

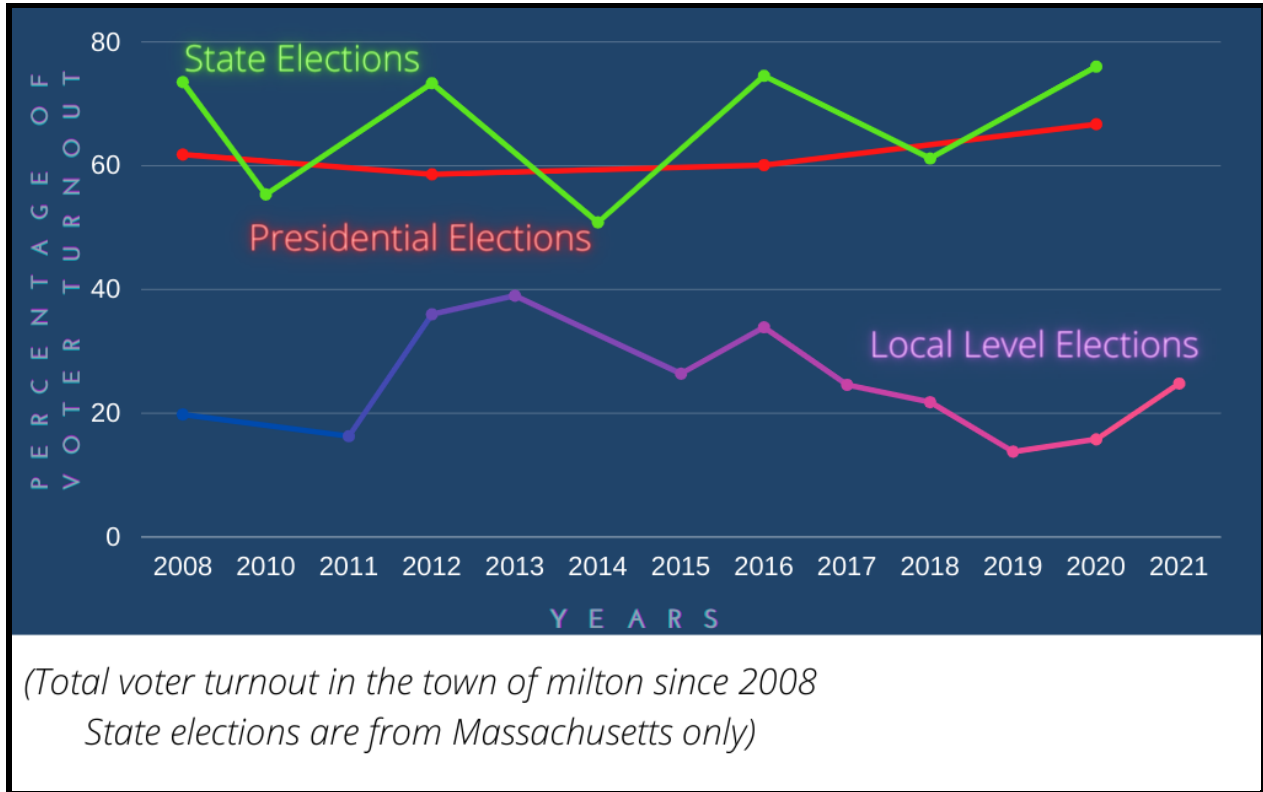
# There is a problem with Local Elections

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## **Voter Turnout is low**

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There is a problem with Local elections, the problem is that there aren't nearly enough people voting in any of these elections, on average (since 2000) only 19.8% of registered voters have voted in local elections when they had the choice. Voting is the core of a democratic government, where every citizen gets a say in what is going to be decided upon and if the majority of people are abstaining, then the majority is not being heard. This leads to unseen consequences where the fate of many people is actually being decided by a few people. Now it may seem that this isn't an issue because local governments don't have a lot of power but they do, local governments actually control the property tax of a certain area, they also upkeep the fire and police departments and even fund the education programs. Below is a graph to show the actual local voter turnout in Milton compared to federal and state elections.

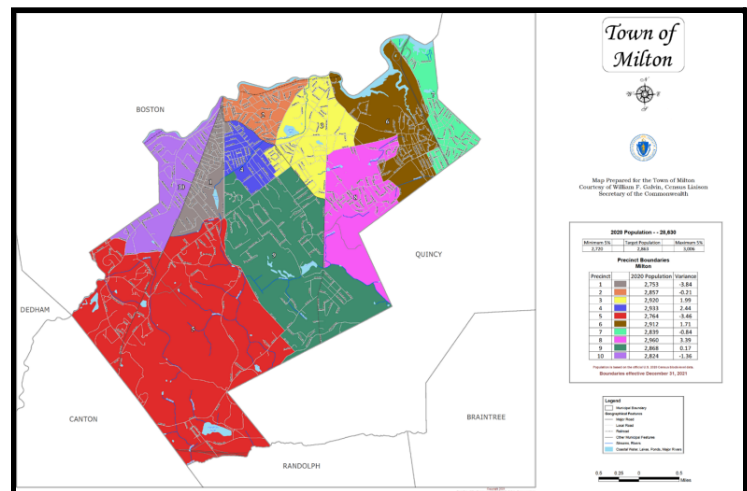


## Where and When to vote

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Where and when you vote depends on the precinct you live in, Below is a map of all the precincts in Milton, (Visit [Townofmilton.org](http://Townofmilton.org) for more info).

And each precinct has its own voting “area” As listed below, and if you would like to vote and aren’t registered yet just go to [www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/), which is an easily accessible online voter registration system.



- Precinct 1
  - Tucker School, 181 Blue Hills Parkway
- Precinct 2
  - Milton Senior Center, 10 Walnut Street
- Precinct 3
  - Cunningham Park Community Center, 75 Edge Hill Road
- Precinct 4
  - Milton Senior Center, 10 Walnut Street
- Precinct 4A
  - Milton Senior Center, 10 Walnut Street
- Precinct 5
  - Copeland Field House-Milton High School, 25 Gile Road
- Precinct 6
  - Cunningham School 44 Edge Hill Road
- Precinct 7
  - Cunningham Park Community Center, 75 Edge Hill Road
- Precinct 8
  - Cunningham School 44 Edge Hill Road
- Precinct 9
  - Copeland Field House-Milton High School, 25 Gile Road
- Precinct 10
  - Tucker School, 181 Blue Hills Parkway

## **But Why Vote Anyway**

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Voting is the core of a democratic government. The whole goal of voting is to ensure that every citizen gets a say in what is going on inside the government, with a large number of people abstaining from voting for various reasons this standard is simply not met. Meaning that all the voting is done by a small spectrum of people that in a sense are controlling the local government.

## **But What Even is The Local Government**

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The Local government is composed of a lot of different working parts and people that keep the whole town or city running. They handle property taxes, roadworks, construction and public maintenance and all of the other stuff we take for granted in our day to day lives. The local government of Milton consists of a representative town meeting, put simply we elect people to vote for us in these town meetings similarly to how congress works.

These elected officials work with the citizens who elected them to bring changes to the town, everyday things that change how your life works, they decide whether you have a fire department or not, they decide whether you have to have a leash for your dog, and how long it should be. Seeing how much they control, it is weird that only some are voting.