

Cincinnati City Council Elections, 1925 - 1961: Choice Voting At Work

Votes vs. Seats (9 seats elected at-large)

<u>Election</u>	<u>Republicans</u>		<u>Charter-Democrats</u>		<u>Independents/Other</u>		<u>First-Choice-Election %</u>	<u>African-Americans Elected</u>
	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Seats</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Seats</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Seats</u>		
1925 (P.R.)	27.8	33.3	63.8	66.7	8.4	0.0	72.5	0
1927	28.6	22.2	58.0	66.7	13.4	11.1	75.8	0
1929	36.7	33.3	56.8	66.7	6.6	0.0	67.0	0
1931	39.6	44.4	52.8	55.6	7.6	0.0	71.1	1 (<i>Black Pop. =11.1%</i>)
1933	45.6	44.4	49.7	55.6	4.7	0.0	68.5	0
1935	41.1	44.4	39.6	44.4	19.3	11.1	71.0	1
1937	44.0	44.4	36.8	44.4	19.3	11.1	60.2	1
1939	49.4	44.4	34.3	44.4	16.4	11.1	67.4	0
1941	59.3	55.6	32.4	44.4	8.3	0.0	69.9	1 (<i>Black Pop. = 12.6%</i>)
1943	54.2	55.6	40.2	44.4	5.6	0.0	76.7	1
1945	54.8	55.6	44.2	44.4	1.0	0.0	73.7	1
1947	47.8	44.4	47.8	55.6	4.4	0.0	73.6	1
1949	47.1	44.4	50.8	55.6	2.1	0.0	73.1	2
1951	52.2	55.6	47.3	44.4	0.5	0.0	74.7	2 (<i>Black Pop. = 16.7%</i>)
1953	48.5	44.4	51.4	55.6	0.1	0.0	75.5	1
1955	51.0	44.4	42.9	55.6	6.2	0.0	74.8	1

			<u>Charter</u>		<u>Democrats/ Independents</u>			
1957 (9X)	50.3	55.6	49.7	44.4	-	-	-	0
1959	40.8	55.6	29.1	22.2	30.1	22.2	-	0
1961	41.4	55.6	23.0	11.1	35.7	33.3	-	0 (<i>Black Pop. =23%</i>)

Notes: The vote percentage for political parties is based on first-choice ballots for PR (choice voting) elections (1925-1955) and for total ballots cast for candidates in winner-take-all, at-large elections that started in 1957. Democrats began running their own slate of candidates in 1959. "First-Choice- Election %" is equal to the percentage of voters whose first choice was elected

*Source: **Proportional Representation and Electoral Reform** (1995, Ohio State Univ. Press)*