

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
Texas Woman's  
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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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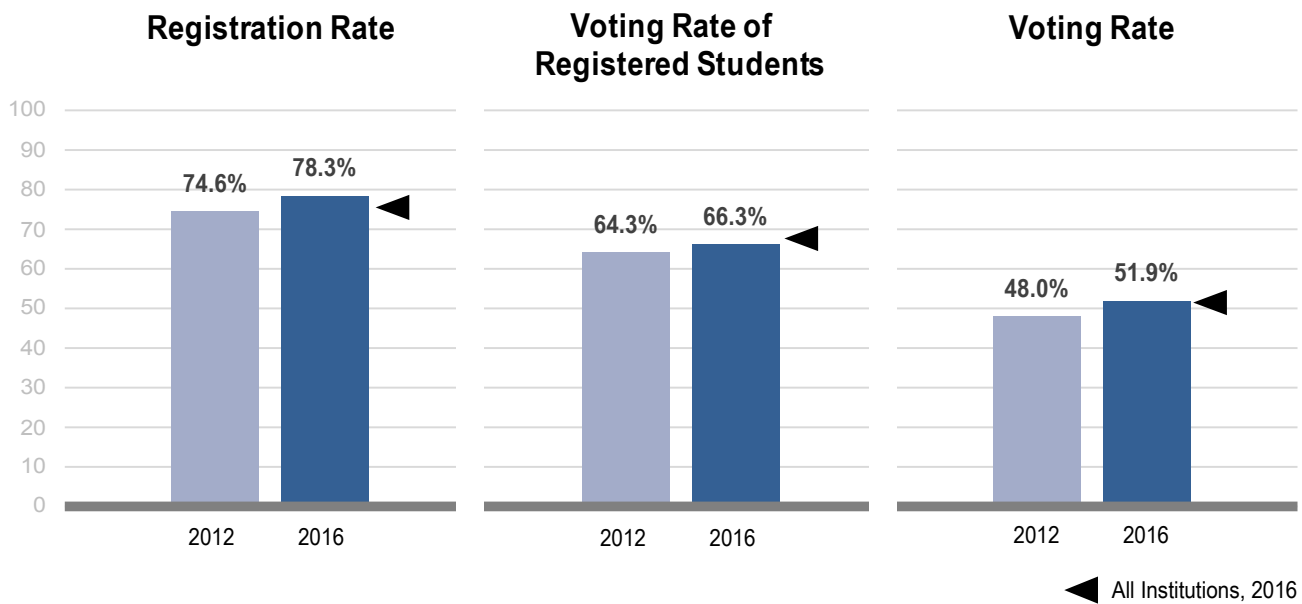
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**51.9%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**3.9**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	14,970	15,397	↑ 427
Age under 18/Unknown	(231)	(701)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(305)	(284)	
FERPA records blocked	(543)	(122)	
Total eligible voters	13,891	14,290	↑ 399
Number of students who registered	10,367	11,190	↑ 823
Number of students who voted	6,666	7,419	↑ 753
Registration rate	74.6%	78.3%	↑ 3.7
Voting rate of registered students	64.3%	66.3%	↑ 2.0
Voting rate	48.0%	51.9%	↑ 3.9
Difference from all institutions	+1.1	+1.5	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

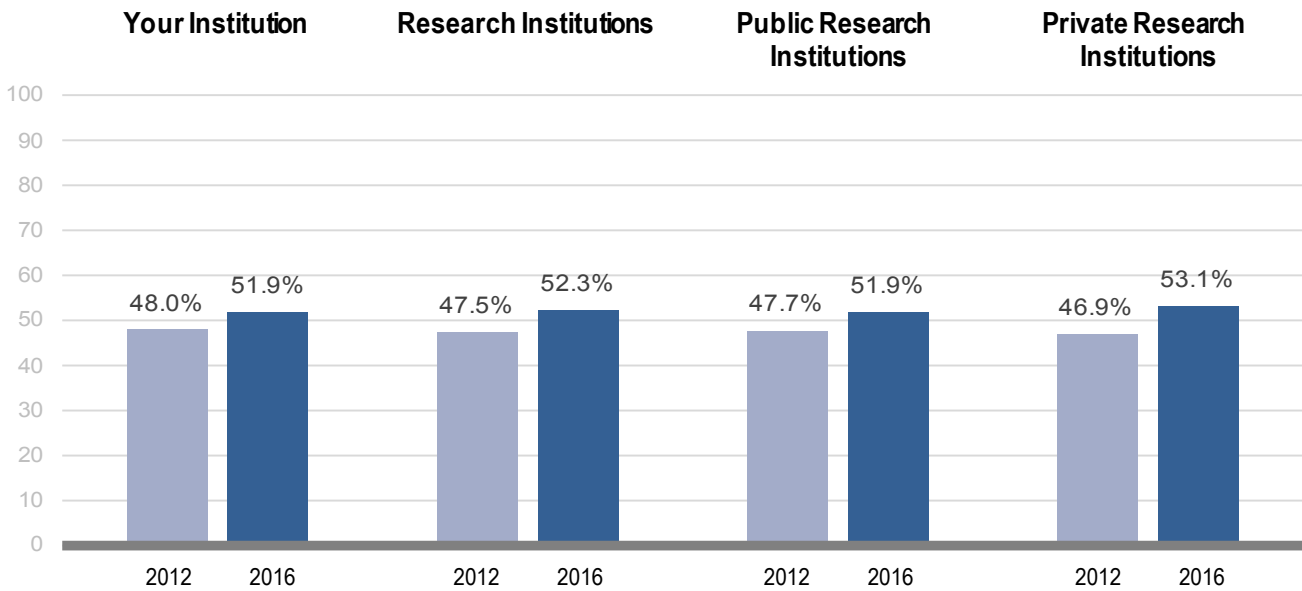
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

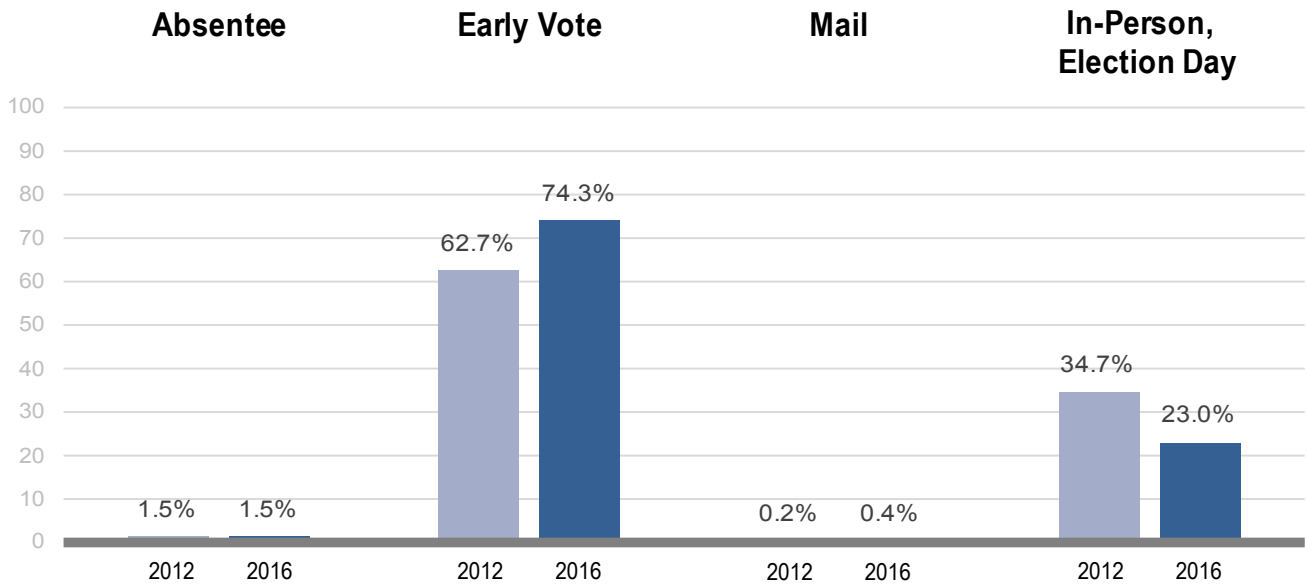
Difference from All Institutions **+1.1**

Difference from All Institutions **+1.5**



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# By Voting Method\*

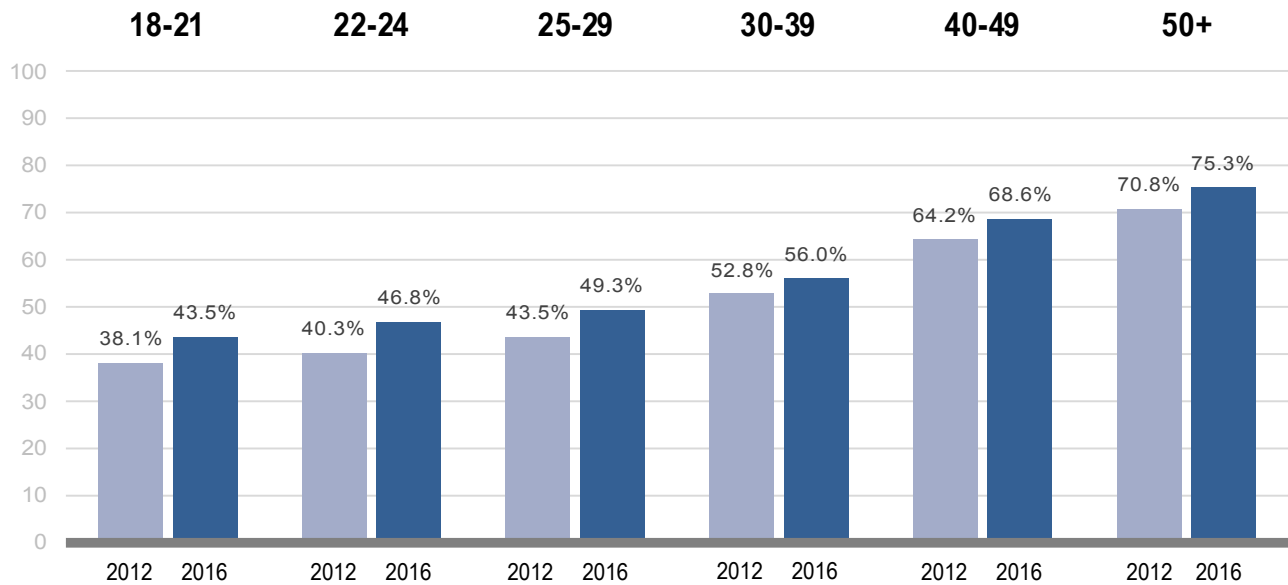


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	102	1.5%	111	1.5%	→ 0.0
Early Vote	4,178	62.7%	5,510	74.3%	↑ 11.6
Mail	15	0.2%	30	0.4%	↑ 0.2
In-Person, Election Day	2,311	34.7%	1,707	23.0%	↓ -11.7
Unknown	60	0.9%	61	0.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,666</b>		<b>7,419</b>		

\* 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\*

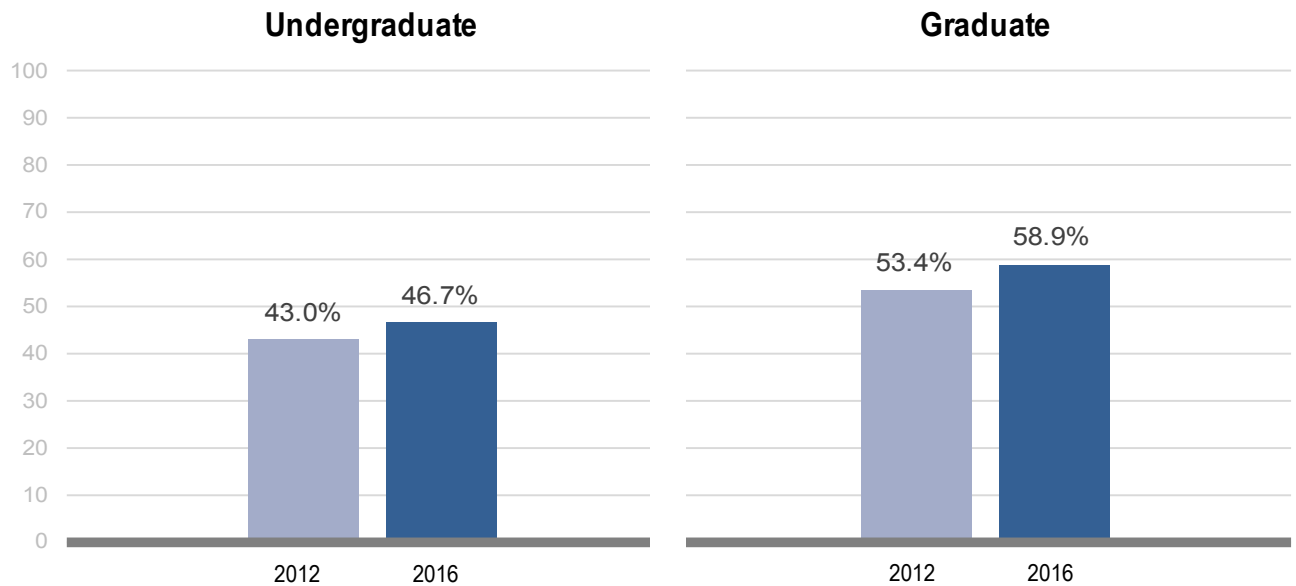


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	3,621	1,379	<b>38.1%</b>	4,447	1,936	<b>43.5%</b>	↑ 5.5
22-24	2,681	1,079	<b>40.3%</b>	2,998	1,403	<b>46.8%</b>	↑ 6.6
25-29	2,785	1,212	<b>43.5%</b>	2,727	1,345	<b>49.3%</b>	↑ 5.8
30-39	2,910	1,537	<b>52.8%</b>	2,567	1,437	<b>56.0%</b>	↑ 3.2
40-49	1,490	957	<b>64.2%</b>	1,249	857	<b>68.6%</b>	↑ 4.4
50+	709	502	<b>70.8%</b>	586	441	<b>75.3%</b>	↑ 4.5
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\*

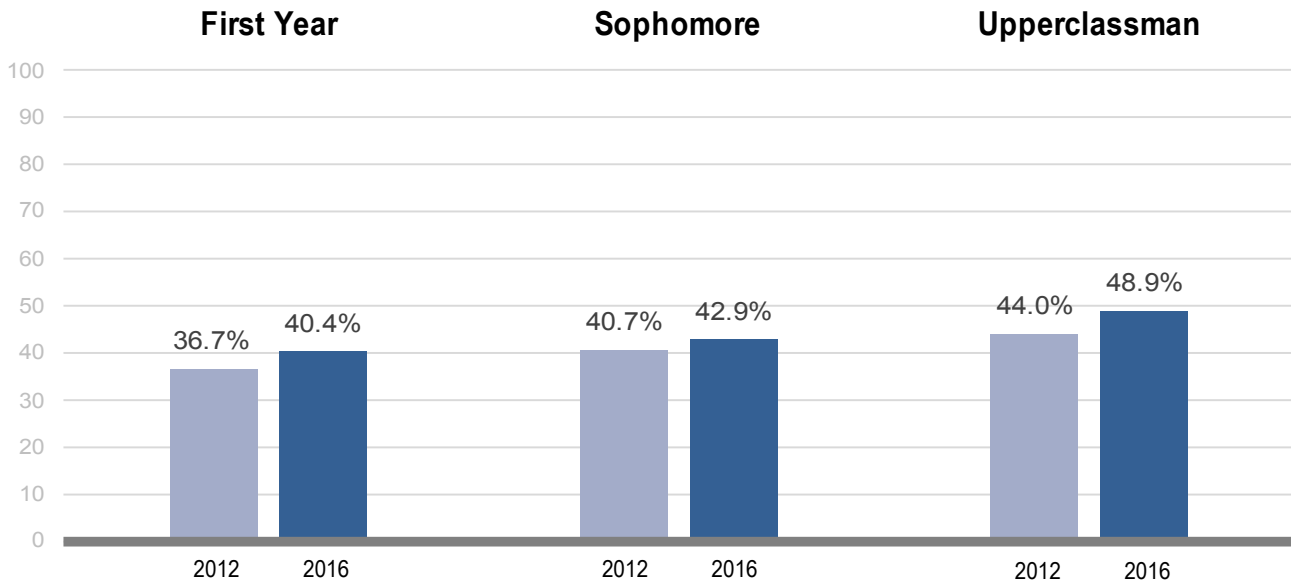


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	8,766	3,769	<b>43.0%</b>	9,508	4,437	<b>46.7%</b>	↑ 3.7
Graduate	5,392	2,881	<b>53.4%</b>	5,065	2,982	<b>58.9%</b>	↑ 5.4
Unknown	38			*			

\* 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\*



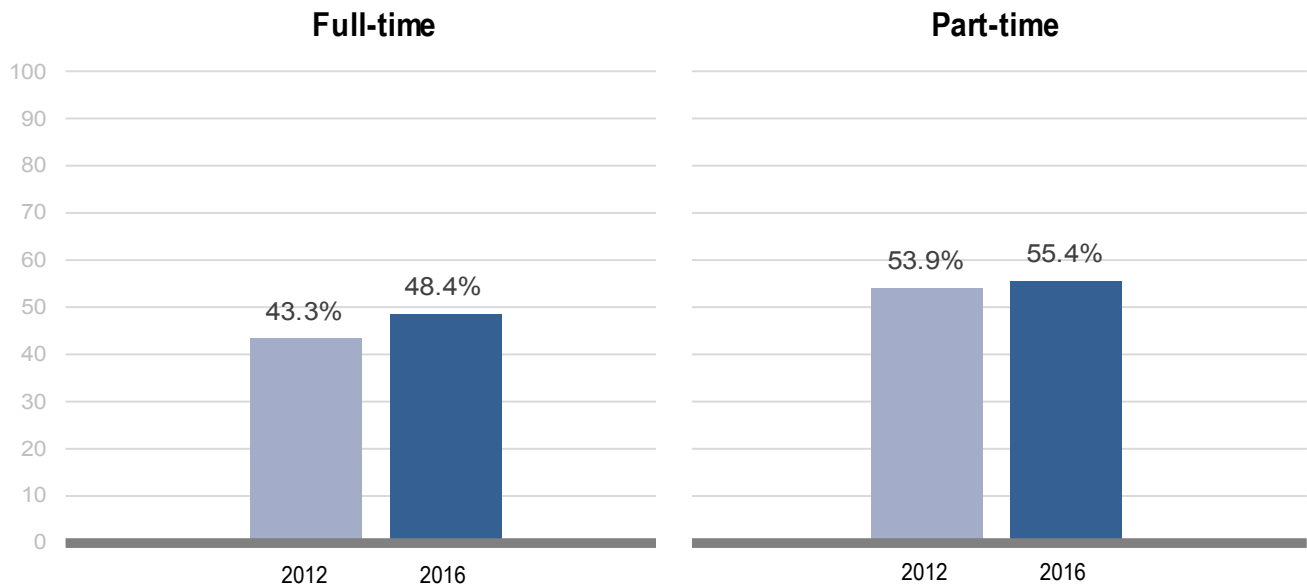
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,206	442	<b>36.7%</b>	1,789	723	<b>40.4%</b>	↑ 3.8
Sophomore	1,360	553	<b>40.7%</b>	1,580	678	<b>42.9%</b>	↑ 2.3
Upperclassman	5,571	2,452	<b>44.0%</b>	5,496	2,686	<b>48.9%</b>	↑ 4.9

\* 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\*

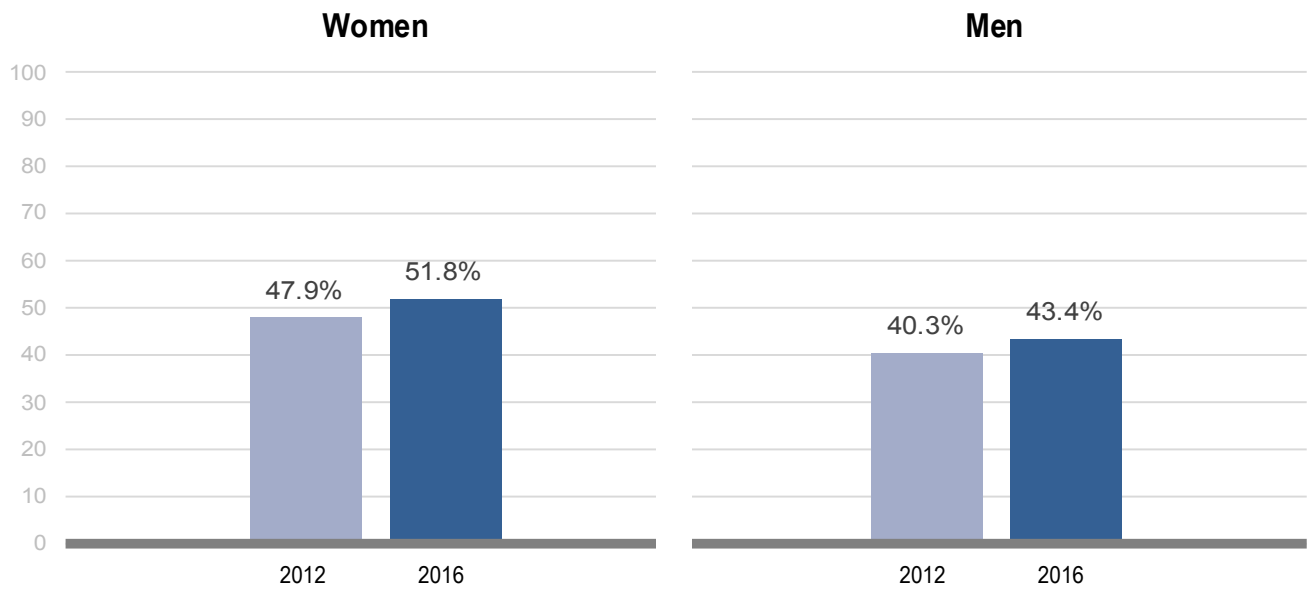


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	9,282	4,018	<b>43.3%</b>	9,374	4,537	<b>48.4%</b>	↑ 5.1
Part-time	4,914	2,648	<b>53.9%</b>	5,200	2,882	<b>55.4%</b>	↑ 1.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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\*

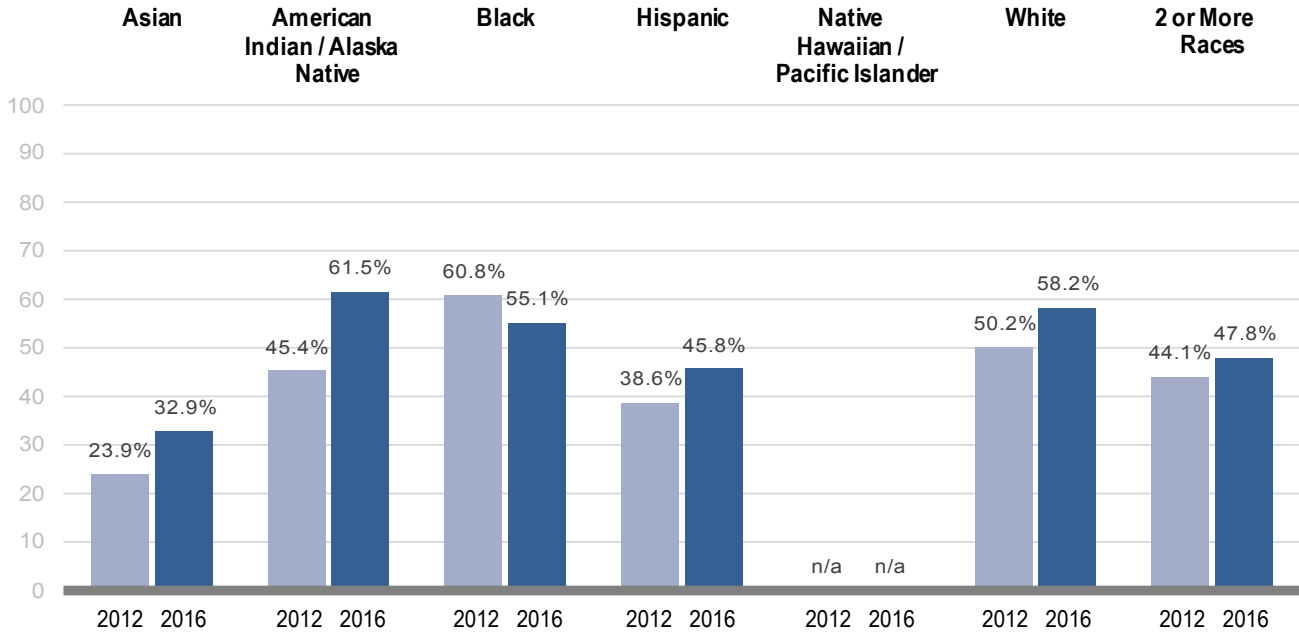


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	12,621	6,049	<b>47.9%</b>	12,958	6,718	<b>51.8%</b>	↑ 3.9
Men	1,531	617	<b>40.3%</b>	1,616	701	<b>43.4%</b>	↑ 3.1
Unknown	44	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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	1,136	272	<b>23.9%</b>	1,312	431	<b>32.9%</b>	↑ 8.9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	97	44	<b>45.4%</b>	52	32	<b>61.5%</b>	↑ 16.2
Black	2,906	1,767	<b>60.8%</b>	2,626	1,448	<b>55.1%</b>	↓ -5.7
Hispanic	2,605	1,006	<b>38.6%</b>	3,495	1,599	<b>45.8%</b>	↑ 7.1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	19	*	<b>n/a</b>	63	*	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
White	6,644	3,335	<b>50.2%</b>	5,767	3,358	<b>58.2%</b>	↑ 8.0
2 or More Races	320	141	<b>44.1%</b>	464	222	<b>47.8%</b>	↑ 3.8
Unknown	469			137			

\* 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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	42	19	45.2%	38	26	68.4% ↑	23.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	454	147	32.4%	550	206	37.5% ↑	5.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,753	910	51.9%	1,623	851	52.4% ↑	0.5
Computer and Information Sciences	58	20	34.5%	82	35	42.7% ↑	8.2
Education	470	255	54.3%	424	263	62.0% ↑	7.8
English Language and Literature	146	76	52.1%	154	104	67.5% ↑	15.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	638	322	50.5%	609	304	49.9% ↓	-0.6
Health Professions	5,278	2,408	45.6%	5,657	2,814	49.7% ↑	4.1
History	84	48	57.1%	78	50	64.1% ↑	7.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	157	75	47.8%	176	81	46.0% ↓	-1.8
Legal Professions and Studies	80	40	50.0%	70	39	55.7% ↑	5.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	639	344	53.8%	736	410	55.7% ↑	1.9
Library Science	398	262	65.8%	475	351	73.9% ↑	8.1
Mathematics and Statistics	152	64	42.1%	126	54	42.9% ↑	0.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,210	543	44.9%	1,265	642	50.8% ↑	5.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	758	268	35.4%	820	306	37.3% ↑	2.0
Personal and Culinary Services	19	10	52.6%	15	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	57	19	33.3%	55	28	50.9% ↑	17.6
Psychology	515	228	44.3%	468	228	48.7% ↑	4.4
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	174	89	51.2%	197	118	59.9% ↑	8.8
Social Sciences	145	79	54.5%	216	127	58.8% ↑	4.3
Visual and Performing Arts	734	300	40.9%	569	271	47.6% ↑	6.8
Unknown	235	140	59.6%	171	102	59.7% ↑	0.1

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](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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