

2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Whittier College

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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

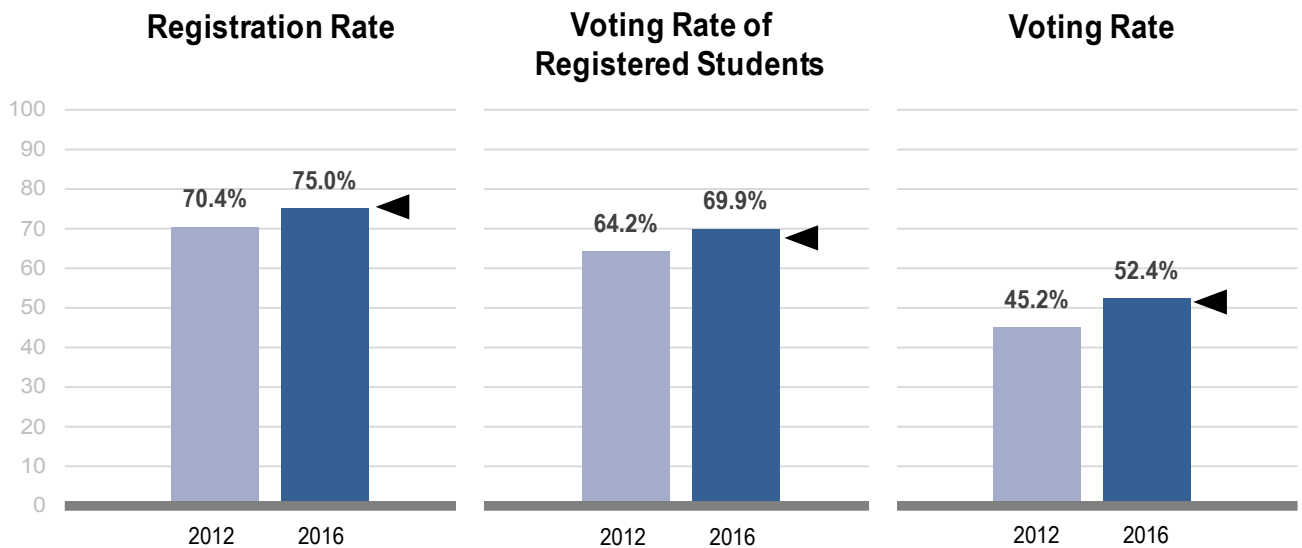
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2016 Voting Rate
52.4%

CHANGE FROM 2012
7.2

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
50.4%



◀ All Institutions, 2016

	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	2,377	2,265	↓ -112
Age under 18/Unknown	(15)	(18)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(65)	(64)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	2,294	2,181	↓ -113
Number of students who registered	1,615	1,636	↑ 21
Number of students who voted	1,037	1,143	↑ 106
Registration rate	70.4%	75.0%	↑ 4.6
Voting rate of registered students	64.2%	69.9%	↑ 5.7
Voting rate	45.2%	52.4%	↑ 7.2
Difference from all institutions	-1.7	+2.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions
46.9%

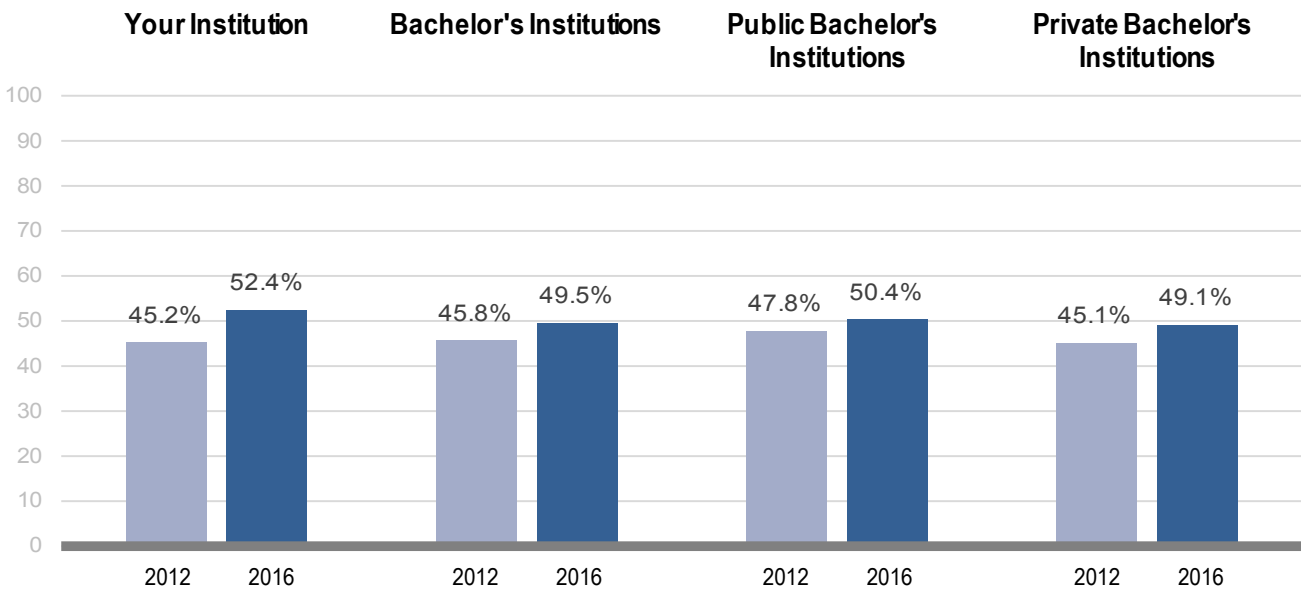
HIGH 72.9%
 LOW 19.3%

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions
50.4%

HIGH 81.4%
 LOW 13.1%

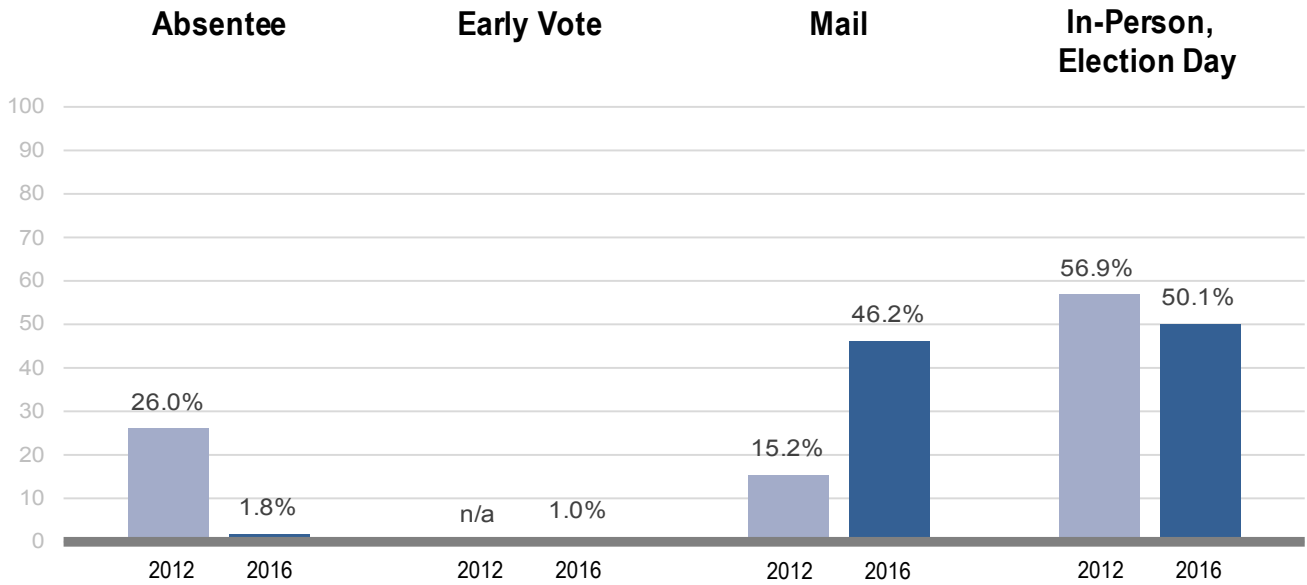
Difference from All Institutions **-1.7**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.0**



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By Voting Method*

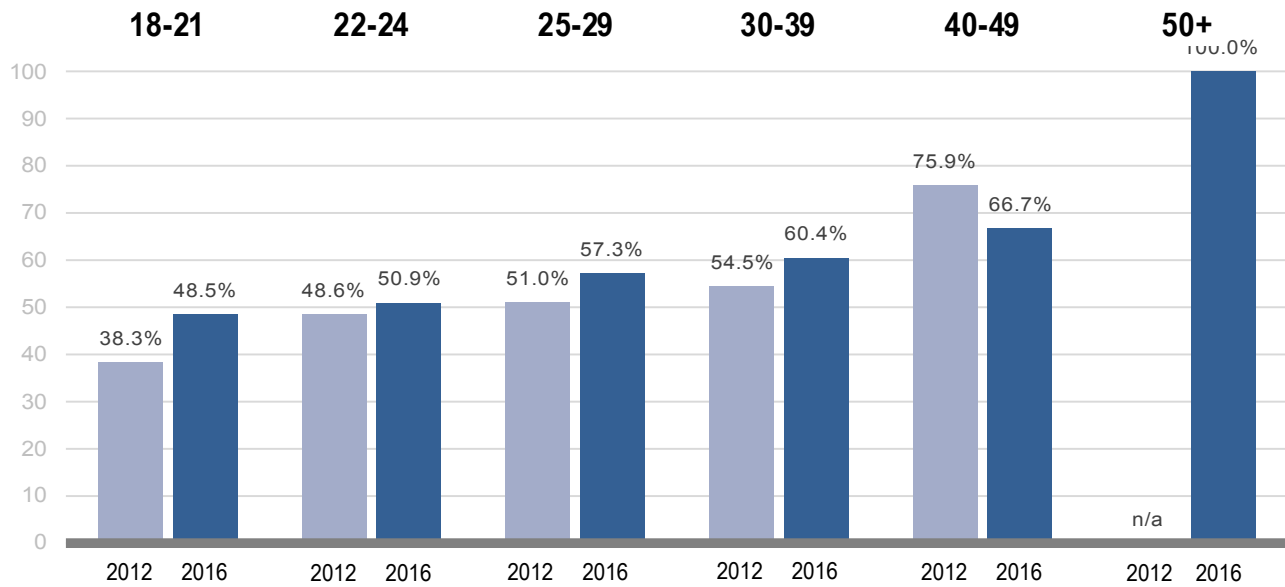


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	270	26.0%	21	1.8%	↓ -24.2
Early Vote	*	n/a	11	1.0%	n/a
Mail	158	15.2%	528	46.2%	↑ 31.0
In-Person, Election Day	590	56.9%	573	50.1%	↓ -6.8
Unknown	12	1.2%	10	0.9%	
Total	1,037		1,143		

* 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*

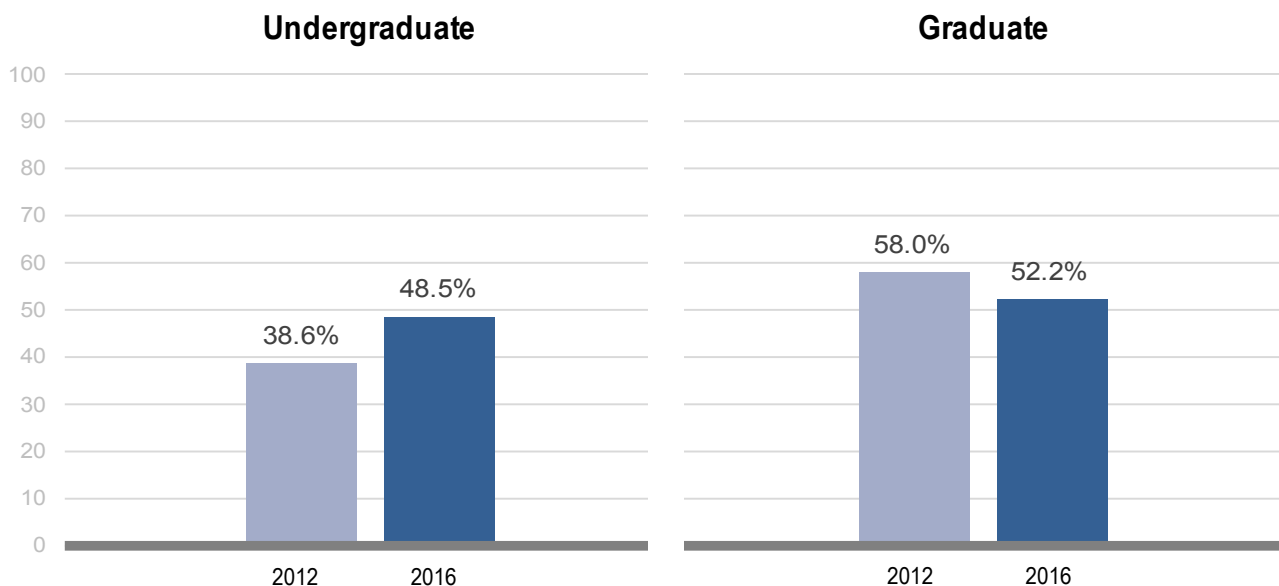


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	1,376	527	38.3%	1,523	739	48.5%	↑ 10.2
22-24	356	173	48.6%	322	164	50.9%	↑ 2.3
25-29	400	204	51.0%	255	146	57.3%	↑ 6.3
30-39	189	103	54.5%	106	64	60.4%	↑ 5.9
40-49	29	22	75.9%	27	18	66.7%	↓ -9.2
50+	*	*	n/a	12	12	100.0%	n/a
Unknown	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*

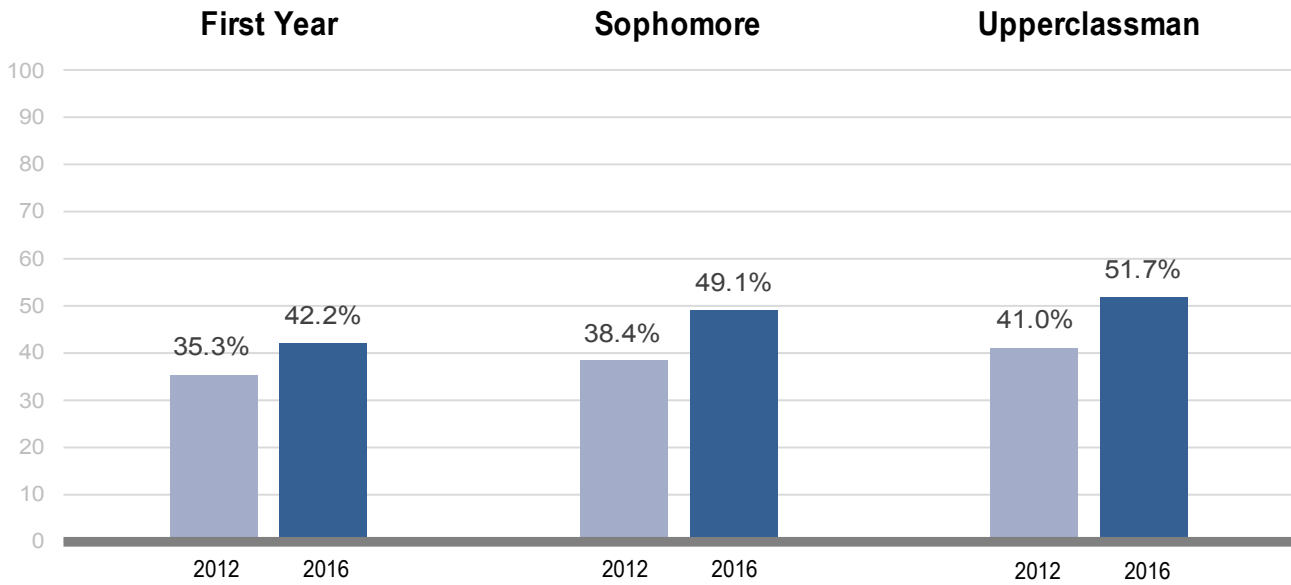


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	1,580	610	38.6%	1,785	866	48.5%	↑ 9.9
Graduate	312	181	58.0%	67	35	52.2%	↓ -5.8
Unknown	467			393			

* 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*

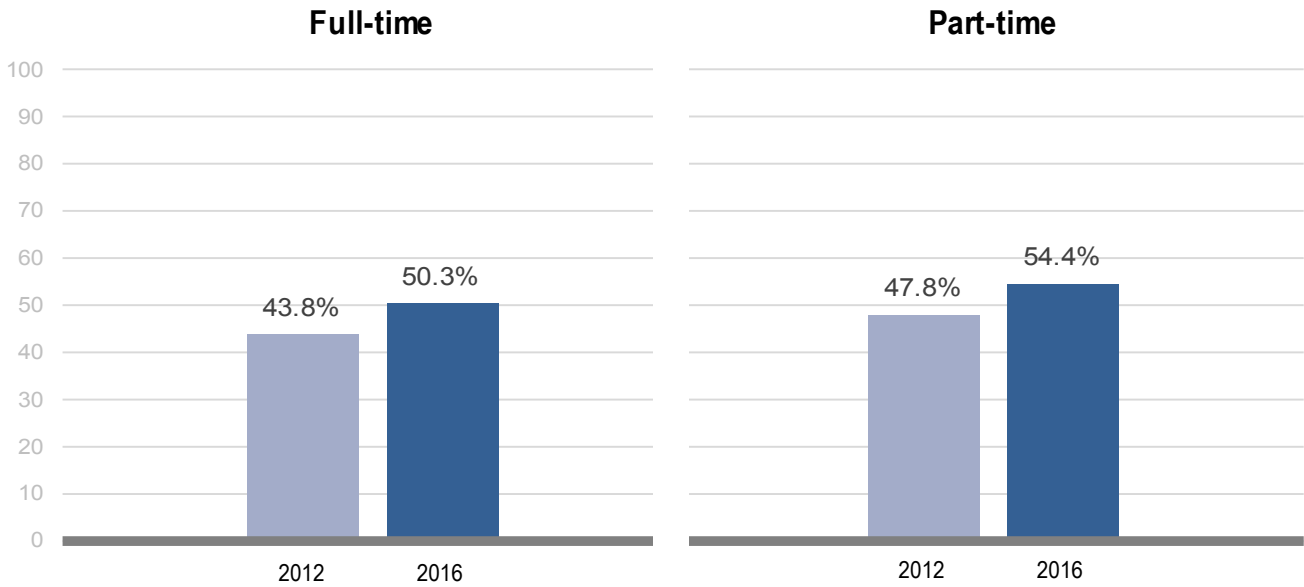


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	515	182	35.3%	531	224	42.2%	↑ 6.8
Sophomore	388	149	38.4%	448	220	49.1%	↑ 10.7
Upperclassman	659	270	41.0%	781	404	51.7%	↑ 10.8

* 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*

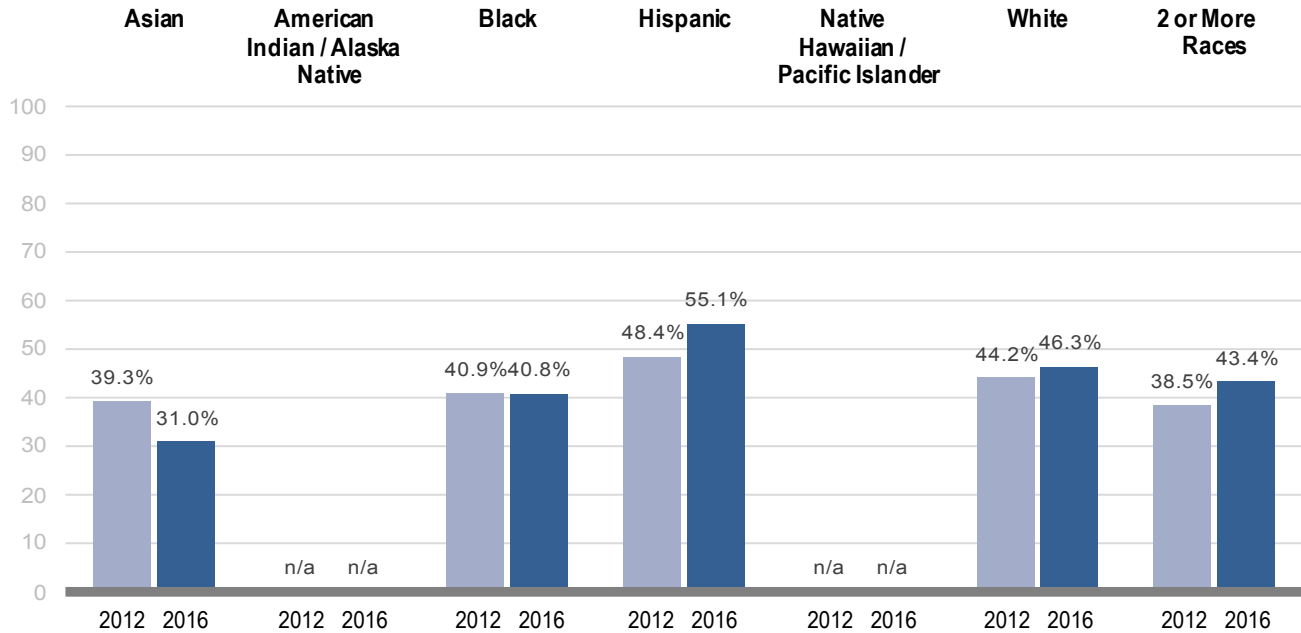


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	2,244	982	43.8%	1,901	956	50.3%	↑ 6.5
Part-time	115	55	47.8%	344	187	54.4%	↑ 6.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

* 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	267	105	39.3%	155	48	31.0%	↓ -8.4
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Black	93	38	40.9%	76	31	40.8%	↓ -0.1
Hispanic	798	386	48.4%	871	480	55.1%	↑ 6.7
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
White	865	382	44.2%	600	278	46.3%	↑ 2.2
2 or More Races	182	70	38.5%	106	46	43.4%	↑ 4.9
Unknown	146			421			

* 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	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	101	44	43.6%	199	83	41.7% ↓	-1.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	246	78	31.7%	324	131	40.4% ↑	8.7
Education	99	57	57.6%	72	39	54.2% ↓	-3.4
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	75	41	54.7%	110	77	70.0% ↑	15.3
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	51	22	43.1%	96	51	53.1% ↑	10.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	14	48.3%	26	15	57.7% ↑	9.4
History	51	25	49.0%	38	21	55.3% ↑	6.2
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	390	240	61.5%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	322	114	35.4%	137	68	49.6% ↑	14.2
Mathematics and Statistics	26	*	n/a	28	12	42.9%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	31	15	48.4%	19	*	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	118	40	33.9%	196	81	41.3% ↑	7.4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	21	*	n/a	12	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	33	11	33.3%	45	24	53.3% ↑	20.0
Psychology	127	45	35.4%	150	67	44.7% ↑	9.2
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	43	29	67.4%	51	28	54.9% ↓	-12.5
Social Sciences	197	75	38.1%	236	132	55.9% ↑	17.9
Visual and Performing Arts	91	39	42.9%	90	51	56.7% ↑	13.8
Unknown	689	373	54.1%	10	*	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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

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