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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for

The University of Texas at Austin

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College of Civic Life

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,

IDHE Team

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates
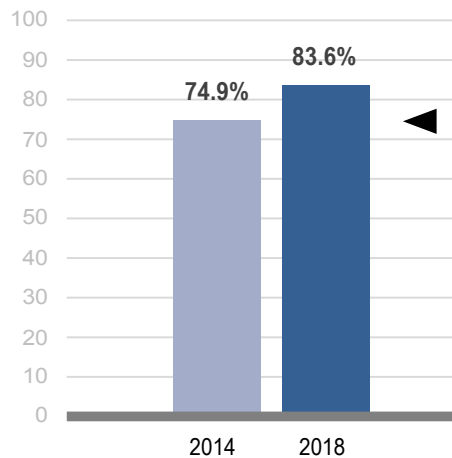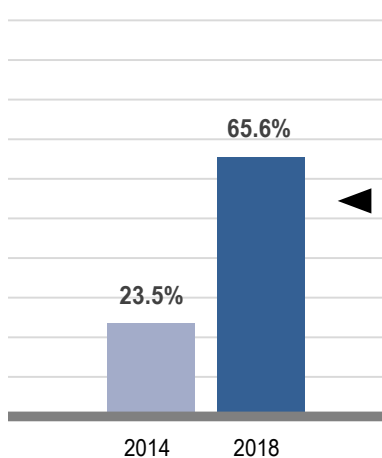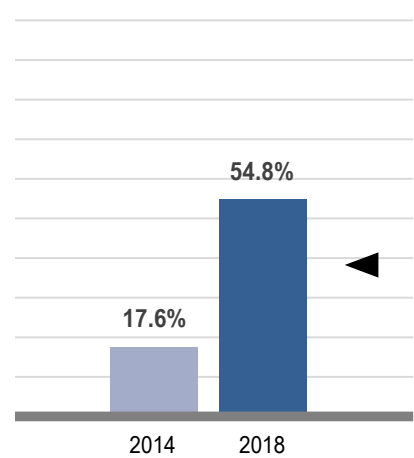
2018 Voting Rate

54.8%

CHANGE
FROM 2014

+37.3

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate

- 74.9% (2014)
- 83.6% (2018)

Voting Rate of Registered Students

- 23.5% (2014)
- 65.6% (2018)

Voting Rate

- 17.6% (2014)
- 54.8% (2018)

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	52,386	52,897	⬆	511
Age under 18/Unknown	(190)	(213)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(4,496)	(4,891)		
FERPA records blocked	(4,768)	(4,641)		
Total eligible voters	42,932	43,152	⬆	220
Number of students who registered	32,135	36,083	⬆	3,948
Number of students who voted	7,544	23,663	⬆	16,119
Registration rate	74.9%	83.6%	⬆	8.8
Voting rate of registered students	23.5%	65.6%	⬆	42.1
Voting rate	17.6%	54.8%	⬆	37.3
Difference from all institutions	-2.1	+15.7		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **-2.1**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+15.7**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	17.6%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	54.8%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
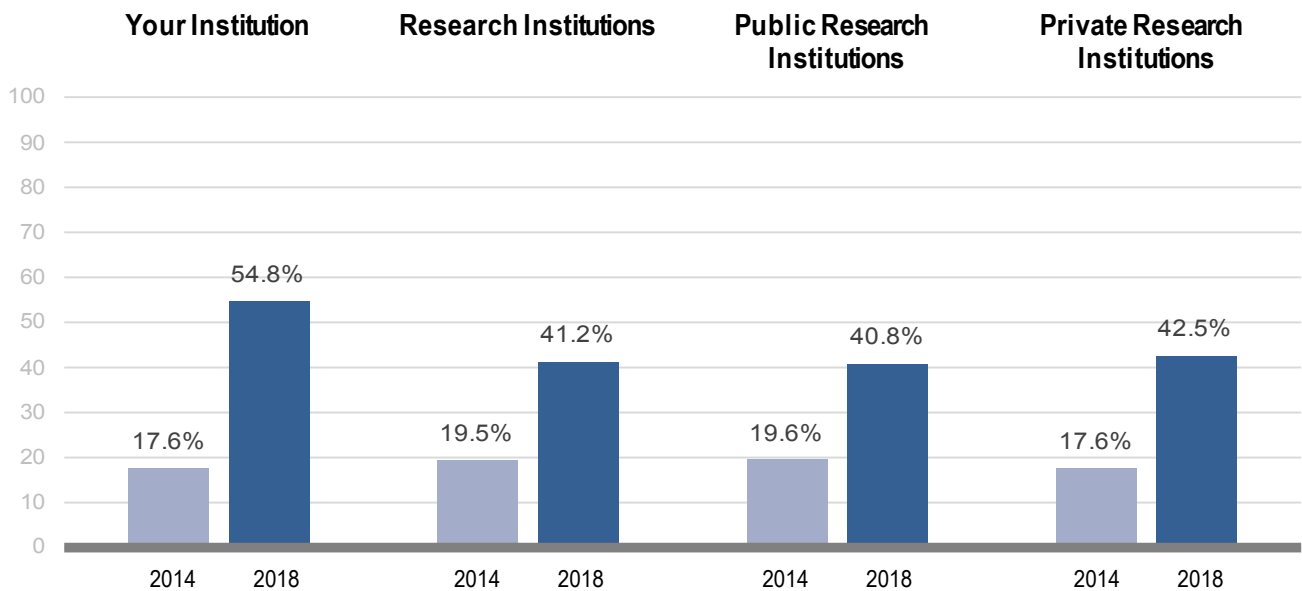
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By Voting Method*
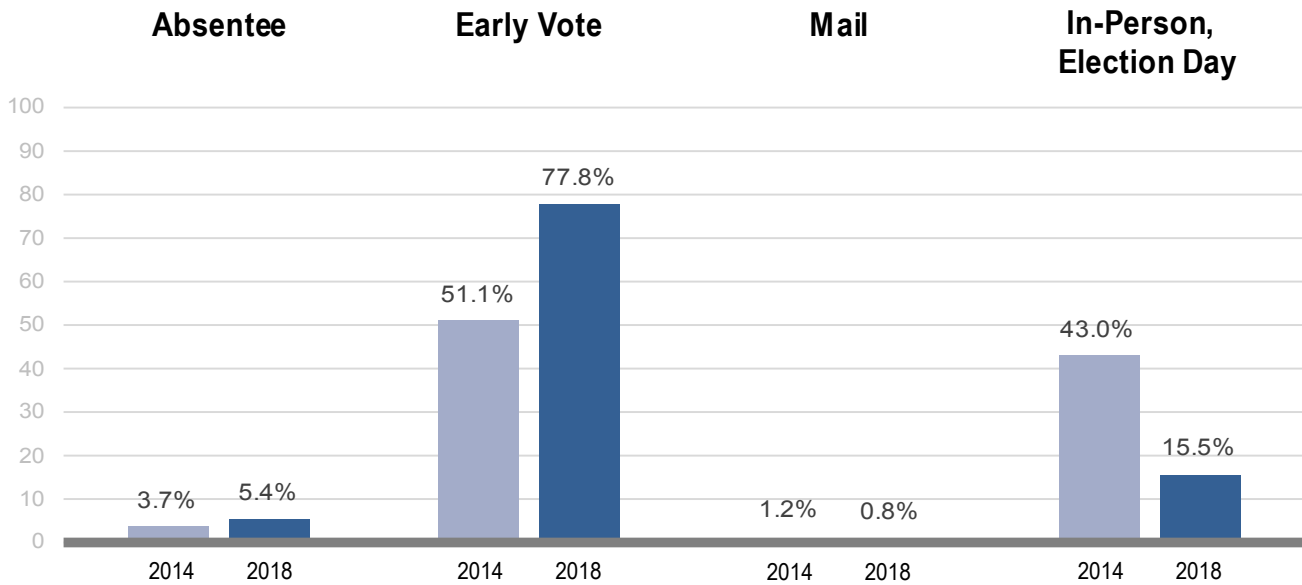
	2014			2018			
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	279	**3.7%**		1,282	**5.4%**	⬆	**1.7**
Early Vote	3,854	**51.1%**		18,412	**77.8%**	⬆	**26.7**
Mail	87	**1.2%**		191	**0.8%**	⬇	**-0.3**
In-Person, Election Day	3,247	**43.0%**		3,676	**15.5%**	⬇	**-27.5**
Unknown	77	**1.0%**		102	**0.4%**		
Total	**7,544**			**23,663**			

* 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 officals where your students voted.

By Age Group*
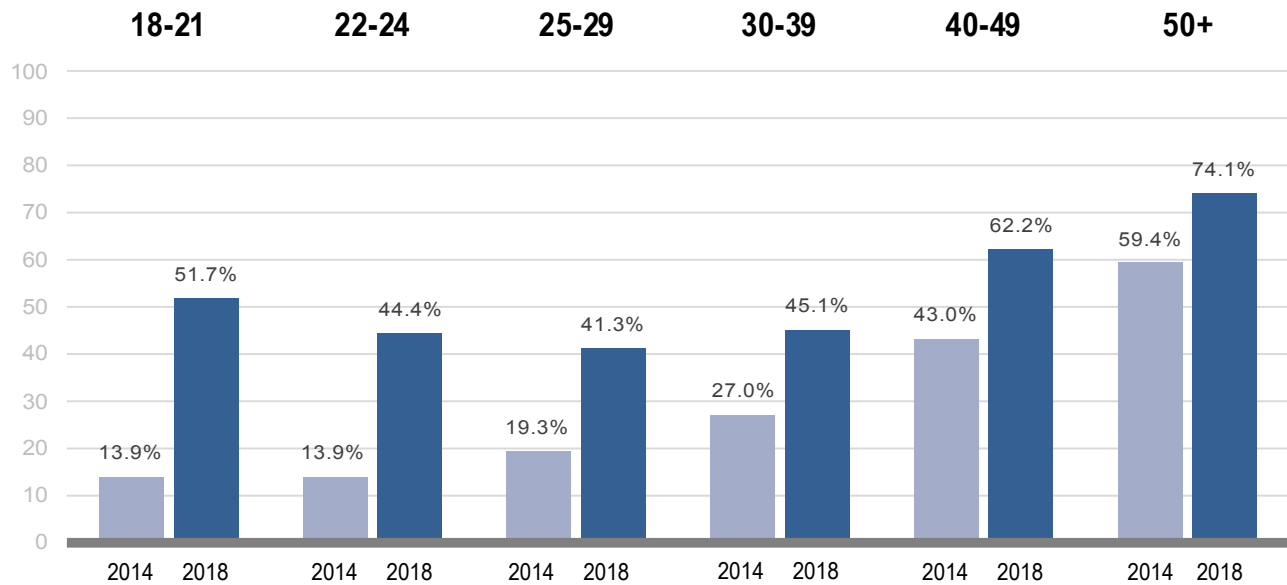
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	29,128	4,035	**13.9%**		31,649	16,375	**51.7%**	⬆	**37.9**
22-24	9,034	1,255	**13.9%**		8,108	3,602	**44.4%**	⬆	**30.5**
25-29	5,273	1,018	**19.3%**		4,849	2,001	**41.3%**	⬆	**22.0**
30-39	3,215	869	**27.0%**		2,757	1,243	**45.1%**	⬆	**18.1**
40-49	581	250	**43.0%**		518	322	**62.2%**	⬆	**19.1**
50+	197	117	**59.4%**		162	120	**74.1%**	⬆	**14.7**
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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
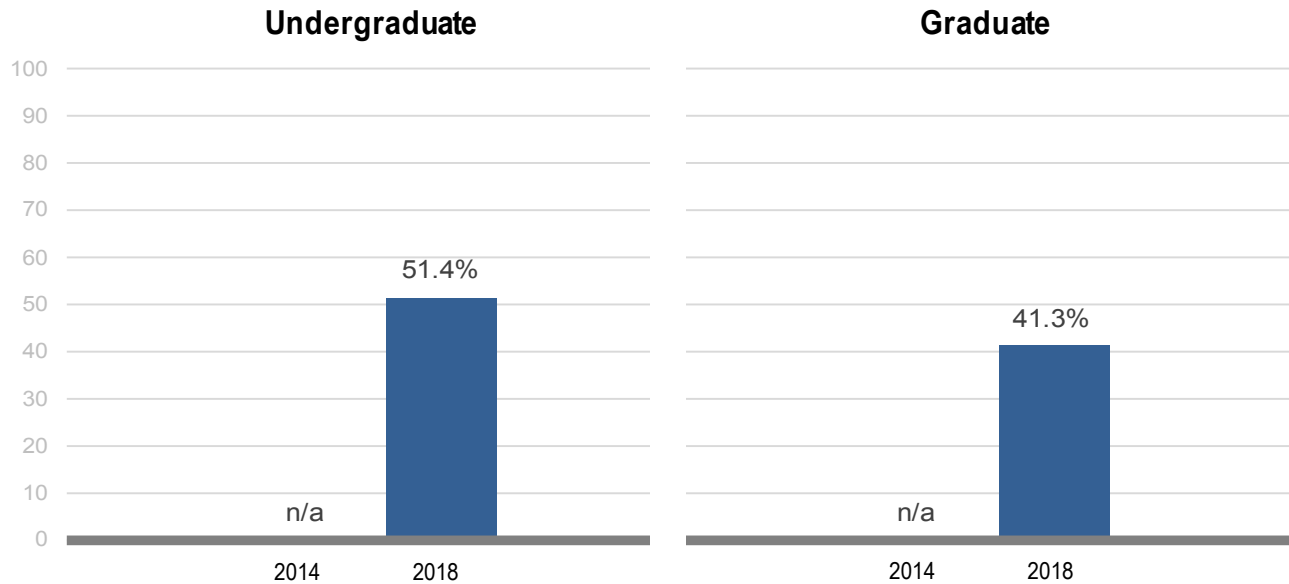
Graduate

	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**		37,636	19,340	**51.4%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**		10,335	4,271	**41.3%**	**n/a**
Unknown	47,428				72			

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*
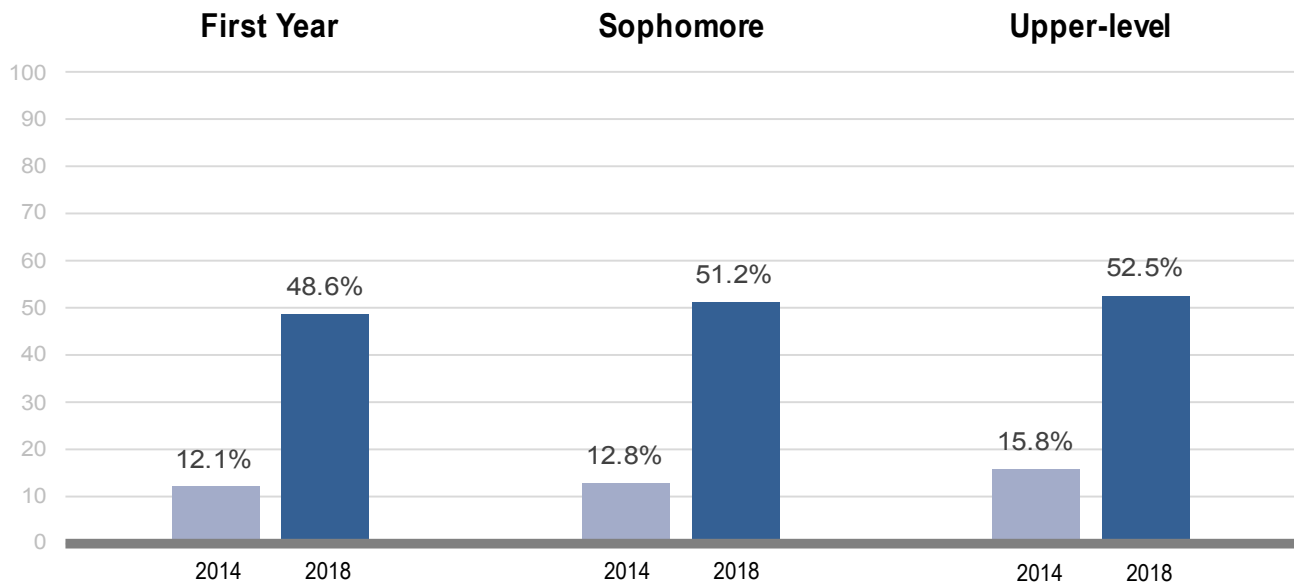
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	6,626	802	**12.1%**	8,031	3,901	**48.6%**	⬆	**36.5**
Sophomore	8,033	1,031	**12.8%**	8,152	4,173	**51.2%**	⬆	**38.4**
Upper-level	22,099	3,498	**15.8%**	21,457	11,267	**52.5%**	⬆	**36.7**

* 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.

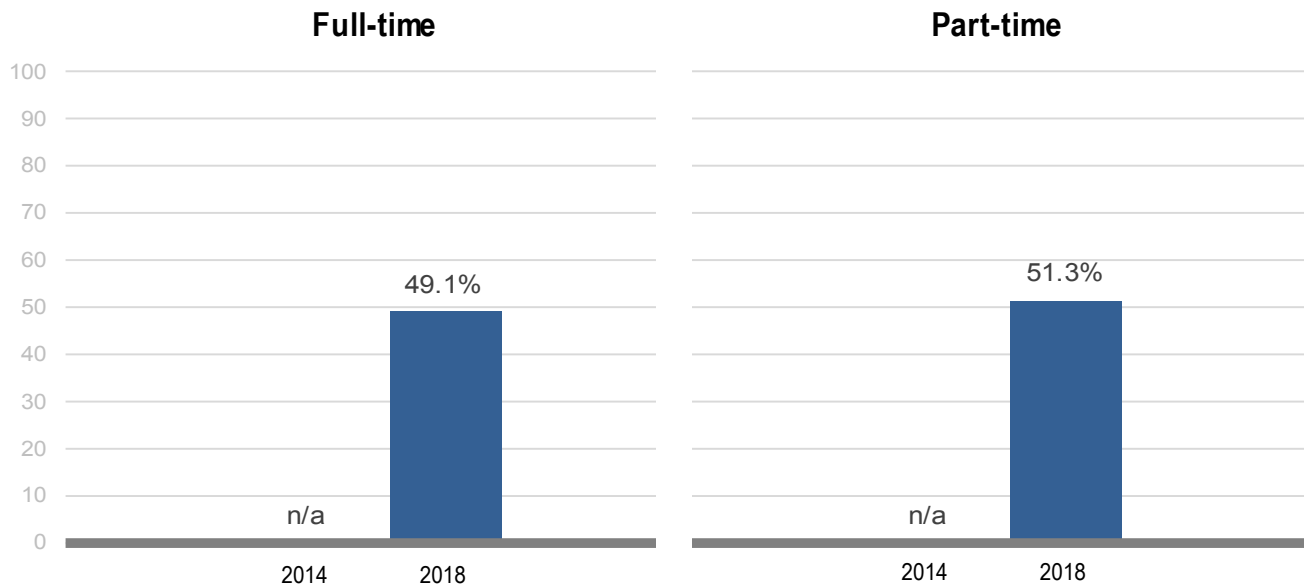**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

49.1%

51.3%

n/a

n/a

2014   2018

2014   2018

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Full-time	0	0	**n/a**	44,806	22,002	**49.1%**	**n/a**
Part-time	0	0	**n/a**	3,237	1,661	**51.3%**	**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.

By Gender*

Women	Men
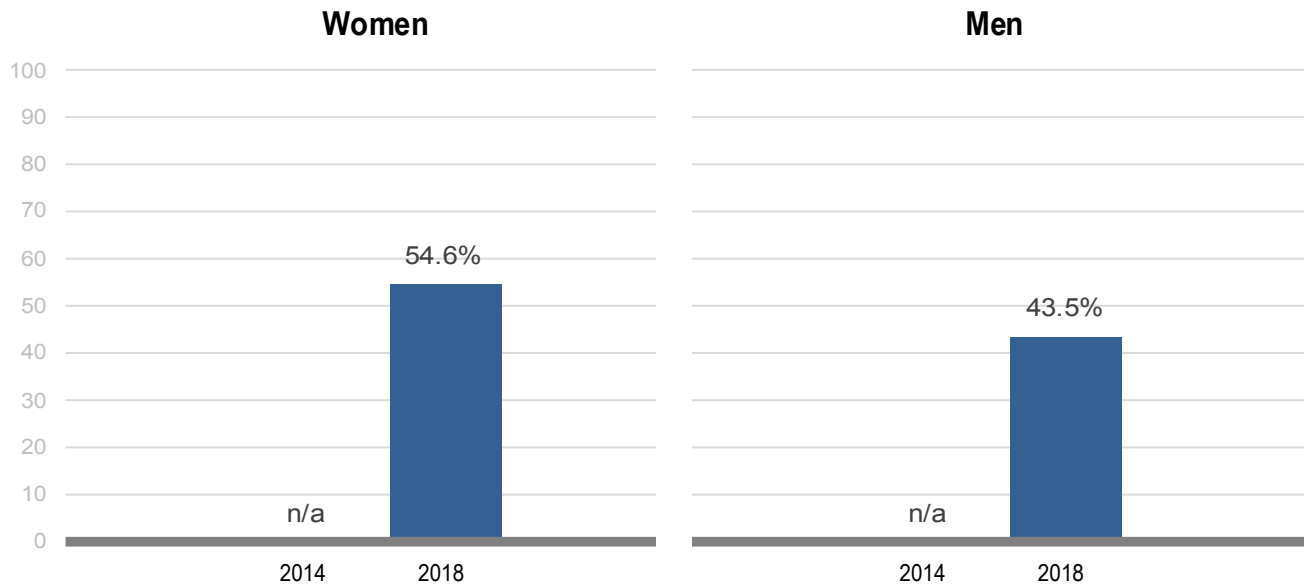
	2014				**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Women	0	0	**n/a**		24,987	13,646	**54.6%**	**n/a**
Men	0	0	**n/a**		23,056	10,017	**43.5%**	**n/a**
Unknown	47,428				0			

* 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.

By Race/Ethnicity*
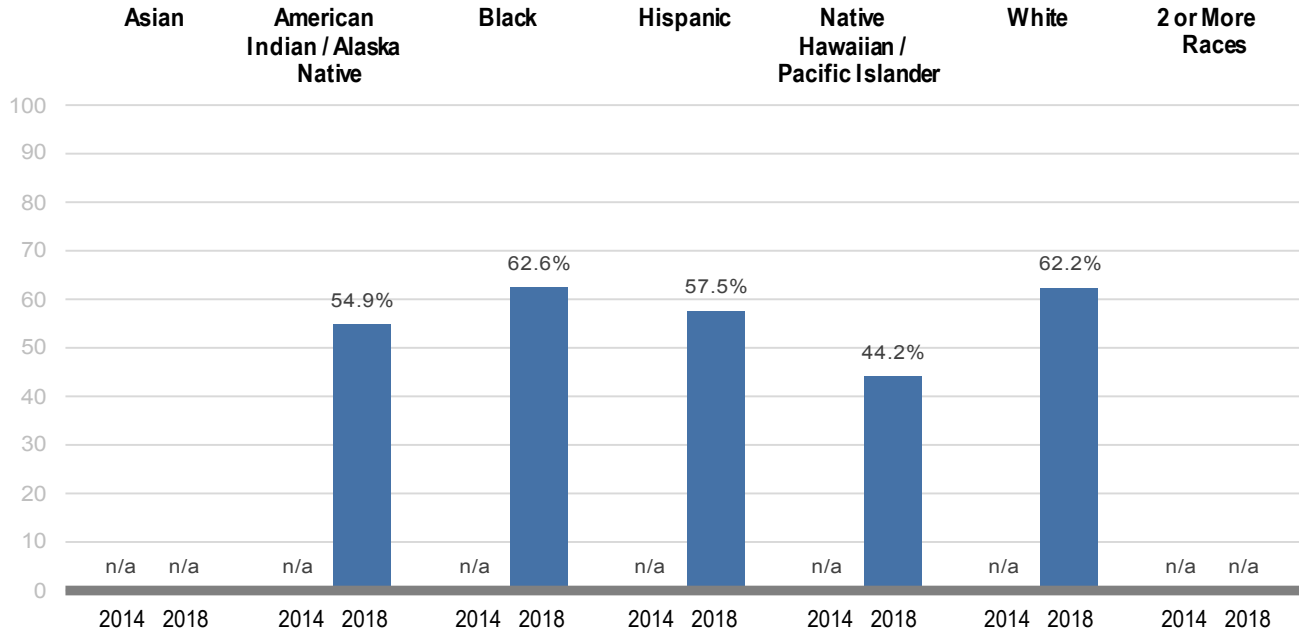
	2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Asian	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	**n/a**	51	28	**54.9%**	**n/a**
Black	0	0	**n/a**	572	358	**62.6%**	**n/a**
Hispanic	0	0	**n/a**	2,733	1,572	**57.5%**	**n/a**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	3,079	1,361	**44.2%**	**n/a**
White	0	0	**n/a**	5,586	3,476	**62.2%**	**n/a**
2 or More Races	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	47,428			36,022			

* 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**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Architecture	521	90	17.3%	544	258	47.4% ⬆	30.2
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	375	103	27.5%	340	160	47.1% ⬆	19.6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,458	570	12.8%	4,997	2,494	49.9% ⬆	37.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	5,738	737	12.8%	5,865	2,737	46.7% ⬆	33.8
Communication and Journalism	3,124	543	17.4%	3,370	1,907	56.6% ⬆	39.2
Computer and Information Sciences	1,839	220	12.0%	1,730	757	43.8% ⬆	31.8
Education	762	253	33.2%	567	335	59.1% ⬆	25.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	6,975	850	12.2%	7,154	2,963	41.4% ⬆	29.2
English Language and Literature	1,514	324	21.4%	1,555	865	55.6% ⬆	34.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,458	157	10.8%	1,077	545	50.6% ⬆	39.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	624	113	18.1%	512	244	47.7% ⬆	29.6
Health Professions	2,233	323	14.5%	2,886	1,508	52.3% ⬆	37.8
History	559	147	26.3%	501	294	58.7% ⬆	32.4
Legal Professions and Studies	1,035	250	24.2%	1,025	564	55.0% ⬆	30.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	2,509	374	14.9%	2,109	1,022	48.5% ⬆	33.6
Library Science	190	78	41.1%	225	104	46.2% ⬆	5.2
Mathematics and Statistics	1,016	138	13.6%	1,000	381	38.1% ⬆	24.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2,268	345	15.2%	1,878	1,058	56.3% ⬆	41.1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	838	66	7.9%	911	354	38.9% ⬆	31.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	219	36	16.4%	236	120	50.9% ⬆	34.4
Physical Sciences	1,870	249	13.3%	1,494	668	44.7% ⬆	31.4
Psychology	1,434	237	16.5%	1,834	987	53.8% ⬆	37.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	807	343	42.5%	744	493	66.3% ⬆	23.8

Social Sciences	3,452	719	**20.8%**	3,496	1,760	**50.3%** ⬆	**29.5**
Visual and Performing Arts	1,593	276	**17.3%**	1,919	1,038	**54.1%** ⬆	**36.8**
Unknown	17	*	**n/a**	74	47	**63.5%**	**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: **https://idhe.tufts.edu.**

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