Student Voting Rates for University Of Northern Colorado

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series, which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report (keep an eye on our homepage!) , our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports, and our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus.

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
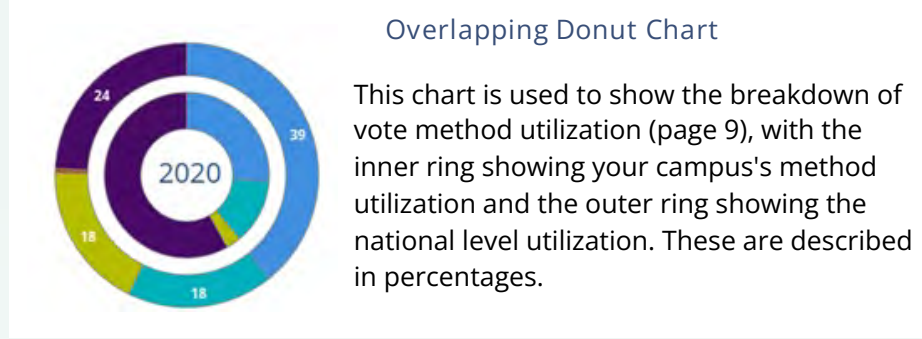Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022,when available. The change column represents difference between comparable counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

45.3%
2022 Voting Rate

-9.3
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

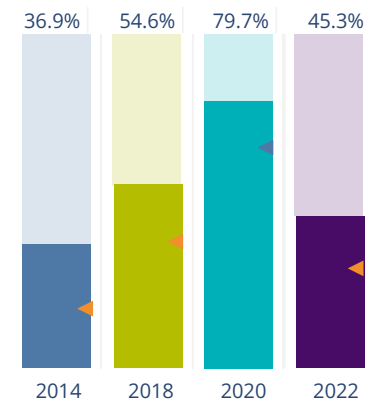| 2014	2018	2020	2022
72.9%	82.6%	89.7%	86.4%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
50.7%	66.1%	88.8%	52.4%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

2014	2018	2020	2022
36.9%	54.6%	79.7%	45.3%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	11,532	13,204	11,303	9,258	⬇ -3,946
Age under 18/Unknown	162	865	615	474	⬇ -391
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	322	321	147	176	⬇ -145
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	834	285	213	-	-
Total eligible voters	10,207	11,729	10,320	8,607	⬇ -3,121
Number of students who registered	7,445	9,691	9,262	7,441	⬇ -2,250
Number of students who voted	3,771	6,406	8,224	3,897	⬇ -2,509
Registration Rate %	72	82	89	86	⬆ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	50	66	88	52	⬇ -13
Voting Rate %	36	54	79	45	⬇ -9

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.
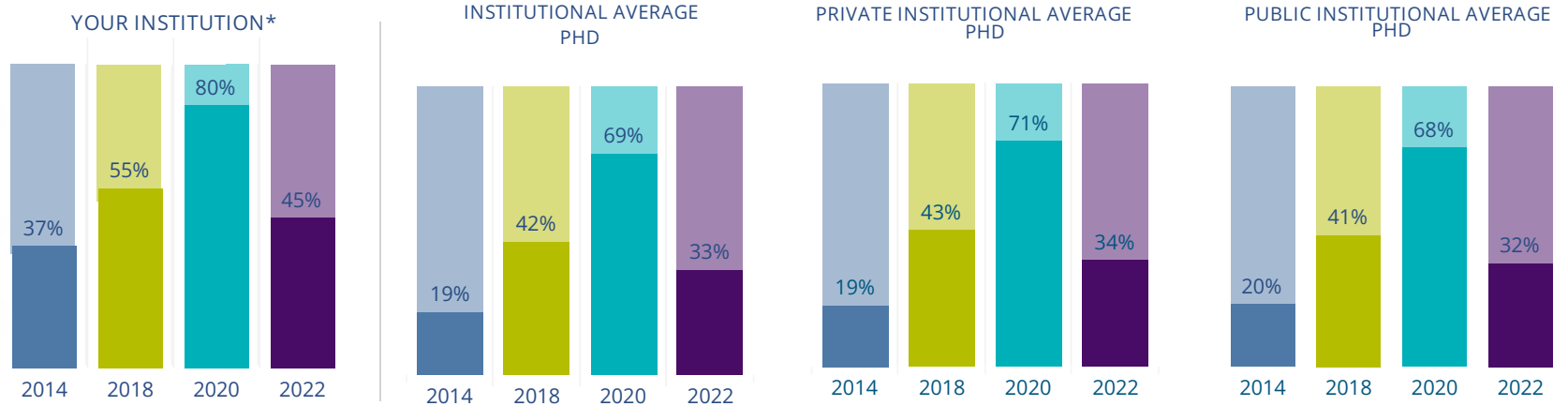
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.
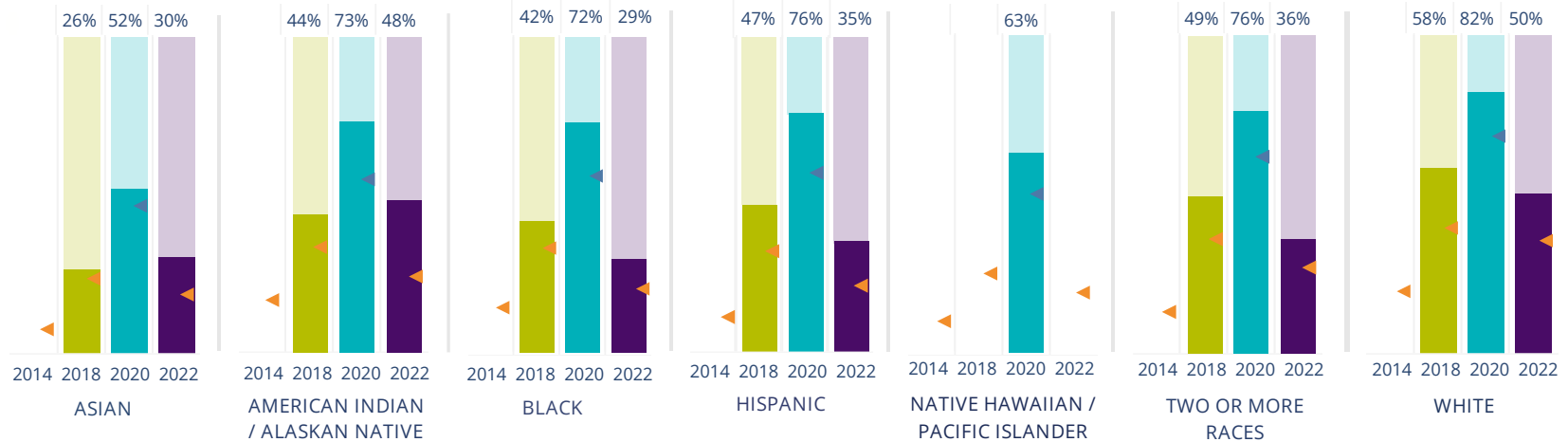
By Institution Types

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

2014	2018	2020	2022
37%	55%	80%	45%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	42%	69%	33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	43%	71%	34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	41%	68%	32%

By Race / Ethnicity

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups by year (2014, 2018, 2020, 2022):

- **ASIAN:** 26%, 52%, 30%
- **AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE:** 44%, 73%, 48%
- **BLACK:** 42%, 72%, 29%
- **HISPANIC:** 47%, 76%, 35%
- **NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER:** 63%
- **TWO OR MORE RACES:** 49%, 76%, 36%
- **WHITE:** 58%, 82%, 50%

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

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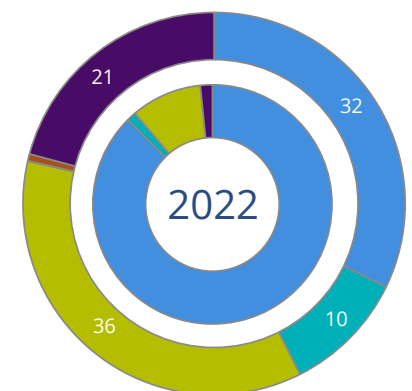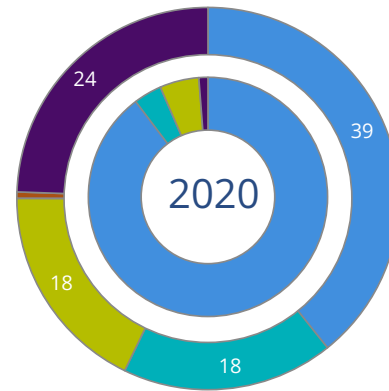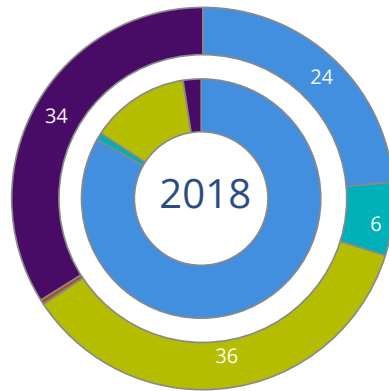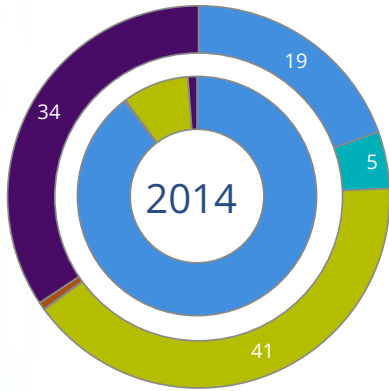
*https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	401	106	26	309	159	51	278	84	30	⬆ 3
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	46	20	43	30	22	73	27	13	48	⬆ 4
Black	-	-	-	473	197	41	457	331	72	389	114	29	⬇ -12
Hispanic	-	-	-	2,289	1,066	46	2,123	1,606	75	1,928	670	34	⬇ -11
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	23	-	-	24	15	62	12	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	474	232	48	437	331	75	366	130	35	⬇ -13
White	-	-	-	7,886	4,554	57	6,995	5,705	81	5,738	2,861	49	⬇ -7
Race Unknown	10,500	3,771	35	451	222	49	90	55	61	46	22	47	⬇ -1

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

	2014		**2018**		**2020**		**2022**		**2018-2022**
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	-	-	62	1	310	3	51	1	⇨ 0
In-Person	338	9	858	13	437	5	374	9	⬇ -3
Not-In-Person	3,380	89	5,327	83	7,377	89	3,410	87	⬆ 4
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	46	1	157	2	98	1	61	1	⇨ 0

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022
18-21	30%	48%	79%	39%
22-24	36%	51%	77%	40%
25-29	36%	54%	74%	41%
30-39	50%	63%	76%	55%
40-49	60%	72%	81%	62%
50+	70%	79%	84%	76%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	6,067	1,857	30	6,519	3,164	48	5,406	4,307	79	4,206	1,665	39	⬇ -8
22-24	1,992	737	36	1,990	1,020	51	1,883	1,467	77	1,599	640	40	⬇ -11
25-29	983	359	36	1,362	740	54	1,254	930	74	1,054	438	41	⬇ -12
30-39	871	440	50	1,263	804	63	1,118	858	76	1,093	604	55	⬇ -8
40-49	370	224	60	642	467	72	549	447	81	628	394	62	⬇ -10
50+	217	154	70	267	211	79	255	215	84	204	156	76	⬇ -2

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2014 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2022 | | | 2018-2022 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

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*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	8,846	2,967	33	8,843	4,440	50	7,439	5,867	78	5,966	2,370	39	⬇ -10
Graduate	1,613	781	48	2,624	1,617	61	2,566	1,999	77	2,346	1,267	54	⬇ -7
Class Unknown	41	23	56	576	349	60	460	358	77	472	208	44	⬇ -16
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	2,538	649	25	2,802	1,188	42	1,913	1,451	75	1,601	536	33	⬇ -8
Sophomore	1,795	557	31	1,897	965	50	1,587	1,237	77	1,172	488	41	⬇ -9
Upperclassman	4,525	1,763	38	4,468	2,442	54	4,207	3,366	80	3,387	1,424	42	⬇ -12
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	8,681	2,951	33	8,953	4,495	50	7,610	6,025	79	6,181	2,510	40	⬇ -9
Part-time	1,819	820	45	3,090	1,911	61	2,855	2,199	77	2,603	1,387	53	⬇ -8

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	29	-	-	49	21	42	57	44	77	36	13	36	🔻 -6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	395	152	38	512	242	47	488	379	77	364	137	37	🔻 -9
Business, Management, and Marketing	979	341	34	882	422	47	1,001	780	77	1,080	415	38	🔻 -9
Communication and Journalism	341	93	27	309	154	49	273	228	83	186	85	45	🔻 -4

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Education	1,296	548	42	2,343	1,417	60	2,160	1,760	81	1,805	984	54	⬇ -5
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	36	12	33	67	25	37	68	51	75	76	23	30	⬇ -7
English Language and Literature	231	103	44	215	137	63	112	93	83	80	43	53	⬇ -9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	132	47	35	196	94	47	177	123	69	131	51	38	⬇ -9
Health Professions	1,600	583	36	1,864	979	52	1,427	1,143	80	1,126	496	44	⬇ -8
History	207	92	44	209	138	66	207	176	85	142	83	58	⬇ -7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	379	129	34	466	210	45	400	298	74	264	91	34	⬇ -10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	824	222	26	792	355	44	715	530	74	579	188	32	⬇ -12

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	528	134	25	430	167	38	139	87	62	73	20	27	⬇ -11
Mathematics and Statistics	160	55	34	162	85	52	150	119	79	114	63	55	⬆ 2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	891	364	40	222	115	51	204	152	74	143	50	34	⬇ -16
Philosophy and Religious Studies	30	-	-	36	15	41	29	24	82	27	14	51	⬆ 10
Social Sciences	442	172	38	477	278	58	386	283	73	249	114	45	⬇ -12
Visual and Performing Arts	830	287	34	987	534	54	802	641	79	701	294	41	⬇ -12
Unknown	-	-	-	558	333	59	469	363	77	321	166	51	⬇ -7
Leisure and Recreational Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	17	89	32	19	59	-

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

About the Data

The voter registration and voting rates in this report reflect the percentage of your institution's students who were eligible to vote and who actually voted in the 2014, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Thank you for the work you do to improve your students' political learning and engagement. We hope that you find your NSLVE report useful. For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources, and to sign up for our newsletter visit: https://nslve.tufts.edu.

References: NSLVE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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