

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
The University of Texas  
at Arlington

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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,  
IDHE Team

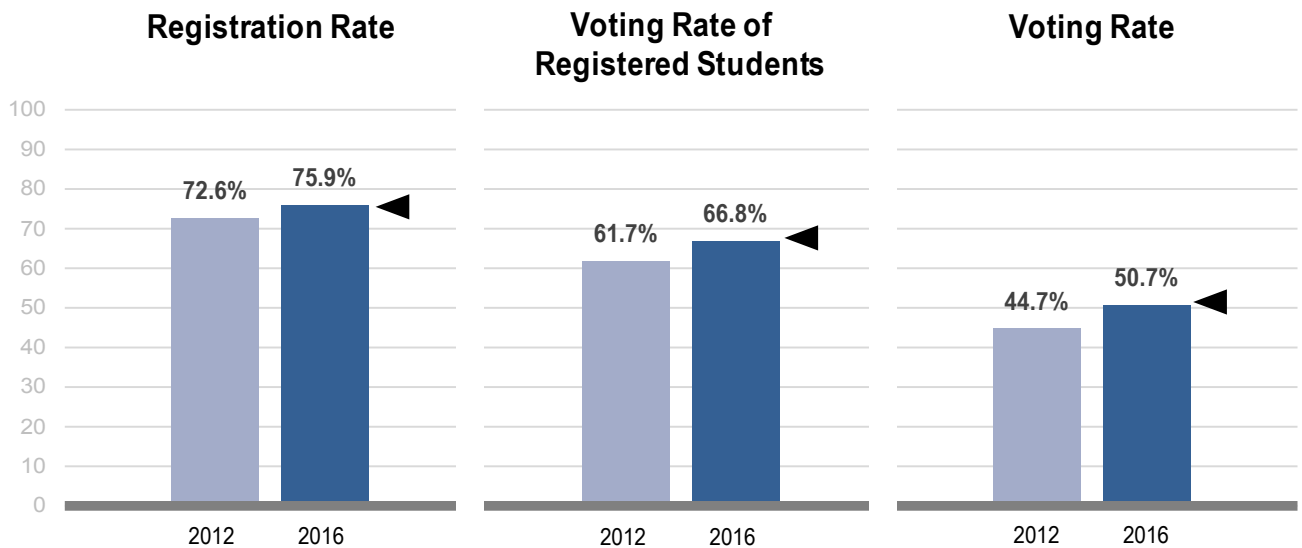
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**50.7%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**6.0**

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



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	36,554	46,366	↑ 9,812
Age under 18/Unknown	(304)	(149)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,695)	(5,153)	
FERPA records blocked	(4,765)	(1,806)	
Total eligible voters	28,790	39,258	↑ 10,468
Number of students who registered	20,890	29,797	↑ 8,907
Number of students who voted	12,878	19,903	↑ 7,025
Registration rate	72.6%	75.9%	↑ 3.3
Voting rate of registered students	61.7%	66.8%	↑ 5.2
Voting rate	44.7%	50.7%	↑ 6.0
Difference from all institutions	-2.2	+0.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

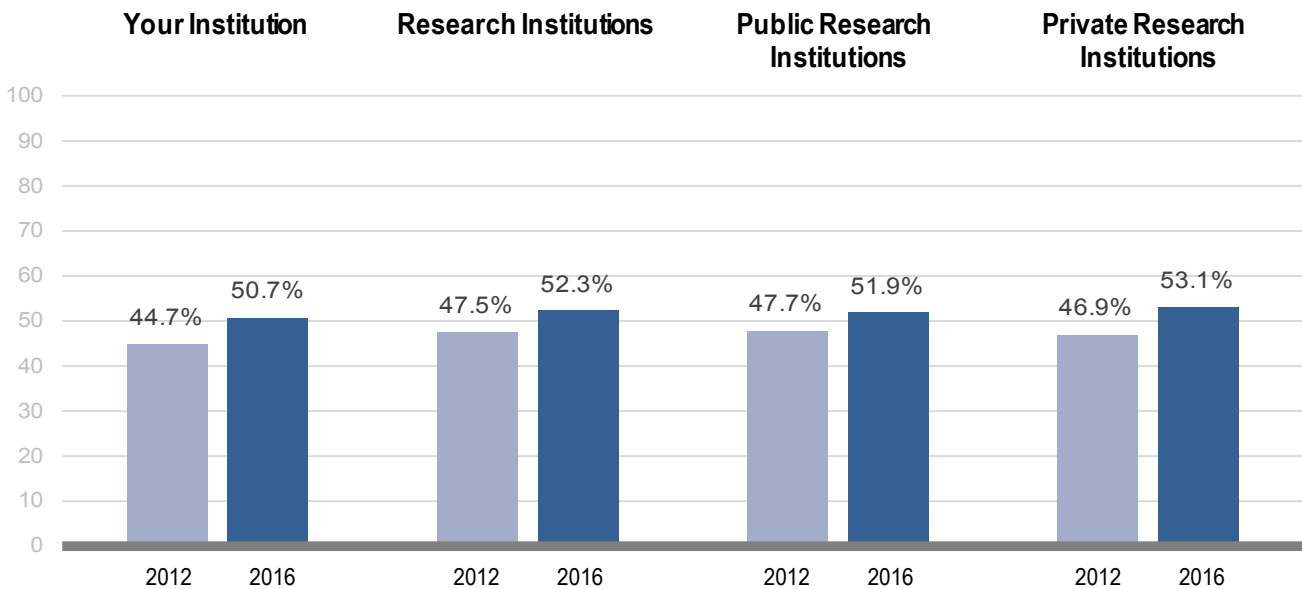
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

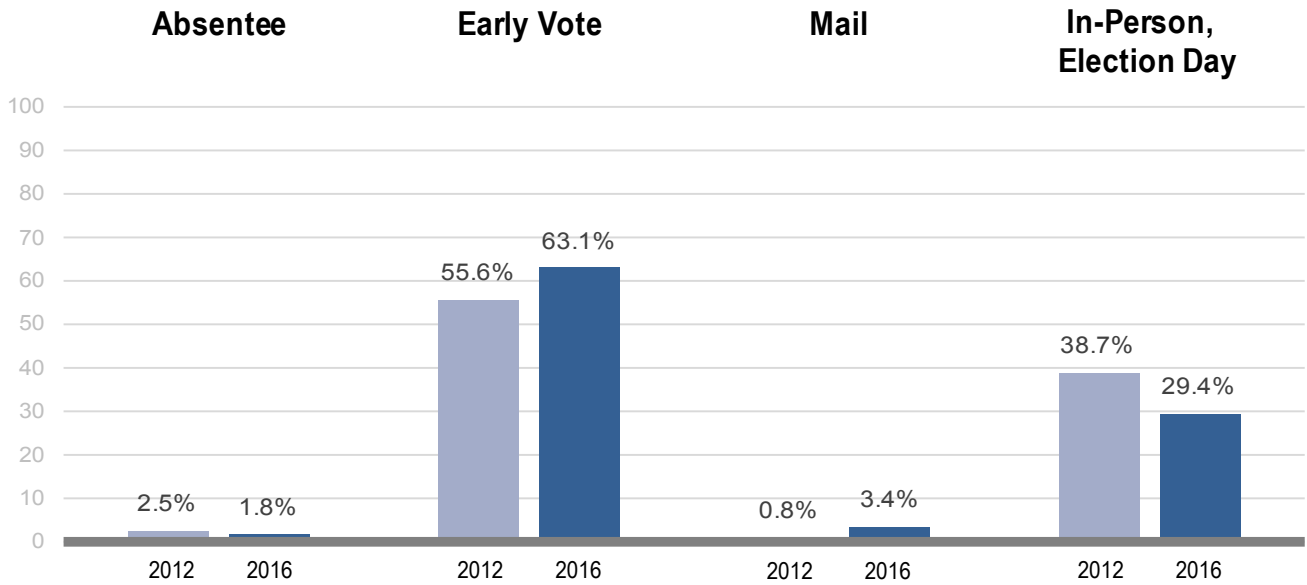
Difference from All Institutions **-2.2**

Difference from All Institutions **+0.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

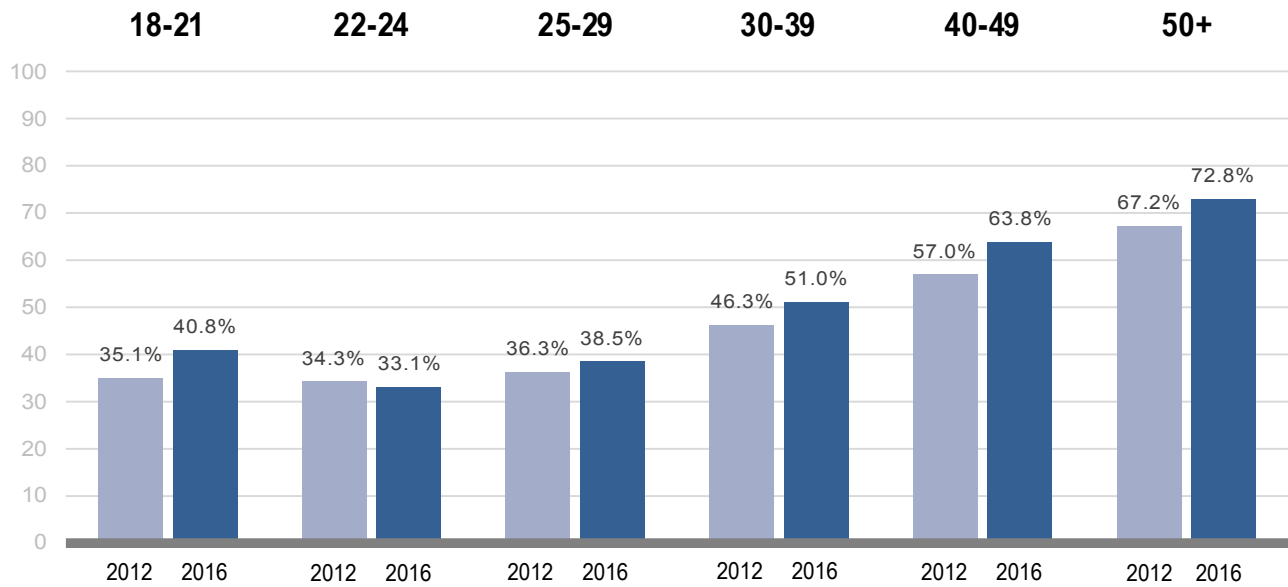


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	326	2.5%	360	1.8%	↓ -0.7
Early Vote	7,160	55.6%	12,559	63.1%	↑ 7.5
Mail	100	0.8%	672	3.4%	↑ 2.6
In-Person, Election Day	4,978	38.7%	5,856	29.4%	↓ -9.2
Unknown	314	2.4%	456	2.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,878</b>		<b>19,903</b>		

\* 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\*

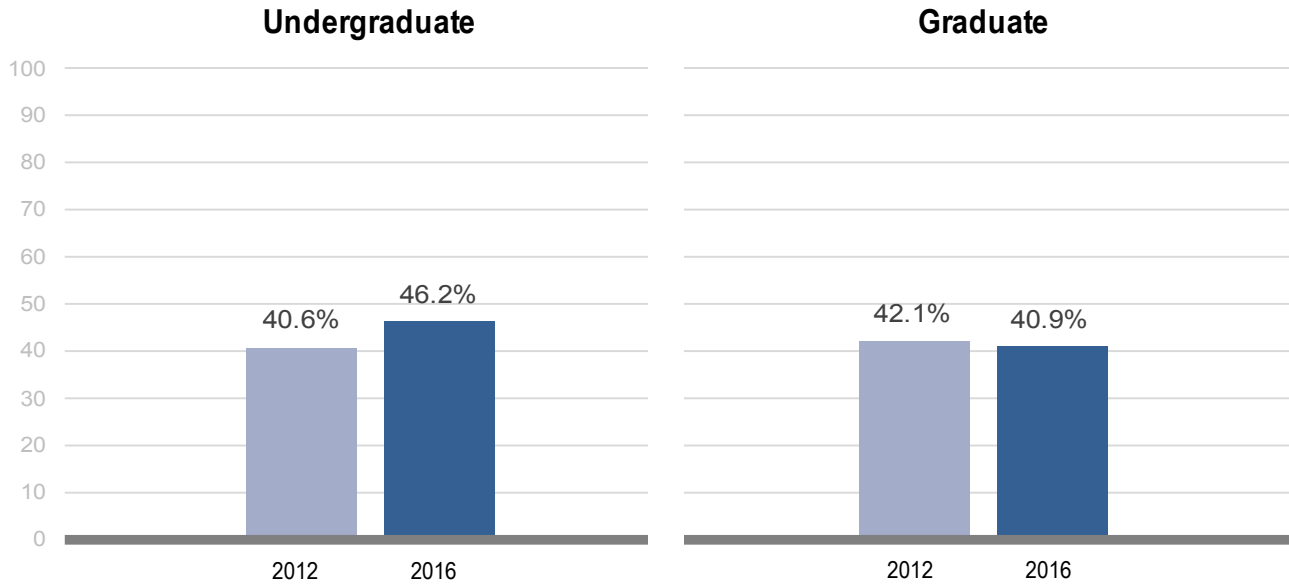


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	8,824	3,093	<b>35.1%</b>	10,604	4,329	<b>40.8%</b>	↑ 5.8
22-24	6,270	2,148	<b>34.3%</b>	8,822	2,918	<b>33.1%</b>	↓ -1.2
25-29	5,860	2,126	<b>36.3%</b>	8,962	3,447	<b>38.5%</b>	↑ 2.2
30-39	5,919	2,739	<b>46.3%</b>	9,307	4,750	<b>51.0%</b>	↑ 4.8
40-49	3,201	1,824	<b>57.0%</b>	4,793	3,059	<b>63.8%</b>	↑ 6.8
50+	1,411	948	<b>67.2%</b>	1,923	1,400	<b>72.8%</b>	↑ 5.6
Unknown	*			*			

\* 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\*

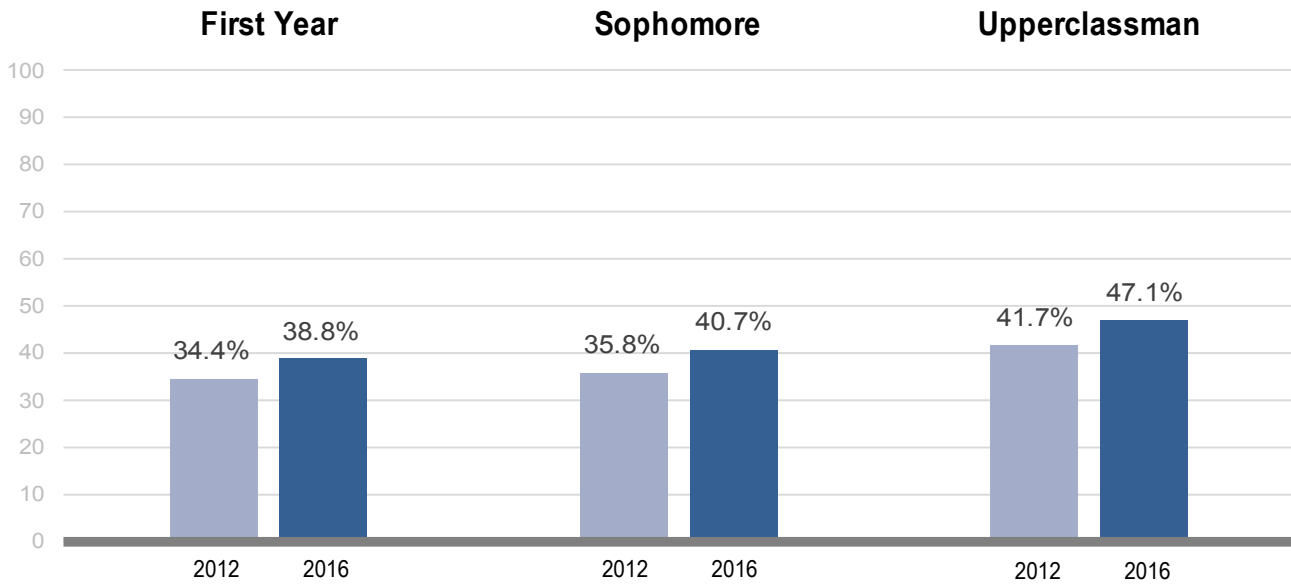


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	25,017	10,159	<b>40.6%</b>	32,632	15,083	<b>46.2%</b>	↑ 5.6
Graduate	6,466	2,719	<b>42.1%</b>	11,778	4,820	<b>40.9%</b>	↓ -1.1
Unknown	*			*			

\* 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\*



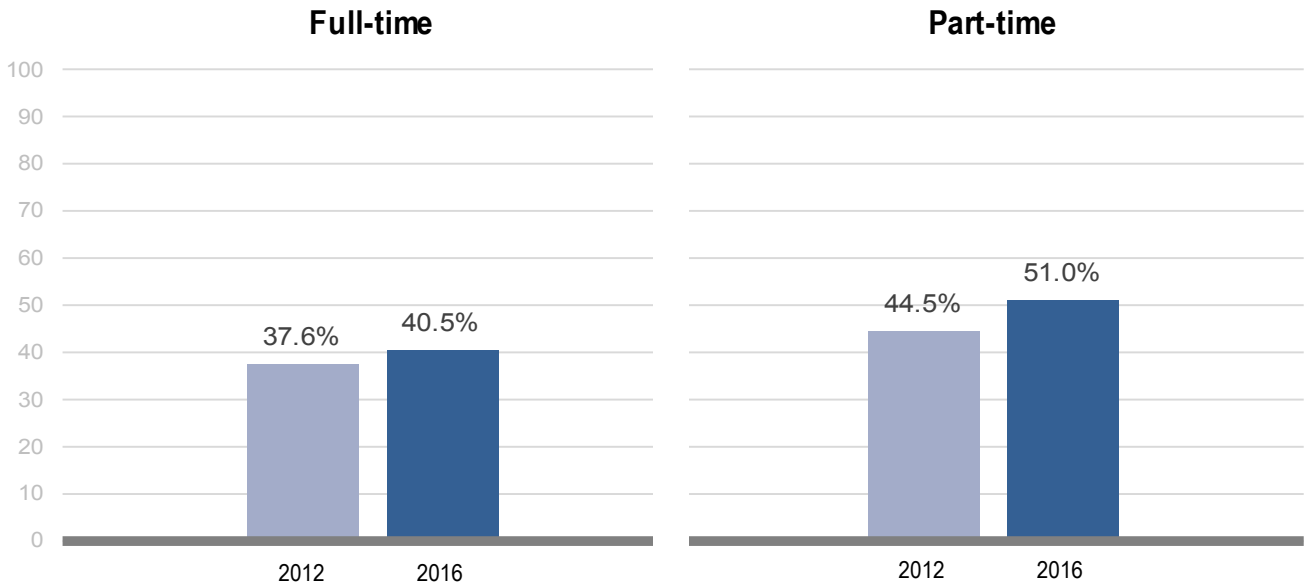
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	3,286	1,130	<b>34.4%</b>	3,612	1,403	<b>38.8%</b>	↑ 4.5
Sophomore	3,550	1,269	<b>35.8%</b>	4,374	1,778	<b>40.7%</b>	↑ 4.9
Upperclassman	16,590	6,916	<b>41.7%</b>	21,953	10,330	<b>47.1%</b>	↑ 5.4

\* 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\*

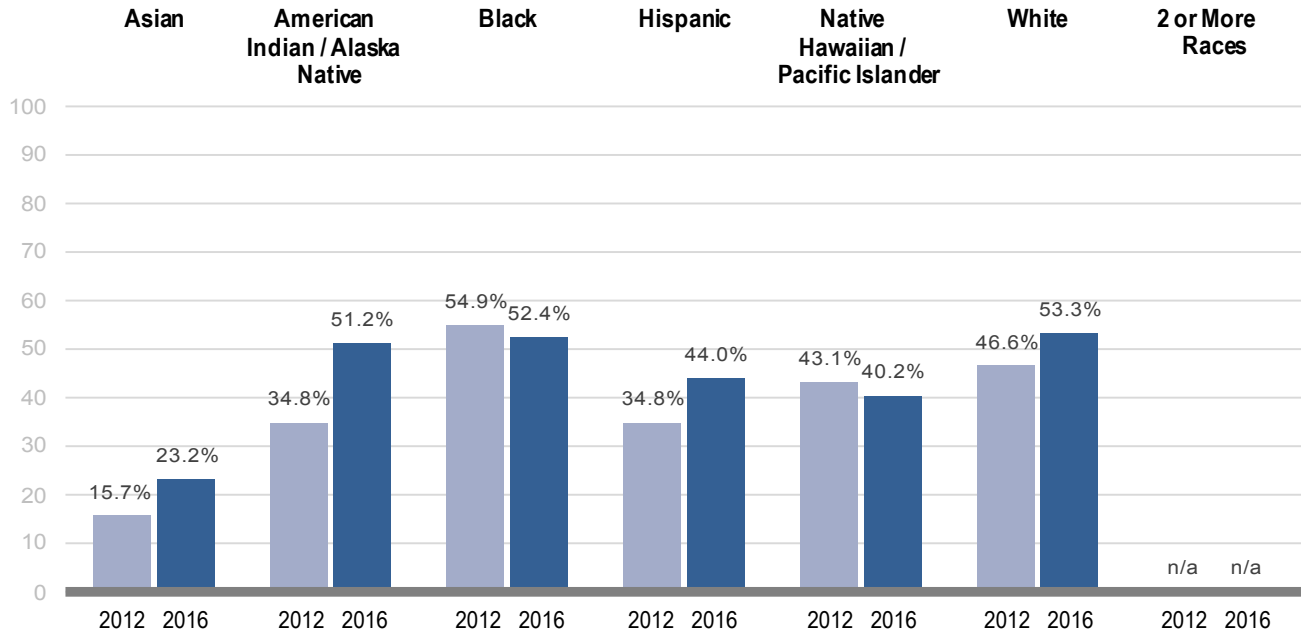


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	16,381	6,154	<b>37.6%</b>	26,117	10,578	<b>40.5%</b>	↑ 2.9
Part-time	15,104	6,724	<b>44.5%</b>	18,294	9,325	<b>51.0%</b>	↑ 6.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* 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 Race/Ethnicity\*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	3,547	558	15.7%	5,708	1,323	23.2%	↑ 7.5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	115	40	34.8%	125	64	51.2%	↑ 16.4
Black	4,727	2,596	54.9%	6,521	3,416	52.4%	↓ -2.5
Hispanic	3,651	1,270	34.8%	4,600	2,026	44.0%	↑ 9.3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	253	109	43.1%	383	154	40.2%	↓ -2.9
White	17,455	8,132	46.6%	23,823	12,704	53.3%	↑ 6.7
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	1,737			3,251			

\* 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	643	173	26.9%	611	219	35.8% ↑	8.9
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,796	549	30.6%	1,825	719	39.4% ↑	8.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,484	1,483	33.1%	5,040	1,842	36.6% ↑	3.5
Communication and Journalism	777	353	45.4%	778	364	46.8% ↑	1.4
Computer and Information Sciences	390	83	21.3%	1,703	291	17.1% ↓	-4.2
Education	1,742	984	56.5%	2,055	1,247	60.7% ↑	4.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,957	749	25.3%	5,491	1,358	24.7% ↓	-0.6
English Language and Literature	433	207	47.8%	478	259	54.2% ↑	6.4
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	285	121	42.5%	293	141	48.1% ↑	5.7
Health Professions	8,993	4,315	48.0%	16,323	8,638	52.9% ↑	4.9
History	401	214	53.4%	402	217	54.0% ↑	0.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	736	307	41.7%	652	313	48.0% ↑	6.3
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	684	331	48.4%	1,550	716	46.2% ↓	-2.2
Mathematics and Statistics	260	93	35.8%	325	127	39.1% ↑	3.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	768	380	49.5%	435	216	49.7% ↑	0.2
Natural Resources and Conservation	57	21	36.8%	96	41	42.7% ↑	5.9
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	713	229	32.1%	1,049	415	39.6% ↑	7.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	47	20	42.6%	49	19	38.8% ↓	-3.8
Physical Sciences	478	145	30.3%	542	192	35.4% ↑	5.1
Psychology	530	220	41.5%	747	344	46.1% ↑	4.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	1,332	692	52.0%	2,108	1,246	59.1% ↑	7.2
Social Sciences	643	308	47.9%	513	270	52.6% ↑	4.7

Visual and Performing Arts	1,085	416	<b>38.3%</b>	1,153	586	<b>50.8%</b> ↑	<b>12.5</b>
Unknown	1,244	481	<b>38.7%</b>	193	123	<b>63.7%</b> ↑	<b>25.1</b>

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>.

**References:**

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