

CAMPUS REPORT
Student Voting
Rates for
Grand Valley State
University
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About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University. Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 750 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012 and 2014 elections. Participating colleges and universities are located in 48 states and represent all Carnegie classifications as well as socially and economically diverse students. With others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 6.7 million college student records that is already serving as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

Looking Ahead

In response to our survey, many of you requested resources as well as stories about what other campuses are doing. Over the coming months, NSLVE will be releasing tools and resources that you and others can use to enhance political learning and engagement in democracy on your campus. Here is a sneak peek into some of this work.

- ❑ *Campus Discussion Guide*: A tool for conversations on your campus regarding how to use the NSLVE report to spark change.
- ❑ *National Data*: We'll be sharing data about the national landscape for college student voting.
- ❑ *Comparison Data*: We know campuses are interested in learning more about how their voting compares to other similar institutions. We'll be rolling out aggregate comparison data for groups of participating campuses.
- ❑ *Case Studies*: We've been on the road, visiting campuses with unpredicted, high voting rates. We will be sharing the findings from our studies of campus climates for student political learning and engagement in democracy.
- ❑ *Diversity & Democracy*: In December, in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), we will publish a special issue on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

If you or someone else on your campus would like to receive more information about our research and resources, please [sign up here](#).

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 2014 elections. These data are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") and publicly available voting records collected by Catalyst.

Using enrollment records submitted on a date closest to the election, we removed students under 18 on Election Day. We also deducted an estimated number of students identified by your institution as non-resident aliens. This is based on the percentage of non-resident aliens reported by your institution to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and is more reliable than the demographic data campuses provide to the Clearinghouse at this time. Please note that students who blocked the use of their information under FERPA were also removed from the enrollment lists by the Clearinghouse.

When combining two datasets, matching errors can occur. That said, for each record, we receive a "confidence score." The average confidence score for the student records in our database is 96.6%. Nonetheless, some errors are still possible:

- On page three, we indicate the number of students who blocked their records from being used for any purpose, including research. If those students voted at a much lower or higher rate than your other students, it might affect the voting rate.
- Students not found in the voting database are considered non-voters, but we have no way to remove individual noncitizens (resident aliens and non-resident aliens). We use an estimate based on IPEDS data to account for your international students. We cannot adjust for undocumented students. This may result in your actual voting rate being higher than we report. To recalculate that percentage, see our [FAQ on campus reports](#).

Reviewing the Data

Please use the following key to interpret the charts below:

- * = number of students is less than 10
- = zero results in this field

For some colleges and universities, this report will contain some categories for which data is "unknown." These likely reflect the amount or quality of the data the institution provides, a problem that can be corrected by more comprehensive reporting to the Clearinghouse.

Your Students' Voting and Registration Rates

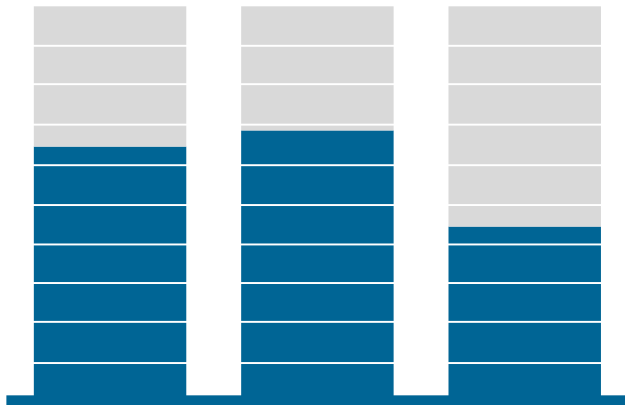
2012 Voting Rate

44%

2014 Voting Rate

15%

2012 Presidential Election

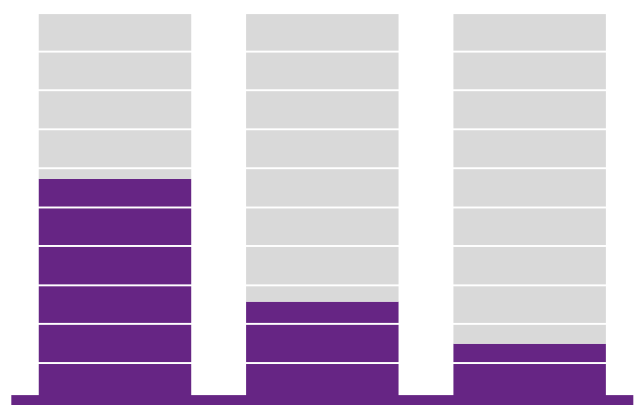


64.4%
Registration
Rate

68.5%
Rate of
Registered
Students
who Voted

44.1%
Voting
Rate

2014 Midterm Election



57.3%
Registration
Rate

25.5%
Rate of
Registered
Students
who Voted

14.6%
Voting
Rate

Total student enrollment	24,334
Ineligible to vote because too young	145
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	343
FERPA records blocked	1,397
Number of students who registered	14,459
Number of students who voted	9,909

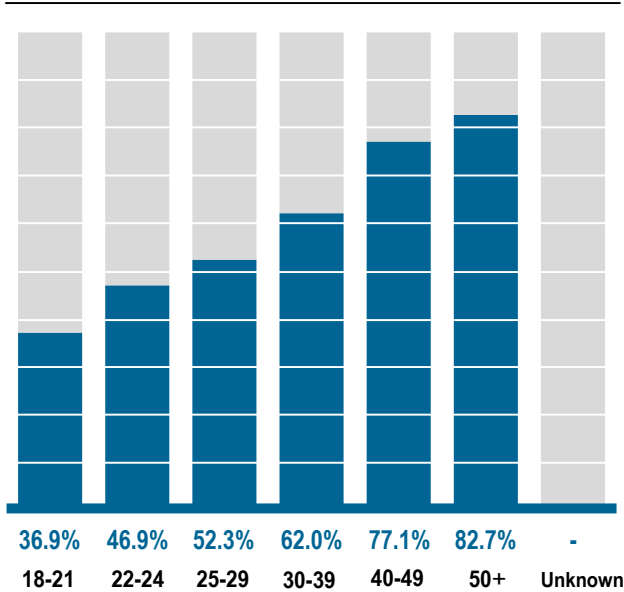
Total student enrollment	24,435
Ineligible to vote because too young	126
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	375
FERPA records blocked	167
Number of students who registered	13,613
Number of students who voted	3,467

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY AGE GROUP

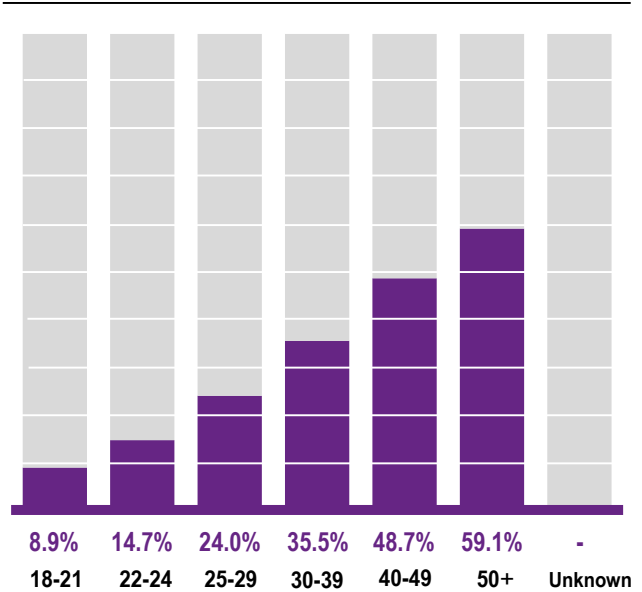
Your students broken down by age at the time of the election. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	13,809	5,100
22-24	4,634	2,172
25-29	2,063	1,078
30-39	1,443	895
40-49	589	454
50+	254	210
Unknown	-	-

2014 Midterm Election



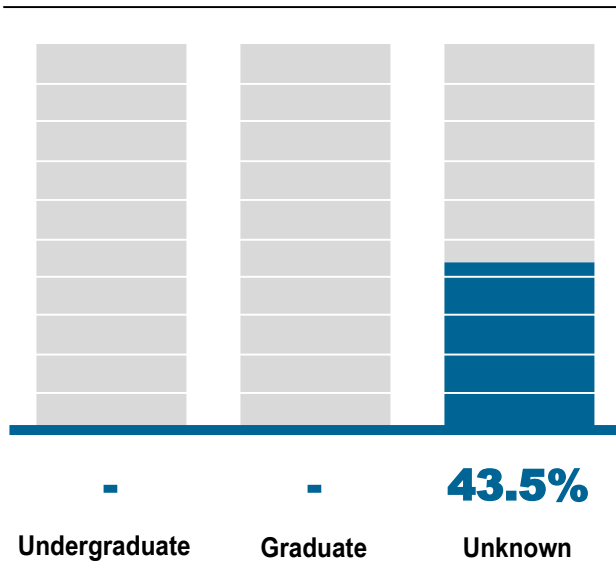
AGE GROUP	ENROLLED	VOTED
18-21	14,702	1,310
22-24	5,078	745
25-29	2,209	530
30-39	1,421	505
40-49	528	257
50+	203	120
Unknown	*	-

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY EDUCATION LEVEL

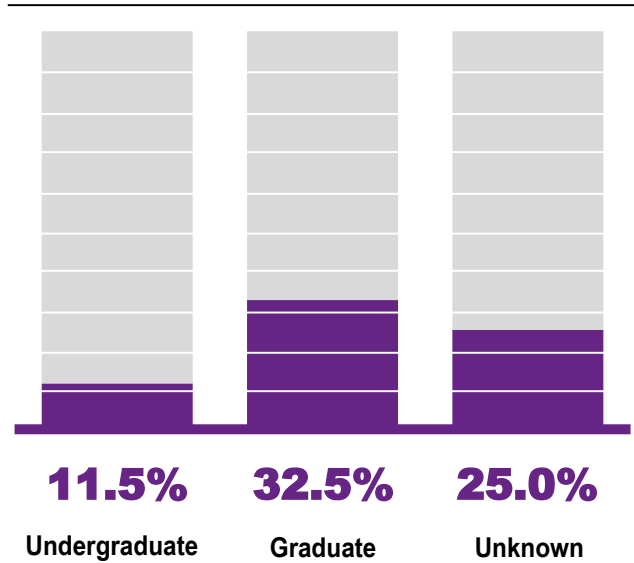
Your students broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	-	-
Graduate	-	-
Unknown	22,792	9,909

2014 Midterm Election



EDUCATION LEVEL	ENROLLED	VOTED
Undergraduate	20,870	2,405
Graduate	3,268	1,061
Unknown	*	*

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY FIELD OF STUDY

Your students broken down by field of study. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

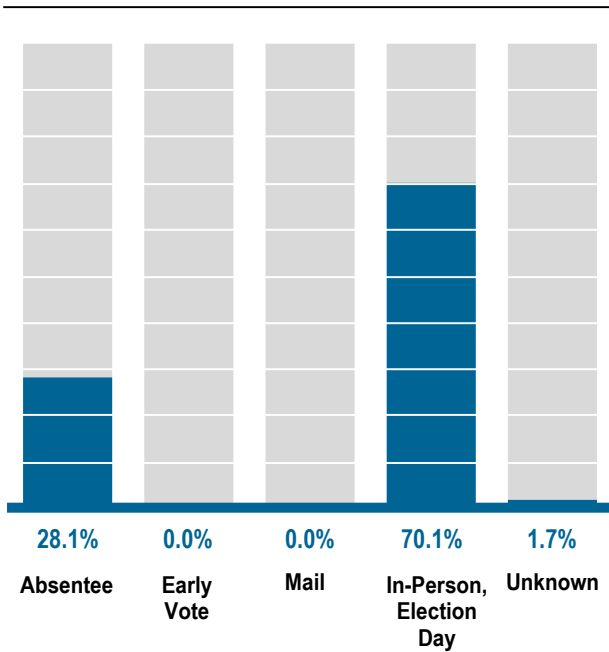
	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	792	98	12.4%
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support	-	-	-	3,998	484	12.1%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	-	-	-	1,125	110	9.8%
Computer and Information and Library Sciences	-	-	-	649	80	12.3%
Education	-	-	-	2,735	609	22.3%
Engineering	-	-	-	1,101	141	12.8%
Health Professions and Related Sciences, Knowledge, and Skills	-	-	-	4,940	588	11.9%
Humanities	-	-	-	1,226	207	16.9%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	-	-	-	1,445	218	15.1%
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	463	67	14.5%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	239	29	12.1%
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Sciences	-	-	-	517	75	14.5%
Professions	-	-	-	1,333	295	22.1%
Psychology, Personal Awareness, and Self-Improvement	-	-	-	1,036	88	8.5%
Social Sciences	-	-	-	924	188	20.3%
Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	64	*	9.4%
Trades	-	-	-	652	67	10.3%
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	885	114	12.9%

Your Students' Voting Rate Breakdown

BY VOTING METHOD

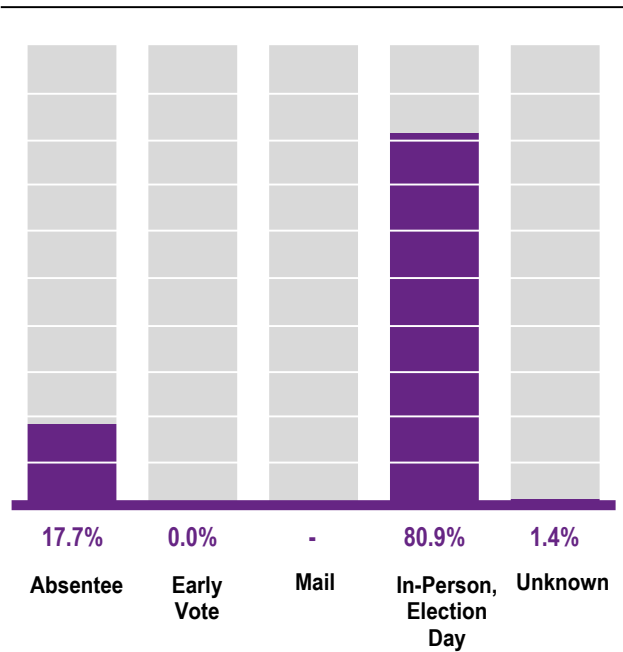
Your students broken down by voting method. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens. If your campus has a high percentage of "unknown" voting methods, it means that this information is not reported by local officials.

2012 Presidential Election



VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	24,334	2,786
Early Vote	24,334	*
Mail	24,334	*
In-Person, Election Day	24,334	6,944
Unknown	24,334	173

2014 Midterm Election



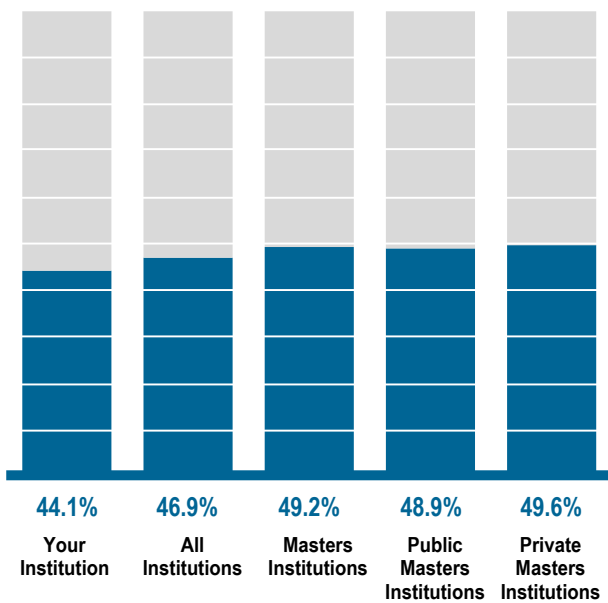
VOTING METHOD	ENROLLED	VOTED
Absentee	24,435	612
Early Vote	24,435	*
Mail	24,435	-
In-Person, Election Day	24,435	2,806
Unknown	24,435	48

How Your Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your individual voting rates in the context of similar institutions. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

