

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Georgia College and
State 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 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates 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, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

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. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

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

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Warm regards,
IDHE Team



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

49.5%

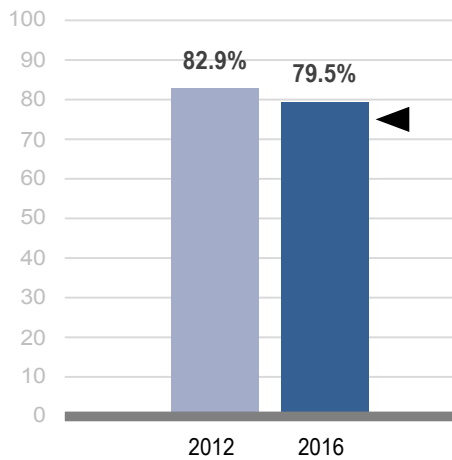
CHANGE FROM 2012

6.1

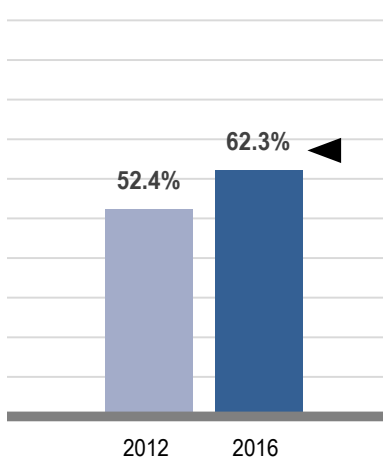
2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.4%

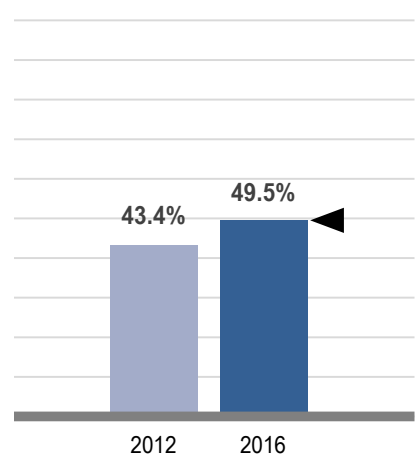
Registration Rate



Voting Rate of Registered Students



Voting Rate



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	6,299	6,817	↑ 518
Age under 18/Unknown	(52)	(77)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(86)	(96)	
FERPA records blocked	(12)	*	
Total eligible voters	6,149	6,638	↑ 489
Number of students who registered	5,095	5,276	↑ 181
Number of students who voted	2,668	3,285	↑ 617
Registration rate	82.9%	79.5%	↓ -3.4
Voting rate of registered students	52.4%	62.3%	↑ 9.9
Voting rate	43.4%	49.5%	↑ 6.1
Difference from all institutions	-3.5	-0.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

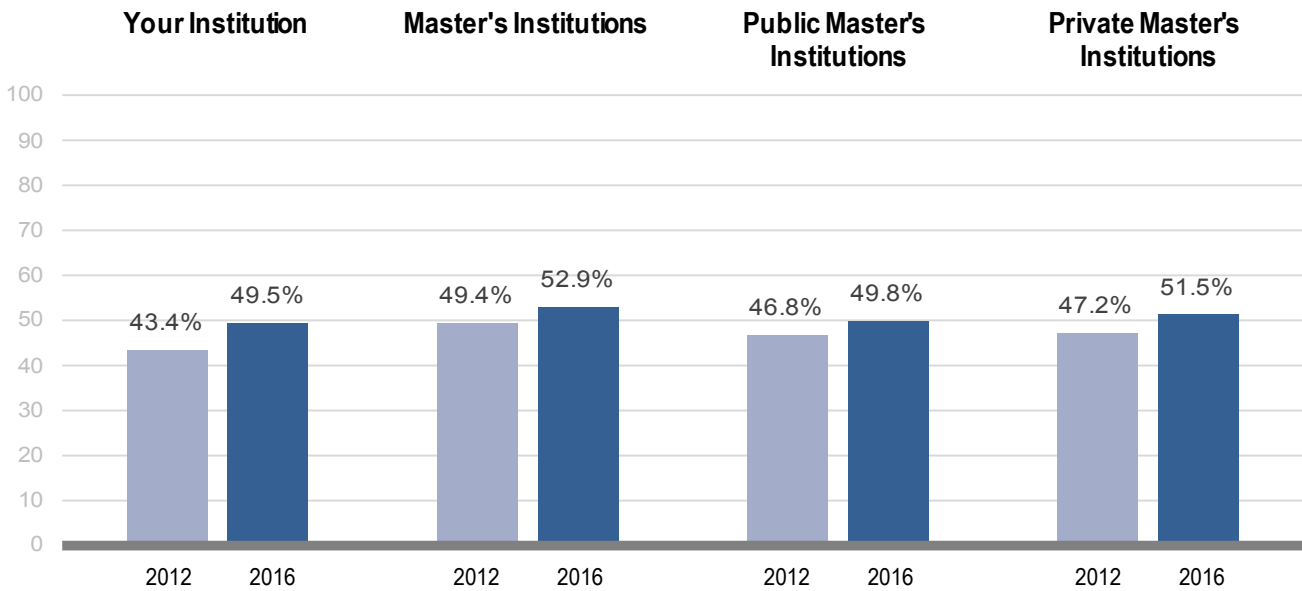
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

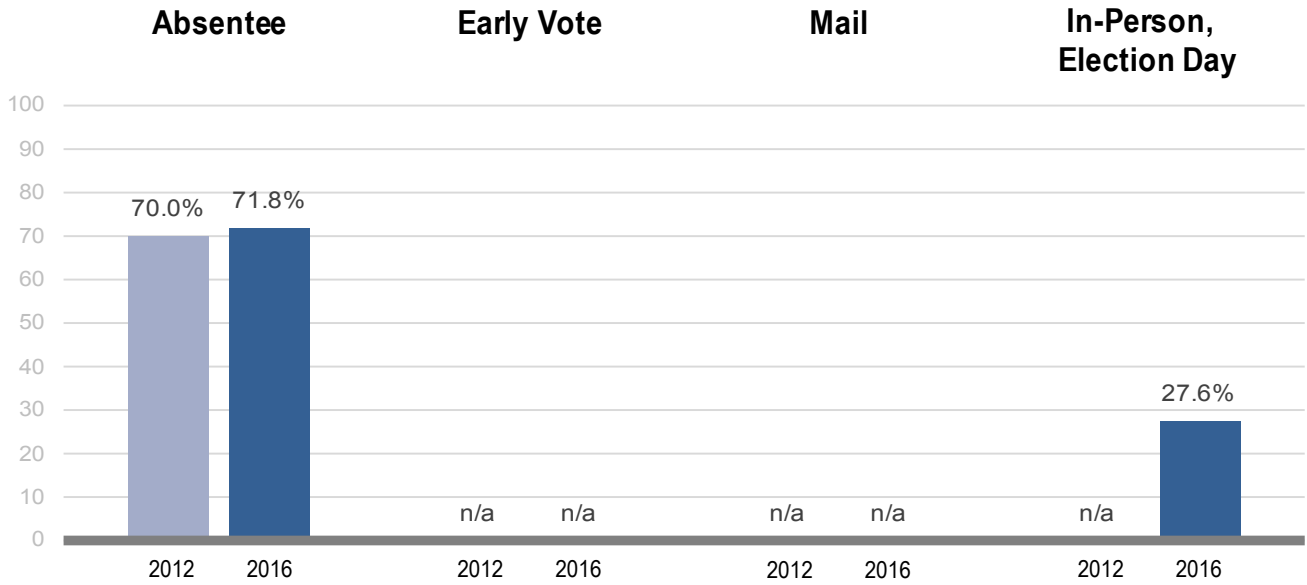
Difference from All Institutions **-3.5**

Difference from All Institutions **-0.9**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

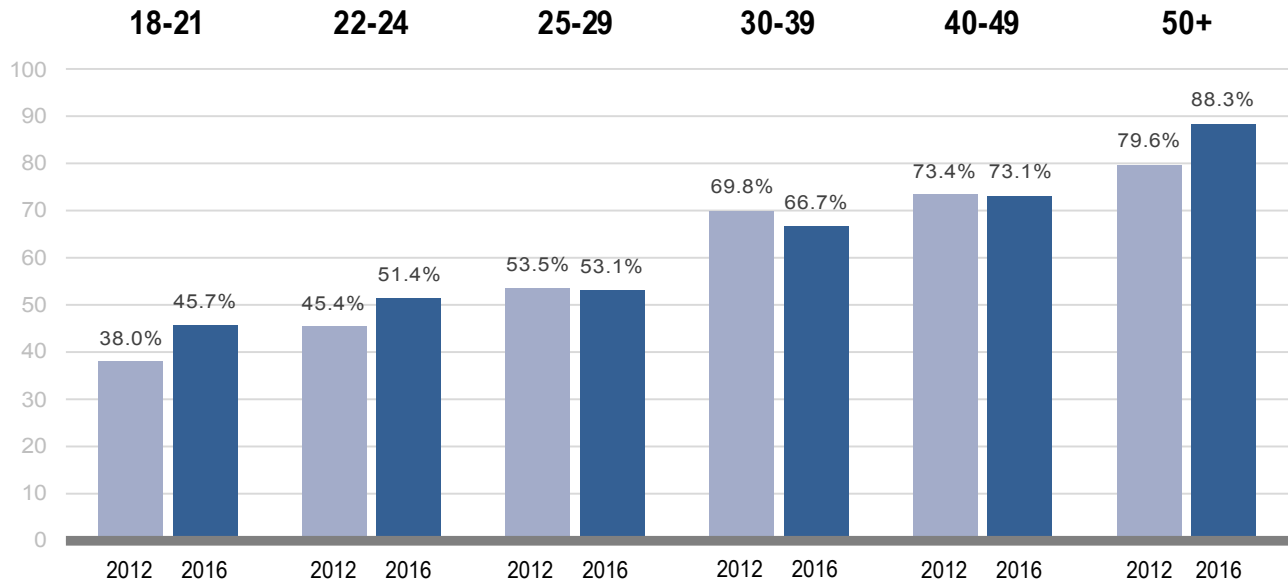


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,868	70.0%	2,358	71.8%	↑ 1.8
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	*	n/a	905	27.6%	n/a
Unknown	794	29.8%	15	0.5%	
Total	2,668		3,285		

* 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

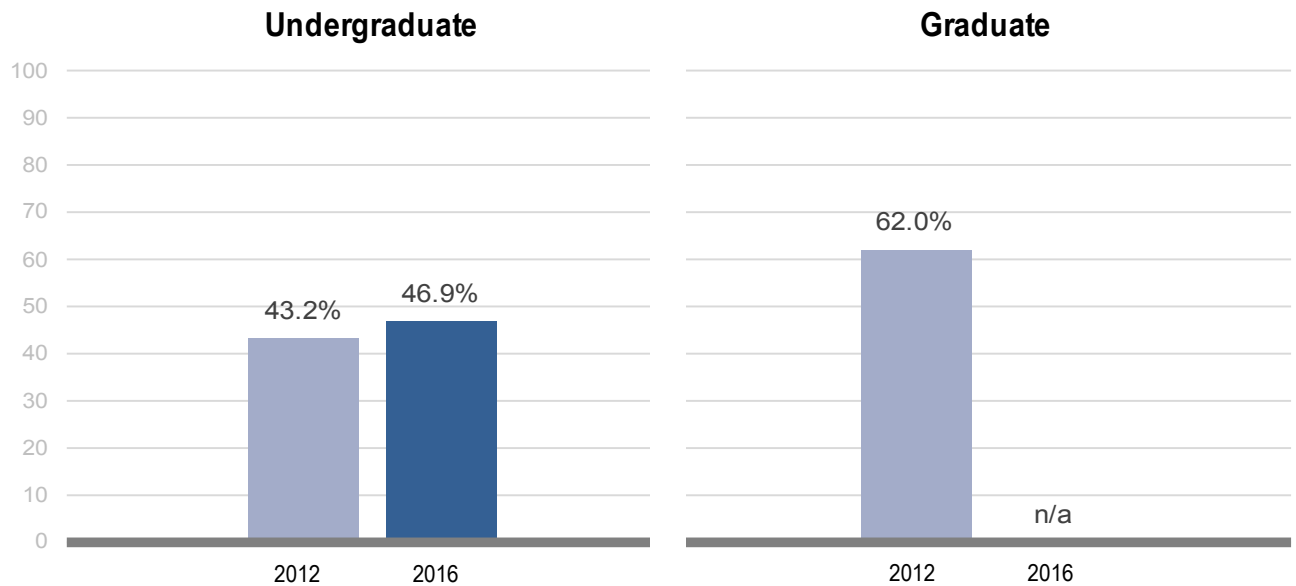


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,257	1,618	38.0%	4,986	2,279	45.7%	↑ 7.7
22-24	1,150	522	45.4%	976	502	51.4%	↑ 6.0
25-29	370	198	53.5%	292	155	53.1%	↓ -0.4
30-39	265	185	69.8%	252	168	66.7%	↓ -3.1
40-49	139	102	73.4%	134	98	73.1%	↓ -0.3
50+	54	43	79.6%	94	83	88.3%	↑ 8.7
Unknown	0			0			

* 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.

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By Education Level*

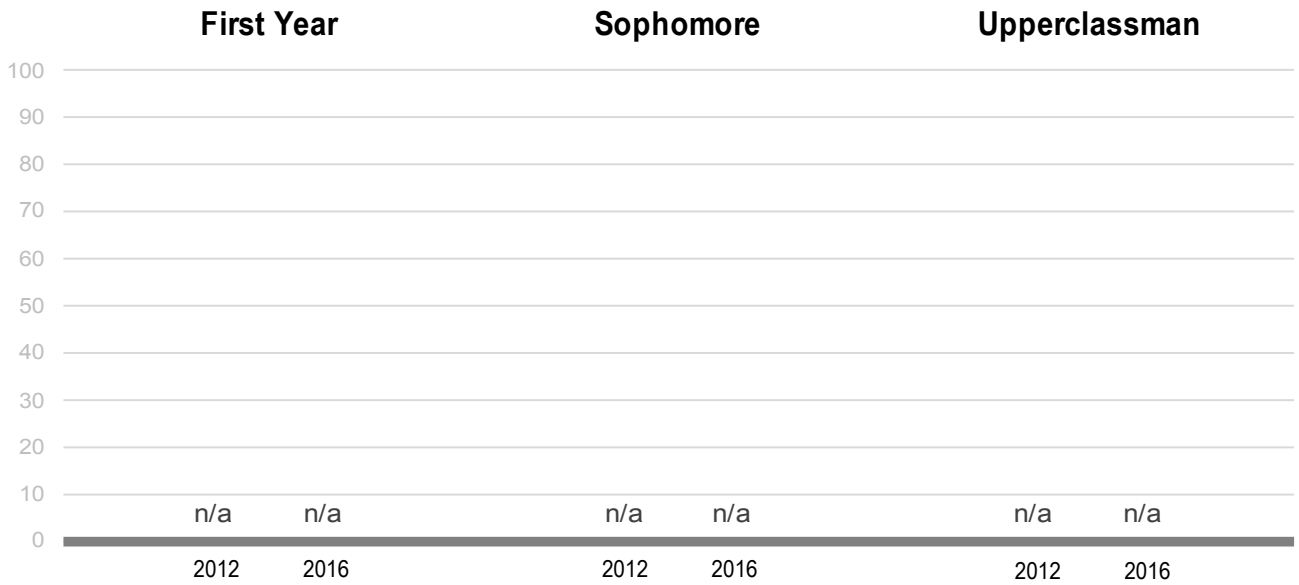


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	740	320	43.2%	6,011	2,817	46.9%	↑ 3.6
Graduate	226	140	62.0%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	5,269			723			

* 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.

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By Undergraduate Class Year*

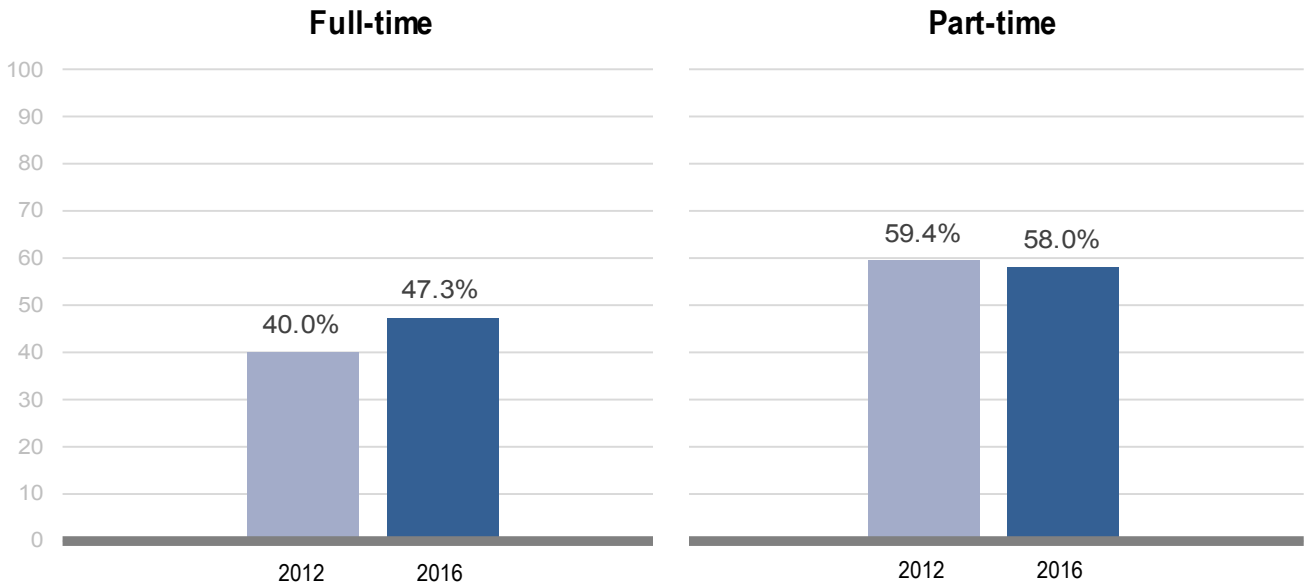


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

* 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.

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By Enrollment Status*

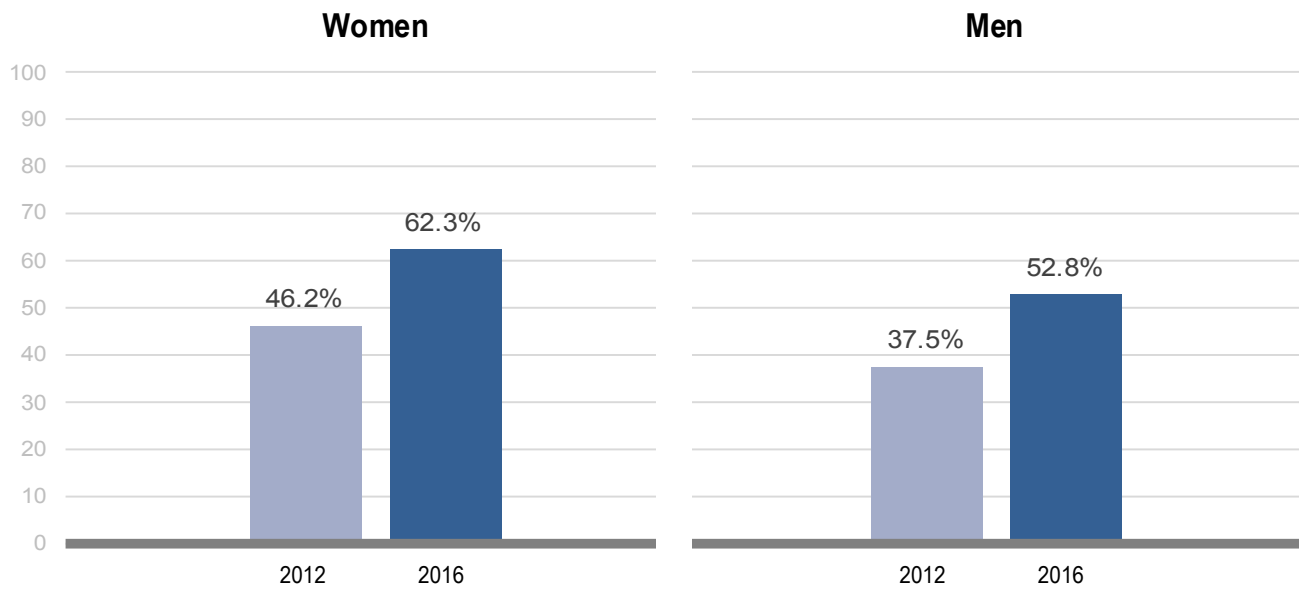


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	5,348	2,141	40.0%	5,795	2,740	47.3%	↑ 7.3
Part-time	887	527	59.4%	939	545	58.0%	↓ -1.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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.

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By Gender*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	3,797	1,754	46.2%	3,531	2,201	62.3%	↑ 16.1
Men	2,438	914	37.5%	2,046	1,081	52.8%	↑ 15.3
Unknown	0	0	n/a	1,157	*	n/a	

* Your students' data broken down by gender. 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 | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	418	154	36.8%	428	193	45.1% ↑	8.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,244	515	41.4%	1,315	568	43.2% ↑	1.8
Communication and Journalism	358	140	39.1%	378	187	49.5% ↑	10.4
Computer and Information Sciences	141	43	30.5%	277	111	40.1% ↑	9.6
Education	1,035	517	50.0%	696	403	57.9% ↑	7.9
English Language and Literature	295	124	42.0%	221	121	54.8% ↑	12.7
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	51	22	43.1%	22	13	59.1% ↑	16.0
Health Professions	746	374	50.1%	1,155	637	55.2% ↑	5.0
History	116	58	50.0%	76	50	65.8% ↑	15.8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	143	71	49.7%	103	50	48.5% ↓	-1.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	17	*	n/a	415	186	44.8%	n/a
Library Science	*	*	n/a	39	29	74.4%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	76	22	29.0%	54	29	53.7% ↑	24.8
Natural Resources and Conservation	94	40	42.6%	109	36	33.0% ↓	-9.5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	155	53	34.2%	402	170	42.3% ↑	8.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	10	*	n/a	14	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	206	72	35.0%	234	82	35.0% ↑	0.1
Psychology	351	133	37.9%	337	153	45.4% ↑	7.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	55	42	76.4%	58	43	74.1% ↓	-2.2
Social Sciences	174	73	42.0%	202	118	58.4% ↑	16.5
Visual and Performing Arts	207	73	35.3%	182	85	46.7% ↑	11.4
Unknown	334	130	38.9%	17	13	76.5% ↑	37.6

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: idhe.tufts.edu.

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