

### **NOVEMBER 2019**

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for St Catherine 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, 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 2012 and 2016 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-question

#### **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,

**IDHE Team** 



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## Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate

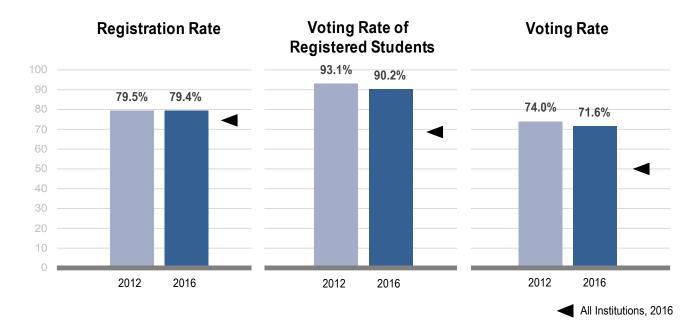
71.6%

CHANGE FROM 2012

-2.3

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

50.6%



	2012	2016		Change	
Total student enrollment	4,597	4,364	1	-233	
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	* (39)	* (37)			
FERPA records blocked	(39)	(89)			
Total eligible voters	4,180	4,235	1	55	
Number of students who registered	3,322	3,364	1	42	
Number of students who voted	3,091	3,034	4	-57	
Registration rate	79.5%	79.4%	$\Rightarrow$	0.0	
Voting rate of registered students	93.1%	90.2%	1	-2.9	
Voting rate	74.0%	71.6%	1	-2.3	
Difference from all institutions	+26.4	+21.0			

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### HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

### By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions

47.6%

HIGH 75.65%

LOW 19.35% 2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions

50.6%

HIGH 81.35%

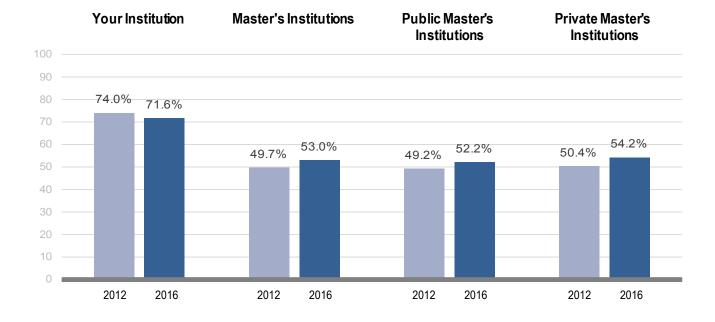
LOW 13.12%

Difference from All Institutions

+26.4

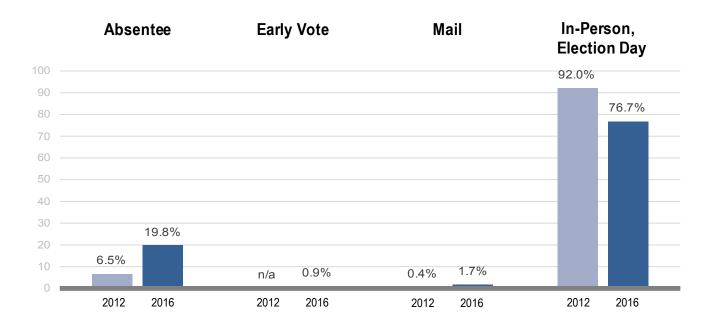
Difference from All Institutions

+21.0



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# By Voting Method\*

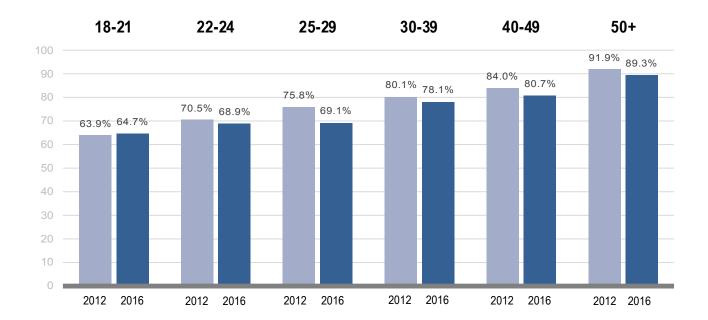


	2012		20	2016		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	201	6.5%	602	19.8%	1	13.3
Early Vote	*	n/a	26	0.9%		n/a
Mail	11	0.4%	52	1.7%	<b>1</b>	1.4
In-Person, Election Day	2,844	92.0%	2,327	76.7%	1	-15.3
Unknown	29	0.9%	27	0.9%		
Total	3,091		3,034			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

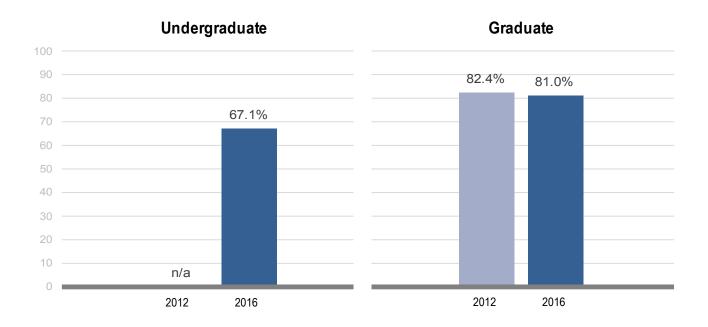


	2012							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	1,450	927	63.9%	1,510	977	64.7%	⇧	0.8
22-24	678	478	70.5%	704	485	68.9%	1	-1.6
25-29	718	544	75.8%	741	512	69.1%	Ţ	-6.7
30-39	759	608	80.1%	757	591	78.1%	1	-2.0
40-49	380	319	84.0%	363	293	80.7%	Ţ	-3.2
50+	234	215	91.9%	197	176	89.3%	1	-2.5
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Education Level\*

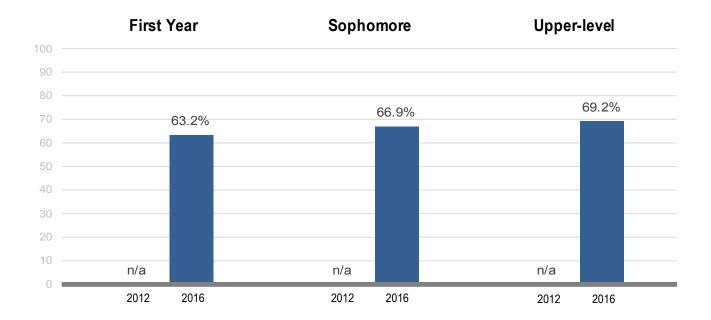


	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	3,071	2,061	67.1%		n/a
Graduate	17	14	82.4%	1,180	956	81.0%	<b>1</b>	-1.3
Unknown	4,202			21				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

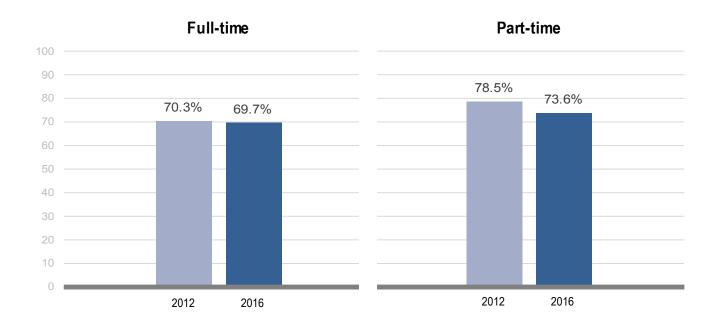


	2012				2016		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
First Year	0	0	n/a	410	259	63.2%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	559	374	66.9%	n/a
Upper-level	0	0	n/a	1,335	924	69.2%	n/a

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## By Enrollment Status\*



	2012				2016			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	2,696	1,895	70.3%	2,865	1,998	69.7%	<b>1</b>	-0.6
Part-time	1,523	1,196	78.5%	1,407	1,036	73.6%	<b>1</b>	-4.9
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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 Field of Study\*

<sup>\*</sup> 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		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	117	75	64.1%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	413	320	77.5%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	73	56	76.7%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	261	212	81.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	72	51	70.8%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	78	55	70.5%	n/a
Health Professions	17	14	82.4%	2,315	1,583	68.4% 🐥	-14.0
History	0	0	n/a	18	13	72.2%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	66	40	60.6%	n/a
Library Science	0	0	n/a	114	100	87.7%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	21	16	76.2%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	116	84	72.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	43	19	44.2%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	115	74	64.4%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	146	109	74.7%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	95	70	73.7%	n/a
Theology and Religious Vocations	0	0	n/a	43	37	86.1%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	69	50	72.5%	n/a
Unknown	4,202	3,077	73.2%	68	46	67.7% 🔱	-5.6

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