

#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for Quinnipiac 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 1,100 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has helped us build a robust database for research on more than 10 million de-identified student records for each election year.

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. IDHE is an applied research center focused on college and university student political learning and participation in democracy. IDHE researchers study voting, campus conditions for political learning and discussion, closing equity gaps in participation, and increasing student agency and participation. We accomplish our goals through research, resource development, assisting institutions and the higher education community, 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 voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) and publicly available voting files collected by L2. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ (link below).

If this report does not contain race/ethnicity and/or gender data, please ask your registrar to complete the "race/ethnicity" submission for the Clearinghouse. Be sure to flag "non-resident aliens" (the government's technical term for non-citizen international students) so that we can provide a more accurate count for your "eligible voters."

The institutional voting rates reported on page 3 are adjusted by deducting an estimated number of students identified by each institution as non-resident aliens (NRAs) and reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For breakdowns by student characteristics in subsequent pages of the report, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are ineligible to vote: non-resident aliens (NRAs), resident aliens, undocumented students, and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. For this study, these terms are used as defined by IPEDS.

As a result of the adjustment challenges, your institution's actual voting rate may be higher than we report. If you have access to more complete data for students who are ineligible to vote, you may recalculate your rates by using the **Recalculation Tool** - https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve-recalculation-tool.

Some NSLVE institutions do report the counts of NRA students to NSC. When this number is comparable to the counts reported in IPEDS, we remove the counts of these students from all our calculations.

To read more about NSLVE data, see our **Campus Reports** FAQ -

https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/frequently-asked-questions.

#### **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 and identify your challenges and opportunities. This report provides comparisons between subgroups of your students and with similar institutions. For more comparisons or to see national voter registration and voting rates, read our national report, Democracy Counts 2018. To access our data portals - https://idhe.tufts.edu/public-data-portal-visualizations.

☐ Share the report widely and strategically by sharing it with institutional leaders, faculty across disciplines, student government leaders, and other student groups.

□ Read and implement *Election Imperatives*, ten recommendations for improving your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, equity, and participation - https://idhe.tufts.edu/electionimperatives.

☐ Work with us. IDHE can help via virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions, coaching, and in-person workshops.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

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Warm regards,

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### Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

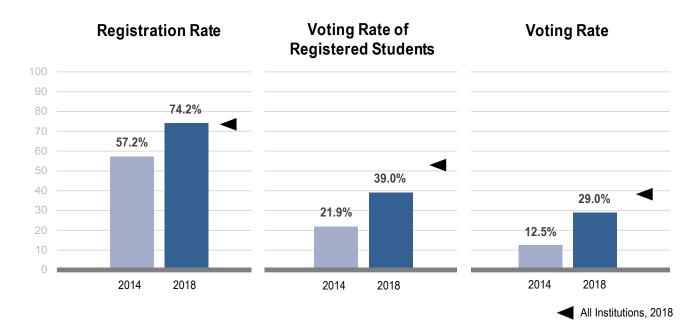
29.0%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+16.5

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

38.5%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	8,874	10,101 1	1,227
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(82) (197)	(97) (181)	
FERPA records blocked	0	0	
Total eligible voters	8,595	9,823 1	1,228
Number of students who registered	4,914	7,290 1	2,376
Number of students who voted	1,076	2,846 1	1,770
Registration rate	57.2%	74.2% 1	17.0
Voting rate of registered students	21.9%	39.0% 1	17.1
Voting rate	12.5%	29.0% 1	16.5
Difference from all institutions	-5.7	-9.5	

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### **HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

# By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

HIGH 52.9%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

HIGH 72.8%

18.2%

LOW 2.2%

38.5%

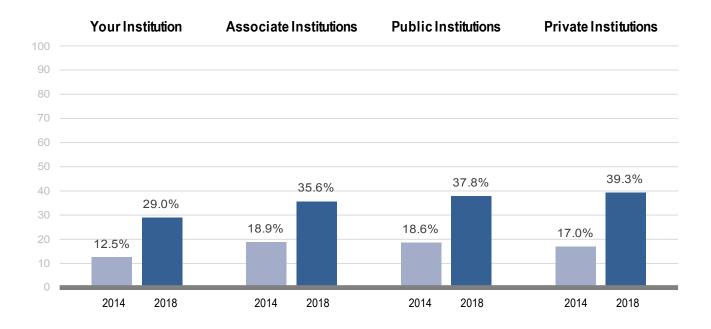
LOW 7.1%

Difference from All Institutions

-5.7

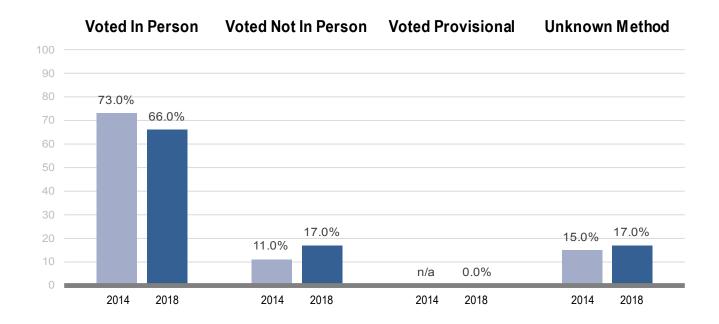
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# By Voting Method\*

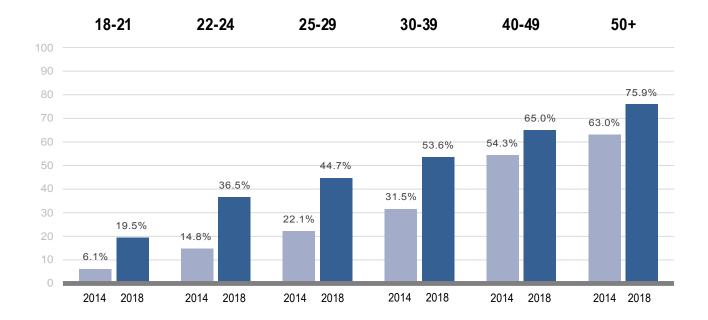


	2014		20			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Voted In Person	787	73.0%	1,868	66.0%	1	-7.0
Voted Not In Person	122	11.0%	490	17.0%	•	6.0
Voted Provisional	*	n/a	10	0.0%		n/a
Unknown Method	166	15.0%	478	17.0%	•	2.0
Total	1,076		2,846			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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 officals where your students voted.

### By Age Group\*

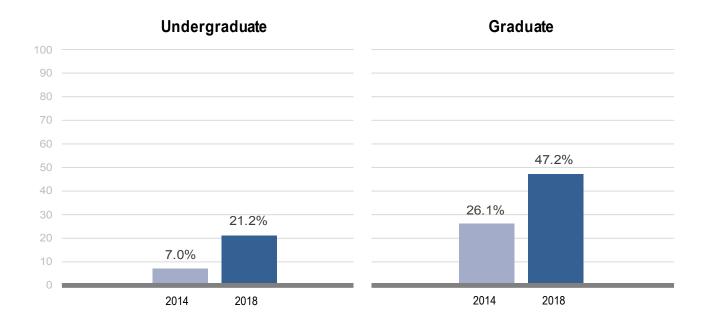


	2014							
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	5,840	354	6.1%	6,604	1,286	19.5%	1	13.4
22-24	1,406	208	14.8%	1,473	538	36.5%	1	21.7
25-29	729	161	22.1%	900	402	44.7%	1	22.6
30-39	448	141	31.5%	575	308	53.6%	1	22.1
40-49	234	127	54.3%	286	186	65.0%	1	10.7
50+	135	85	63.0%	166	126	75.9%	1	12.9
Unknown	*			*				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Education Level\*

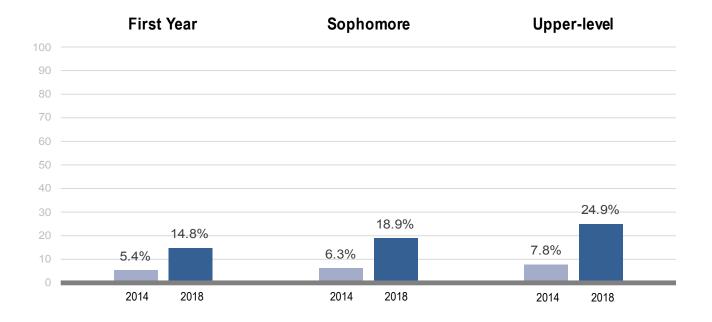


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Undergraduate	6,389	448	7.0%	7,228	1,535	21.2%	1	14.2
Graduate	2,402	627	26.1%	2,776	1,311	47.2%	1	21.1
Unknown	*			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates and graduates are defined based on information submitted to the Clearinghouse. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

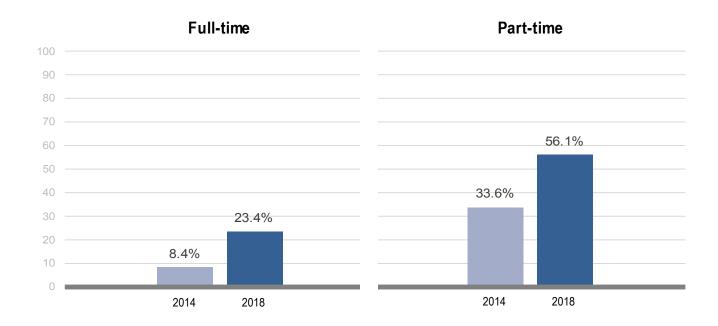


	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	1,416	76	5.4%	1,584	234	14.8%	•	9.4
Sophomore	1,507	95	6.3%	1,713	323	18.9%	•	12.6
Upper-level	3,434	268	7.8%	3,908	972	24.9%	•	17.1

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<sup>\*</sup> Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. The total count of undergraduates in this page can be different than the count in the previous page since we use a different data element submitted to the Clearinghouse to derive this information. 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Enrollment Status\*

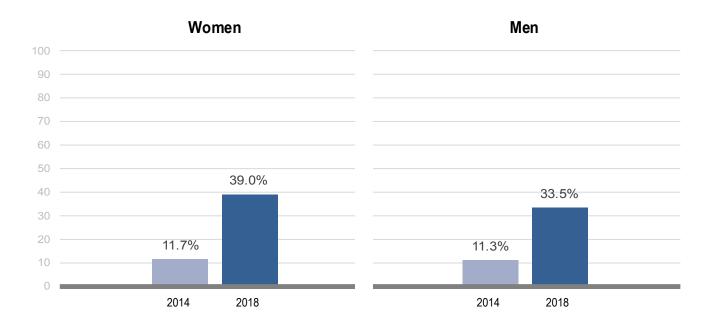


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	7,459	628	8.4%	8,465	1,982	23.4%	•	15.0
Part-time	1,333	448	33.6%	1,539	864	56.1%	•	22.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

### By Gender\*

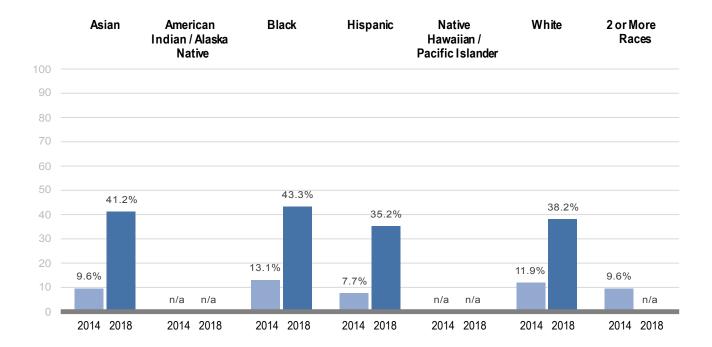


		2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change	
Women	5,231	611	11.7%	582	227	39.0%	•	27.3	
Men	3,240	366	11.3%	334	112	33.5%	•	22.2	
Unknown	321			9,088					

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<sup>\*</sup> 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students.

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



	2014				2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Asian	250	24	9.6%	34	14	41.2%	1	31.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	19	*	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
Black	427	56	13.1%	30	13	43.3%	1	30.2
Hispanic	651	50	7.7%	71	25	35.2%	1	27.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	6,455	765	11.9%	654	250	38.2%	1	26.3
2 or More Races	125	12	9.6%	17	*	n/a		n/a
Unknown	859			9,198				

<sup>\*</sup> 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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students. For this page, we consider international students of unknown race/ethnicity.

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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, undocumented students and felony disenfranchised students. The green and red highlighted values below represent your campus's top three and bottom three voting rates by field of study.

		2014		2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	473	28	5.9%	529	125	23.6% 🎓	17.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,092	272	13.0%	2,266	549	24.2% 👚	11.2
Communication and Journalism	983	104	10.6%	711	210	29.5% 👚	18.9
Computer and Information Sciences	230	25	10.9%	90	28	31.1% 👚	20.2
Education	188	58	30.9%	310	185	59.7% 👚	28.8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	132	*	n/a	267	45	16.9%	n/a
English Language and Literature	101	10	9.9%	86	31	36.0% 🁚	26.1
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	11	*	n/a	13	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	2,956	329	11.1%	3,686	1,007	27.3% 🎓	16.2
History	73	12	16.4%	65	29	44.6% 👚	28.2
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	137	13	9.5%	160	31	19.4% 👚	9.9
Legal Professions and Studies	104	13	12.5%	402	206	51.2% 👚	38.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	119	*	n/a	159	24	15.1%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	45	*	n/a	39	10	25.6%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	61	*	n/a	152	28	18.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	16	0	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	340	17	5.0%	375	91	24.3% 🁚	19.3
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	85	23	27.1%	55	32	58.2% 👚	31.1
Social Sciences	203	37	18.2%	241	89	36.9% 👚	18.7
Visual and Performing Arts	63	*	n/a	339	102	30.1%	n/a
Other	35	12	34.3%	0	0	n/a	n/a

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