

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Sam Houston 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



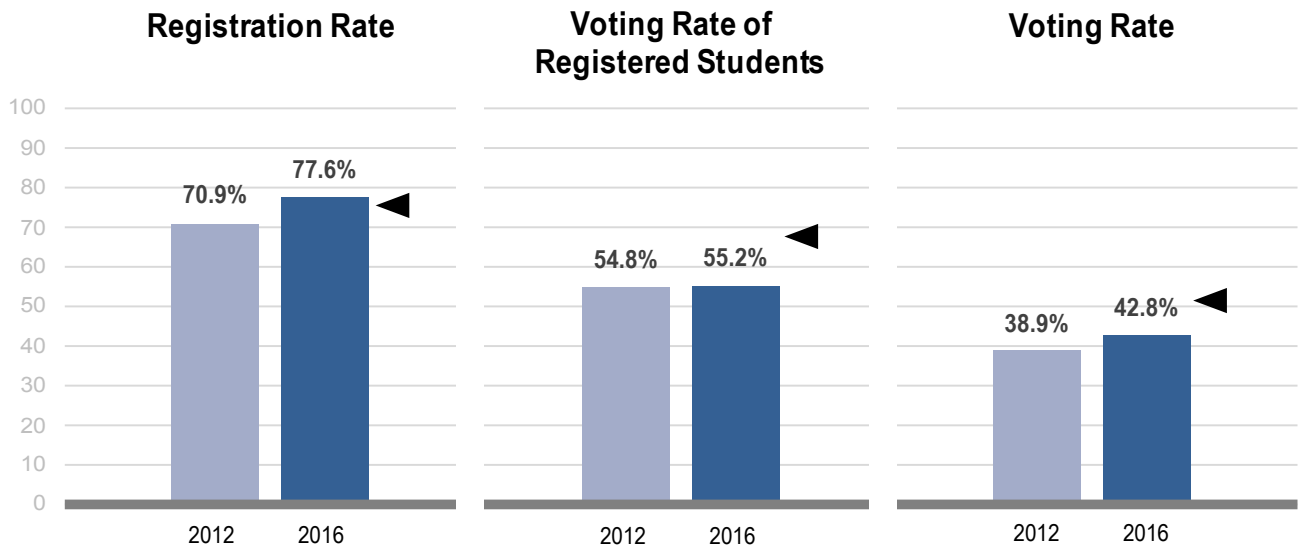
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
42.8%

CHANGE FROM 2012
3.9

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	18,131	20,293	↑ 2,162
Age under 18/Unknown	(51)	(26)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(327)	(361)	
FERPA records blocked	(234)	(130)	
Total eligible voters	17,519	19,776	↑ 2,257
Number of students who registered	12,422	15,342	↑ 2,920
Number of students who voted	6,811	8,462	↑ 1,651
Registration rate	70.9%	77.6%	↑ 6.7
Voting rate of registered students	54.8%	55.2%	↑ 0.3
Voting rate	38.9%	42.8%	↑ 3.9
Difference from all institutions	-8.0	-7.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

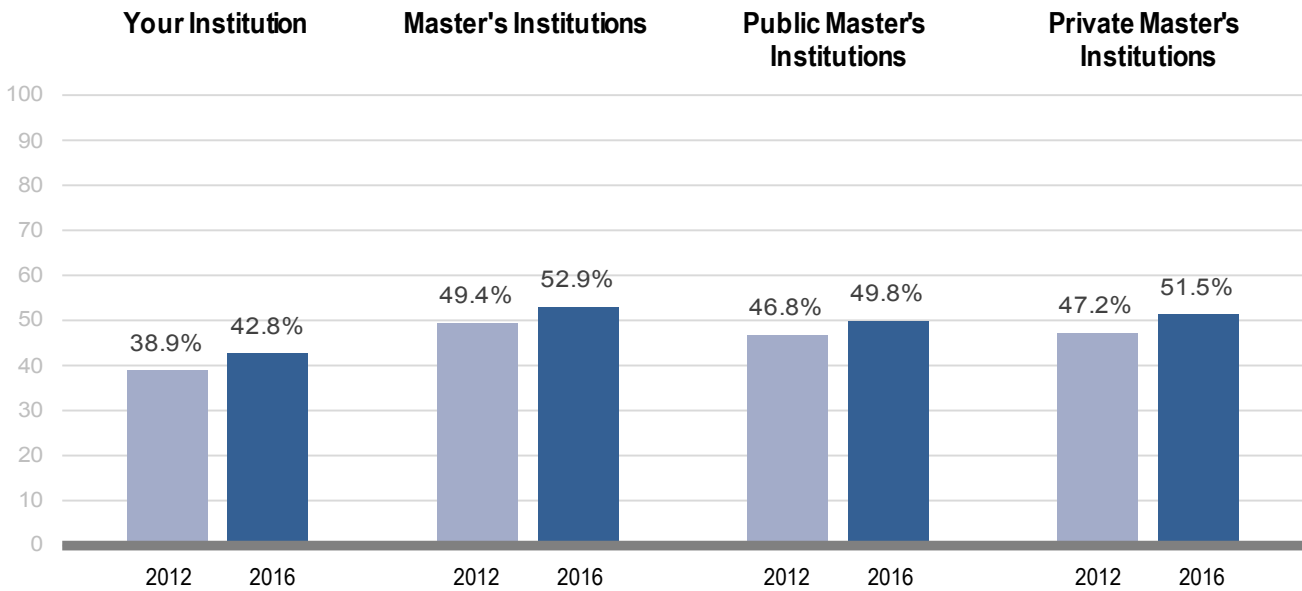
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

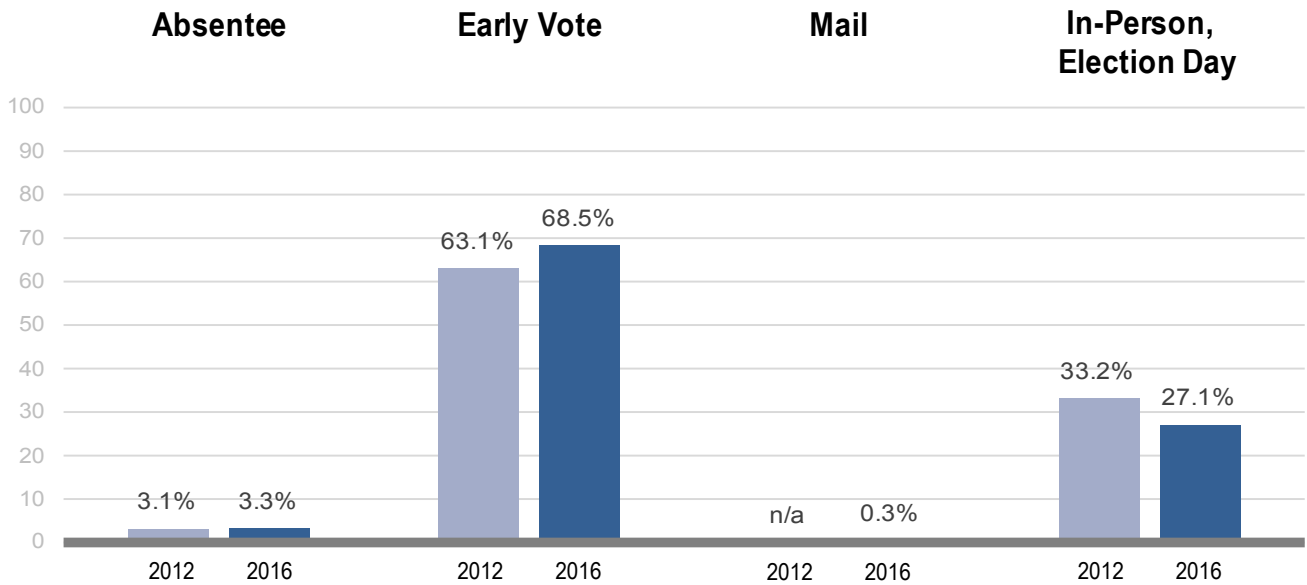
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By Voting Method*

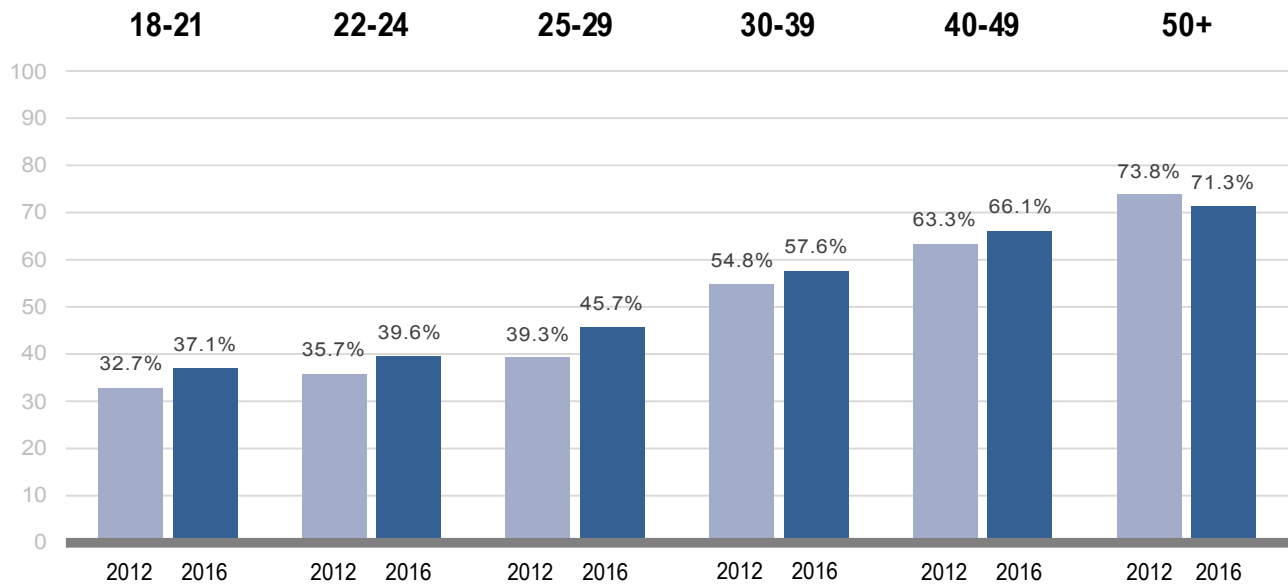


	2012		2016		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change
Absentee	209	3.1%	279	3.3%	↑ 0.2
Early Vote	4,298	63.1%	5,794	68.5%	↑ 5.4
Mail	*	n/a	24	0.3%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	2,264	33.2%	2,297	27.1%	↓ -6.1
Unknown	35	0.5%	68	0.8%	
Total	6,811		8,462		

* 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*

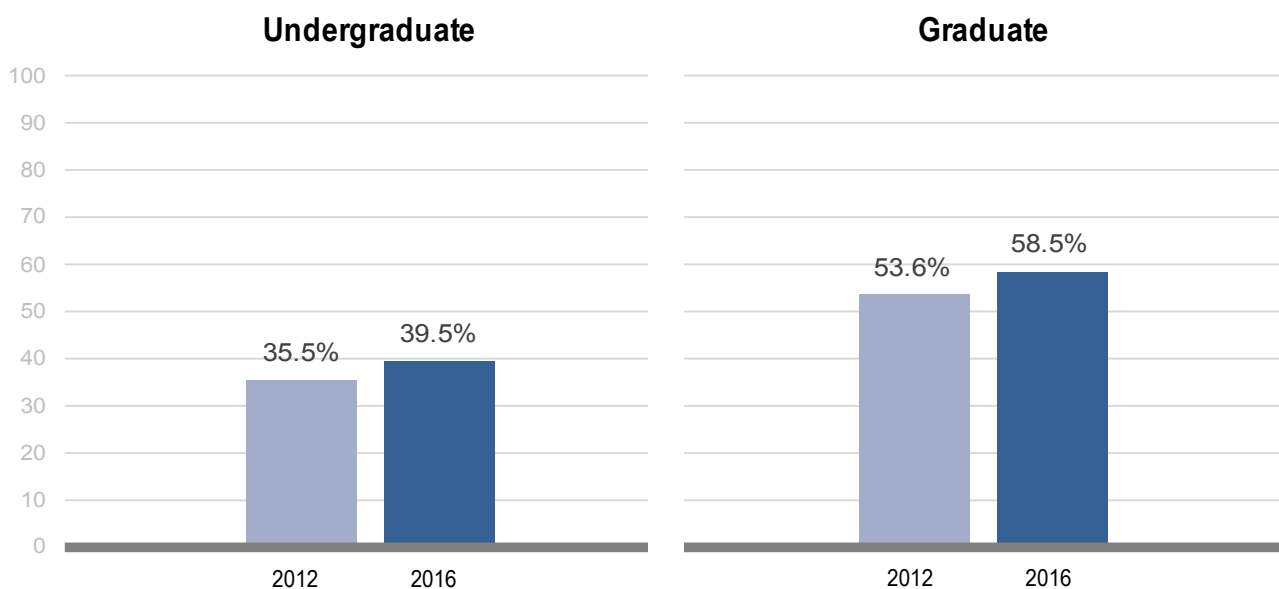


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,459	2,768	32.7%	10,186	3,776	37.1%	↑ 4.4
22-24	4,676	1,667	35.7%	4,976	1,972	39.6%	↑ 4.0
25-29	2,137	839	39.3%	2,216	1,012	45.7%	↑ 6.4
30-39	1,514	830	54.8%	1,626	936	57.6%	↑ 2.7
40-49	716	453	63.3%	812	537	66.1%	↑ 2.9
50+	344	254	73.8%	321	229	71.3%	↓ -2.5
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*

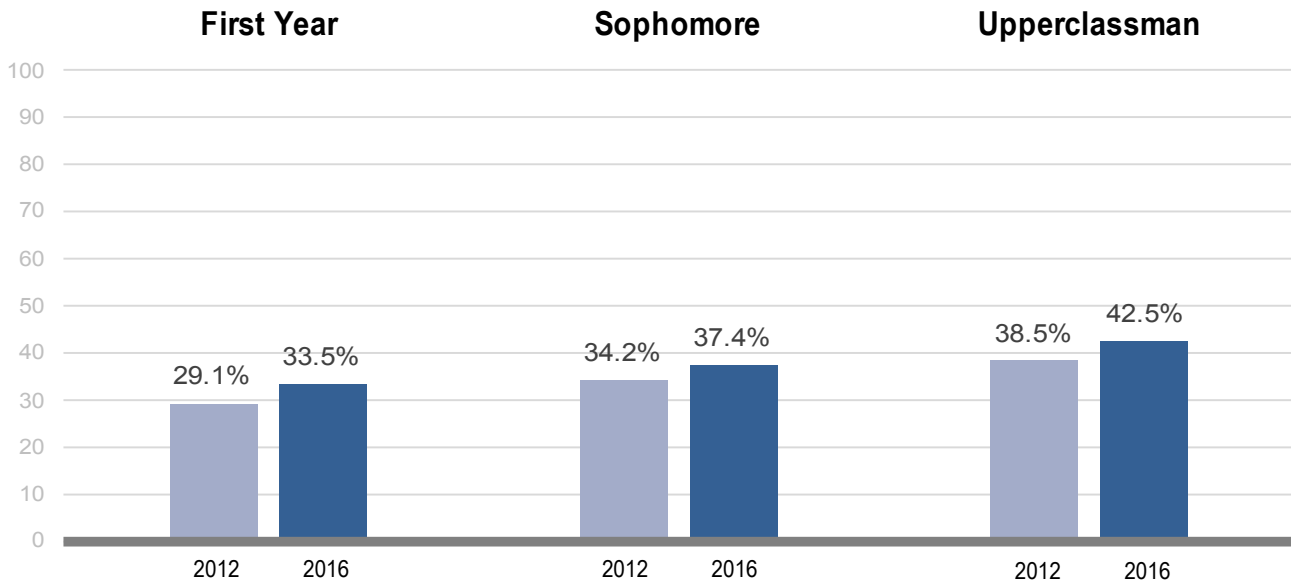


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	15,146	5,372	35.5%	17,531	6,925	39.5%	↑ 4.0
Graduate	2,474	1,326	53.6%	2,499	1,461	58.5%	↑ 4.9
Unknown	226			107			

* 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*

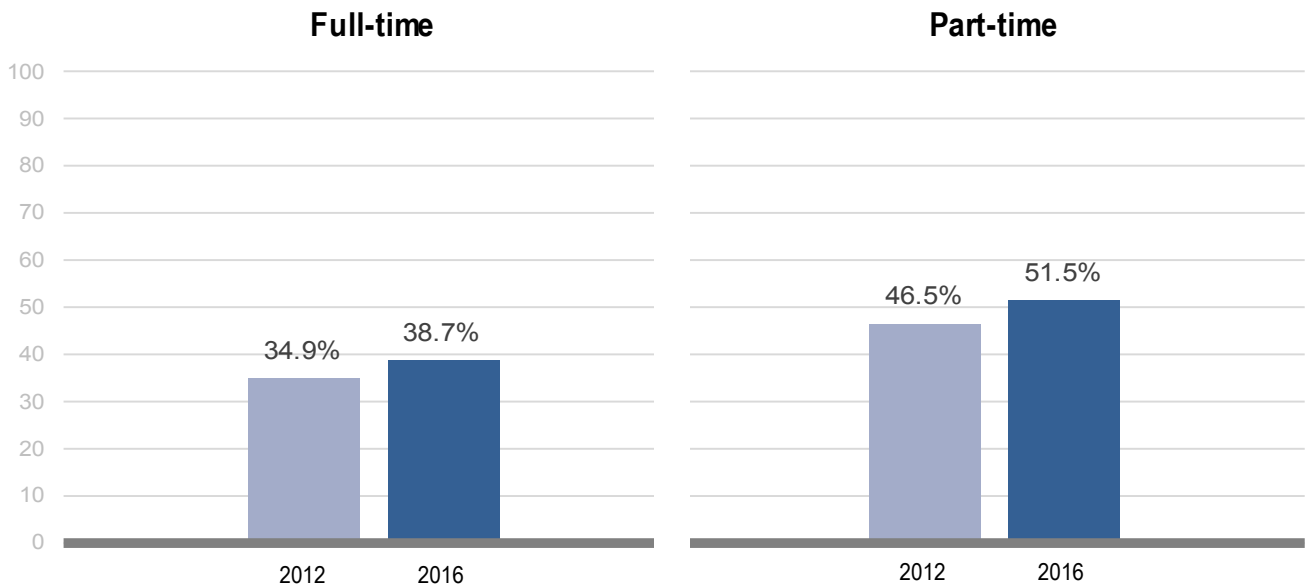


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,424	996	29.1%	3,718	1,245	33.5%	↑ 4.4
Sophomore	3,127	1,068	34.2%	3,648	1,365	37.4%	↑ 3.3
Upperclassman	8,567	3,295	38.5%	10,165	4,315	42.5%	↑ 4.0

* 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*

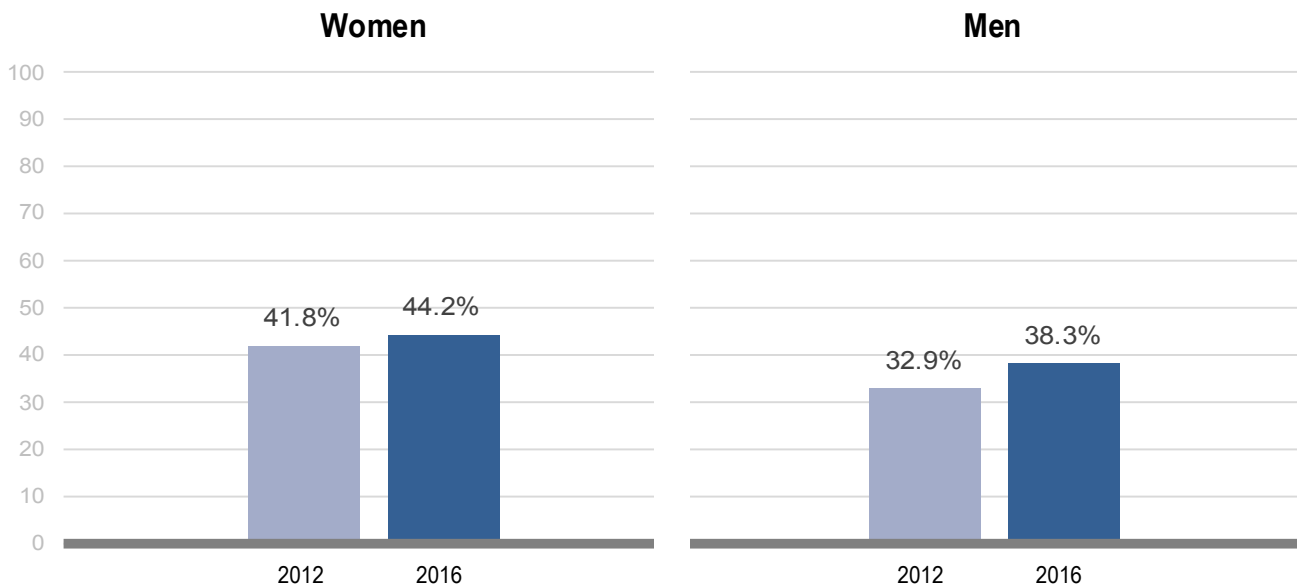


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	12,766	4,451	34.9%	14,886	5,758	38.7%	↑ 3.8
Part-time	5,080	2,360	46.5%	5,251	2,704	51.5%	↑ 5.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

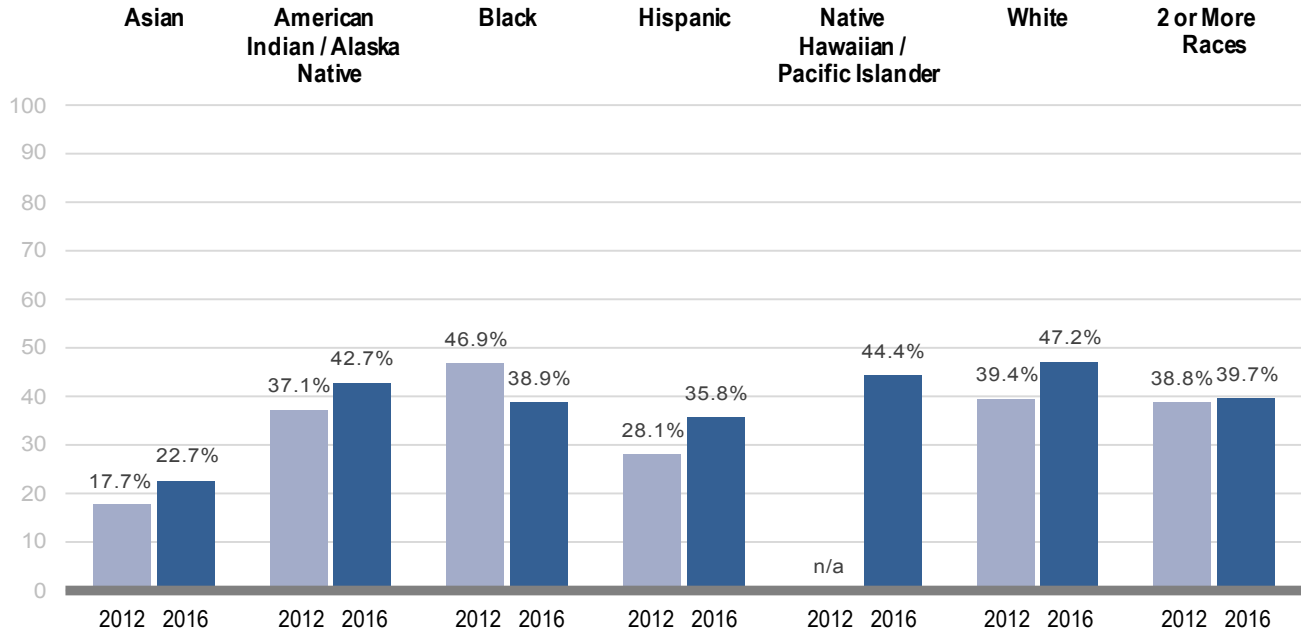


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	10,542	4,410	41.8%	12,587	5,568	44.2%	↑ 2.4
Men	7,303	2,401	32.9%	7,550	2,894	38.3%	↑ 5.5
Unknown	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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 Race/Ethnicity*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	265	47	17.7%	428	97	22.7%	↑ 4.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	62	23	37.1%	96	41	42.7%	↑ 5.6
Black	2,984	1,399	46.9%	3,526	1,370	38.9%	↓ -8.0
Hispanic	3,025	850	28.1%	4,406	1,576	35.8%	↑ 7.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	20	*	n/a	27	12	44.4%	n/a
White	10,622	4,186	39.4%	10,451	4,929	47.2%	↑ 7.8
2 or More Races	338	131	38.8%	739	293	39.7%	↑ 0.9
Unknown	530			464			

* 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.

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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	736	255	34.7%	966	421	43.6% ↑	8.9
Architecture	42	18	42.9%	66	30	45.5% ↑	2.6
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	763	255	33.4%	685	249	36.4% ↑	2.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,238	1,234	38.1%	3,696	1,564	42.3% ↑	4.2
Communication and Journalism	720	287	39.9%	793	347	43.8% ↑	3.9
Communications Technologies/Technicians	131	31	23.7%	194	65	33.5% ↑	9.8
Computer and Information Sciences	284	71	25.0%	335	124	37.0% ↑	12.0
Education	2,045	912	44.6%	826	528	63.9% ↑	19.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	218	73	33.5%	438	150	34.3% ↑	0.8
English Language and Literature	315	142	45.1%	301	147	48.8% ↑	3.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	150	62	41.3%	157	51	32.5% ↓	-8.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	94	38	40.4%	47	23	48.9% ↑	8.5
Health Professions	155	56	36.1%	1,845	708	38.4% ↑	2.2
History	438	228	52.1%	488	278	57.0% ↑	4.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	2,897	1,020	35.2%	3,364	1,347	40.0% ↑	4.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	663	228	34.4%	170	75	44.1% ↑	9.7
Library Science	119	73	61.3%	203	137	67.5% ↑	6.1
Mathematics and Statistics	190	63	33.2%	180	57	31.7% ↓	-1.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,664	778	46.8%	1,587	721	45.4% ↓	-1.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	759	240	31.6%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	18	*	n/a	15	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	544	147	27.0%	518	175	33.8% ↑	6.8

Psychology	879	305	34.7%	1,022	422	41.3% ↑	6.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	31	18	58.1%	39	24	61.5% ↑	3.5
Social Sciences	486	221	45.5%	464	217	46.8% ↑	1.3
Visual and Performing Arts	999	281	28.1%	919	316	34.4% ↑	6.3
Unknown	19	*	n/a	60	40	66.7%	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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