

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Colorado  
Denver

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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

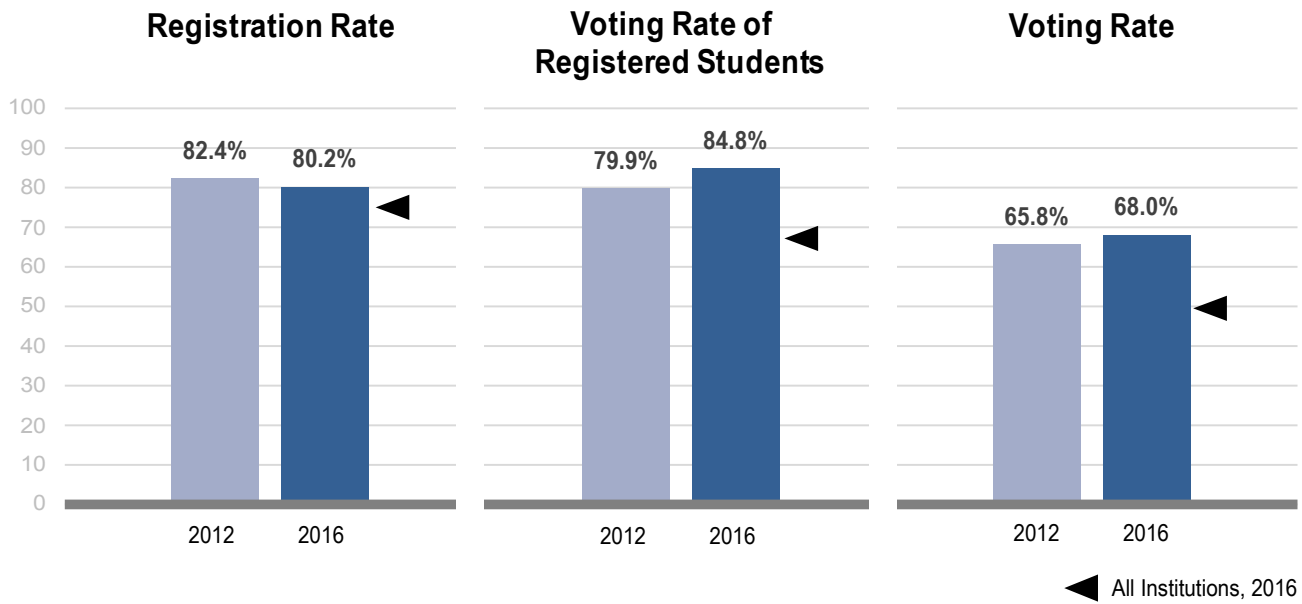
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**68.0%**

CHANGE FROM 2012  
**2.2**

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



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	20,838	23,558	↑ 2,720
Age under 18/Unknown	(1,866)	(2,913)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,465)	(1,508)	
FERPA records blocked	(17)	(23)	
Total eligible voters	17,490	19,114	↑ 1,624
Number of students who registered	14,406	15,321	↑ 915
Number of students who voted	11,503	12,998	↑ 1,495
Registration rate	82.4%	80.2%	↓ -2.2
Voting rate of registered students	79.9%	84.8%	↑ 5.0
Voting rate	65.8%	68.0%	↑ 2.2
Difference from all institutions	+18.9	+17.6	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

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

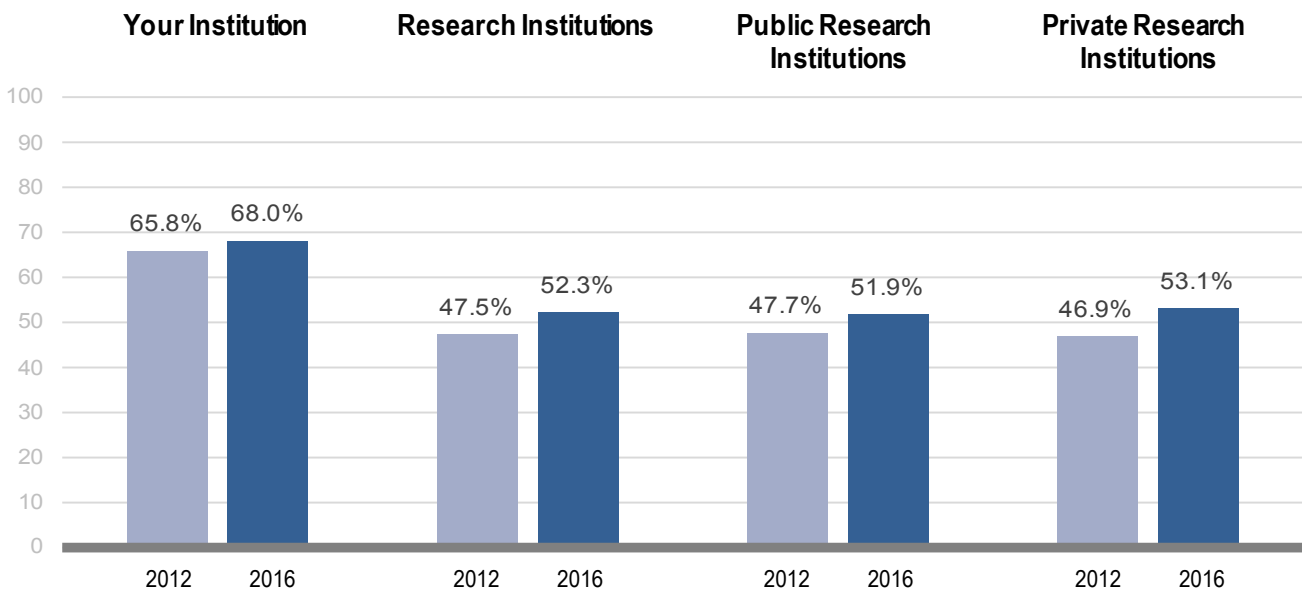
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

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

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

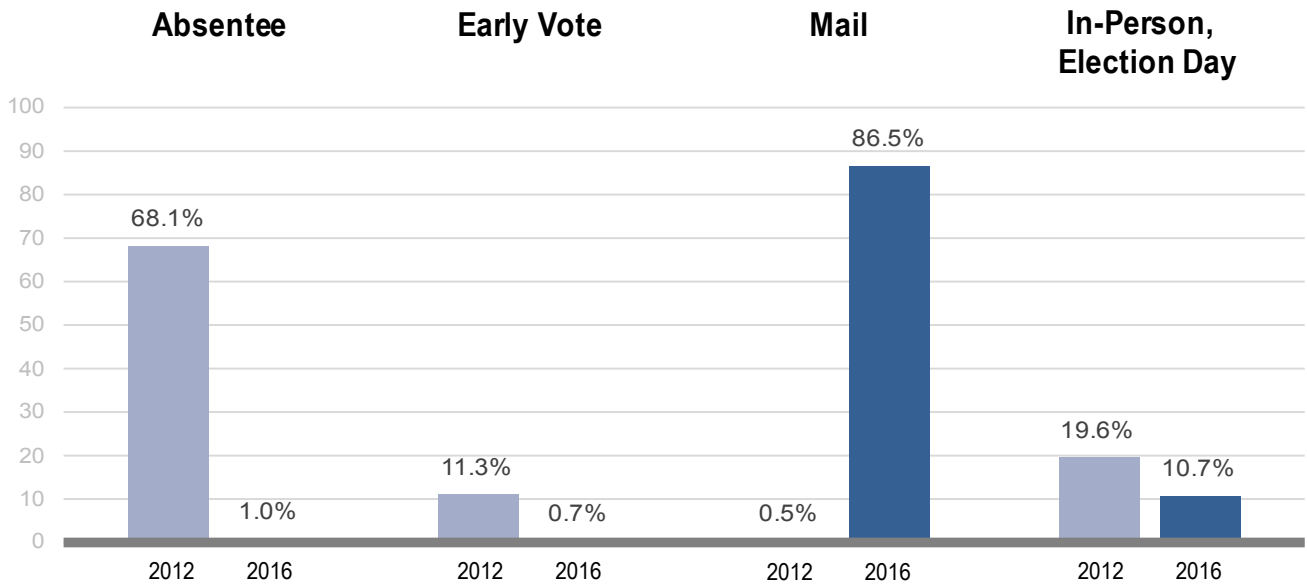
Difference from All Institutions **+18.9**

Difference from All Institutions **+17.6**



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# By Voting Method\*

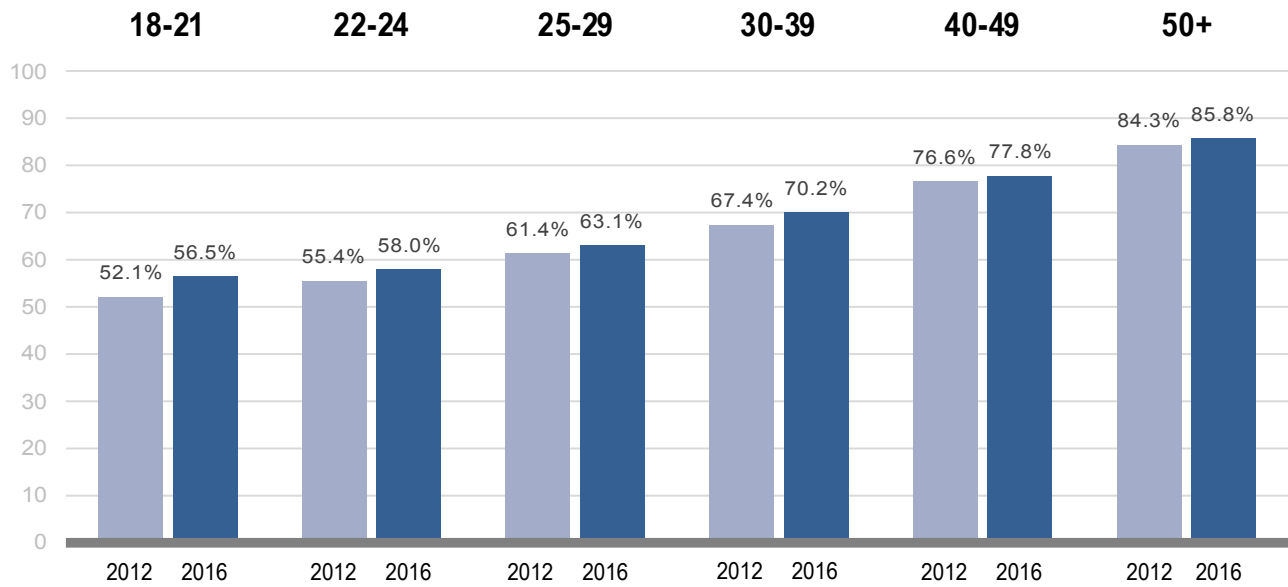


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	7,833	68.1%	128	1.0%	↓ -67.1
Early Vote	1,294	11.3%	86	0.7%	↓ -10.6
Mail	55	0.5%	11,248	86.5%	↑ 86.1
In-Person, Election Day	2,257	19.6%	1,389	10.7%	↓ -8.9
Unknown	64	0.6%	147	1.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,503</b>		<b>12,998</b>		

\* 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\*

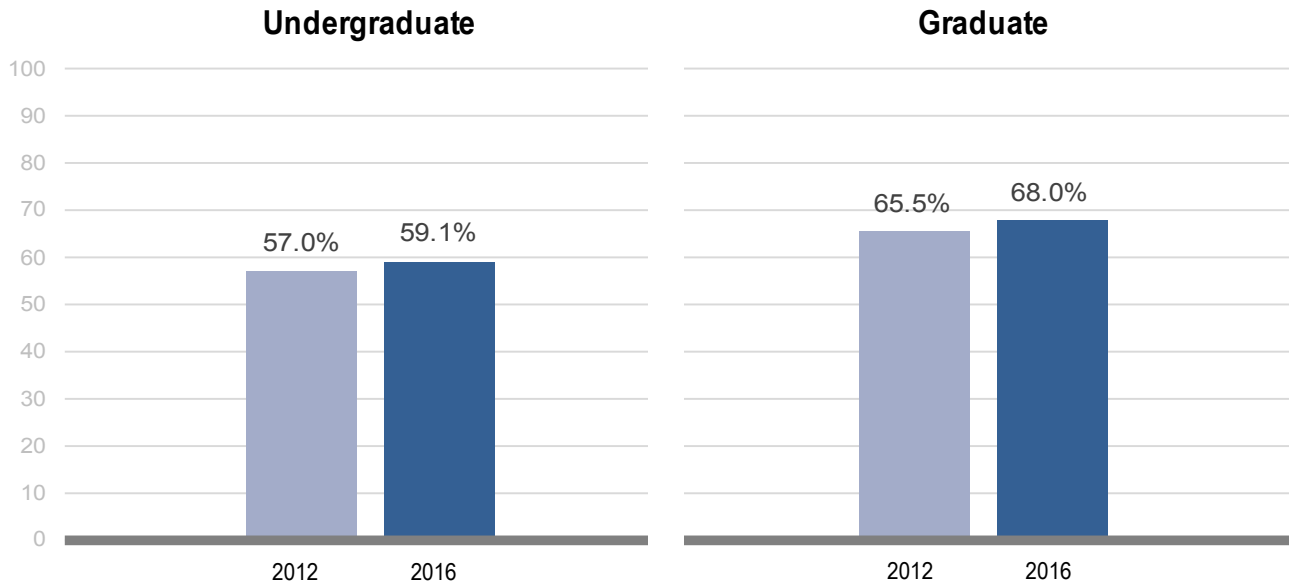


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,707	2,454	52.1%	5,676	3,205	56.5%	↑ 4.3
22-24	3,794	2,100	55.4%	4,058	2,352	58.0%	↑ 2.6
25-29	5,015	3,080	61.4%	5,236	3,303	63.1%	↑ 1.7
30-39	3,680	2,480	67.4%	3,899	2,735	70.2%	↑ 2.8
40-49	1,224	938	76.6%	1,254	975	77.8%	↑ 1.1
50+	535	451	84.3%	499	428	85.8%	↑ 1.5
Unknown	*			13			

\* 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\*

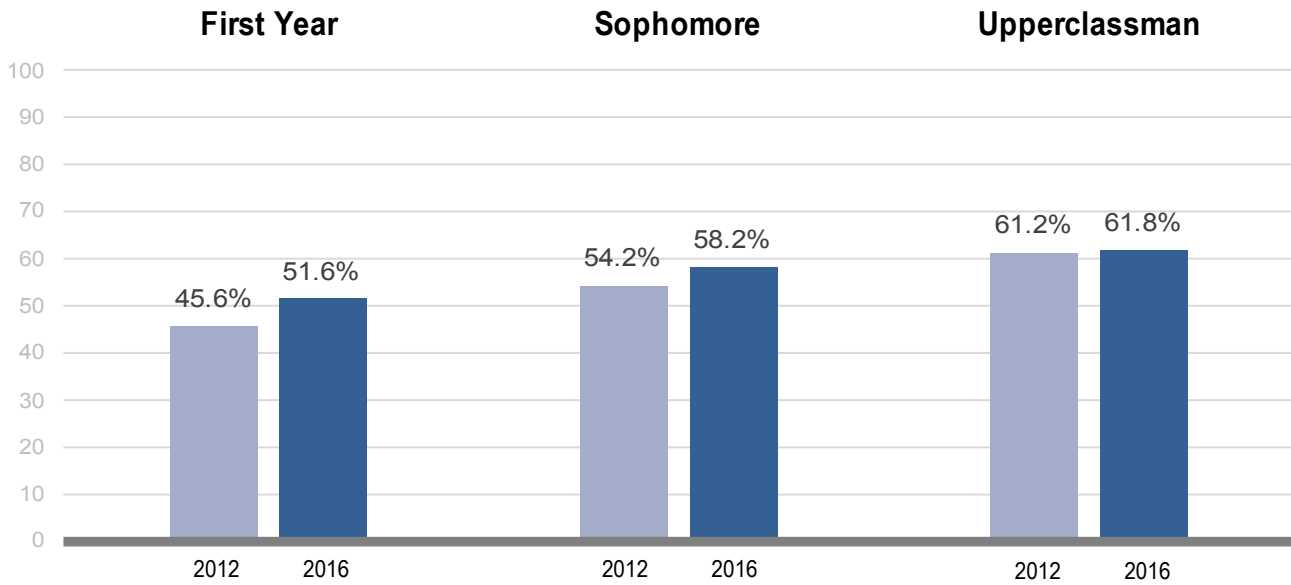


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	10,728	6,115	57.0%	11,465	6,773	59.1%	↑ 2.1
Graduate	8,227	5,388	65.5%	9,157	6,225	68.0%	↑ 2.5
Unknown	0			0			

\* 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\*



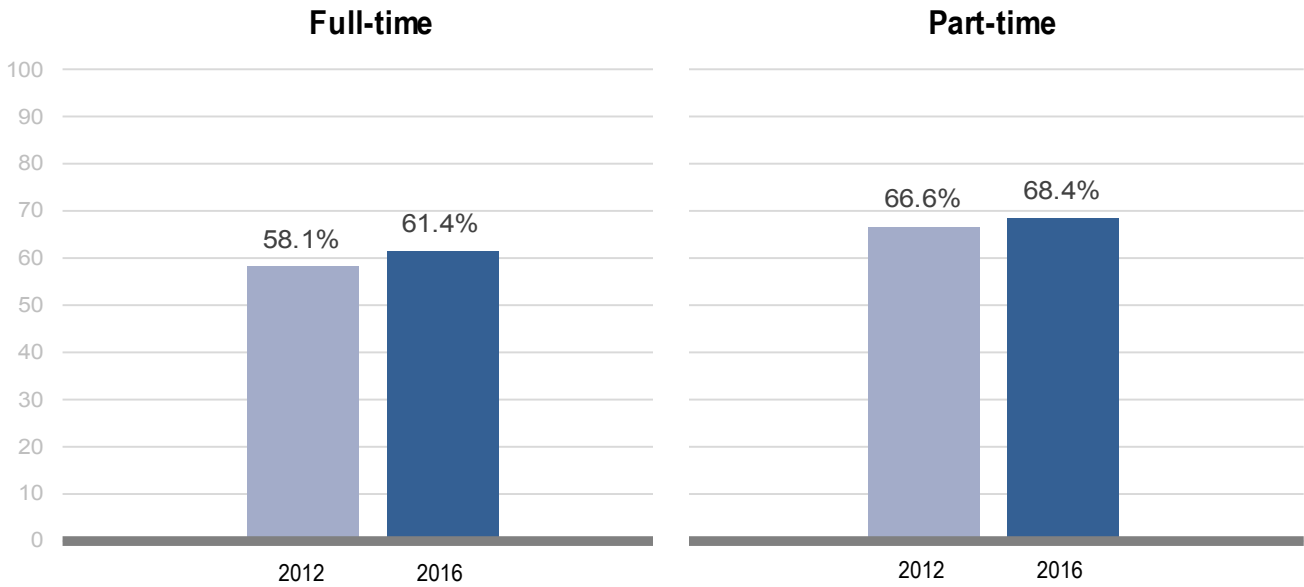
	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,985	905	<b>45.6%</b>	2,339	1,207	<b>51.6%</b>	↑ 6.0
Sophomore	1,994	1,080	<b>54.2%</b>	2,195	1,278	<b>58.2%</b>	↑ 4.1
Upperclassman	5,836	3,572	<b>61.2%</b>	6,476	3,999	<b>61.8%</b>	↑ 0.5

\* 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	13,202	7,674	<b>58.1%</b>	15,857	9,737	<b>61.4%</b>	↑ 3.3
Part-time	5,753	3,829	<b>66.6%</b>	4,765	3,261	<b>68.4%</b>	↑ 1.9
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 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	461	259	56.2%	697	403	57.8% ↑	1.6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	25	16	64.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,364	828	60.7%	1,550	973	62.8% ↑	2.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,995	1,718	57.4%	2,892	1,771	61.2% ↑	3.9
Communication and Journalism	409	219	53.6%	452	224	49.6% ↓	-4.0
Computer and Information Sciences	306	142	46.4%	413	185	44.8% ↓	-1.6
Education	1,091	840	77.0%	1,339	1,025	76.6% ↓	-0.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,248	622	49.8%	1,403	750	53.5% ↑	3.6
English Language and Literature	409	263	64.3%	304	218	71.7% ↑	7.4
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	90	66	73.3%	47	39	83.0% ↑	9.7
Health Professions	3,716	2,266	61.0%	4,901	3,184	65.0% ↑	4.0
History	188	151	80.3%	142	106	74.7% ↓	-5.7
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	287	184	64.1%	321	200	62.3% ↓	-1.8
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	234	143	61.1%	407	260	63.9% ↑	2.8
Library Science	112	86	76.8%	117	89	76.1% ↓	-0.7
Mathematics and Statistics	183	98	53.6%	174	109	62.6% ↑	9.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	355	230	64.8%	1,485	1,090	73.4% ↑	8.6
Natural Resources and Conservation	36	21	58.3%	34	24	70.6% ↑	12.3
Philosophy and Religious Studies	55	39	70.9%	43	32	74.4% ↑	3.5
Physical Sciences	234	128	54.7%	231	143	61.9% ↑	7.2
Psychology	959	608	63.4%	806	523	64.9% ↑	1.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	411	303	73.7%	377	284	75.3% ↑	1.6
Social Sciences	1,286	642	49.9%	1,202	542	45.1% ↓	-4.8

Visual and Performing Arts	1,179	741	<b>62.9%</b>	1,220	784	<b>64.3%</b> ↑	<b>1.4</b>
Unknown	1,347	906	<b>67.3%</b>	40	24	<b>60.0%</b> ↓	<b>-7.3</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>.

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