

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Syracuse 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



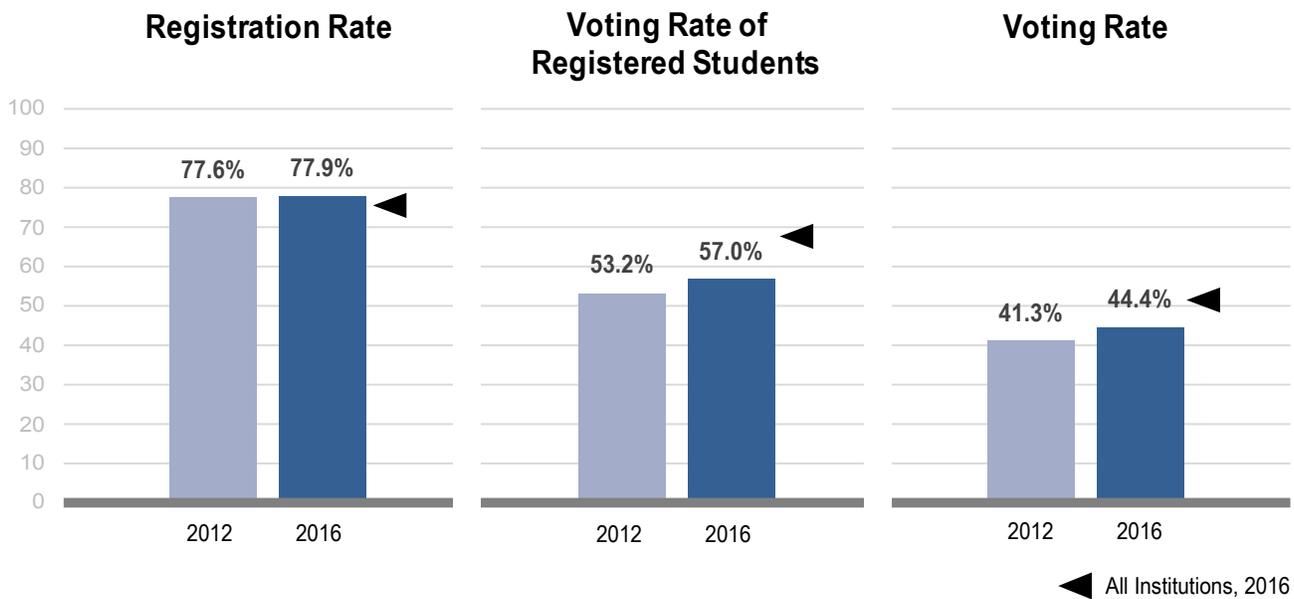
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
44.4%

CHANGE FROM 2012
3.1

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	18,892	21,711	↑ 2,819
Age under 18/Unknown	(159)	(140)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,750)	(4,226)	
FERPA records blocked	(27)	*	
Total eligible voters	15,956	17,337	↑ 1,381
Number of students who registered	12,382	13,505	↑ 1,123
Number of students who voted	6,592	7,703	↑ 1,111
Registration rate	77.6%	77.9%	↑ 0.3
Voting rate of registered students	53.2%	57.0%	↑ 3.8
Voting rate	41.3%	44.4%	↑ 3.1
Difference from all institutions	-5.6	-6.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

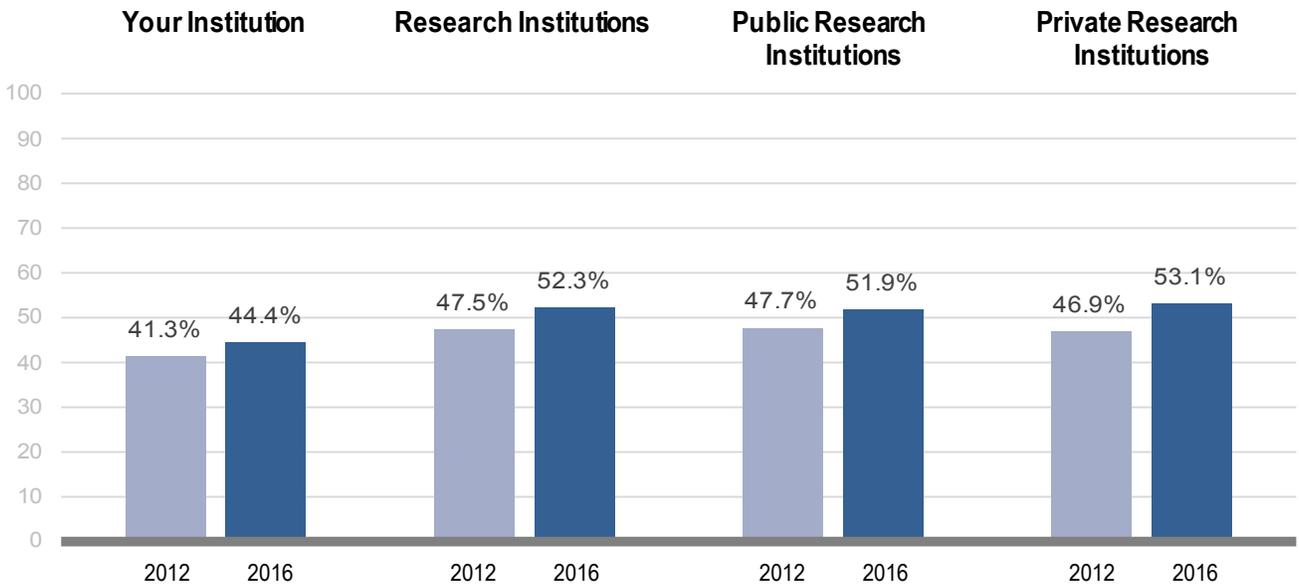
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

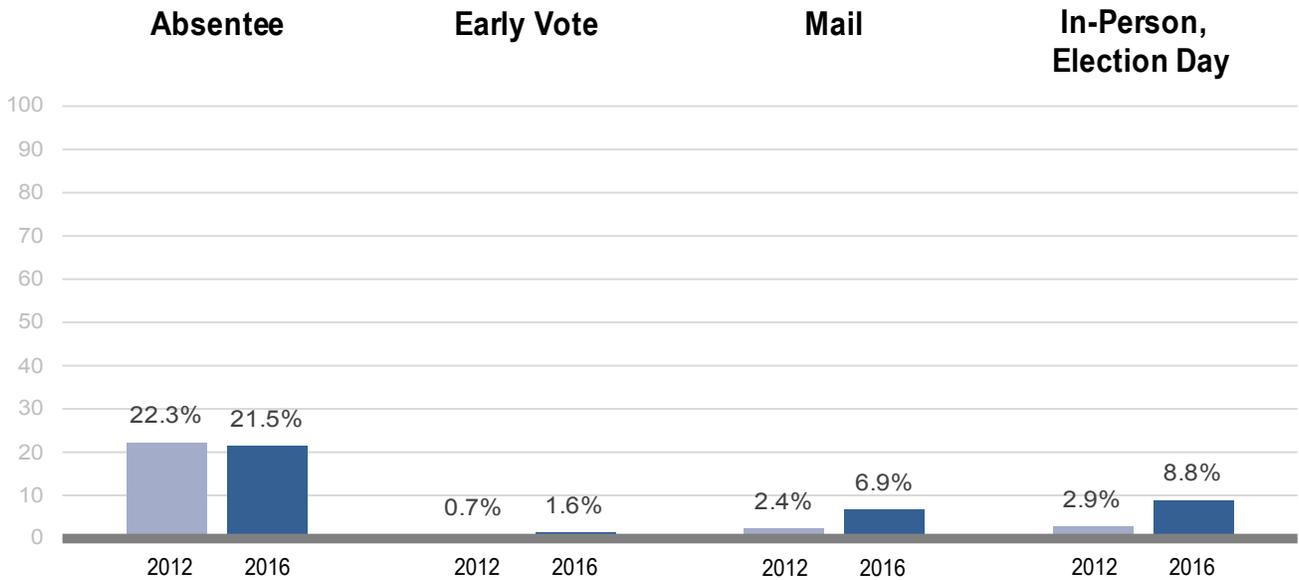
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

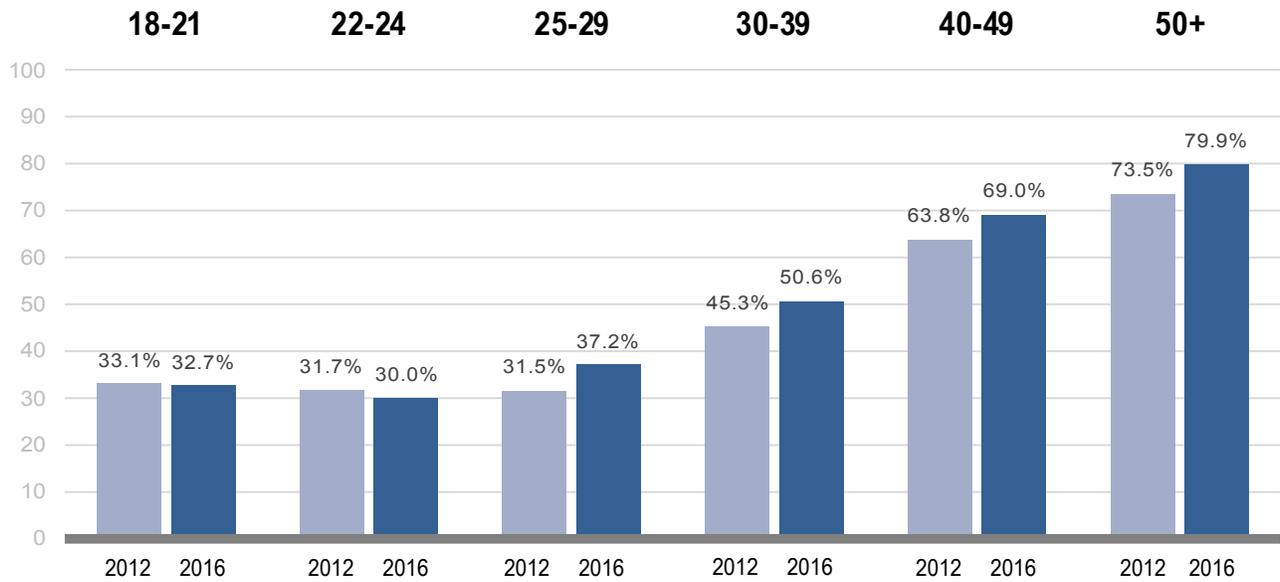


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,470	22.3%	1,653	21.5%	↓ -0.8
Early Vote	44	0.7%	120	1.6%	↑ 0.9
Mail	160	2.4%	532	6.9%	↑ 4.5
In-Person, Election Day	190	2.9%	676	8.8%	↑ 5.9
Unknown	4,728	71.7%	4,722	61.3%	
Total	6,592		7,703		

* 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*

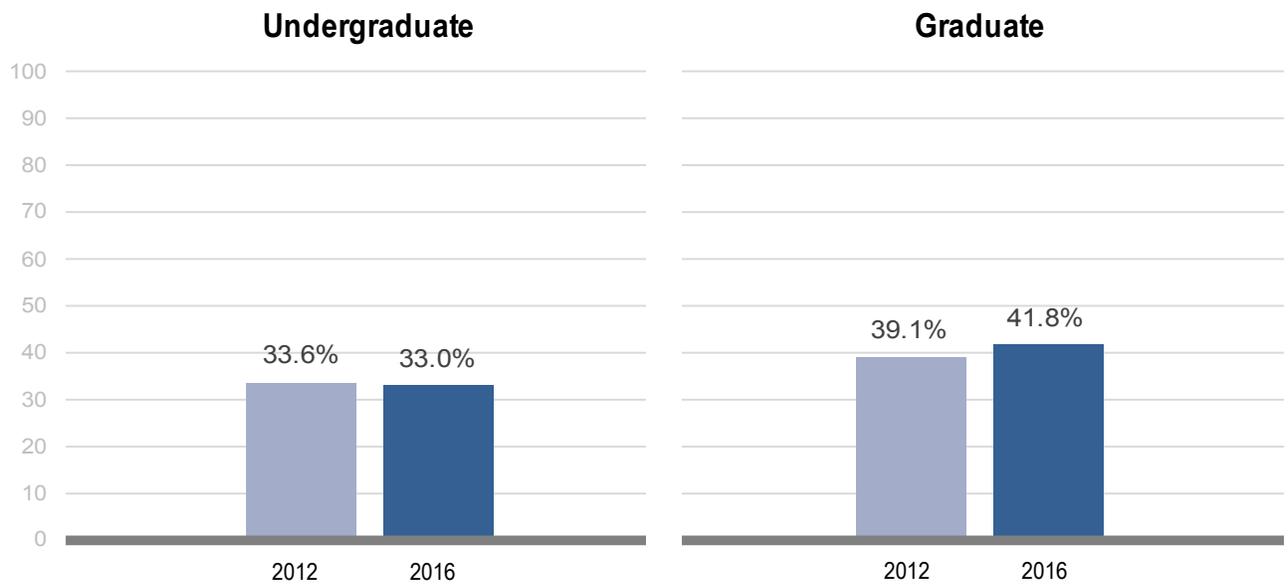


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	11,587	3,838	33.1%	13,152	4,297	32.7%	↓ -0.4
22-24	3,072	975	31.7%	3,564	1,069	30.0%	↓ -1.8
25-29	1,790	564	31.5%	2,297	854	37.2%	↑ 5.7
30-39	1,385	627	45.3%	1,685	852	50.6%	↑ 5.3
40-49	544	347	63.8%	552	381	69.0%	↑ 5.2
50+	328	241	73.5%	313	250	79.9%	↑ 6.4
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*

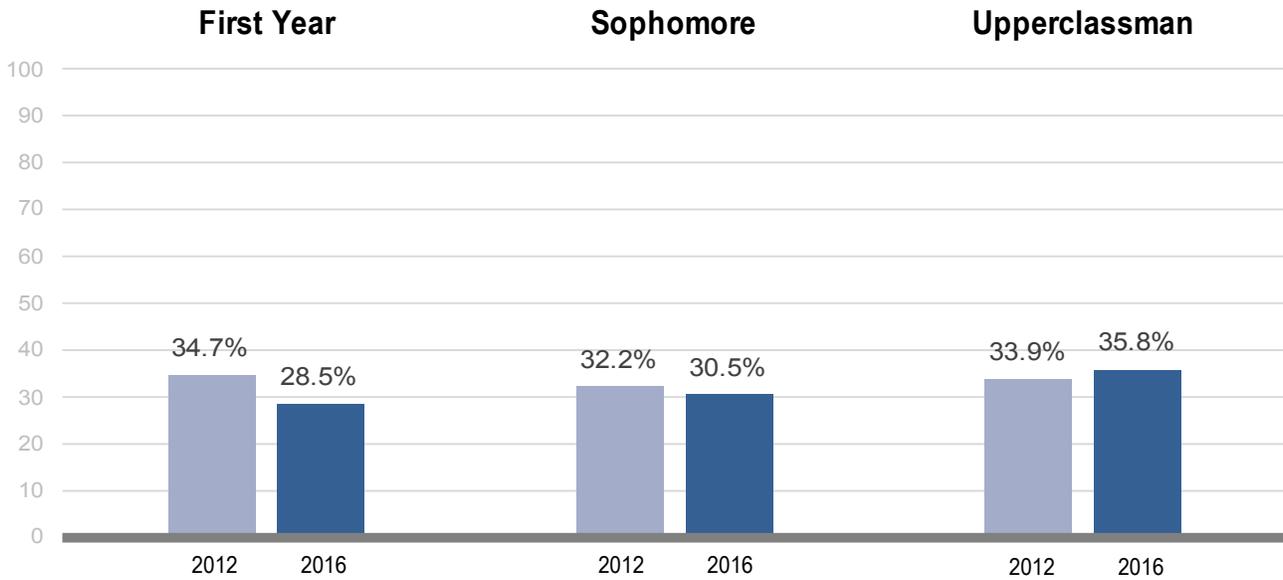


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	13,091	4,397	33.6%	14,921	4,930	33.0%	↓ -0.6
Graduate	5,606	2,193	39.1%	6,641	2,773	41.8%	↑ 2.6
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

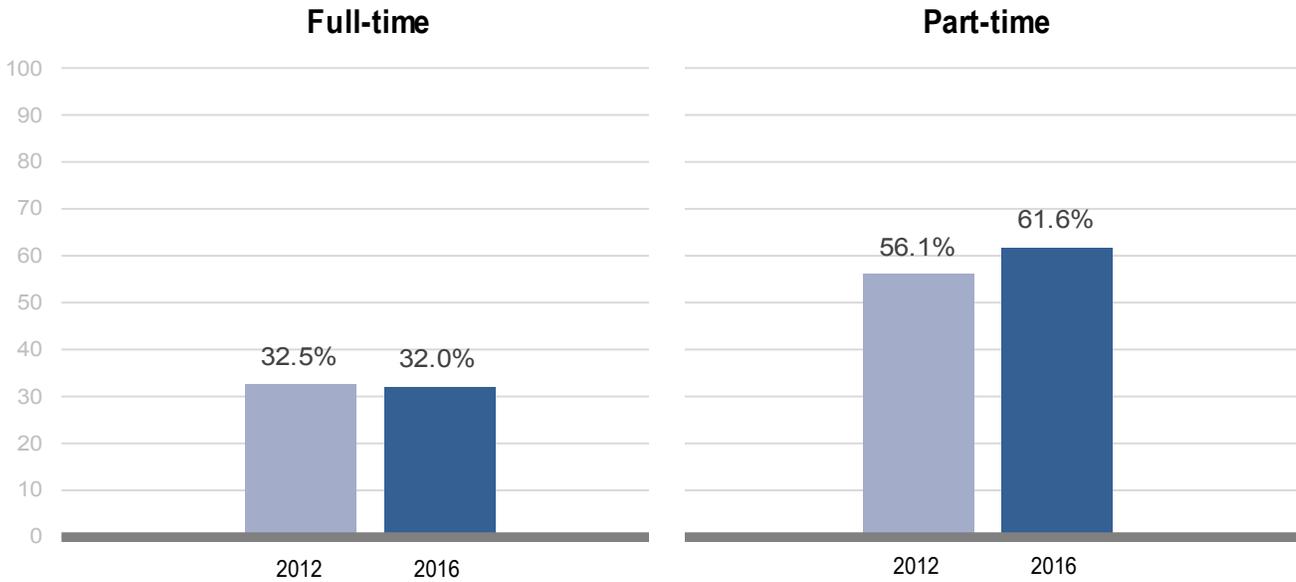


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	2,769	961	34.7%	3,441	979	28.5%	↓ -6.3
Sophomore	3,189	1,028	32.2%	3,524	1,076	30.5%	↓ -1.7
Upperclassman	6,524	2,209	33.9%	7,467	2,674	35.8%	↑ 2.0

* 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*

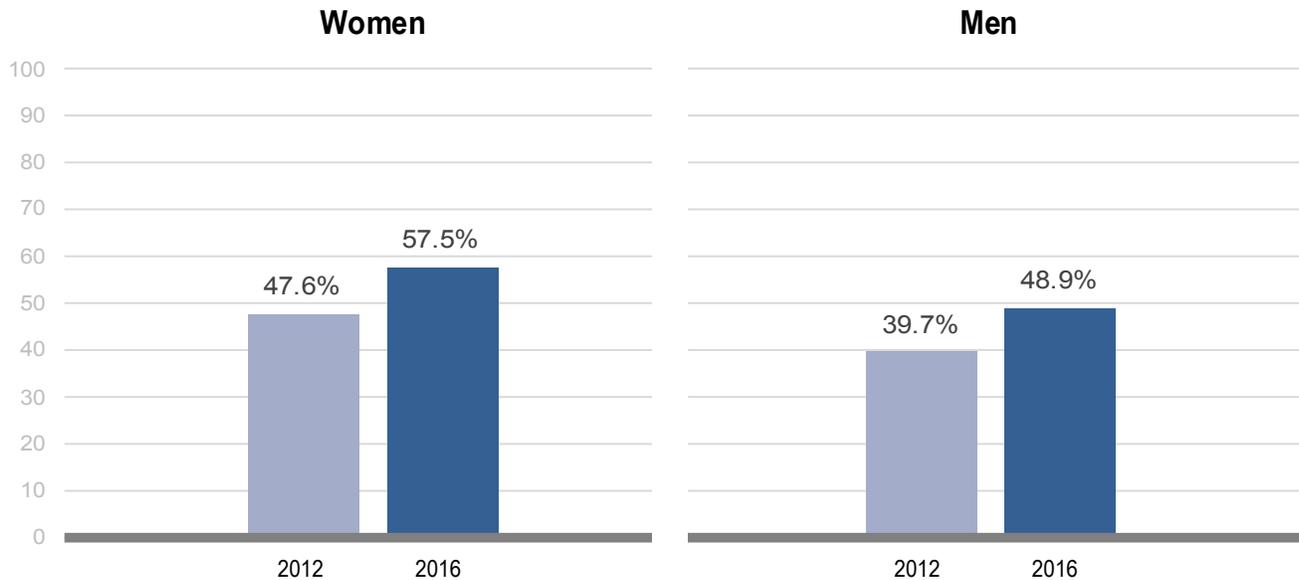


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	16,521	5,367	32.5%	18,867	6,043	32.0%	↓ -0.5
Part-time	2,185	1,225	56.1%	2,696	1,660	61.6%	↑ 5.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

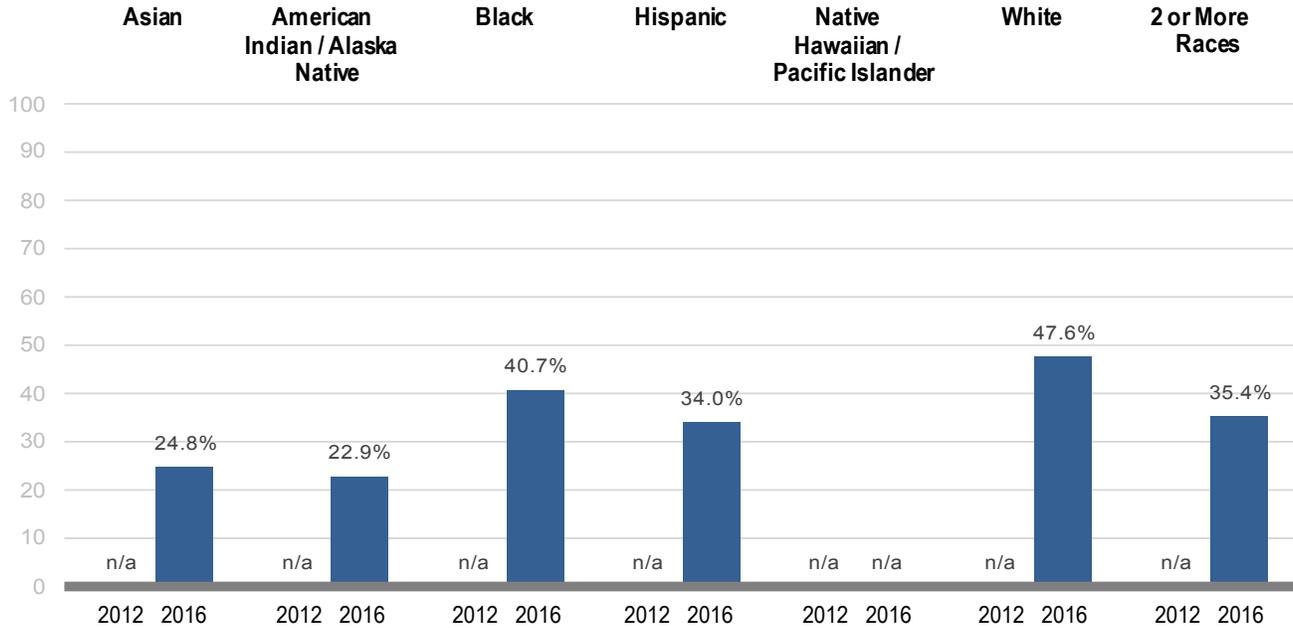


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	8,385	3,993	47.6%	7,851	4,516	57.5%	↑ 9.9
Men	6,467	2,568	39.7%	6,461	3,157	48.9%	↑ 9.2
Unknown	3,854	31	0.8%	7,251	30	0.4%	

* 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	0	0	n/a	1,313	325	24.8%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	105	24	22.9%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	1,595	649	40.7%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	611	208	34.0%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	11,542	5,494	47.6%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	1,855	656	35.4%	n/a
Unknown	18,706			614			

* 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	
Architecture	15	*	n/a	730	180	24.7%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	61	23	37.7%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	12	*	n/a	745	240	32.2%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	95	12	12.6%	2,820	1,099	39.0% ↑	26.3
Communication and Journalism	41	17	41.5%	2,427	1,073	44.2% ↑	2.8
Computer and Information Sciences	19	*	n/a	1,693	370	21.9%	n/a
Education	20	*	n/a	905	497	54.9%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	49	10	20.4%	2,050	481	23.5% ↑	3.1
English Language and Literature	*	*	n/a	354	158	44.6%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	12	*	n/a	592	187	31.6%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	89	33	37.1%	n/a
Health Professions	*	*	n/a	577	185	32.1%	n/a
History	*	*	n/a	184	78	42.4%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	*	*	n/a	143	58	40.6%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	*	*	n/a	610	284	46.6%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	*	*	n/a	752	209	27.8%	n/a
Library Science	12	*	n/a	100	86	86.0%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	235	53	22.6%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	*	*	n/a	100	45	45.0%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	583	183	31.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	115	48	41.7%	n/a
Physical Sciences	*	*	n/a	346	120	34.7%	n/a
Psychology	16	*	n/a	569	203	35.7%	n/a

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	16	*	n/a	585	319	54.5%	n/a
Social Sciences	48	15	31.3%	1,949	588	30.2% ↓	-1.1
Visual and Performing Arts	*	*	n/a	1,556	583	37.5%	n/a
Unknown	18,288	6,470	35.4%	693	320	46.2% ↑	10.8

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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