

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of Colorado
Boulder

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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.

Follow us on Twitter [@TuftsIDHE](https://twitter.com/TuftsIDHE) or email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,
IDHE Team



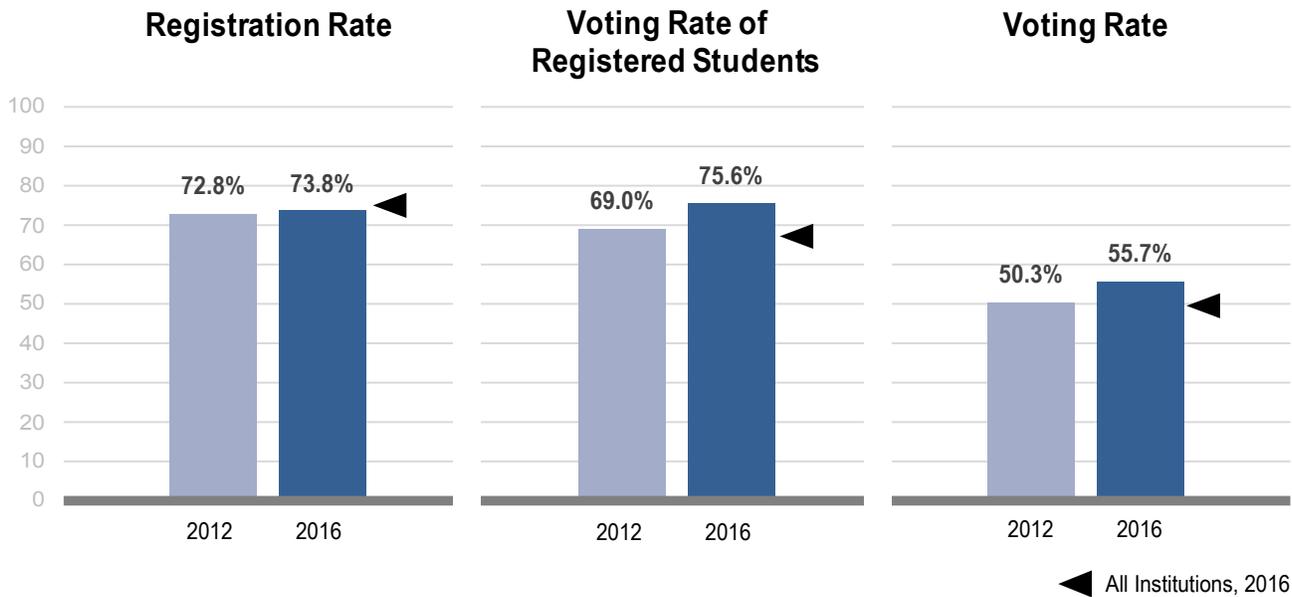
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
55.7%

CHANGE FROM 2012
5.5

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	31,620	33,440	↑ 1,820
Age under 18/Unknown	(157)	(160)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,722)	(2,754)	
FERPA records blocked	(57)	(26)	
Total eligible voters	29,684	30,500	↑ 816
Number of students who registered	21,611	22,496	↑ 885
Number of students who voted	14,919	16,995	↑ 2,076
Registration rate	72.8%	73.8%	↑ 1.0
Voting rate of registered students	69.0%	75.6%	↑ 6.5
Voting rate	50.3%	55.7%	↑ 5.5
Difference from all institutions	+3.4	+5.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

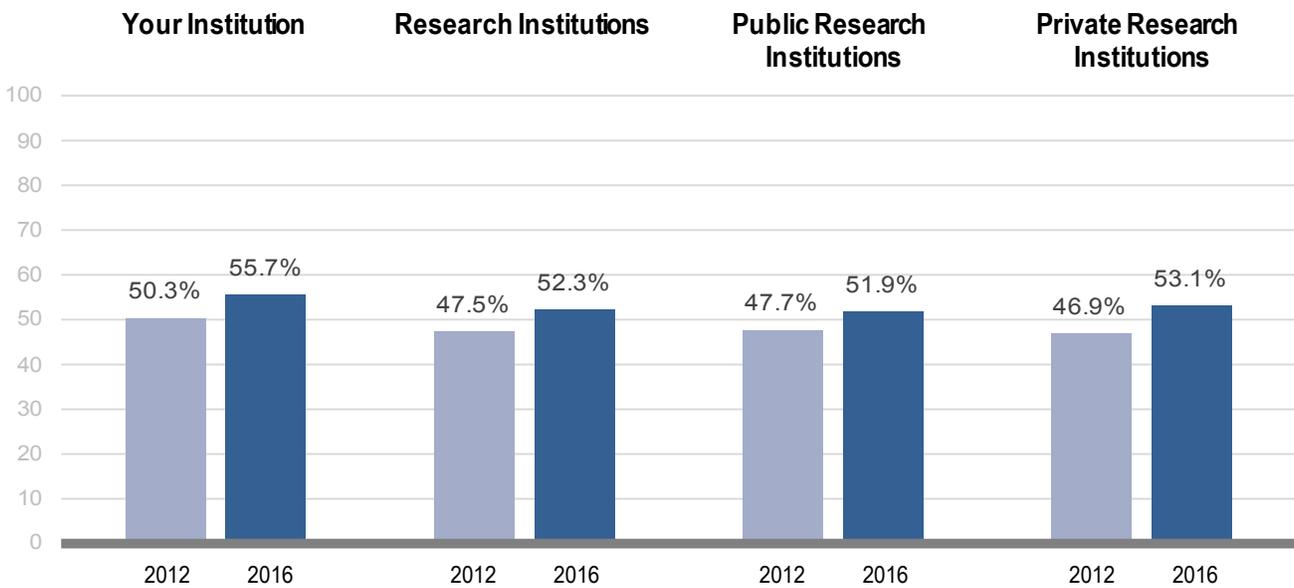
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

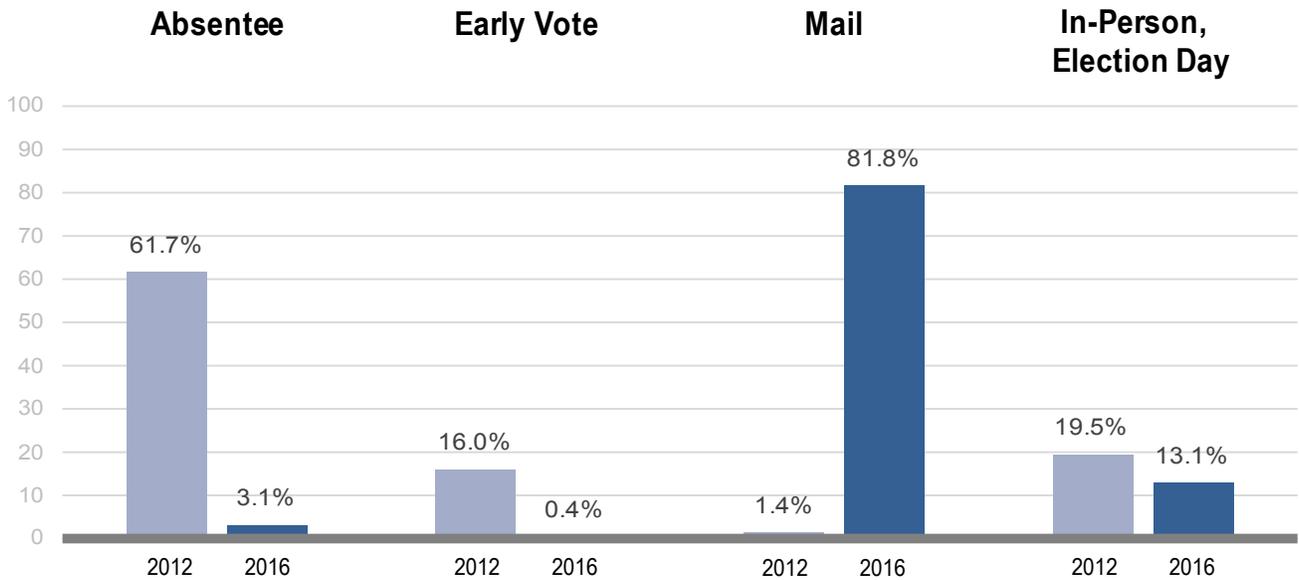
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By Voting Method*

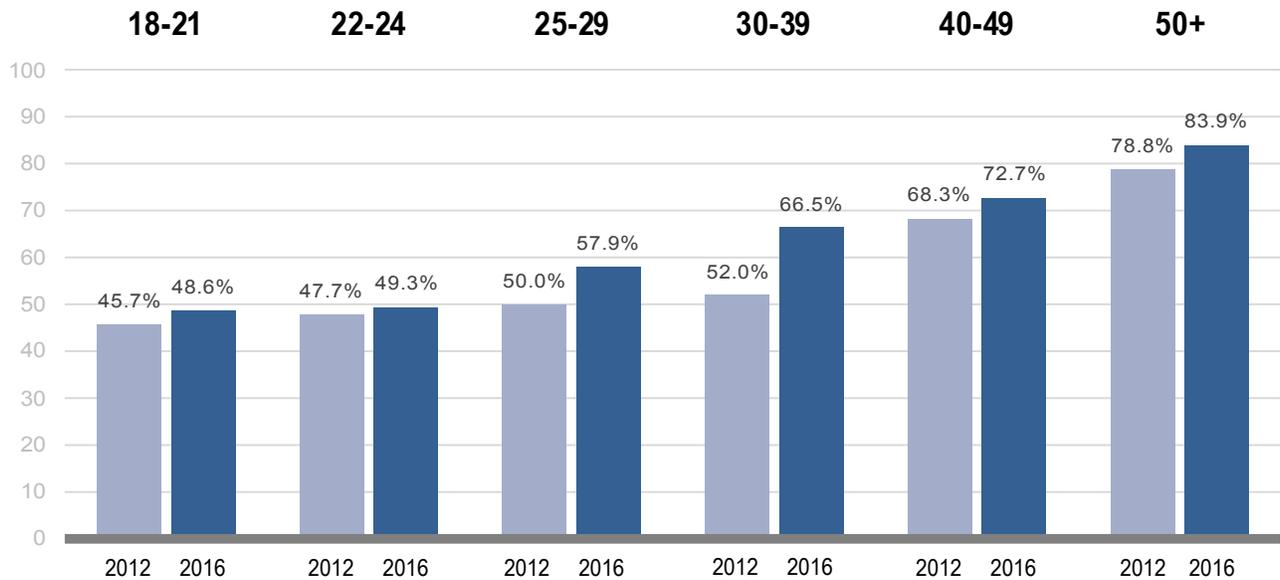


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	9,200	61.7%	525	3.1%	↓ -58.6
Early Vote	2,386	16.0%	60	0.4%	↓ -15.6
Mail	213	1.4%	13,893	81.8%	↑ 80.3
In-Person, Election Day	2,904	19.5%	2,227	13.1%	↓ -6.4
Unknown	216	1.5%	290	1.7%	
Total	14,919		16,995		

* 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*

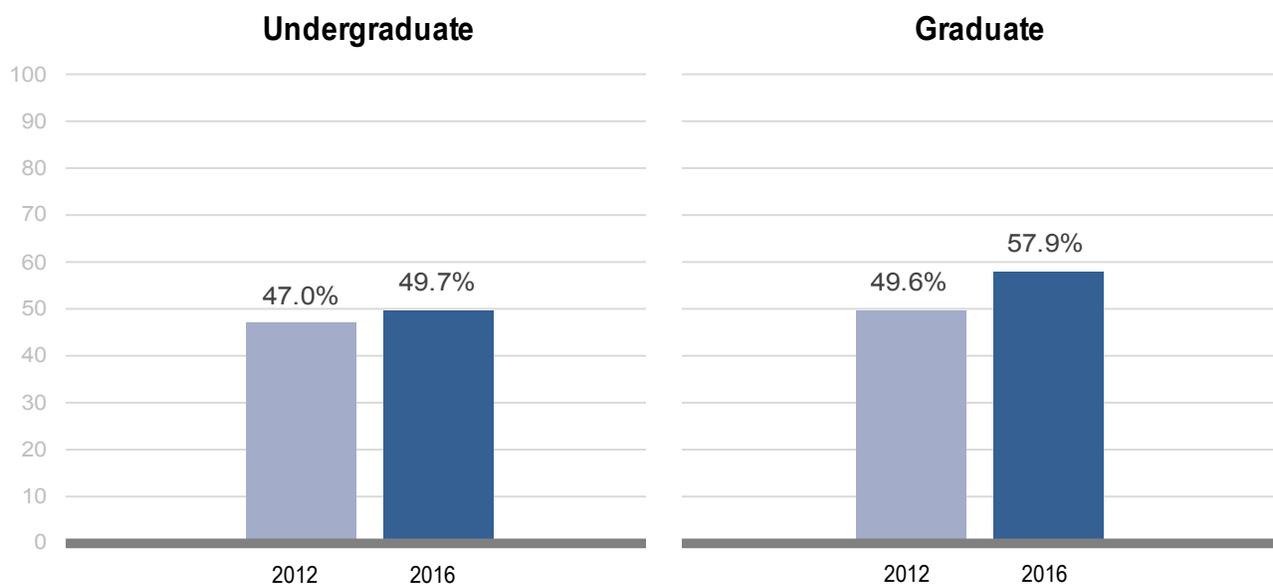


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	19,397	8,862	45.7%	21,436	10,410	48.6%	↑ 2.9
22-24	5,806	2,771	47.7%	5,955	2,934	49.3%	↑ 1.5
25-29	3,601	1,800	50.0%	3,469	2,009	57.9%	↑ 7.9
30-39	1,908	992	52.0%	1,878	1,248	66.5%	↑ 14.5
40-49	501	342	68.3%	348	253	72.7%	↑ 4.4
50+	193	152	78.8%	168	141	83.9%	↑ 5.2
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*

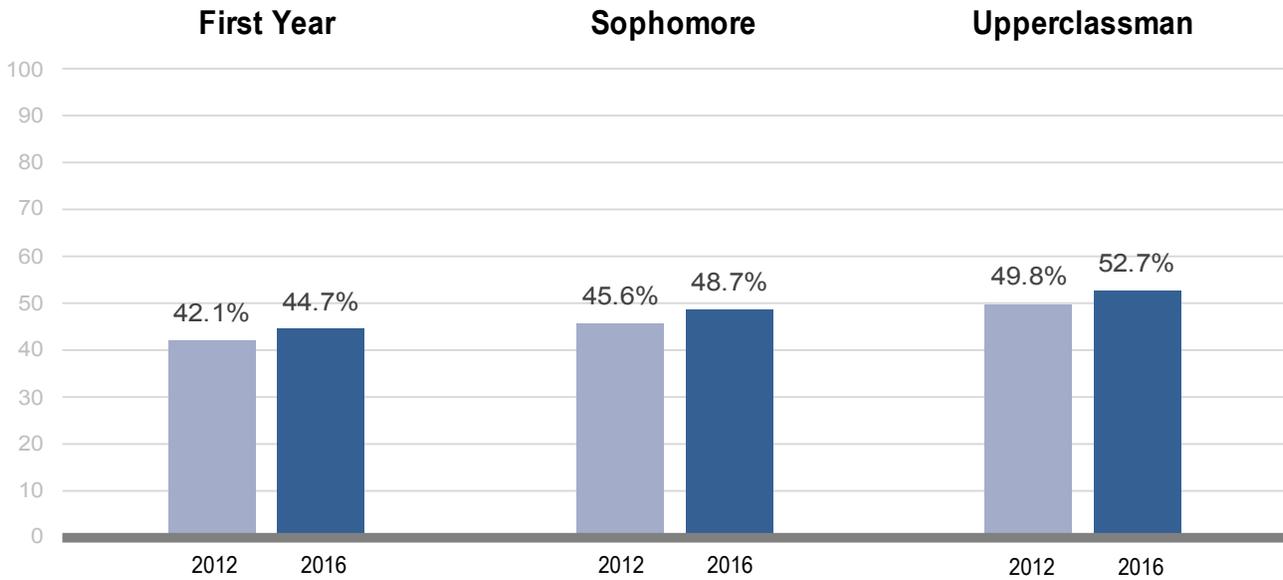


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	25,593	12,033	47.0%	27,435	13,623	49.7%	↑ 2.6
Graduate	5,809	2,883	49.6%	5,818	3,371	57.9%	↑ 8.3
Unknown	*			*			

* 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*

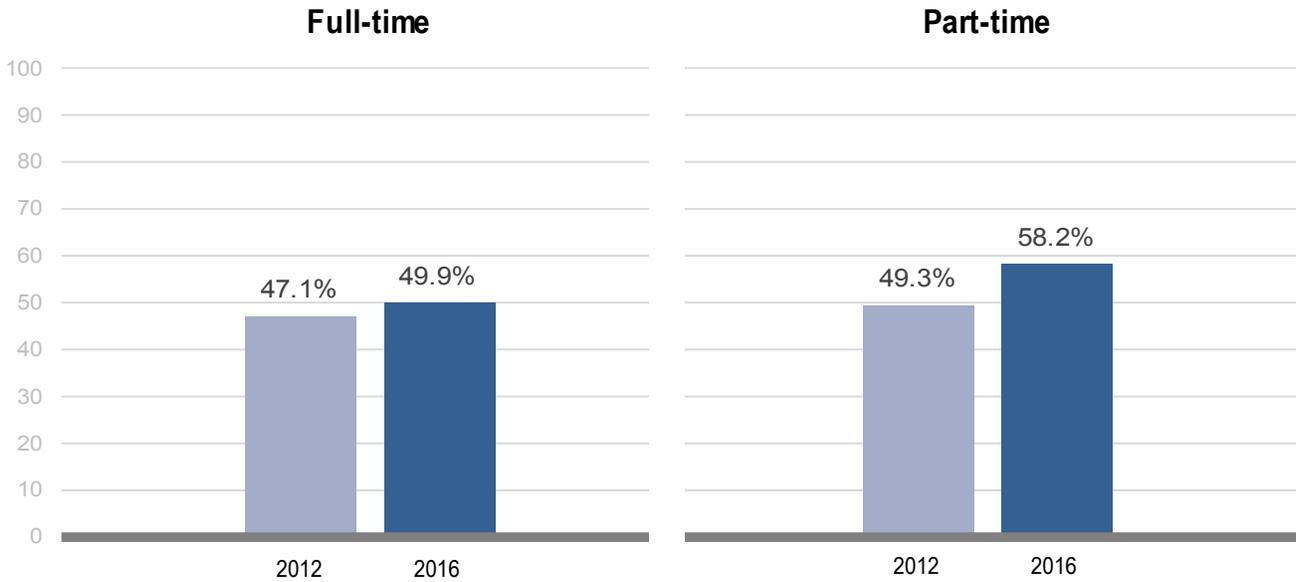


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,173	3,016	42.1%	7,622	3,403	44.7%	↑ 2.6
Sophomore	5,268	2,404	45.6%	6,381	3,106	48.7%	↑ 3.1
Upperclassman	11,498	5,726	49.8%	12,993	6,845	52.7%	↑ 2.9

* 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*

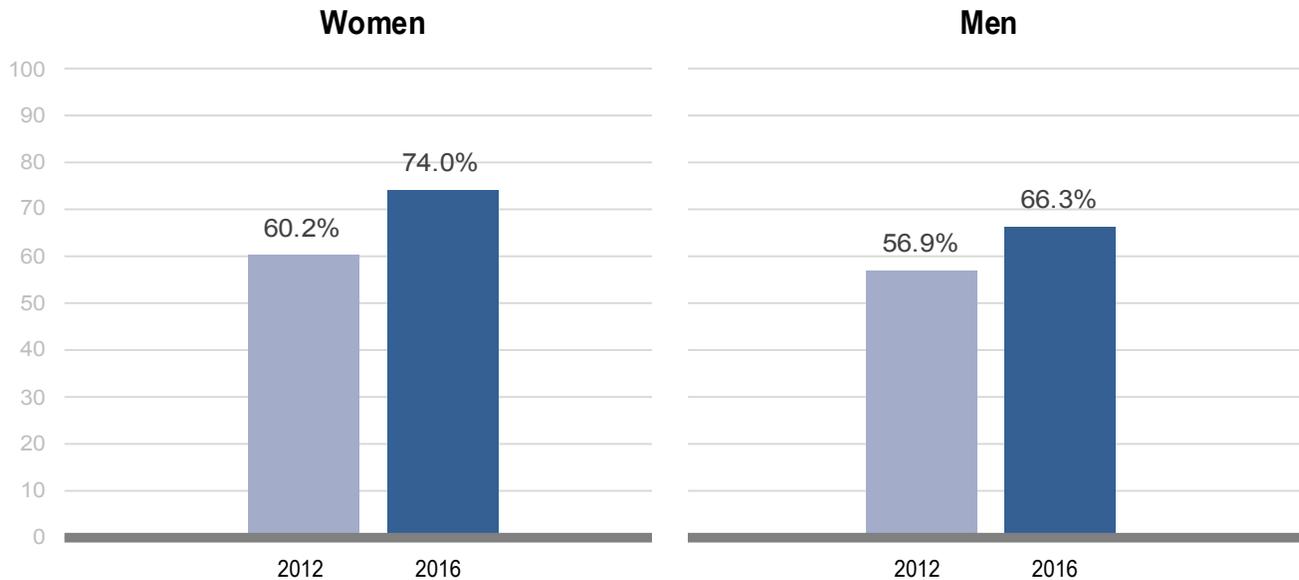


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	25,081	11,804	47.1%	28,544	14,253	49.9%	↑ 2.9
Part-time	6,325	3,115	49.3%	4,710	2,742	58.2%	↑ 9.0
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	11,924	7,183	60.2%	11,148	8,248	74.0%	↑ 13.8
Men	13,600	7,731	56.9%	13,112	8,688	66.3%	↑ 9.4
Unknown	5,882	*	n/a	8,994	59	0.7%	

* 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 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	658	299	45.4%	530	253	47.7% ↑	2.3
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	122	66	54.1%	113	64	56.6% ↑	2.5
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	3,508	1,840	52.5%	4,007	2,220	55.4% ↑	2.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,324	1,495	45.0%	4,236	2,080	49.1% ↑	4.1
Communication and Journalism	1,971	803	40.7%	1,868	889	47.6% ↑	6.9
Computer and Information Sciences	531	250	47.1%	1,567	726	46.3% ↓	-0.8
Education	425	300	70.6%	477	368	77.2% ↑	6.6
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	4,247	1,953	46.0%	5,905	2,872	48.6% ↑	2.7
English Language and Literature	761	378	49.7%	559	327	58.5% ↑	8.8
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	747	378	50.6%	515	277	53.8% ↑	3.2
Health Professions	339	180	53.1%	340	230	67.7% ↑	14.6
History	499	264	52.9%	328	187	57.0% ↑	4.1
Legal Professions and Studies	507	323	63.7%	537	395	73.6% ↑	9.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,916	776	40.5%	1,790	731	40.8% ↑	0.3
Mathematics and Statistics	519	239	46.1%	559	292	52.2% ↑	6.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	1,812	937	51.7%	1,505	883	58.7% ↑	7.0
Natural Resources and Conservation	856	366	42.8%	730	357	48.9% ↑	6.1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	263	134	51.0%	201	107	53.2% ↑	2.3
Physical Sciences	1,449	664	45.8%	1,711	841	49.2% ↑	3.3
Psychology	2,216	1,049	47.3%	1,792	863	48.2% ↑	0.8
Social Sciences	2,934	1,352	46.1%	2,682	1,287	48.0% ↑	1.9
Visual and Performing Arts	1,674	792	47.3%	1,290	742	57.5% ↑	10.2
Unknown	128	81	63.3%	12	*	n/a	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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