

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Wake Forest 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,
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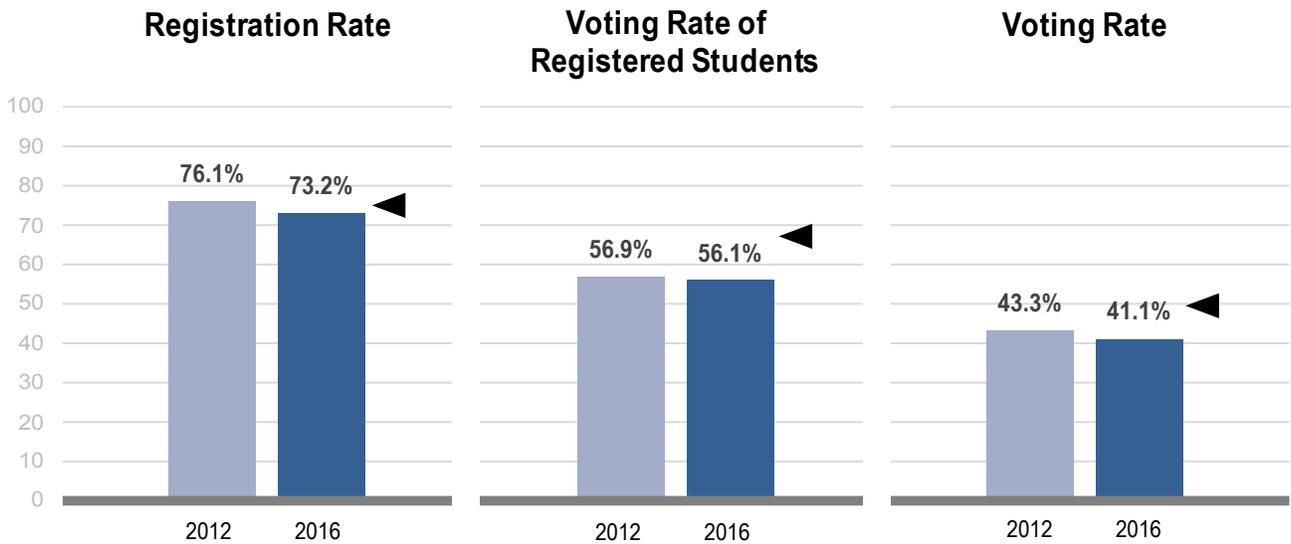
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
41.1%

CHANGE FROM 2012
-2.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	6,437	7,371	↑ 934
Age under 18/Unknown	(23)	(33)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(326)	(540)	
FERPA records blocked	(18)	(10)	
Total eligible voters	6,070	6,788	↑ 718
Number of students who registered	4,616	4,966	↑ 350
Number of students who voted	2,627	2,787	↑ 160
Registration rate	76.1%	73.2%	↓ -2.9
Voting rate of registered students	56.9%	56.1%	↓ -0.8
Voting rate	43.3%	41.1%	↓ -2.2
Difference from all institutions	-3.6	-9.3	

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

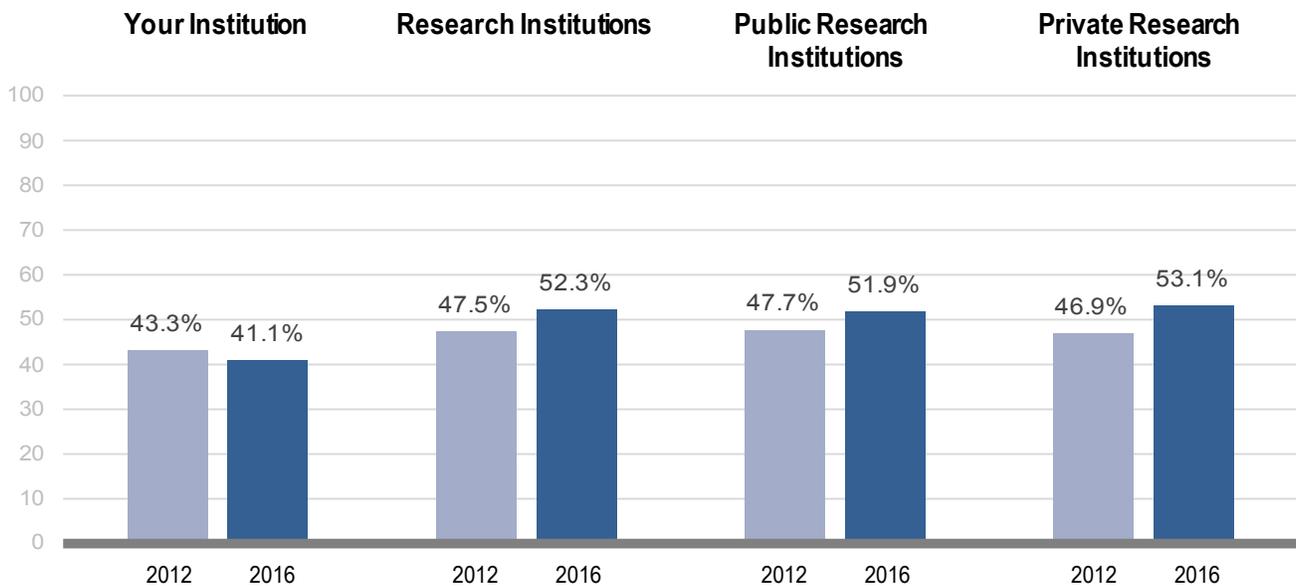
50.4%

HIGH
81.4%

LOW
13.1%

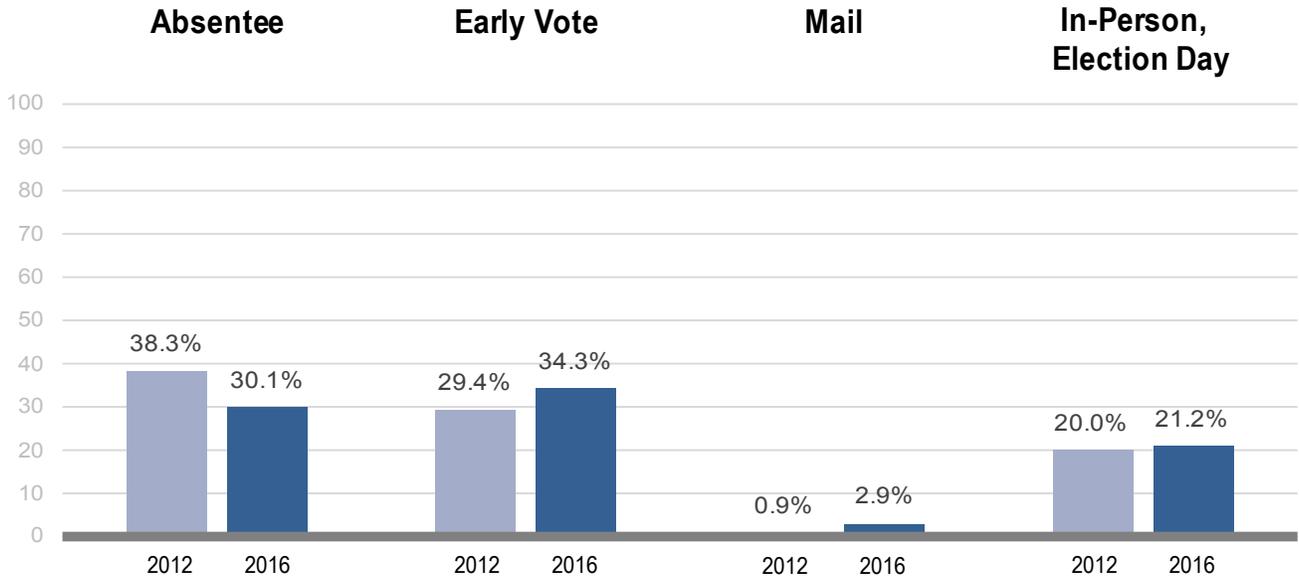
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

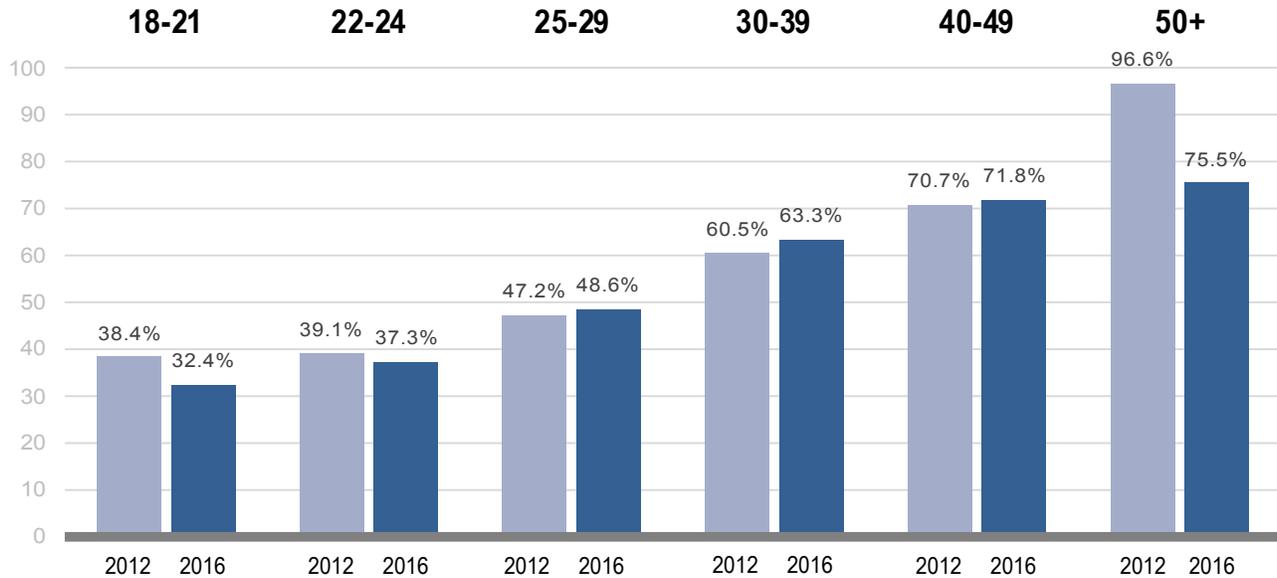


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	1,007	38.3%	839	30.1%	↓ -8.2
Early Vote	773	29.4%	955	34.3%	↑ 4.8
Mail	24	0.9%	82	2.9%	↑ 2.0
In-Person, Election Day	526	20.0%	590	21.2%	↑ 1.2
Unknown	297	11.3%	321	11.5%	
Total	2,627		2,787		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

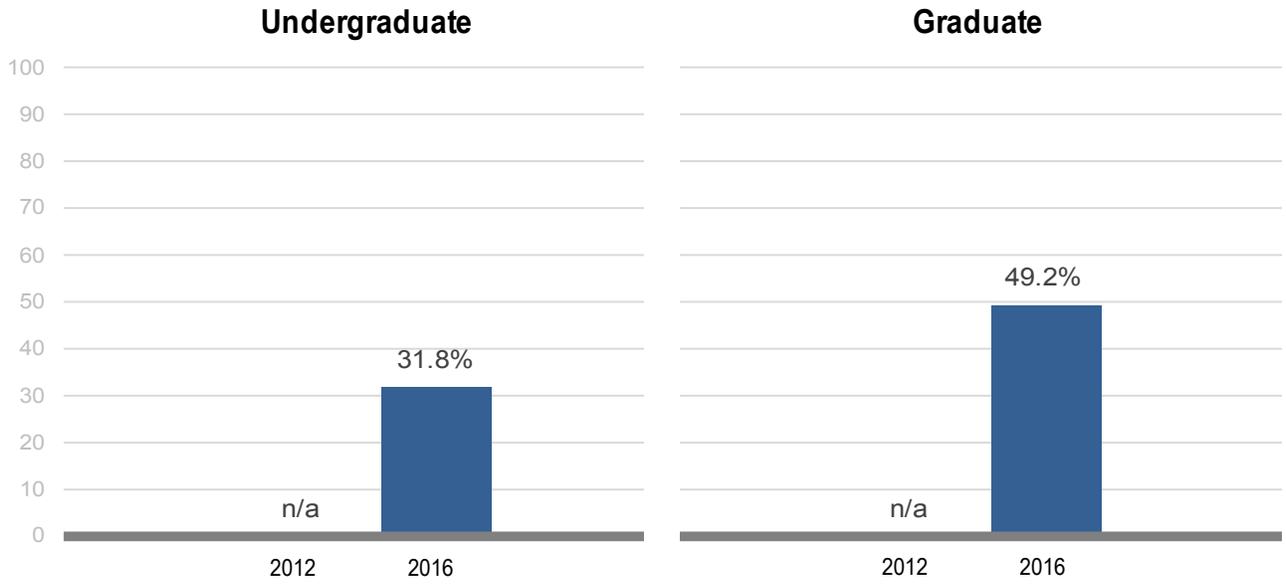


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	4,186	1,607	38.4%	4,529	1,465	32.4%	↓ -6.0
22-24	1,126	440	39.1%	1,351	504	37.3%	↓ -1.8
25-29	691	326	47.2%	793	385	48.6%	↑ 1.4
30-39	306	185	60.5%	460	291	63.3%	↑ 2.8
40-49	58	41	70.7%	142	102	71.8%	↑ 1.1
50+	29	28	96.6%	53	40	75.5%	↓ -21.1
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*

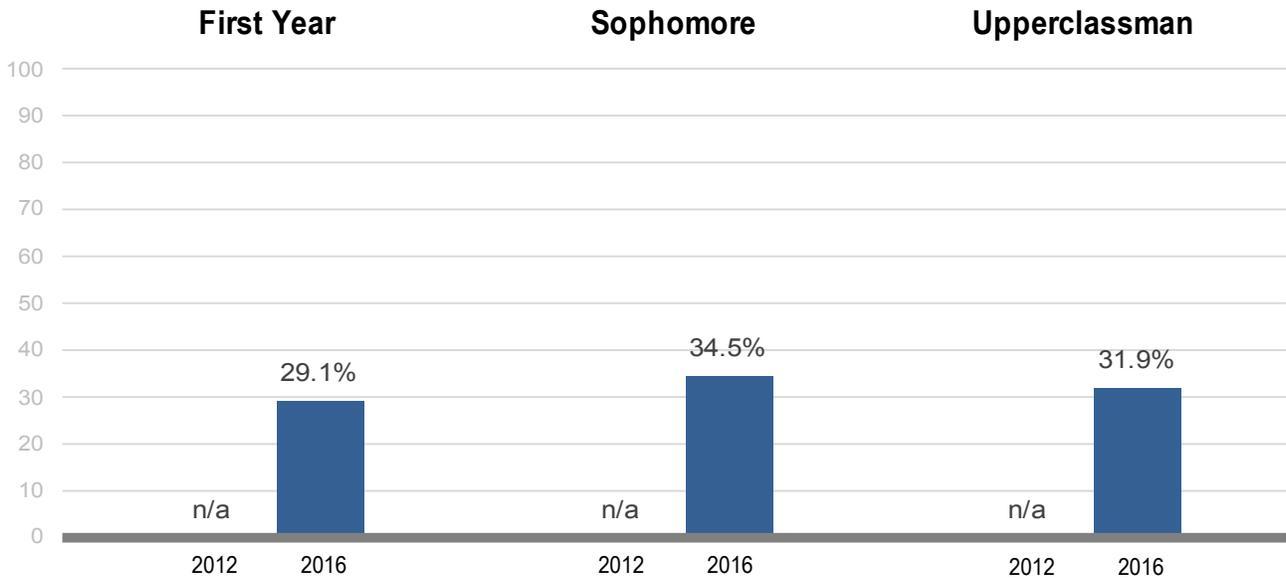


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	4,900	1,557	31.8%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,968	968	49.2%	n/a
Unknown	6,396			460			

* 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*

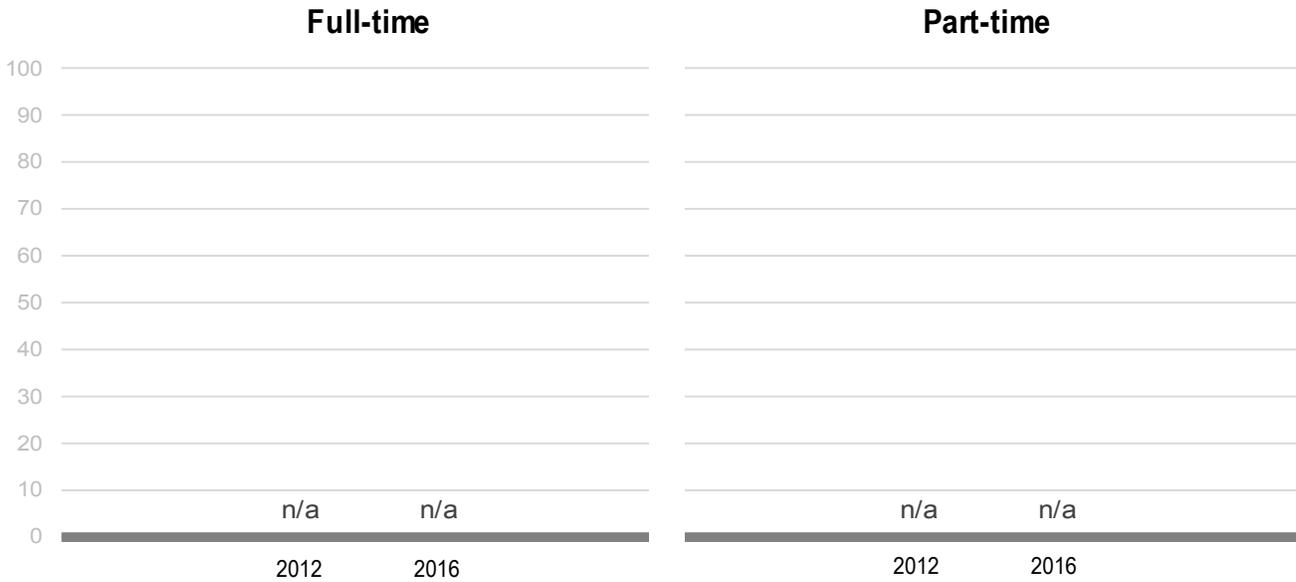


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	1,263	368	29.1%	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	1,245	430	34.5%	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	2,343	748	31.9%	n/a

* 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	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Part-time	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	413	185	44.8%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	1,219	480	39.4%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	236	80	33.9%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	82	20	24.4%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	309	195	63.1%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	43	22	51.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	89	25	28.1%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	61	20	32.8%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	255	158	62.0%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	64	21	32.8%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	559	224	40.1%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	2,417	768	31.8%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	107	30	28.0%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	10	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	146	53	36.3%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	52	18	34.6%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	189	70	37.0%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	247	111	44.9%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	571	181	31.7%	n/a
Theology and Religious Vocations	0	0	n/a	118	72	61.0%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	70	29	41.4%	n/a
Unknown	6,396	2,627	41.1%	71	20	28.2% ↓	-12.9

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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