

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of San
Francisco

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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



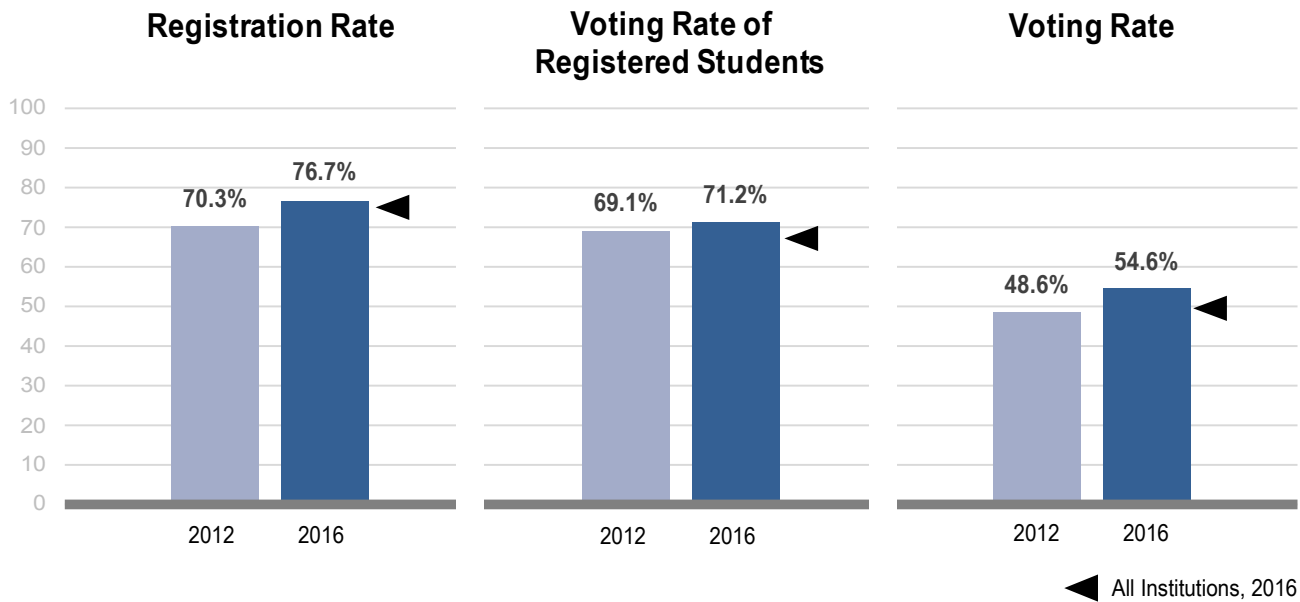
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
54.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012
6.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	9,922	10,907	↑ 985
Age under 18/Unknown	(90)	(78)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,333)	(1,784)	
FERPA records blocked	(21)	(169)	
Total eligible voters	8,478	8,876	↑ 398
Number of students who registered	5,960	6,810	↑ 850
Number of students who voted	4,116	4,849	↑ 733
Registration rate	70.3%	76.7%	↑ 6.4
Voting rate of registered students	69.1%	71.2%	↑ 2.1
Voting rate	48.6%	54.6%	↑ 6.1
Difference from all institutions	+1.7	+4.2	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

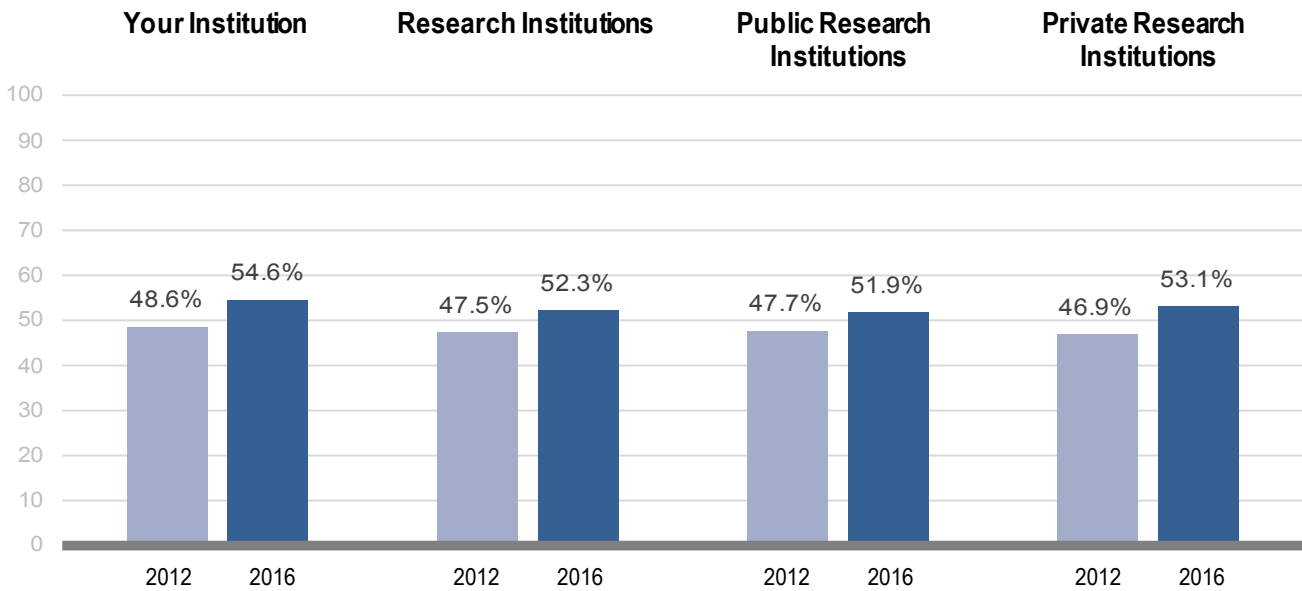
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

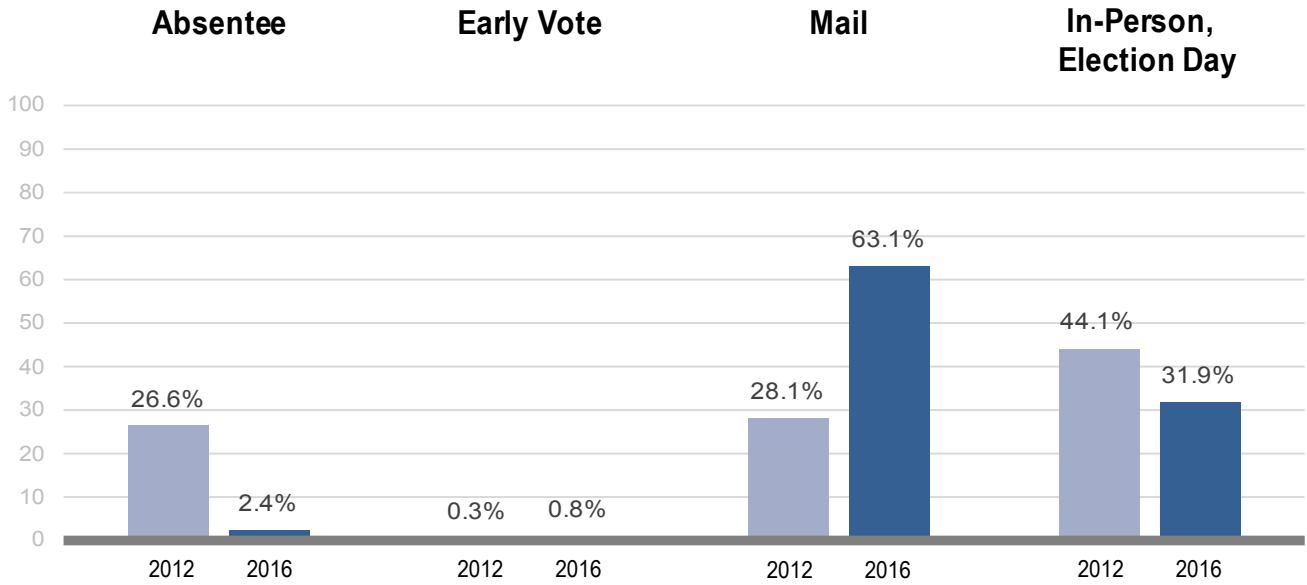
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Difference from All Institutions **+4.2**



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By Voting Method*

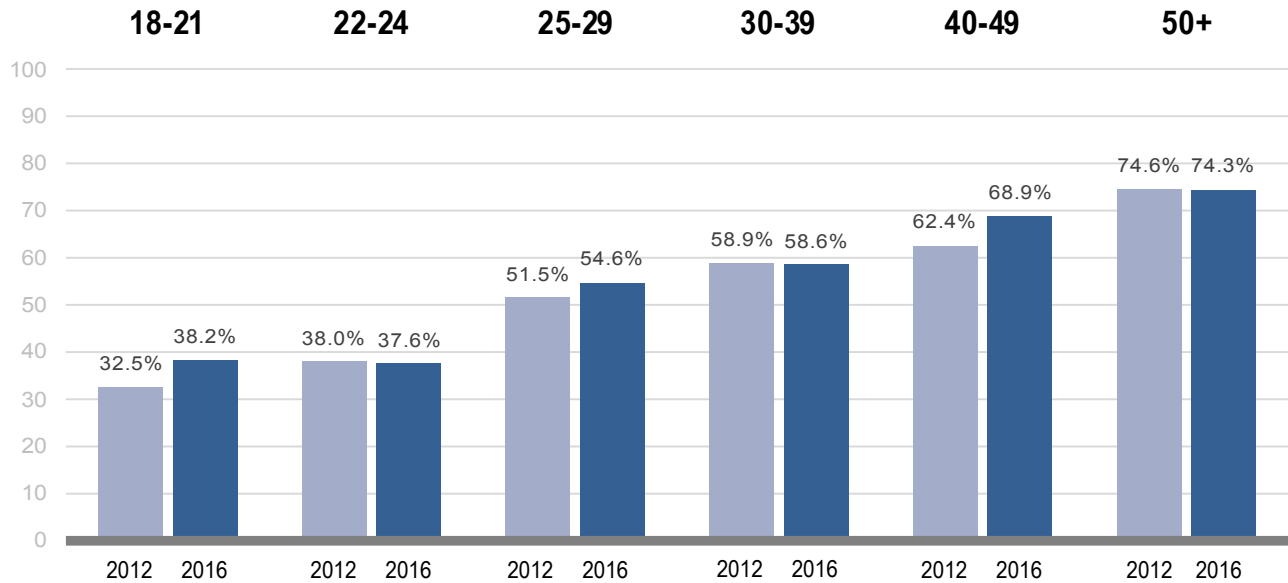


	2012		2016		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	1,093	26.6%	117	2.4%	↓	-24.1
Early Vote	12	0.3%	39	0.8%	↑	0.5
Mail	1,158	28.1%	3,061	63.1%	↑	35.0
In-Person, Election Day	1,813	44.1%	1,546	31.9%	↓	-12.2
Unknown	40	1.0%	86	1.8%		
Total	4,116		4,849			

* 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*

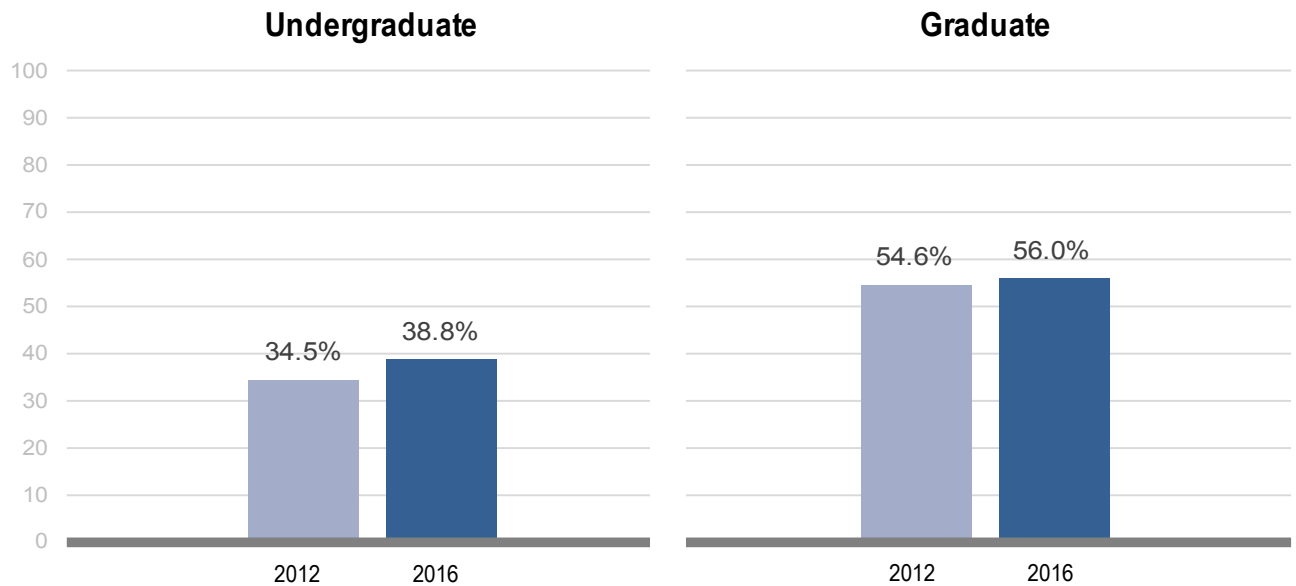


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,570	1,485	32.5%	4,930	1,885	38.2%	↑ 5.8
22-24	1,875	713	38.0%	1,920	721	37.6%	↓ -0.5
25-29	1,617	833	51.5%	1,891	1,033	54.6%	↑ 3.1
30-39	1,070	630	58.9%	1,215	712	58.6%	↓ -0.3
40-49	423	264	62.4%	459	316	68.9%	↑ 6.4
50+	256	191	74.6%	245	182	74.3%	↓ -0.3
Unknown	*			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*

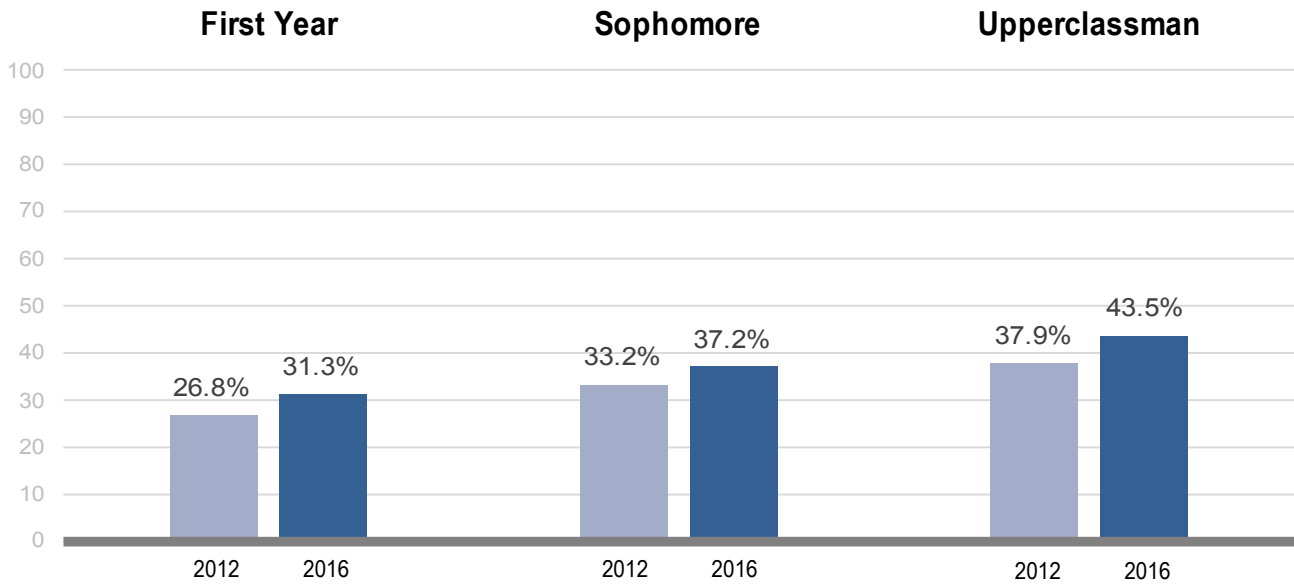


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	6,173	2,129	34.5%	6,530	2,535	38.8%	↑ 4.3
Graduate	3,637	1,986	54.6%	4,129	2,314	56.0%	↑ 1.4
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

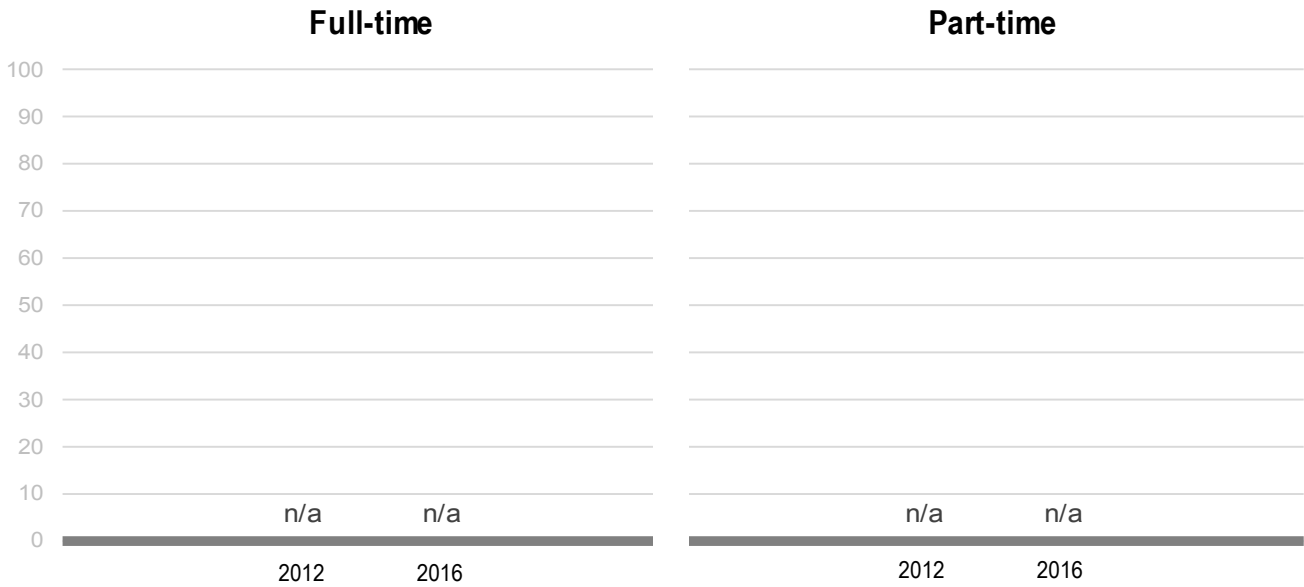


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,504	403	26.8%	1,756	549	31.3%	↑ 4.5
Sophomore	1,253	416	33.2%	1,431	532	37.2%	↑ 4.0
Upperclassman	3,206	1,214	37.9%	3,279	1,426	43.5%	↑ 5.6

* 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*

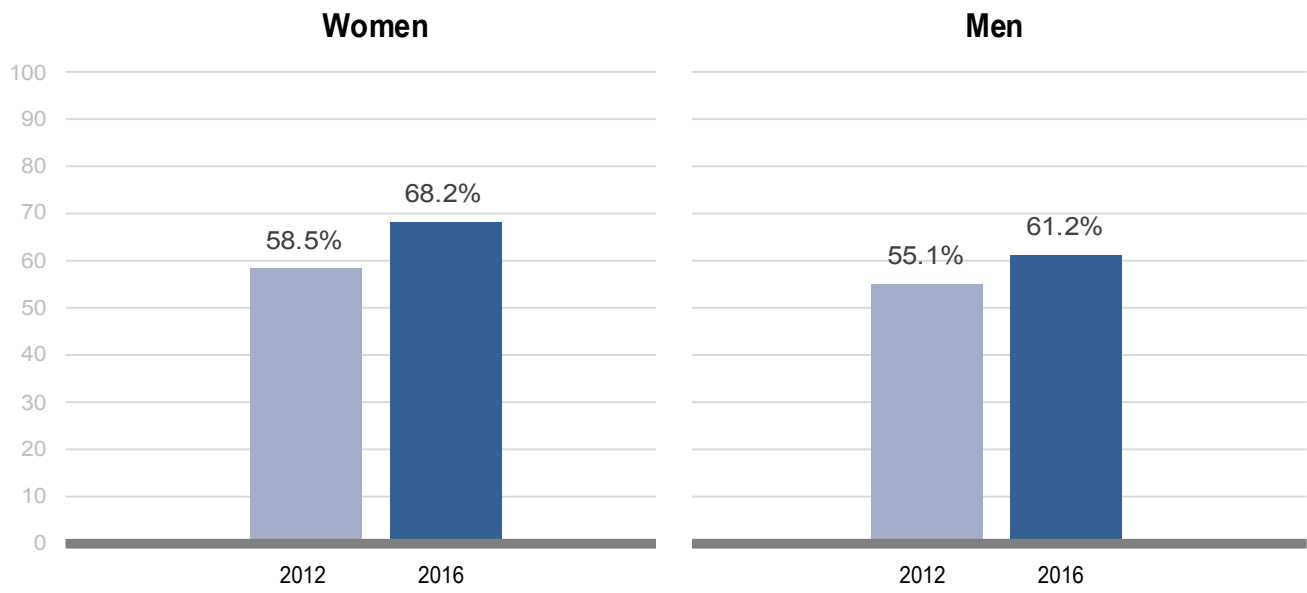


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Gender*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	4,613	2,697	58.5%	4,720	3,219	68.2%	↑ 9.7
Men	2,478	1,365	55.1%	2,507	1,533	61.2%	↑ 6.1
Unknown	2,720	54	2.0%	3,433	97	2.8%	

* 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.

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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.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Architecture	99	33	33.3%	71	26	36.6% ↑	3.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	60	14	23.3%	86	38	44.2% ↑	20.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	315	96	30.5%	416	165	39.7% ↑	9.2
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,515	754	30.0%	2,593	728	28.1% ↓	-1.9
Communication and Journalism	529	238	45.0%	617	289	46.8% ↑	1.9
Computer and Information Sciences	222	74	33.3%	385	123	32.0% ↓	-1.4
Education	688	431	62.7%	729	480	65.8% ↑	3.2
English Language and Literature	229	97	42.4%	236	123	52.1% ↑	9.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	37	11	29.7%	36	19	52.8% ↑	23.1
Health Professions	1,177	566	48.1%	1,637	915	55.9% ↑	7.8
History	94	47	50.0%	65	35	53.9% ↑	3.9
Legal Professions and Studies	690	403	58.4%	601	353	58.7% ↑	0.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	268	90	33.6%	154	66	42.9% ↑	9.3
Mathematics and Statistics	37	*	n/a	51	24	47.1%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	107	34	31.8%	138	57	41.3% ↑	9.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	198	91	46.0%	209	111	53.1% ↑	7.2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	397	157	39.6%	402	181	45.0% ↑	5.5
Philosophy and Religious Studies	41	15	36.6%	32	19	59.4% ↑	22.8
Physical Sciences	274	82	29.9%	193	63	32.6% ↑	2.7
Psychology	678	346	51.0%	797	450	56.5% ↑	5.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	182	132	72.5%	244	162	66.4% ↓	-6.1
Social Sciences	679	273	40.2%	740	326	44.1% ↑	3.8
Theology and Religious Vocations	18	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a

Visual and Performing Arts	241	103	42.7%	212	88	41.5% ↓	-1.2
Unknown	36	14	38.9%	*	*	n/a	n/a

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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