

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for George Mason University

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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 1,000 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

NSLVE is a signature initiative of the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE) at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, and advocacy.

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 voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 are adjusted by deducting an estimated number of students identified by each institution as non-resident aliens and reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For breakdowns by student characteristics in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the Recalculation Tool - <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool>.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our Campus Reports FAQ - <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions>.

Reviewing the Data

Use the following key to interpret the charts:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- n/a = no data was collected or calculated for this field.

What to do next?

❑ Review the data and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, *Democracy Counts 2018*. To access our data portals - <https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations>.

❑ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

❑ Read and implement *Election Imperatives*, ten recommendations for improving your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation - <https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives>.

❑ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: <https://idhe.tufts.edu/>.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

52.4%

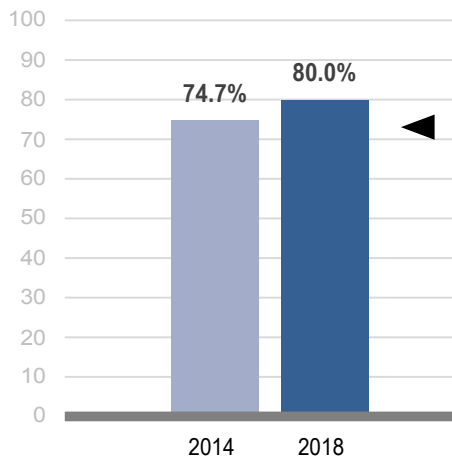
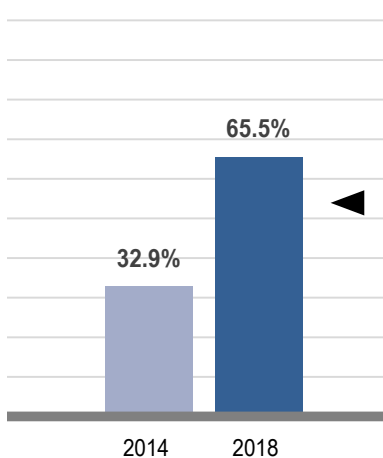
CHANGE
FROM 2014

+27.8

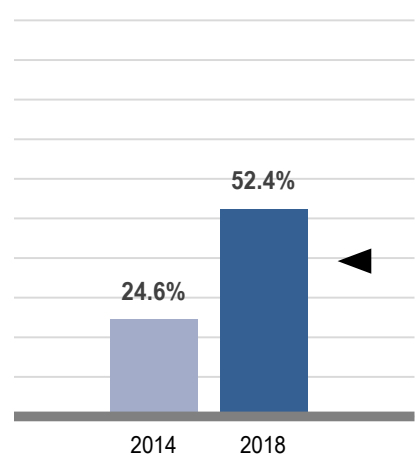
2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	33,806	37,789	↑ 3,983
Age under 18/Unknown	(123)	(123)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,131)	(3,159)	
FERPA records blocked	(17)	(18)	
Total eligible voters	31,535	34,489	↑ 2,954
Number of students who registered	23,566	27,597	↑ 4,031
Number of students who voted	7,745	18,066	↑ 10,321
Registration rate	74.7%	80.0%	↑ 5.3
Voting rate of registered students	32.9%	65.5%	↑ 32.6
Voting rate	24.6%	52.4%	↑ 27.8
Difference from all institutions	+4.9	+13.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

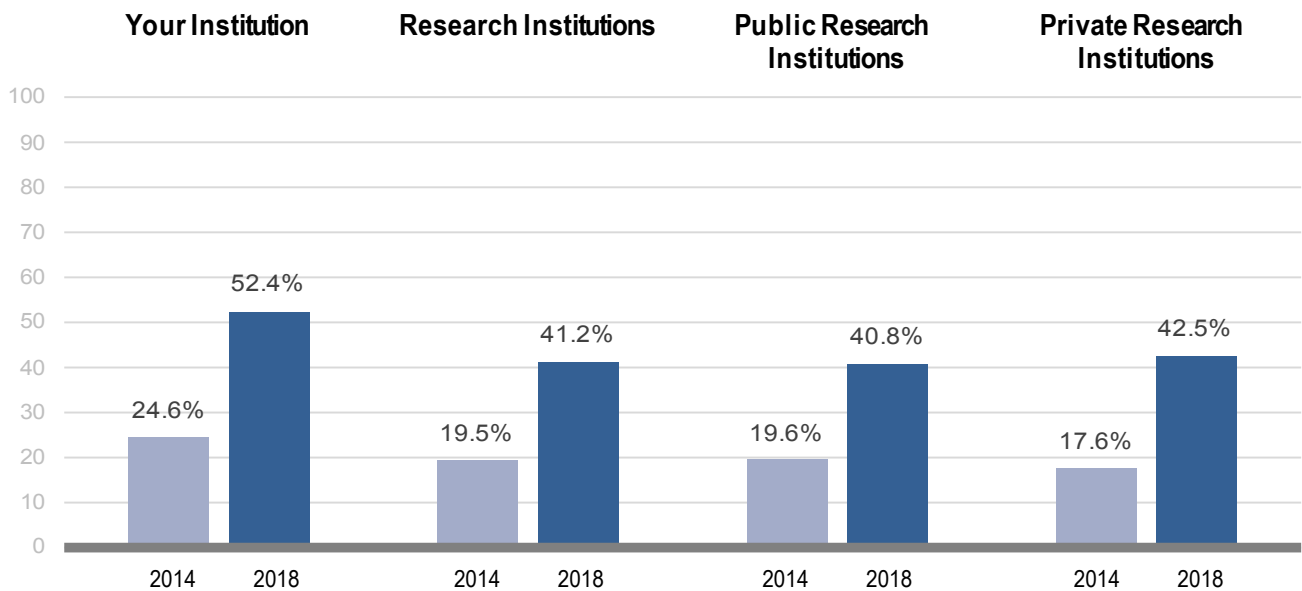
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

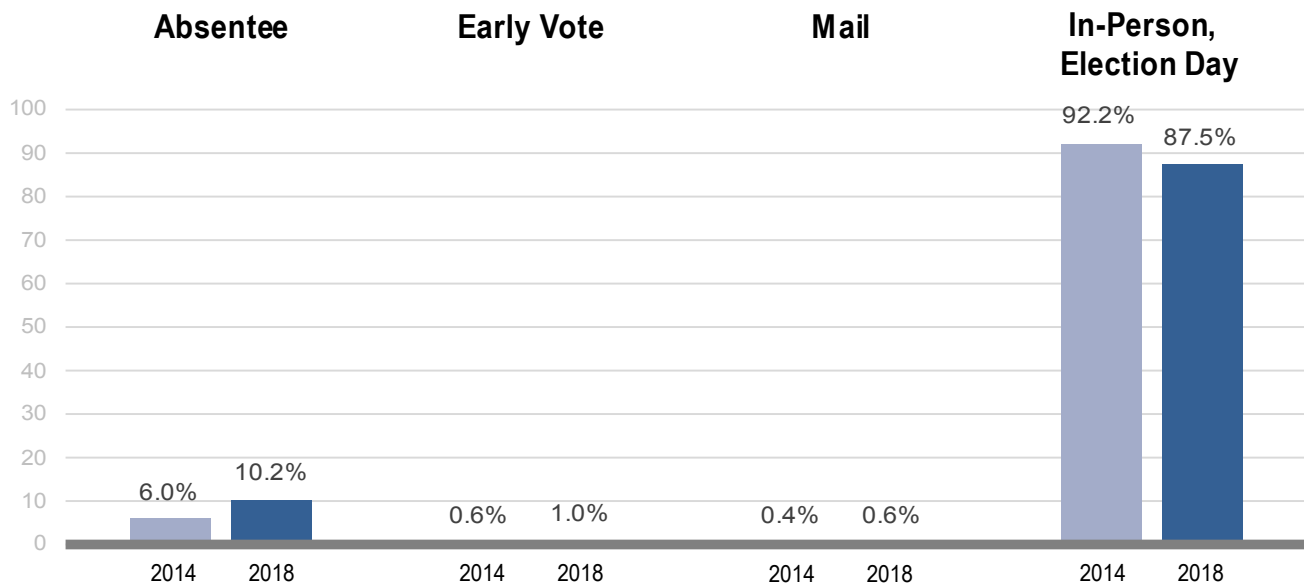
Difference from All Institutions **+4.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+13.3**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

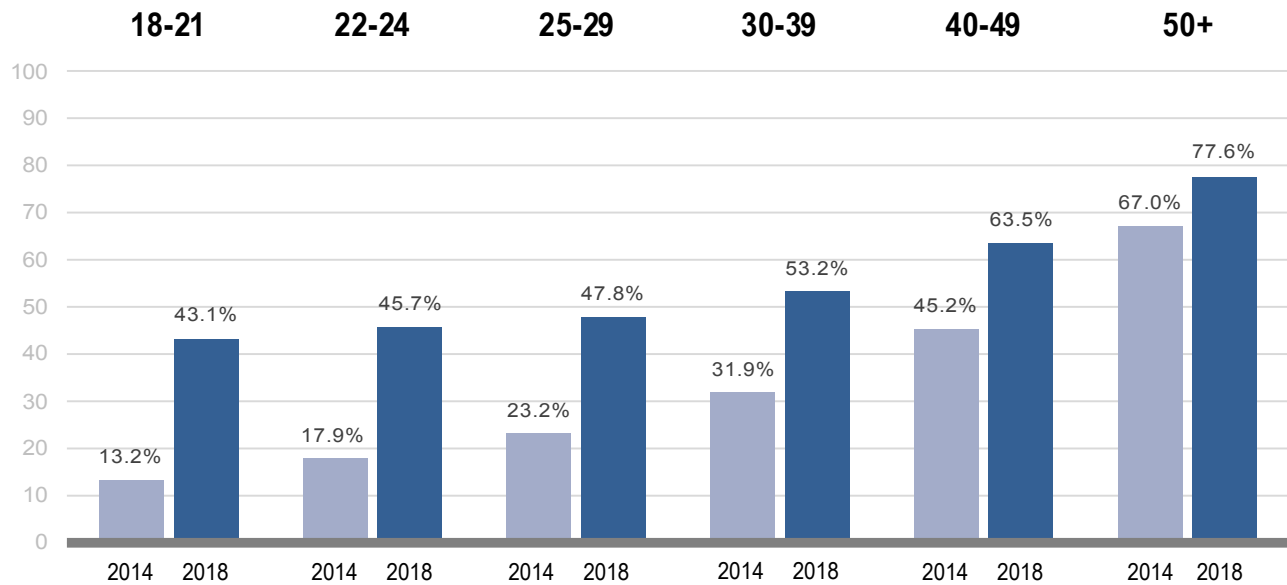


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	466	6.0%	1,848	10.2%	↑	4.2
Early Vote	47	0.6%	186	1.0%	↑	0.4
Mail	30	0.4%	108	0.6%	↑	0.2
In-Person, Election Day	7,141	92.2%	15,813	87.5%	↓	-4.7
Unknown	61	0.8%	111	0.6%		
Total	7,745		18,066			

* Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high number of voting method "Unknown", it means that this information was not reported by local officials where your students voted.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

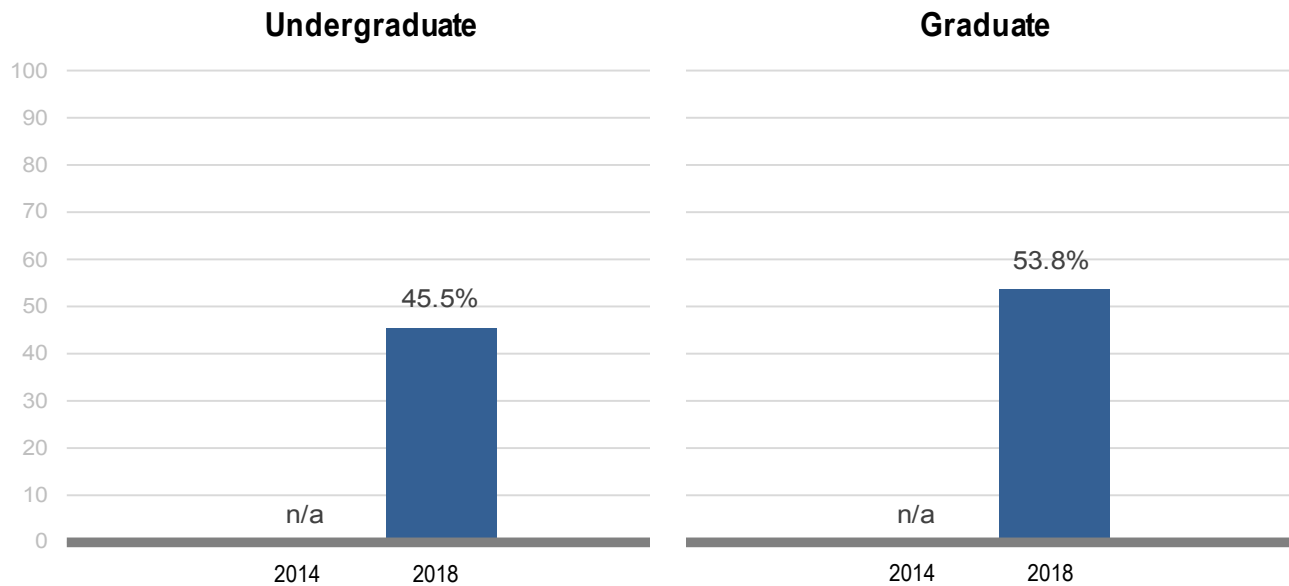


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	12,046	1,592	13.2%	14,912	6,420	43.1%	↑	29.8
22-24	7,027	1,257	17.9%	8,555	3,906	45.7%	↑	27.8
25-29	6,254	1,452	23.2%	6,332	3,025	47.8%	↑	24.6
30-39	4,890	1,559	31.9%	4,561	2,428	53.2%	↑	21.4
40-49	1,957	885	45.2%	1,878	1,193	63.5%	↑	18.3
50+	1,492	1,000	67.0%	1,410	1,094	77.6%	↑	10.6
Unknown	*			*				

* Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

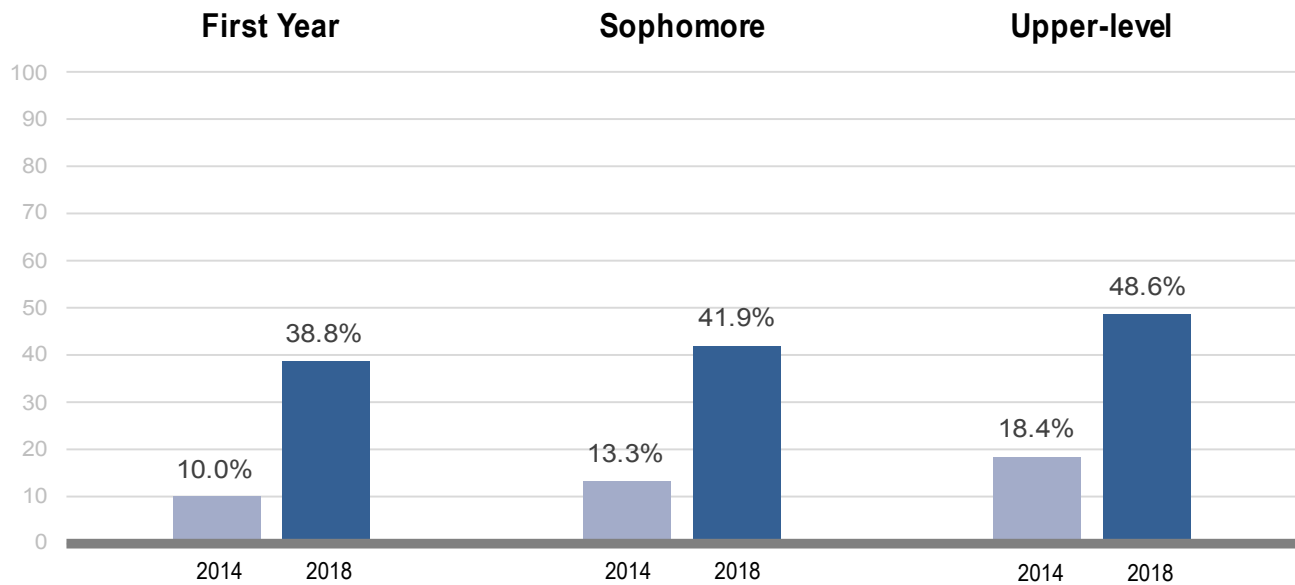


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	25,713	11,700	45.5%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	10,469	5,628	53.8%	n/a
Unknown	33,666			1,466			

* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

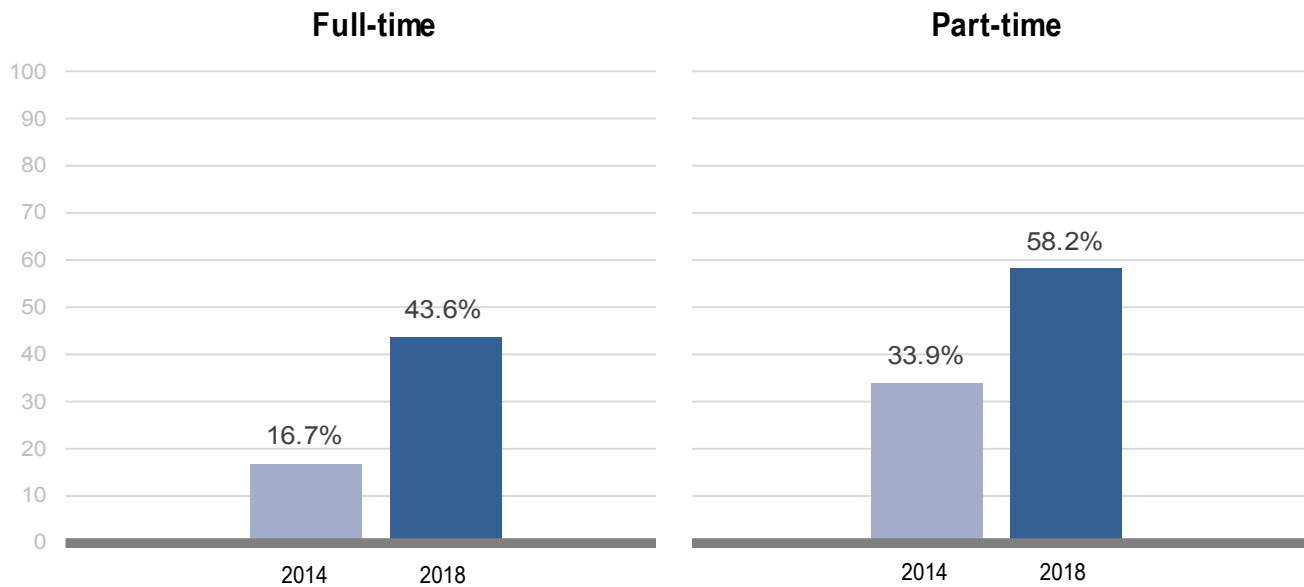


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,942	395	10.0%	4,677	1,815	38.8%	↑	28.8
Sophomore	3,944	523	13.3%	5,032	2,106	41.9%	↑	28.6
Upper-level	12,991	2,386	18.4%	15,986	7,770	48.6%	↑	30.2

* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Enrollment Status*

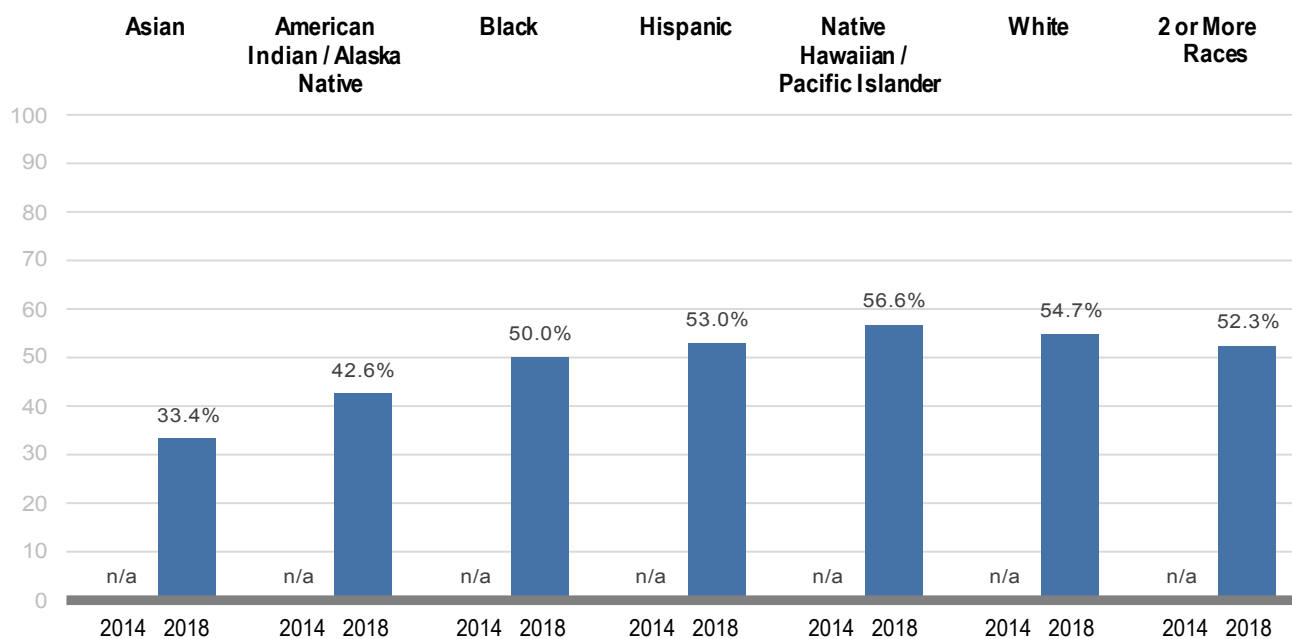


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	21,251	3,542	16.7%	26,286	11,451	43.6%	↑	26.9
Part-time	12,415	4,203	33.9%	11,360	6,615	58.2%	↑	24.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* Your students' data broken down by part-time and full-time students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	n/a	8,269	2,760	33.4%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	47	20	42.6%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	4,039	2,020	50.0%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	4,955	2,626	53.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	83	47	56.6%	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	16,759	9,167	54.7%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,529	800	52.3%	n/a
Unknown	33,666			1,967			

* Your students' data broken down by race. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

By Field of Study*

* Your students' data broken down by field of study. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students. The green and red highlighted values below represent your campus's top three and bottom three voting rates by field of study.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	44	13	29.6%	47	31	66.0% ↑	36.4
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,826	296	16.2%	2,074	918	44.3% ↑	28.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,560	603	16.9%	5,203	2,048	39.4% ↑	22.4
Communications Technologies/Technicians	207	36	17.4%	337	147	43.6% ↑	26.2
Computer and Information Sciences	3,055	590	19.3%	4,230	1,780	42.1% ↑	22.8
Education	3,069	1,032	33.6%	2,751	1,666	60.6% ↑	26.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,845	309	16.8%	2,168	889	41.0% ↑	24.3
English Language and Literature	1,496	319	21.3%	1,322	790	59.8% ↑	38.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a	68	36	52.9%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	161	32	19.9%	113	58	51.3% ↑	31.5
Health Professions	2,274	417	18.3%	2,517	1,235	49.1% ↑	30.7
History	526	200	38.0%	451	299	66.3% ↑	28.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	1,443	261	18.1%	2,178	994	45.6% ↑	27.6
Legal Professions and Studies	511	158	30.9%	595	303	50.9% ↑	20.0
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	4,704	1,187	25.2%	4,068	2,068	50.8% ↑	25.6
Mathematics and Statistics	344	70	20.4%	351	150	42.7% ↑	22.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	921	267	29.0%	947	488	51.5% ↑	22.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	272	88	32.4%	274	156	56.9% ↑	24.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	31	*	n/a	386	153	39.6%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	52	18	34.6%	71	33	46.5% ↑	11.9
Physical Sciences	628	141	22.5%	561	280	49.9% ↑	27.5
Psychology	1,314	232	17.7%	1,657	802	48.4% ↑	30.7
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,303	515	39.5%	1,039	670	64.5% ↑	25.0
Social Sciences	2,739	673	24.6%	2,802	1,372	49.0% ↑	24.4

Visual and Performing Arts	1,294	264	20.4%	1,364	663	48.6% ↑	28.2
Unknown	39	13	33.3%	74	37	50.0% ↑	16.7

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://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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