

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
The University of
Tennessee-Knoxville

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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,
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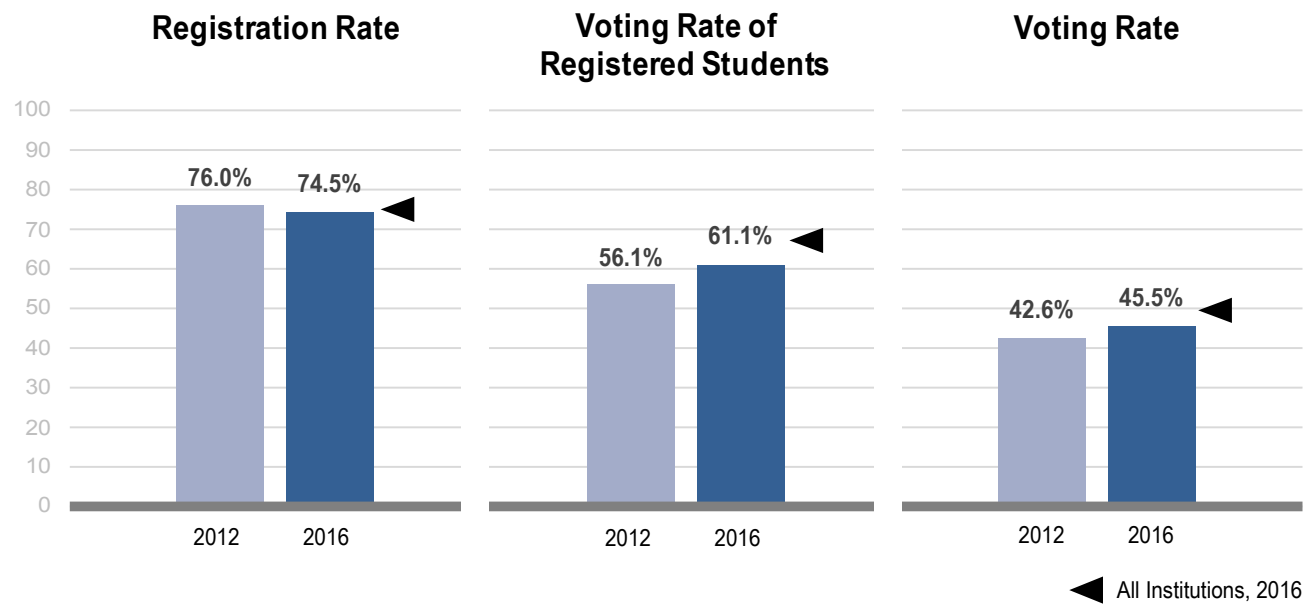
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
45.5%

CHANGE FROM 2012
2.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	27,756	27,731	↓ -25
Age under 18/Unknown	(58)	(53)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,180)	(1,241)	
FERPA records blocked	(145)	(24)	
Total eligible voters	26,373	26,413	↑ 40
Number of students who registered	20,046	19,671	↓ -375
Number of students who voted	11,236	12,009	↑ 773
Registration rate	76.0%	74.5%	↓ -1.5
Voting rate of registered students	56.1%	61.1%	↑ 5.0
Voting rate	42.6%	45.5%	↑ 2.9
Difference from all institutions	-4.3	-4.9	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

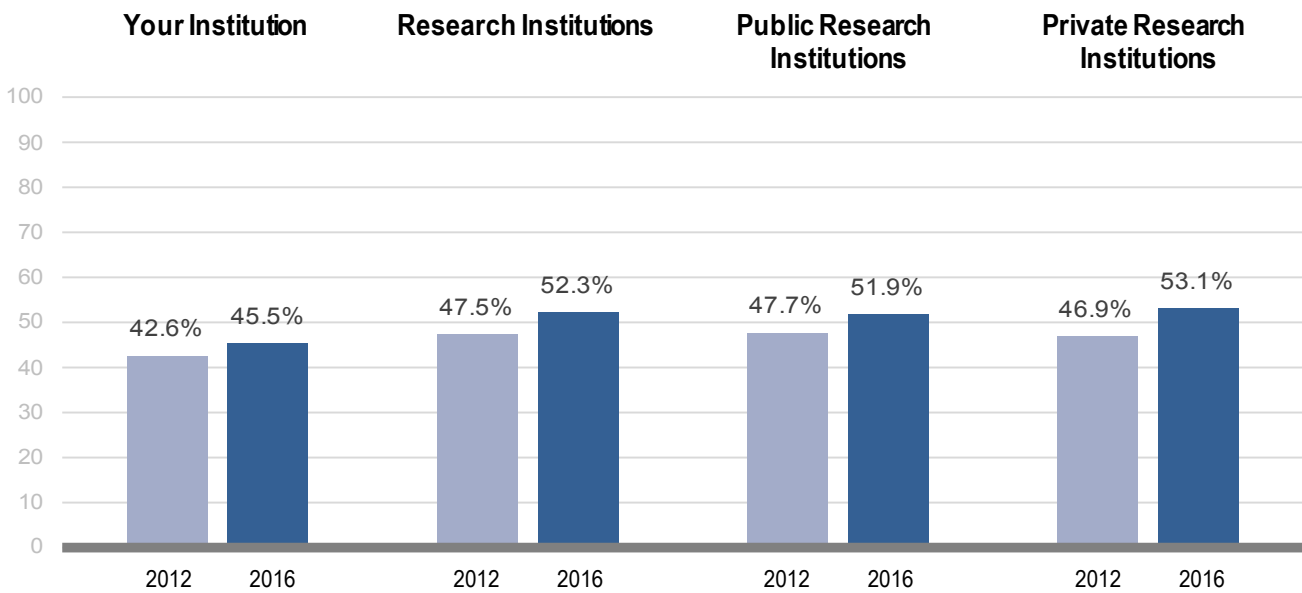
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

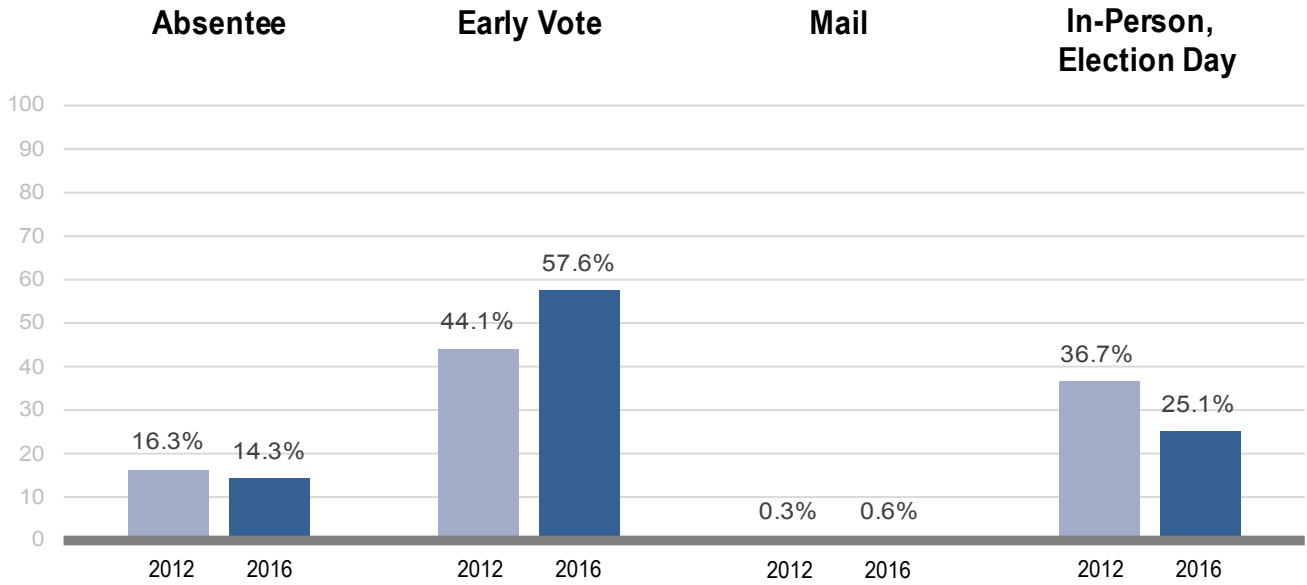
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By Voting Method*

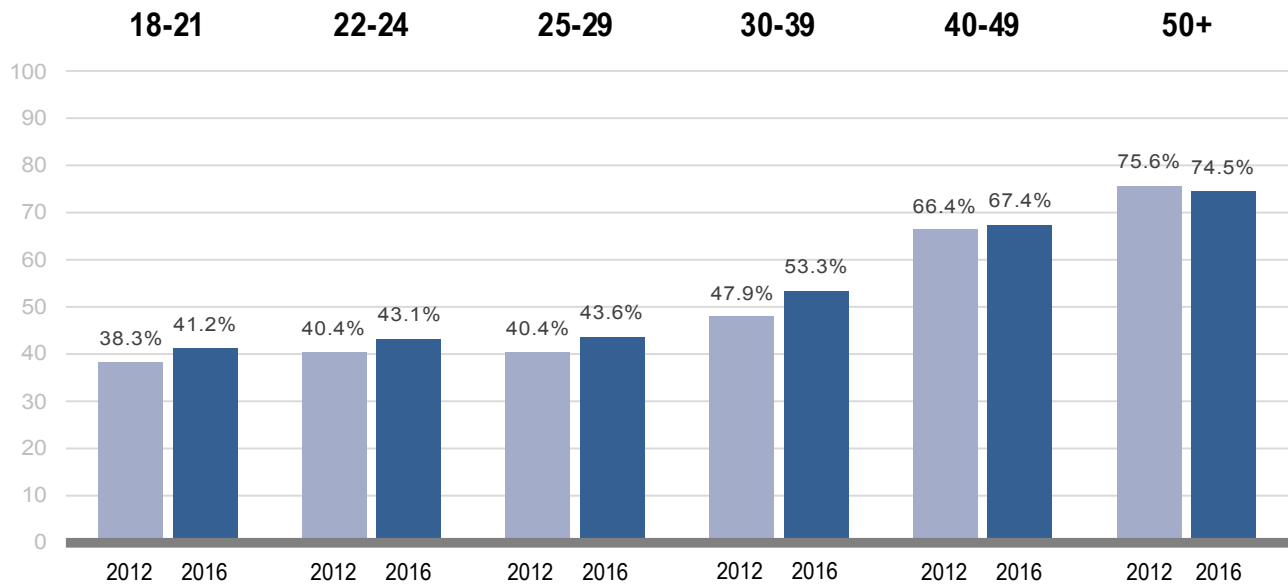


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,832	16.3%	1,719	14.3%	↓ -2.0
Early Vote	4,960	44.1%	6,919	57.6%	↑ 13.5
Mail	31	0.3%	75	0.6%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	4,118	36.7%	3,016	25.1%	↓ -11.5
Unknown	295	2.6%	280	2.3%	
Total	11,236		12,009		

* 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*

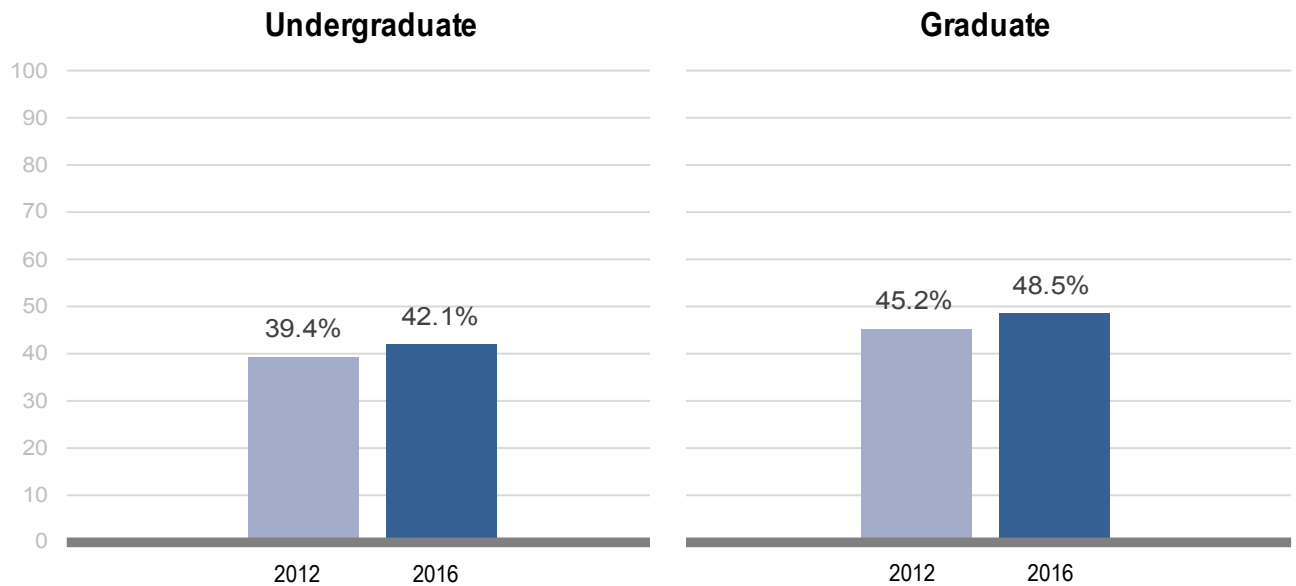


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	15,204	5,820	38.3%	16,805	6,920	41.2%	↑ 2.9
22-24	6,328	2,557	40.4%	5,339	2,301	43.1%	↑ 2.7
25-29	3,132	1,266	40.4%	2,941	1,283	43.6%	↑ 3.2
30-39	1,919	920	47.9%	1,743	929	53.3%	↑ 5.4
40-49	655	435	66.4%	555	374	67.4%	↑ 1.0
50+	315	238	75.6%	271	202	74.5%	↓ -1.0
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*

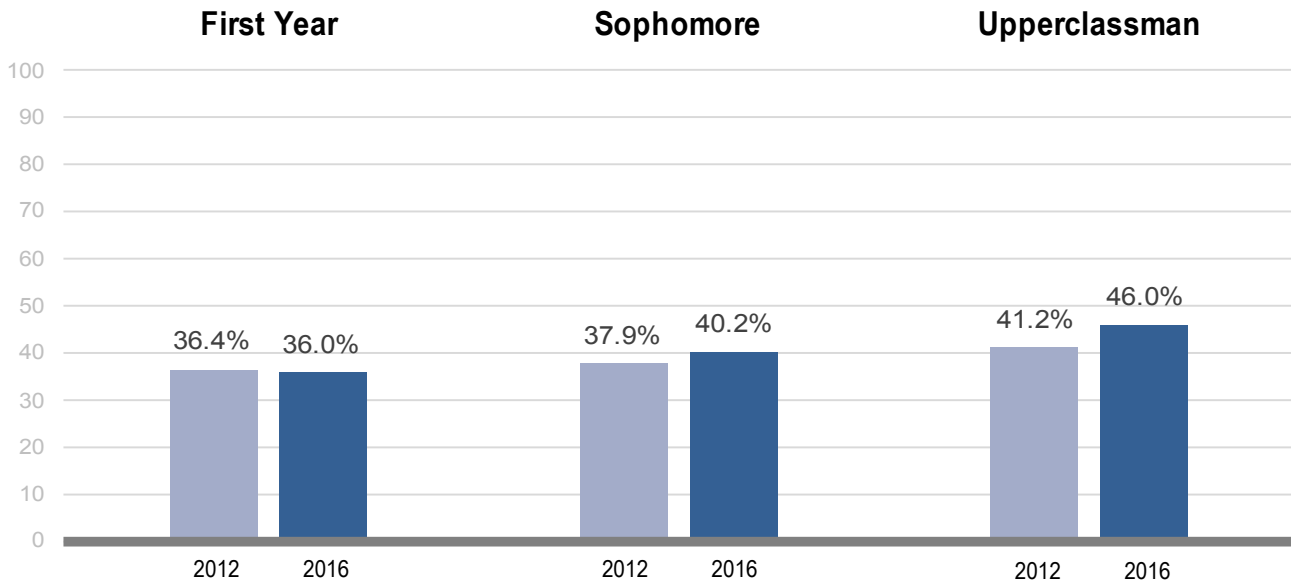


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	20,948	8,244	39.4%	21,838	9,184	42.1%	↑ 2.7
Graduate	5,655	2,555	45.2%	5,804	2,817	48.5%	↑ 3.4
Unknown	950			12			

* 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*

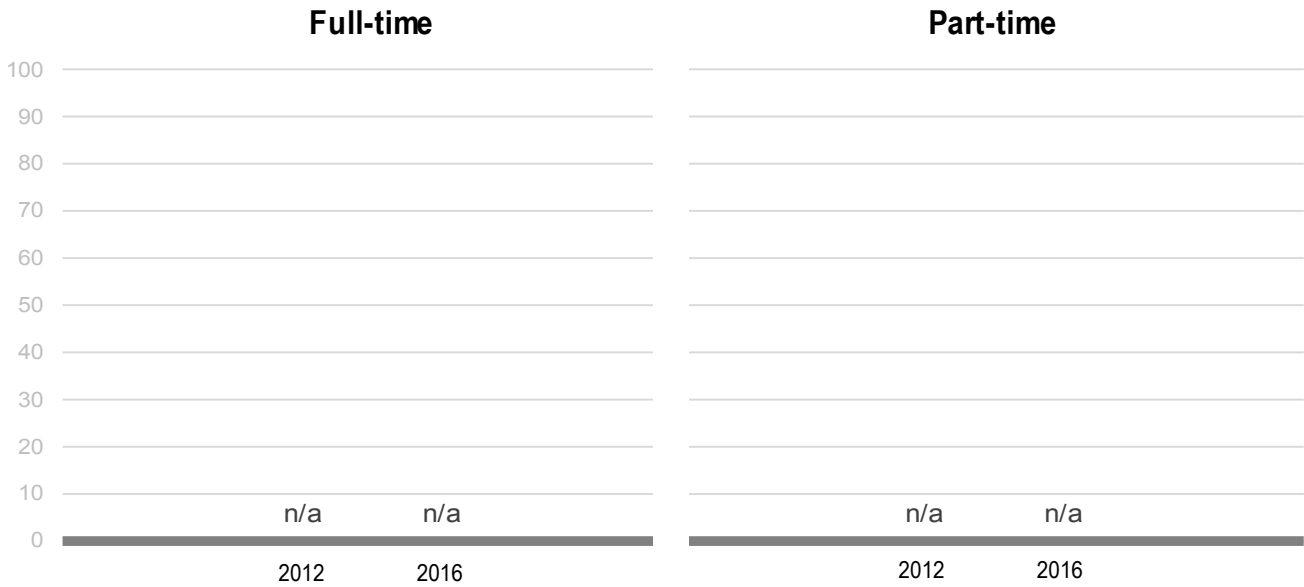


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	5,485	1,998	36.4%	5,770	2,075	36.0%	↓ -0.5
Sophomore	4,472	1,696	37.9%	4,903	1,969	40.2%	↑ 2.2
Upperclassman	10,918	4,496	41.2%	10,989	5,050	46.0%	↑ 4.8

* 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*

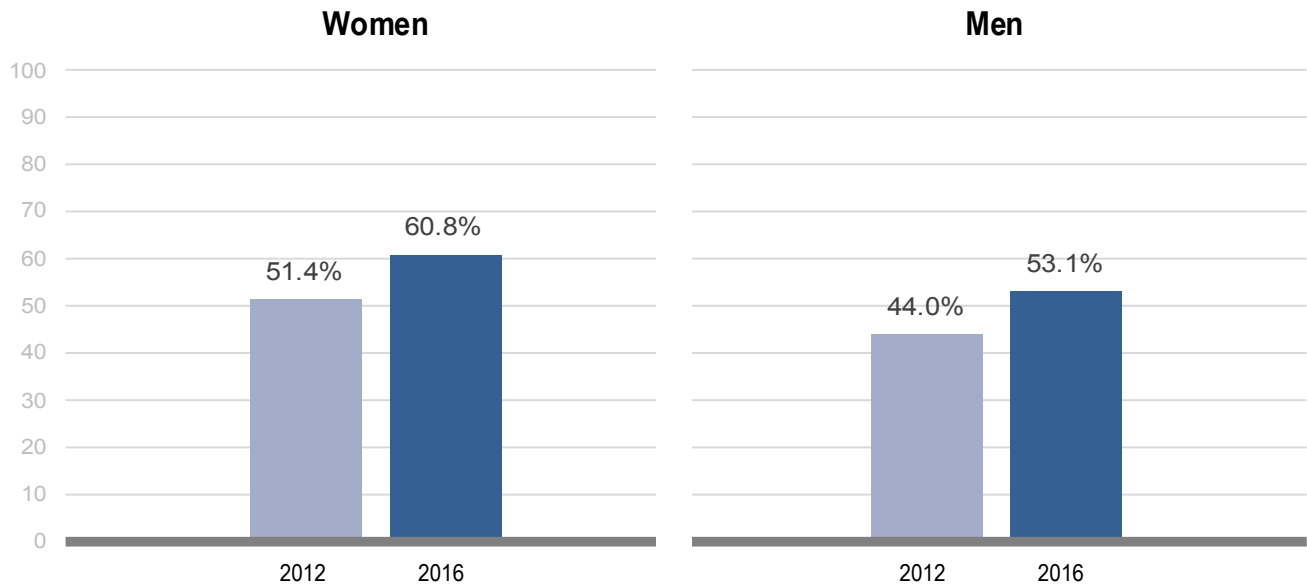


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	11,923	6,133	51.4%	10,728	6,518	60.8%	↑ 9.3
Men	11,584	5,092	44.0%	10,320	5,483	53.1%	↑ 9.2
Unknown	4,046	11	0.3%	6,606	*	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.

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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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	187	73	39.0%	1,274	556	43.6% ↑	4.6
Architecture	65	19	29.2%	301	118	39.2% ↑	10.0
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	60	23	38.3%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	211	90	42.7%	1,211	484	40.0% ↓	-2.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	930	411	44.2%	5,488	2,118	38.6% ↓	-5.6
Communication and Journalism	299	144	48.2%	1,408	631	44.8% ↓	-3.3
Computer and Information Sciences	41	15	36.6%	462	182	39.4% ↑	2.8
Education	203	109	53.7%	634	351	55.4% ↑	1.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	538	212	39.4%	3,935	1,580	40.2% ↑	0.7
English Language and Literature	156	75	48.1%	436	224	51.4% ↑	3.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	103	48	46.6%	433	198	45.7% ↓	-0.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	64	26	40.6%	237	113	47.7% ↑	7.1
Health Professions	1,152	536	46.5%	1,469	743	50.6% ↑	4.1
History	80	45	56.3%	285	161	56.5% ↑	0.2
Legal Professions and Studies	*	*	n/a	319	182	57.1%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	*	*	n/a	1,121	443	39.5%	n/a
Library Science	39	28	71.8%	124	100	80.7% ↑	8.9
Mathematics and Statistics	25	11	44.0%	316	129	40.8% ↓	-3.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	16	*	n/a	1,327	537	40.5%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	41	15	36.6%	312	154	49.4% ↑	12.8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	245	89	36.3%	1,578	633	40.1% ↑	3.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	22	*	n/a	98	48	49.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	94	37	39.4%	781	309	39.6% ↑	0.2

Psychology	371	173	46.6%	1,114	481	43.2% ↓	-3.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	221	132	59.7%	780	445	57.1% ↓	-2.7
Social Sciences	345	161	46.7%	1,403	721	51.4% ↑	4.7
Visual and Performing Arts	201	88	43.8%	784	357	45.5% ↑	1.8
Unknown	21,832	8,655	39.6%	24	11	45.8% ↑	6.2

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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