

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
West Virginia 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,
IDHE Team



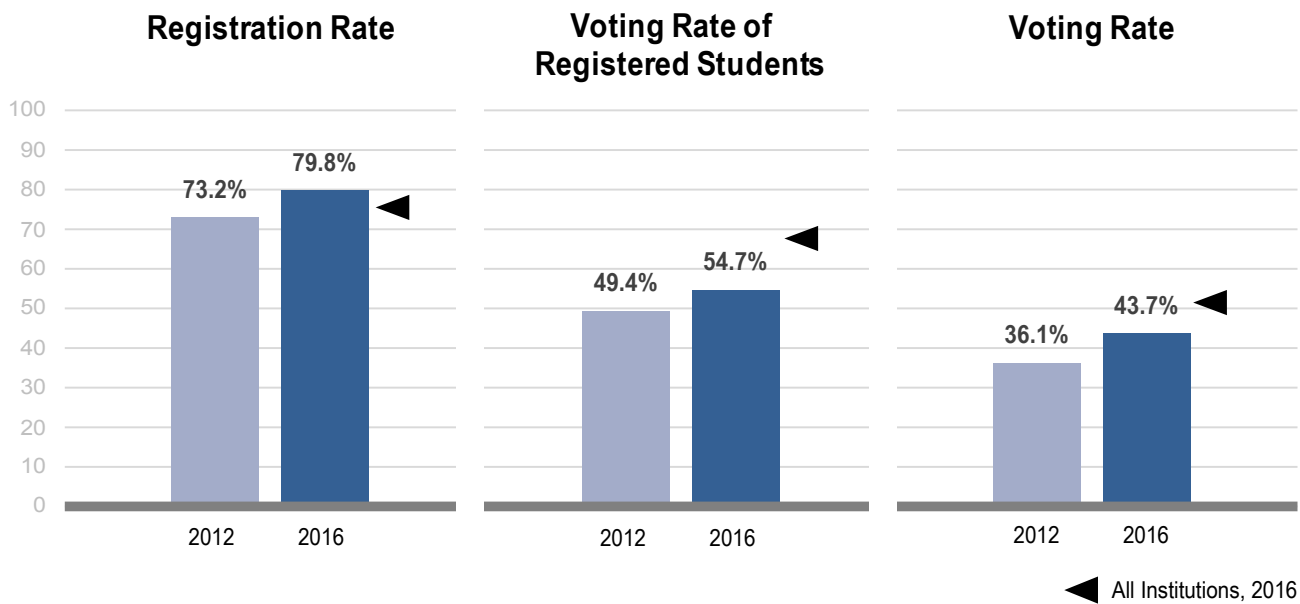
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Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
43.7%

CHANGE FROM 2012
7.6

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	32,600	31,221	↓ -1,379
Age under 18/Unknown	(816)	(1,233)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,796)	(2,346)	
FERPA records blocked	(205)	(98)	
Total eligible voters	29,783	27,544	↓ -2,239
Number of students who registered	21,798	21,988	↑ 190
Number of students who voted	10,760	12,034	↑ 1,274
Registration rate	73.2%	79.8%	↑ 6.6
Voting rate of registered students	49.4%	54.7%	↑ 5.4
Voting rate	36.1%	43.7%	↑ 7.6
Difference from all institutions	-10.8	-6.7	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

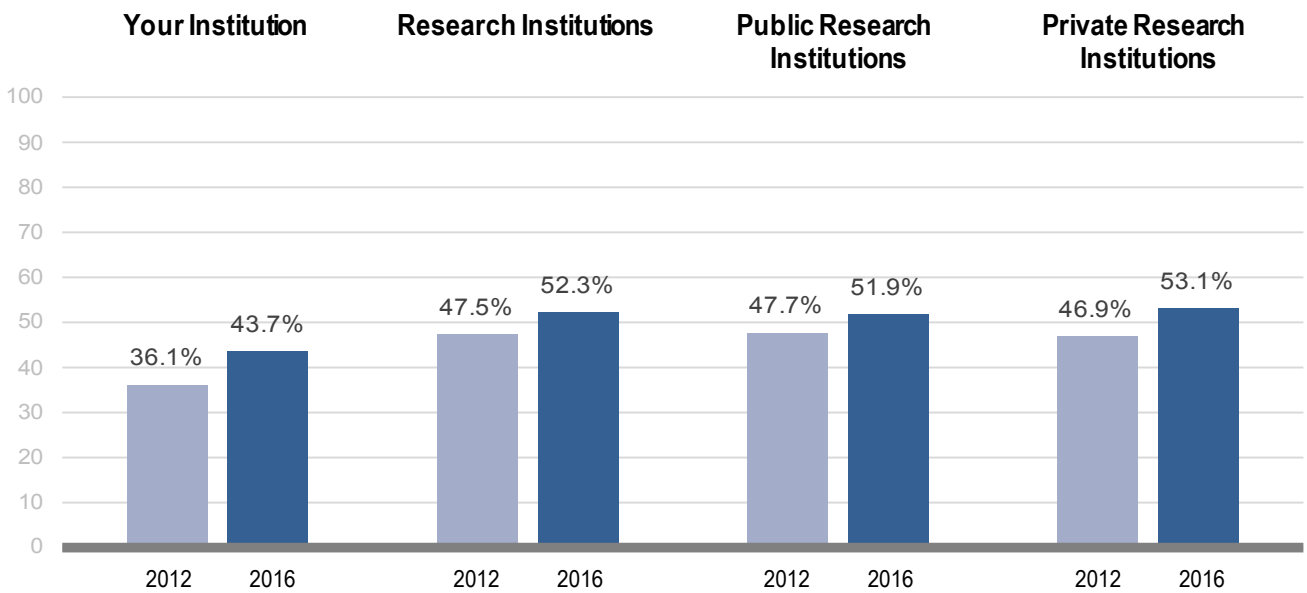
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

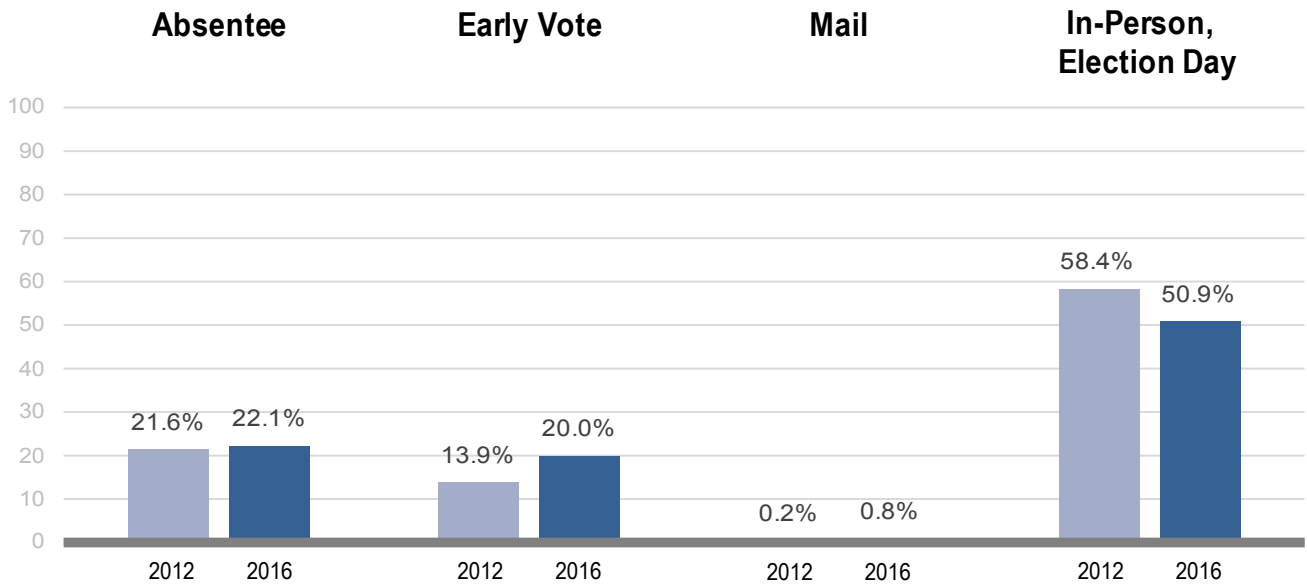
Difference from All Institutions **-10.8**

Difference from All Institutions **-6.7**



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By Voting Method*

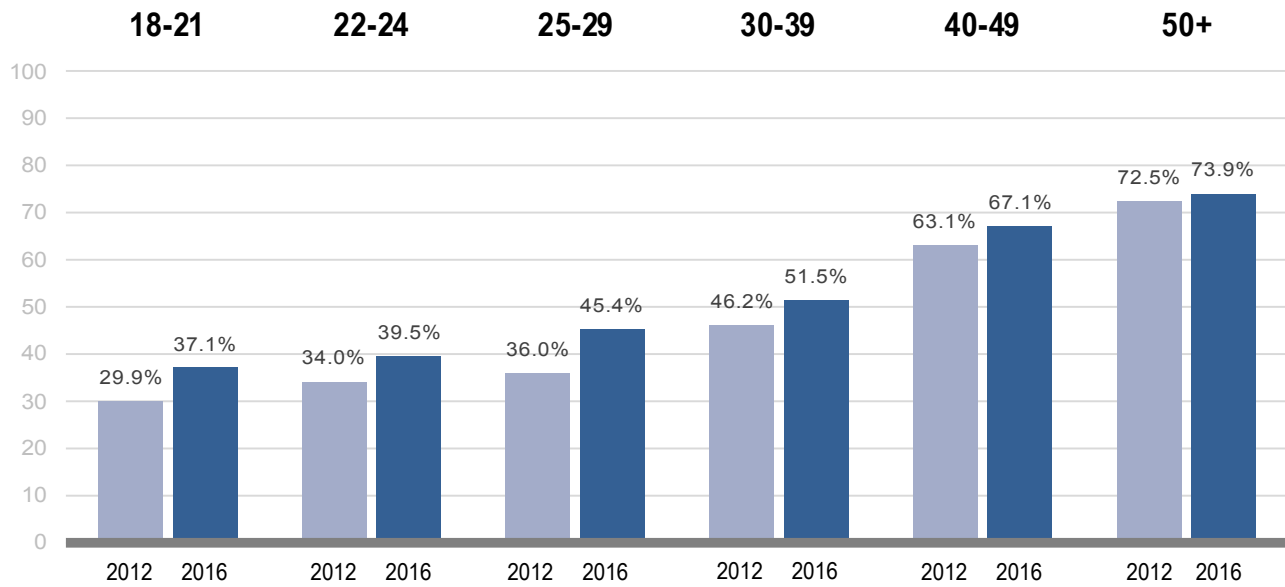


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	2,324	21.6%	2,660	22.1%	↑ 0.5
Early Vote	1,500	13.9%	2,402	20.0%	↑ 6.0
Mail	23	0.2%	93	0.8%	↑ 0.6
In-Person, Election Day	6,282	58.4%	6,119	50.9%	↓ -7.5
Unknown	631	5.9%	760	6.3%	
Total	10,760		12,034		

* 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*

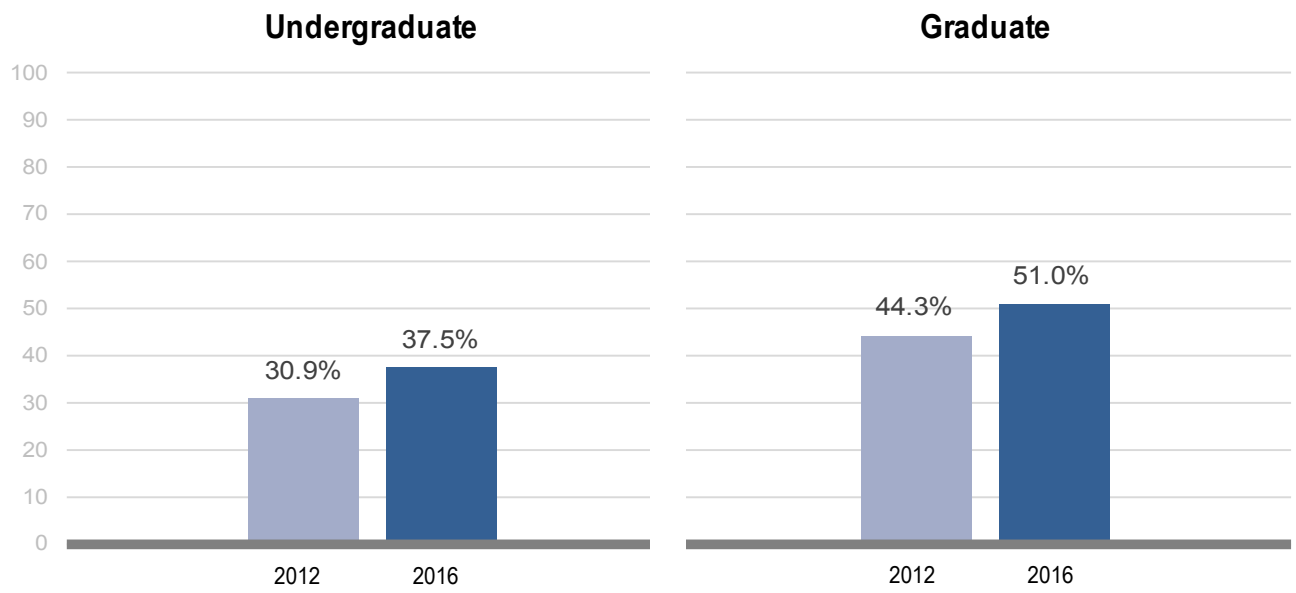


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	18,313	5,477	29.9%	18,327	6,807	37.1%	↑ 7.2
22-24	6,495	2,209	34.0%	6,063	2,395	39.5%	↑ 5.5
25-29	3,288	1,183	36.0%	2,796	1,268	45.4%	↑ 9.4
30-39	2,097	969	46.2%	1,740	896	51.5%	↑ 5.3
40-49	881	556	63.1%	654	439	67.1%	↑ 4.0
50+	505	366	72.5%	310	229	73.9%	↑ 1.4
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*

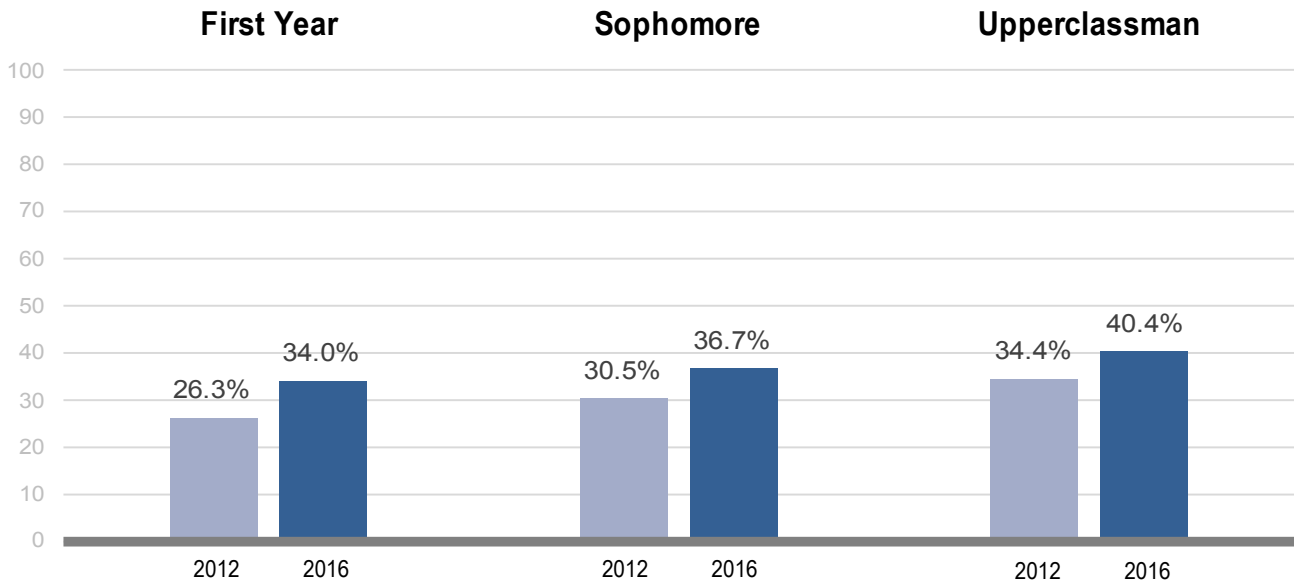


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	24,591	7,609	30.9%	23,821	8,941	37.5%	↑ 6.6
Graduate	1,785	790	44.3%	6,038	3,080	51.0%	↑ 6.8
Unknown	5,203			31			

* 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*

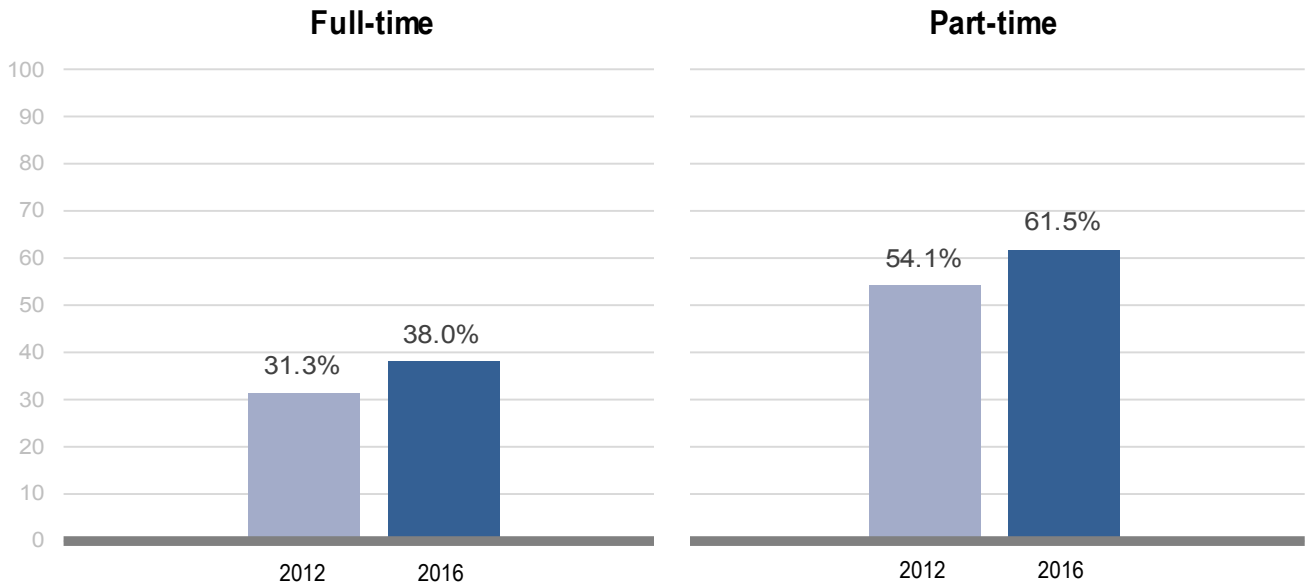


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	7,978	2,097	26.3%	7,497	2,547	34.0%	↑ 7.7
Sophomore	5,648	1,721	30.5%	5,374	1,972	36.7%	↑ 6.2
Upperclassman	10,357	3,564	34.4%	10,920	4,408	40.4%	↑ 6.0

* 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*

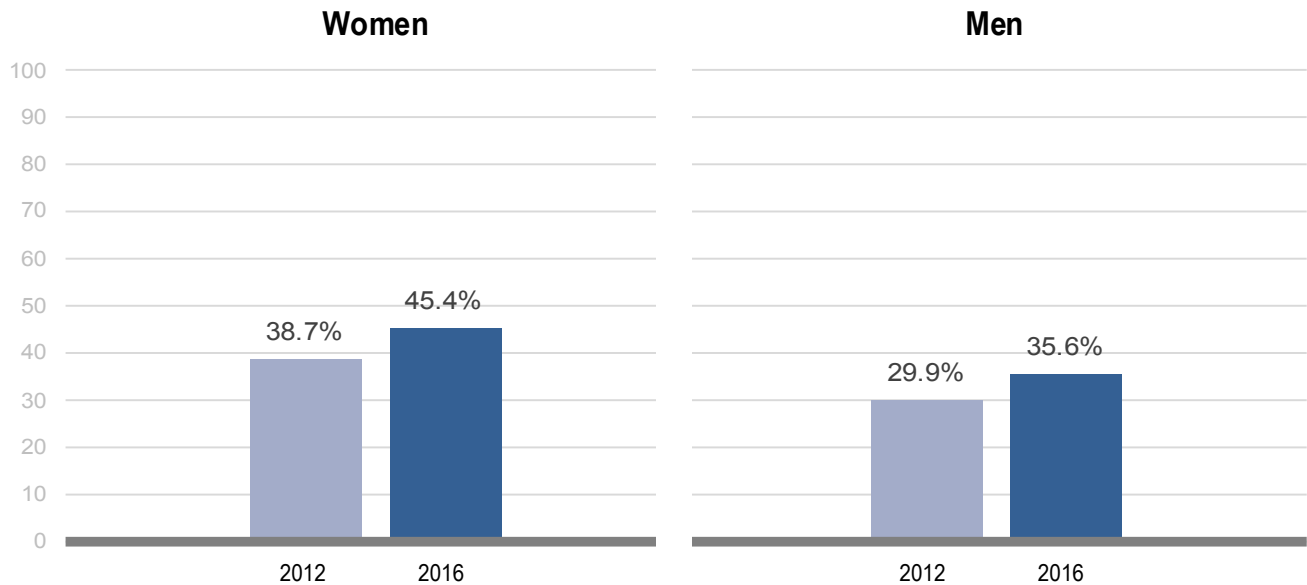


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	27,746	8,686	31.3%	27,048	10,285	38.0%	↑ 6.7
Part-time	3,833	2,074	54.1%	2,842	1,749	61.5%	↑ 7.4
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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*

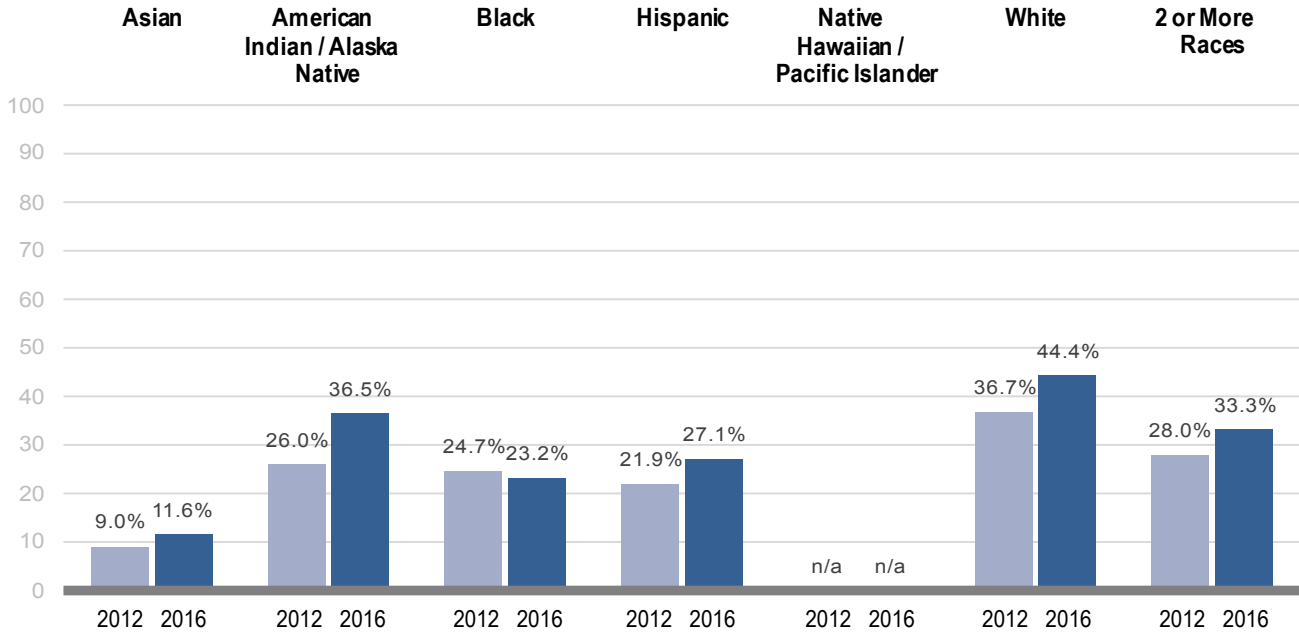


	2012			2016			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	15,053	5,818	38.7%	14,337	6,502	45.4%	↑	6.7
Men	16,523	4,942	29.9%	15,553	5,532	35.6%	↑	5.7
Unknown	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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	1,409	127	9.0%	1,336	155	11.6%	↑ 2.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	73	19	26.0%	52	19	36.5%	↑ 10.5
Black	1,554	384	24.7%	1,693	392	23.2%	↓ -1.6
Hispanic	982	215	21.9%	1,183	320	27.1%	↑ 5.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	28	*	n/a	25	*	n/a	n/a
White	26,275	9,642	36.7%	24,103	10,702	44.4%	↑ 7.7
2 or More Races	793	222	28.0%	1,097	365	33.3%	↑ 5.3
Unknown	465			401			

* 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	1,031	347	33.7%	999	375	37.5% ↑	3.9
Architecture	126	21	16.7%	110	23	20.9% ↑	4.2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,806	582	32.2%	1,880	732	38.9% ↑	6.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,968	864	29.1%	3,419	1,200	35.1% ↑	6.0
Communication and Journalism	1,830	676	36.9%	1,677	797	47.5% ↑	10.6
Computer and Information Sciences	329	104	31.6%	420	160	38.1% ↑	6.5
Education	1,739	802	46.1%	1,527	753	49.3% ↑	3.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	3,975	1,195	30.1%	5,045	1,705	33.8% ↑	3.7
English Language and Literature	359	140	39.0%	278	130	46.8% ↑	7.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	209	74	35.4%	245	78	31.8% ↓	-3.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	206	58	28.2%	131	49	37.4% ↑	9.2
Health Professions	3,573	1,448	40.5%	3,751	1,714	45.7% ↑	5.2
History	416	173	41.6%	232	131	56.5% ↑	14.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	538	171	31.8%	540	219	40.6% ↑	8.8
Legal Professions and Studies	450	226	50.2%	362	234	64.6% ↑	14.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	3,339	994	29.8%	1,828	721	39.4% ↑	9.7
Mathematics and Statistics	225	65	28.9%	190	63	33.2% ↑	4.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	966	297	30.8%	650	267	41.1% ↑	10.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	505	158	31.3%	630	245	38.9% ↑	7.6
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	931	219	23.5%	819	214	26.1% ↑	2.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	53	20	37.7%	44	20	45.5% ↑	7.7
Physical Sciences	606	175	28.9%	647	237	36.6% ↑	7.8
Psychology	934	285	30.5%	851	307	36.1% ↑	5.6

Public Administration and Social Service Professions	496	233	47.0%	375	211	56.3% ↑	9.3
Science Technologies/Technicians	24	16	66.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	1,517	484	31.9%	1,306	538	41.2% ↑	9.3
Visual and Performing Arts	1,026	301	29.3%	992	411	41.4% ↑	12.1
Unknown	1,402	632	45.1%	942	500	53.1% ↑	8.0

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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