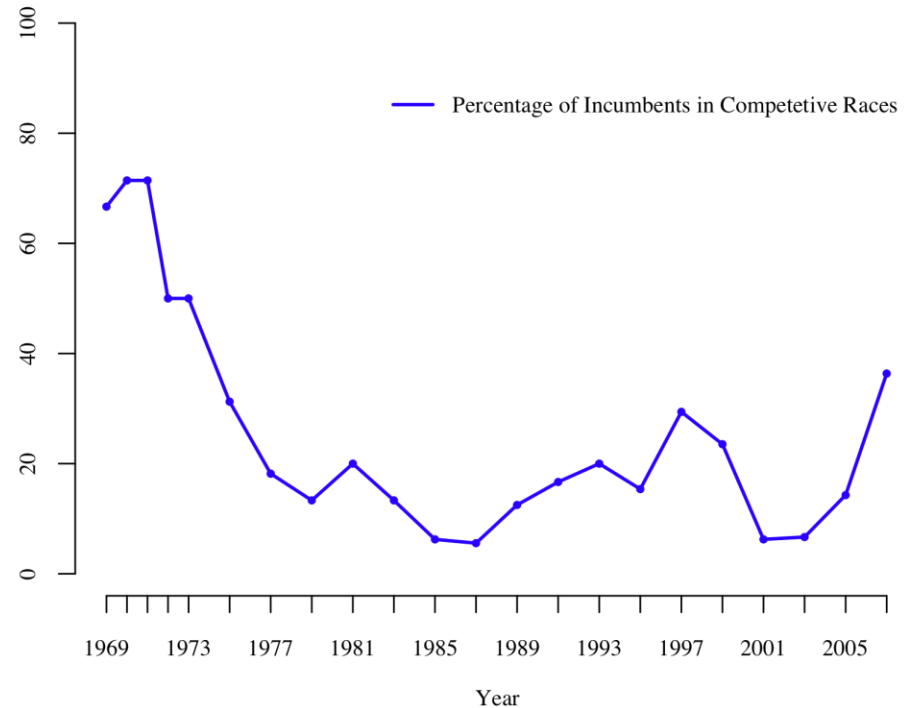


Common Council Incumbents in Competitive Races

-Competitive race is defined as one in which the winner receives 60 percent or less of the general election vote

- Again, familiar pattern: decline in 1970s and 1980s, rebound in 1990s and 2000s, with noticeable upticks in 2005 and 2007

- 2007 saw the highest level of competitive races (by this measure) since the mid-1970s



Common Council Incumbents Reelection Rates

-Since 1975, the percentage has been 75% or higher

- Slight drop in late-1990s (but in raw numbers, this only an incumbent or two losing per election)

- Due to the data being unavailable, it is not clear if CC elections in the 1960s and earlier saw more incumbents lose or if the 1969 and 1970 CC elections were exceptional

