

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Chicago

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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 providing 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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Warm regards,

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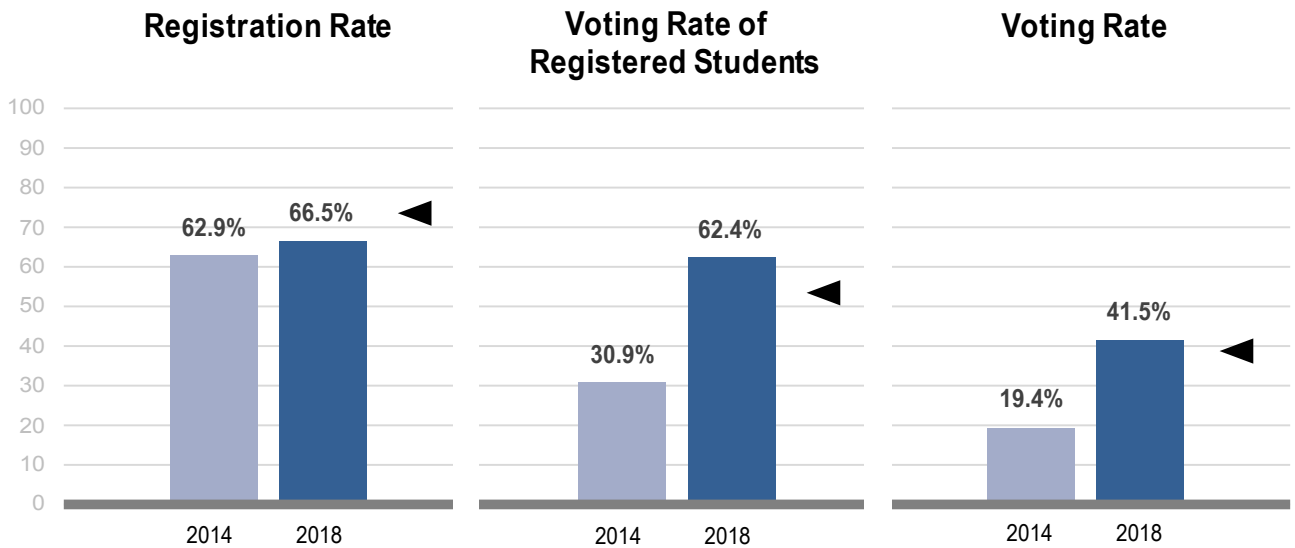
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2018 Voting Rate**  
**41.5%**

CHANGE FROM 2014  
**+22.1**

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**39.1%**



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	14,934	17,475	↑ 2,541
Age under 18/Unknown	(106)	(98)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,886)	(4,085)	
FERPA records blocked	(1,424)	(986)	
Total eligible voters	10,518	12,306	↑ 1,788
Number of students who registered	6,619	8,189	↑ 1,570
Number of students who voted	2,042	5,110	↑ 3,068
Registration rate	62.9%	66.5%	↑ 3.6
Voting rate of registered students	30.9%	62.4%	↑ 31.6
Voting rate	19.4%	41.5%	↑ 22.1
Difference from all institutions	-0.3	+2.4	

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

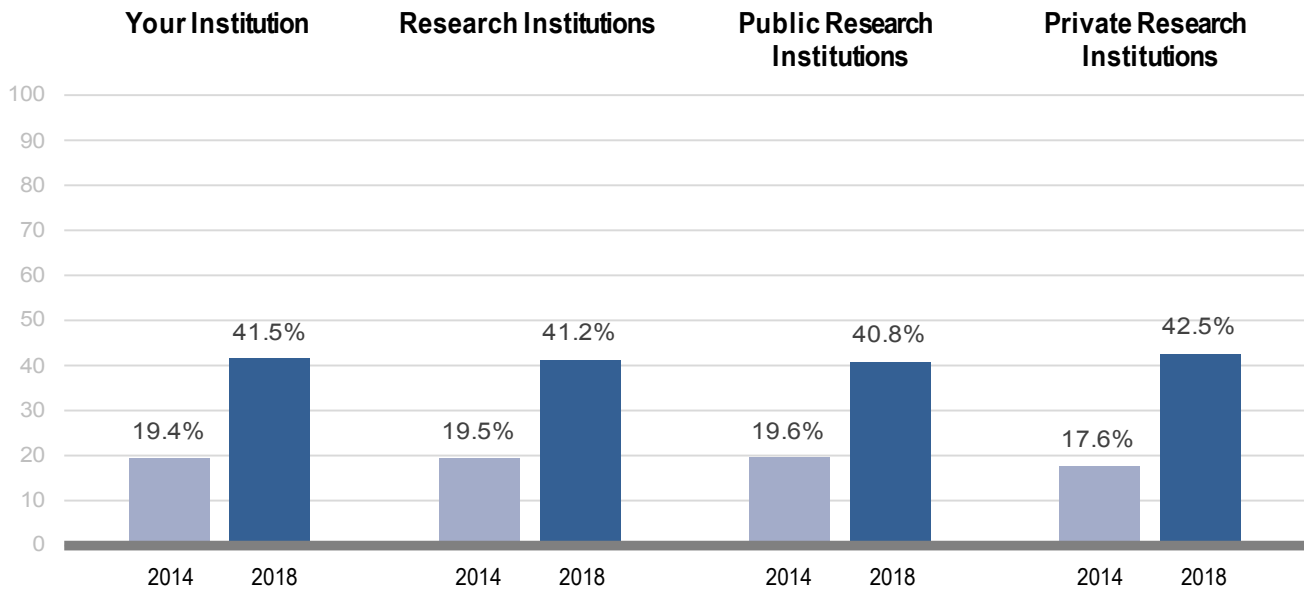
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

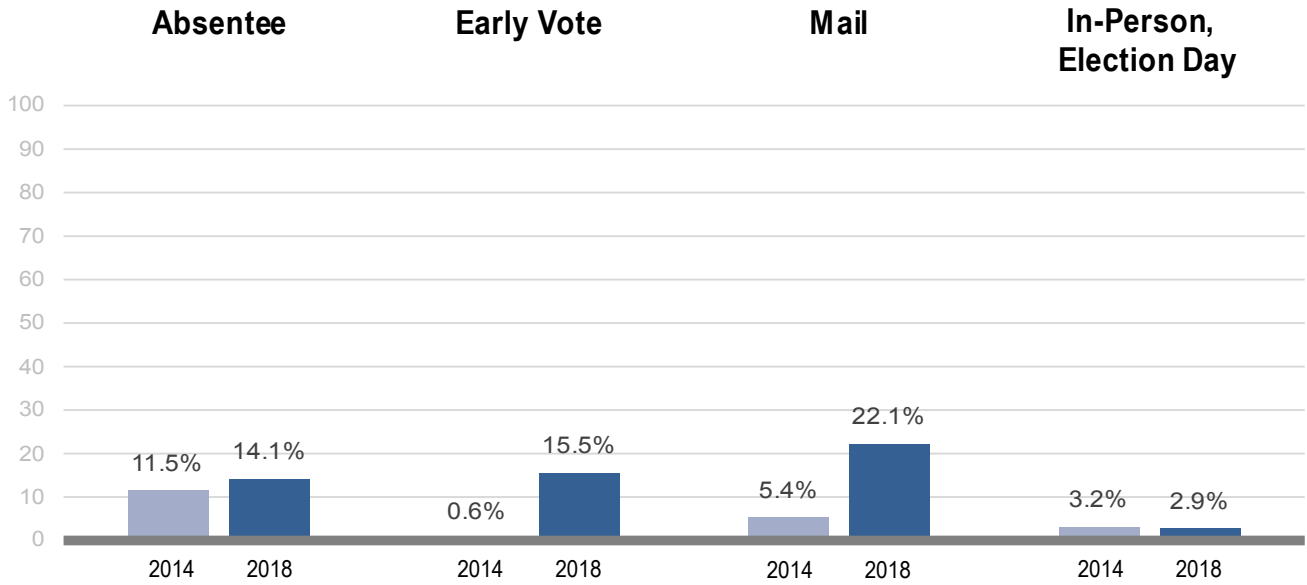
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# By Voting Method\*

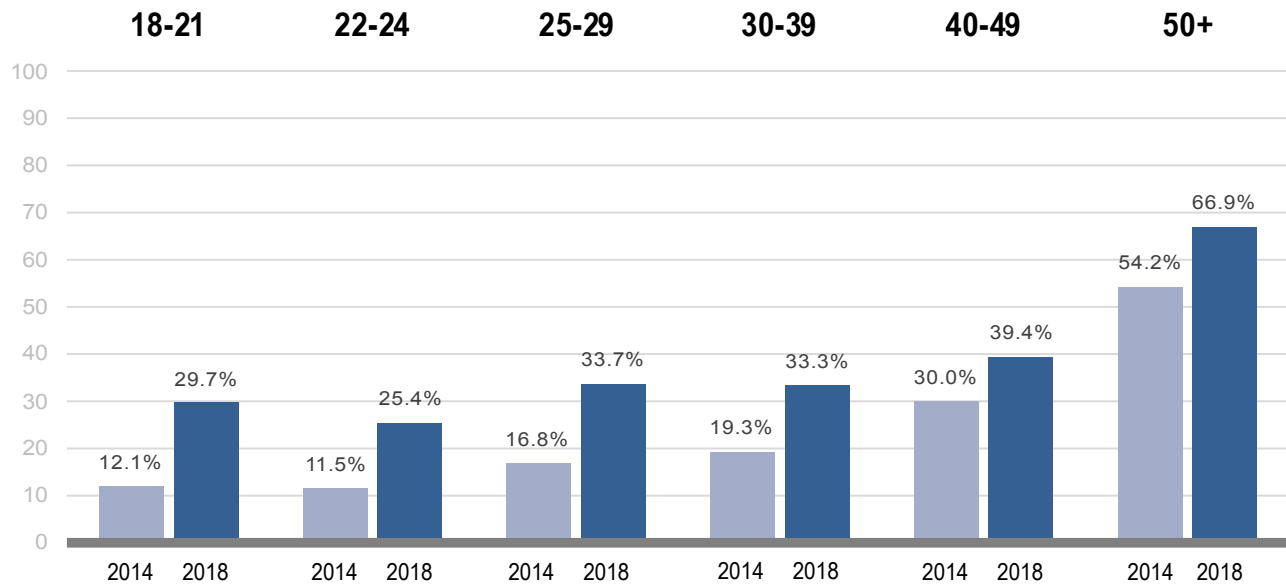


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	235	11.5%	722	14.1%	↑ 2.6
Early Vote	13	0.6%	794	15.5%	↑ 14.9
Mail	110	5.4%	1,130	22.1%	↑ 16.7
In-Person, Election Day	65	3.2%	146	2.9%	↓ -0.3
Unknown	1,619	79.3%	2,318	45.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,042</b>		<b>5,110</b>		

\* 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.

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# By Age Group\*

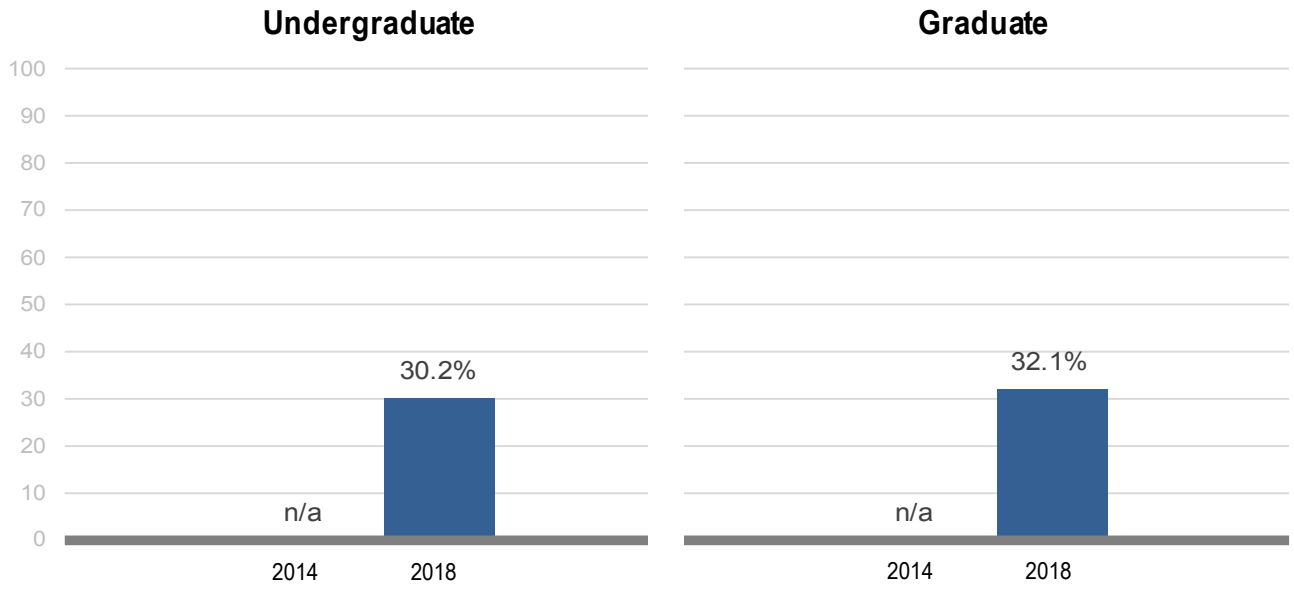


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	5,128	618	12.1%	5,952	1,770	29.7%	↑ 17.7
22-24	2,034	233	11.5%	2,829	718	25.4%	↑ 13.9
25-29	3,570	601	16.8%	4,509	1,519	33.7%	↑ 16.9
30-39	2,242	432	19.3%	2,596	865	33.3%	↑ 14.1
40-49	310	93	30.0%	363	143	39.4%	↑ 9.4
50+	120	65	54.2%	142	95	66.9%	↑ 12.7
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\*

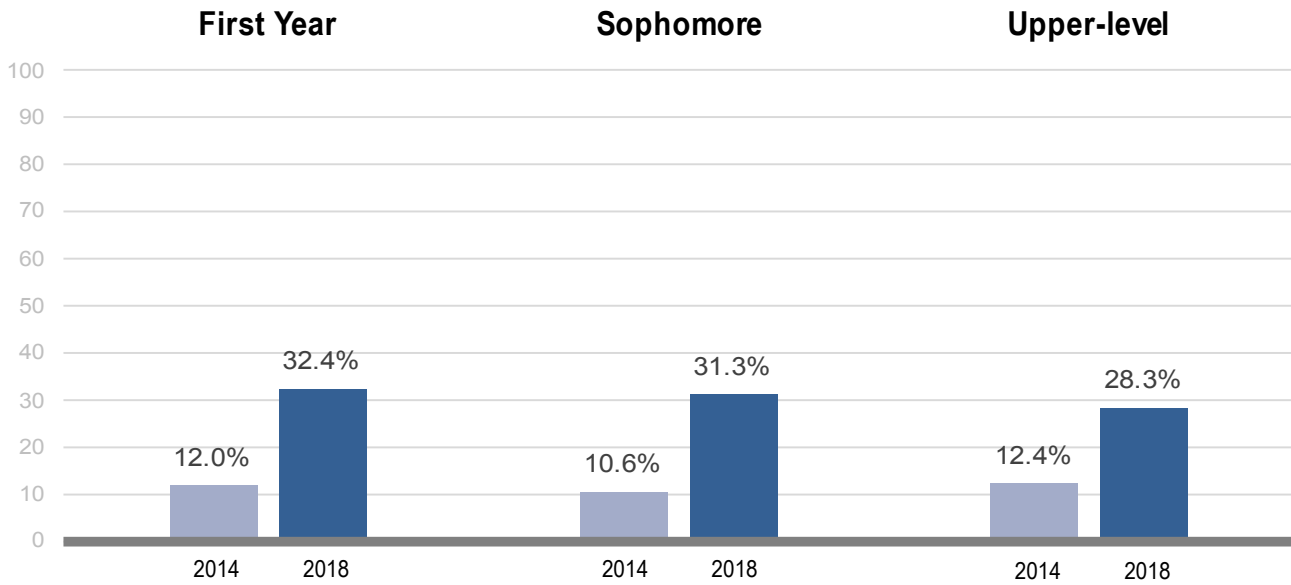


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	6,185	1,865	30.2%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	9,851	3,166	32.1%	n/a
Unknown	13,404			355			

\* 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\*



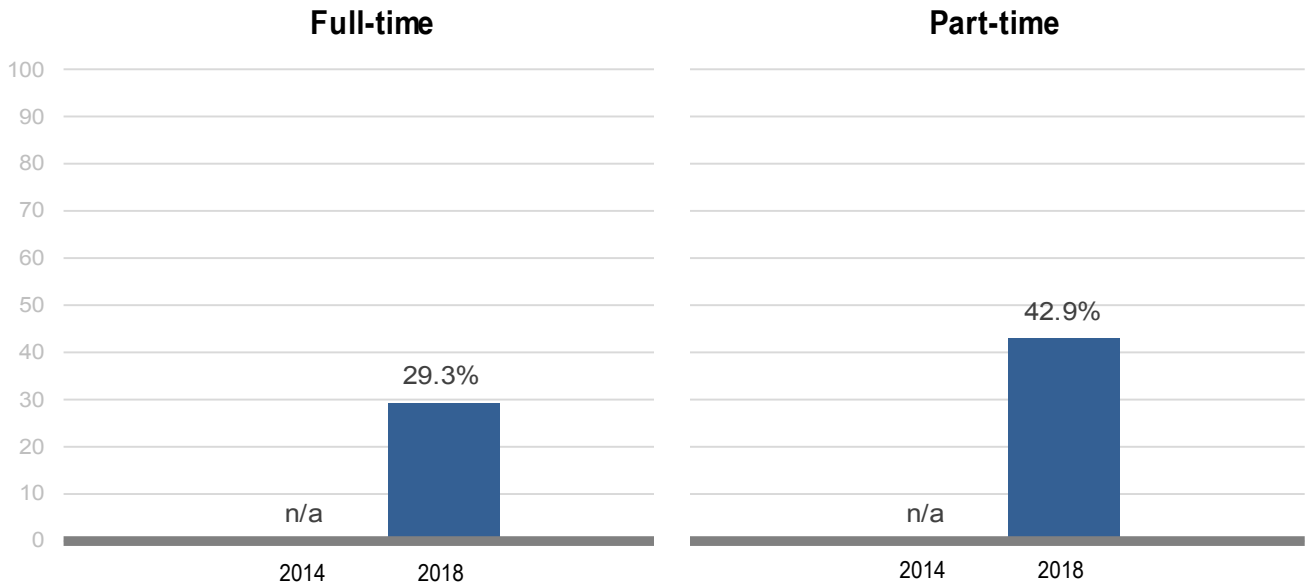
	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,344	161	12.0%	1,668	541	32.4%	↑ 20.5
Sophomore	1,395	148	10.6%	1,640	514	31.3%	↑ 20.7
Upper-level	2,673	332	12.4%	2,953	836	28.3%	↑ 15.9

\* 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\*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	14,109	4,130	29.3%	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	2,282	980	42.9%	n/a
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 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	72	10	13.9%	112	38	33.9% ↑	20.0
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	682	97	14.2%	854	320	37.5% ↑	23.3
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,511	360	14.3%	2,864	868	30.3% ↑	16.0
Computer and Information Sciences	269	28	10.4%	674	143	21.2% ↑	10.8
Education	56	22	39.3%	63	33	52.4% ↑	13.1
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	38	*	n/a	172	45	26.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	198	35	17.7%	188	66	35.1% ↑	17.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	432	68	15.7%	495	166	33.5% ↑	17.8
Health Professions	376	63	16.8%	392	183	46.7% ↑	29.9
History	277	69	24.9%	278	123	44.2% ↑	19.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	33	18	54.6%	58	33	56.9% ↑	2.4
Legal Professions and Studies	668	96	14.4%	672	223	33.2% ↑	18.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,743	389	14.2%	3,190	1,065	33.4% ↑	19.2
Mathematics and Statistics	637	69	10.8%	1,029	250	24.3% ↑	13.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	24	*	n/a	22	10	45.5%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	37	*	n/a	42	16	38.1%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	129	18	14.0%	182	49	26.9% ↑	13.0
Physical Sciences	706	81	11.5%	746	219	29.4% ↑	17.9
Psychology	263	33	12.6%	323	99	30.7% ↑	18.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	908	257	28.3%	1,182	437	37.0% ↑	8.7
Social Sciences	1,790	211	11.8%	1,924	442	23.0% ↑	11.2
Theology and Religious Vocations	288	62	21.5%	280	104	37.1% ↑	15.6
Visual and Performing Arts	249	41	16.5%	285	97	34.0% ↑	17.6

Unknown	18	*	n/a	364	81	22.3%	n/a
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