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Student Voting Rates for Bellarmine 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, 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 who voted in the 2014 and 2018 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse and publicly available voting files collected by Catalist. We exclude FERPA-blocked records. (For exceptions for campuses with disproportionately high numbers of FERPA blocked students, see our Campus Reports FAQ.)

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 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 (international students), resident aliens (undocumented students), and students who have been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. As a result, 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.**

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.

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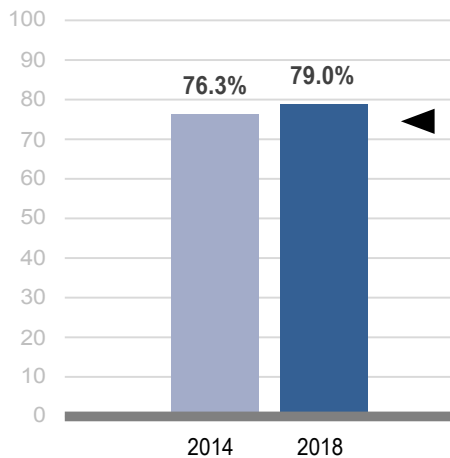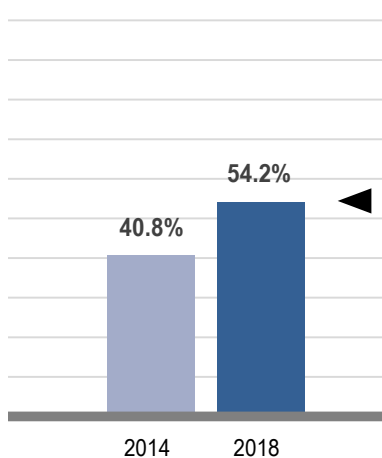
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

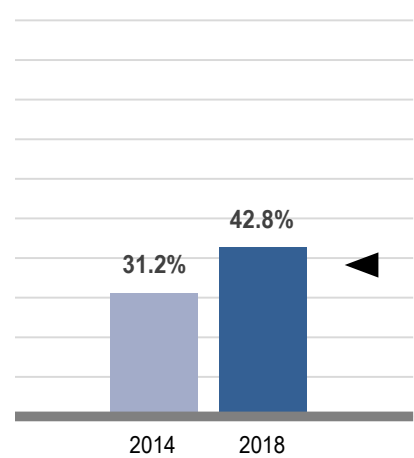**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

42.8%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+11.7

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

◄ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	3,529	3,307	⬇	-222
Age under 18/Unknown	(41)	(35)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(46)	(38)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	3,439	3,233	⬇	-206
Number of students who registered	2,625	2,554	⬇	-71
Number of students who voted	1,072	1,385	⬆	313
Registration rate	76.3%	79.0%	⬆	2.7
Voting rate of registered students	40.8%	54.2%	⬆	13.4
Voting rate	31.2%	42.8%	⬆	11.7
Difference from all institutions	+11.5	+3.7		

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+11.5**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

Difference from All Institutions   **+3.7**
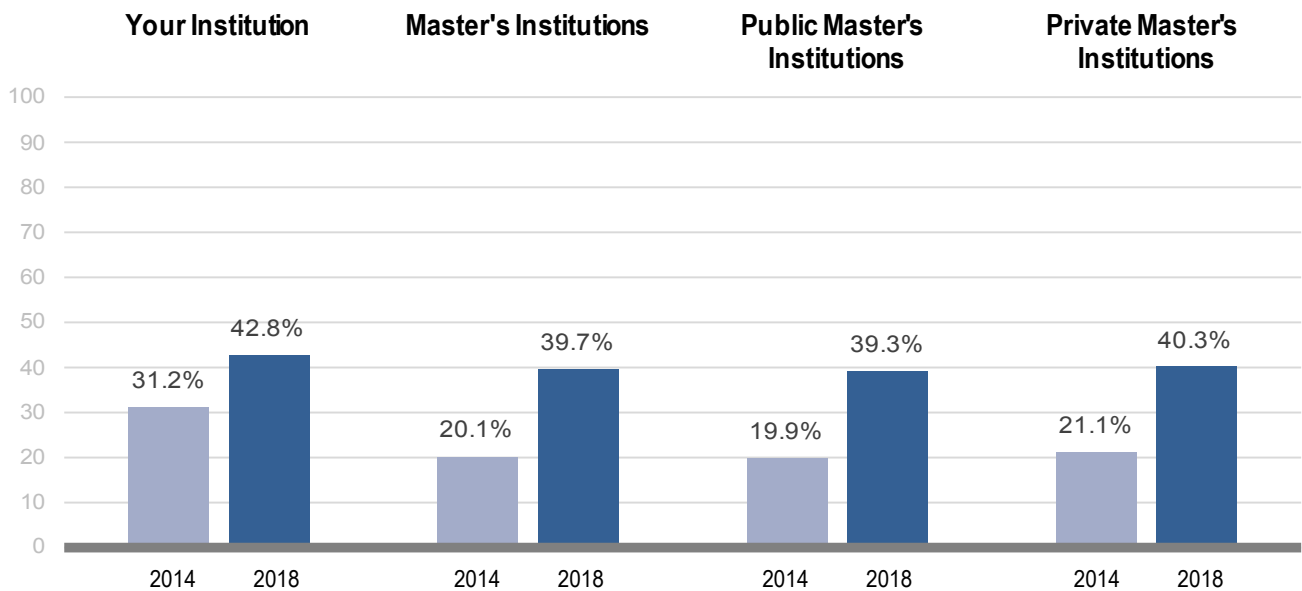
Your Institution	Master's Institutions	Public Master's Institutions	Private Master's Institutions

Chart values:

- Your Institution: 2014 = 31.2%, 2018 = 42.8%
- Master's Institutions: 2014 = 20.1%, 2018 = 39.7%
- Public Master's Institutions: 2014 = 19.9%, 2018 = 39.3%
- Private Master's Institutions: 2014 = 21.1%, 2018 = 40.3%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee		Early Vote		Mail		In-Person, Election Day	
	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
	2.2%	5.8%	n/a	0.9%	1.5%	2.2%	4.9%	5.5%
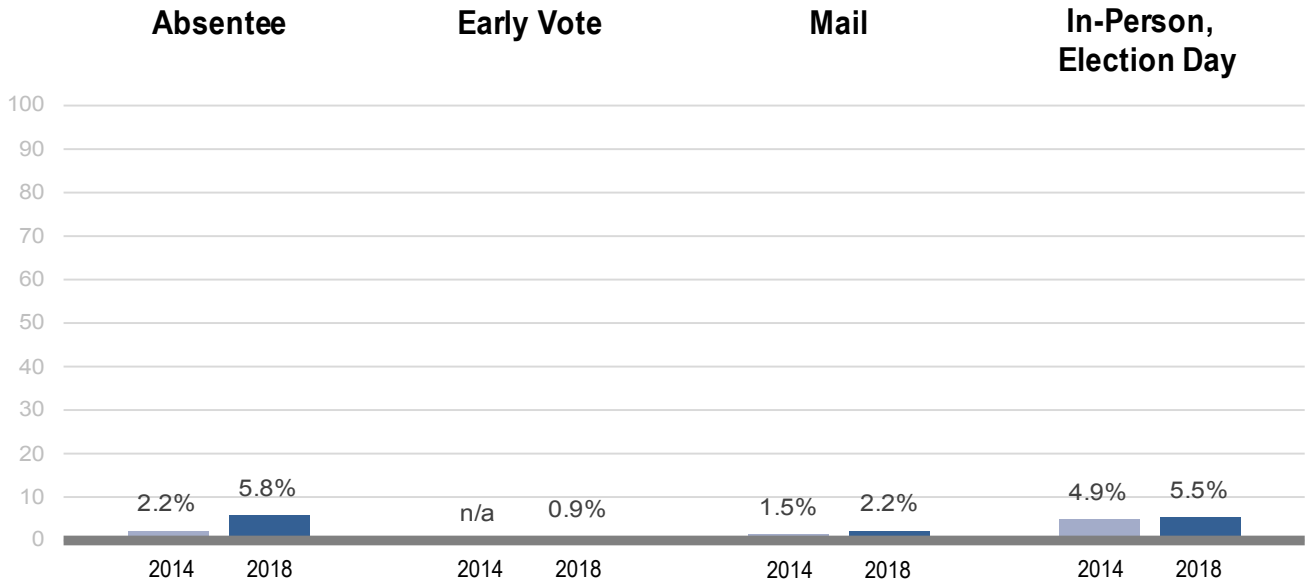
	2014		**2018**			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	23	**2.2%**	80	**5.8%**	⬆	**3.6**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**	12	**0.9%**		**n/a**
Mail	16	**1.5%**	30	**2.2%**	⬆	**0.7**
In-Person, Election Day	53	**4.9%**	76	**5.5%**	⬆	**0.6**
Unknown	976	**91.0%**	1,187	**85.7%**		
Total	**1,072**		**1,385**			

* 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.

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By Age Group*
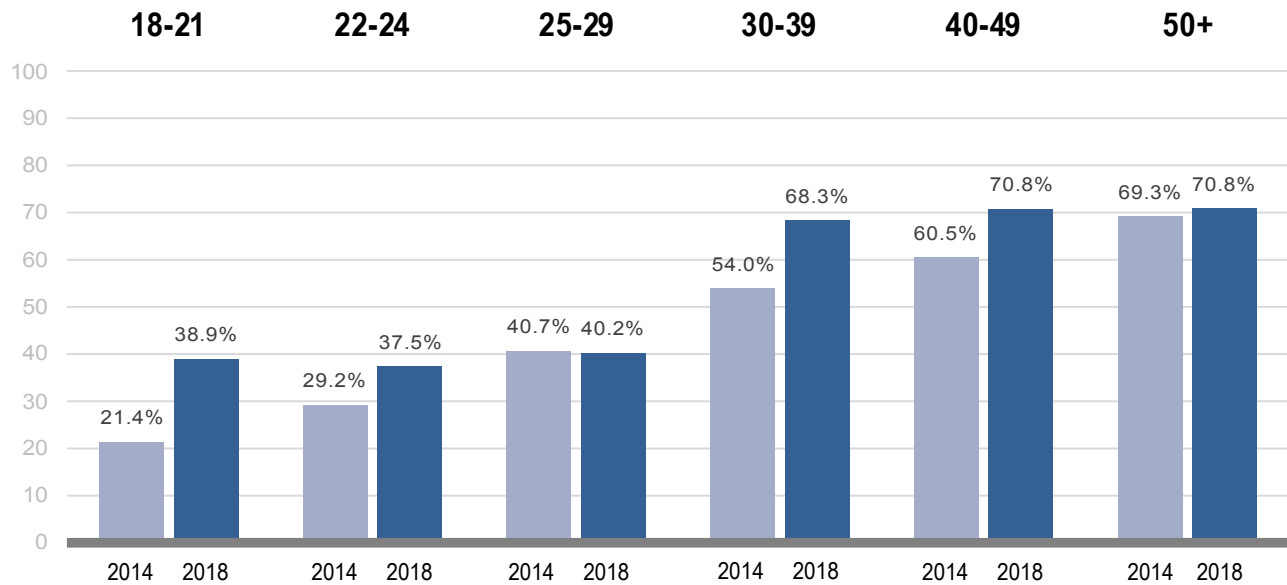
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	2,036	436	**21.4%**	2,033	791	**38.9%**	⬆	**17.5**
22-24	490	143	**29.2%**	517	194	**37.5%**	⬆	**8.3**
25-29	391	159	**40.7%**	343	138	**40.2%**	⬇	**-0.4**
30-39	302	163	**54.0%**	224	153	**68.3%**	⬆	**14.3**
40-49	152	92	**60.5%**	106	75	**70.8%**	⬆	**10.2**
50+	114	79	**69.3%**	48	34	**70.8%**	⬆	**1.5**
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.

By Education Level*

	Undergraduate			**Graduate**
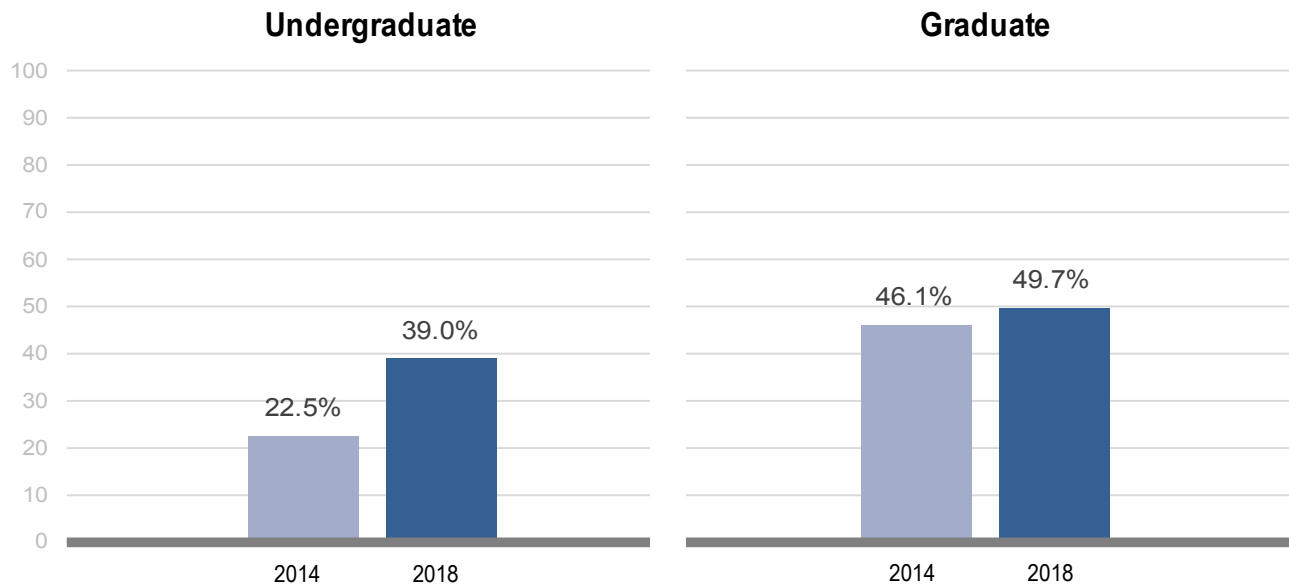
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	2,450	551	**22.5%**	2,421	944	**39.0%**	⬆	**16.5**
Graduate	710	327	**46.1%**	747	371	**49.7%**	⬆	**3.6**
Unknown	325			103				

* 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.

By Undergraduate Class Year*

	First Year			Sophomore			Upper-level		
	2014	2018		2014	2018		2014	2018	
	19.3%	37.6%		25.2%	40.0%		22.5%	40.2%	
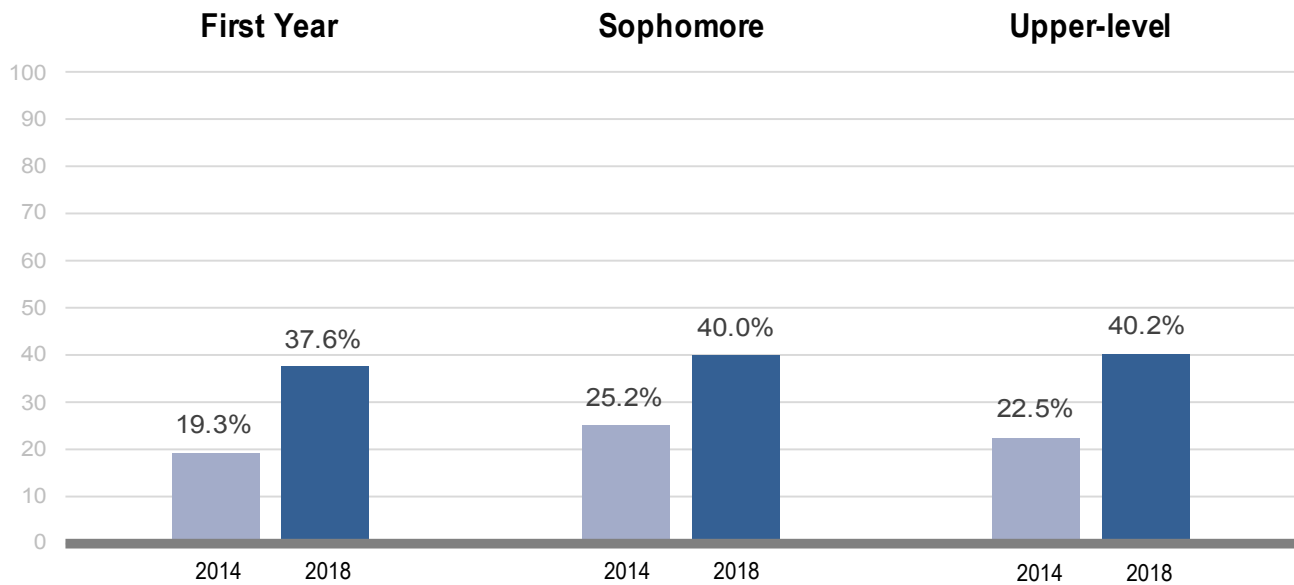
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	581	112	**19.3%**	686	258	**37.6%**	⬆	**18.3**
Sophomore	555	140	**25.2%**	557	223	**40.0%**	⬆	**14.8**
Upper-level	1,171	263	**22.5%**	1,064	428	**40.2%**	⬆	**17.8**

* 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.

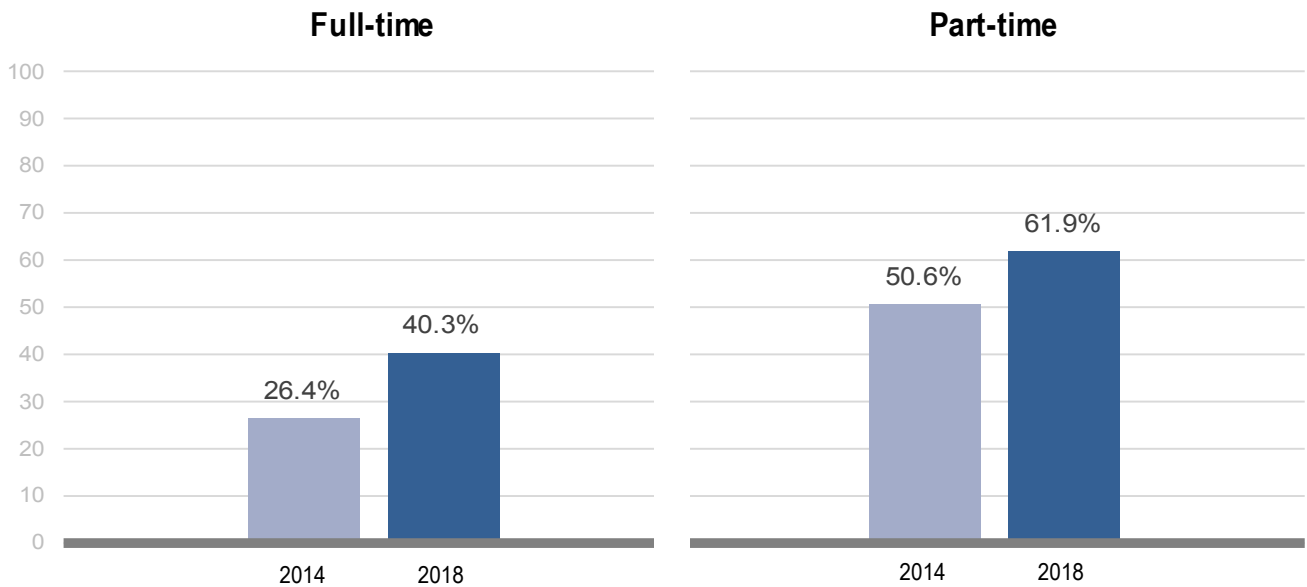**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

	Full-time			Part-time		
	2014: 26.4%	2018: 40.3%		2014: 50.6%	2018: 61.9%	

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	2,856	754	**26.4%**	2,956	1,190	**40.3%**	⬆ 13.9
Part-time	629	318	**50.6%**	315	195	**61.9%**	⬆ 11.3
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.
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By Gender*

Women

Men
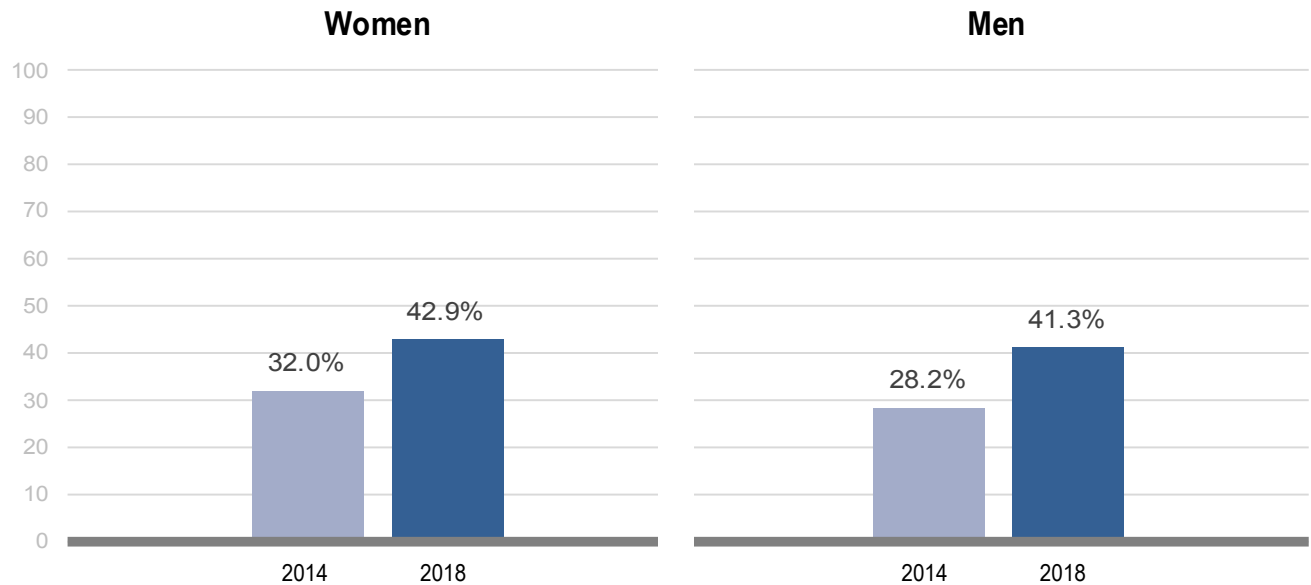
	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	2,355	753	**32.0%**	2,121	910	**42.9%**	⬆	**10.9**
Men	1,130	319	**28.2%**	1,150	475	**41.3%**	⬆	**13.1**
Unknown	0			0				

* 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.

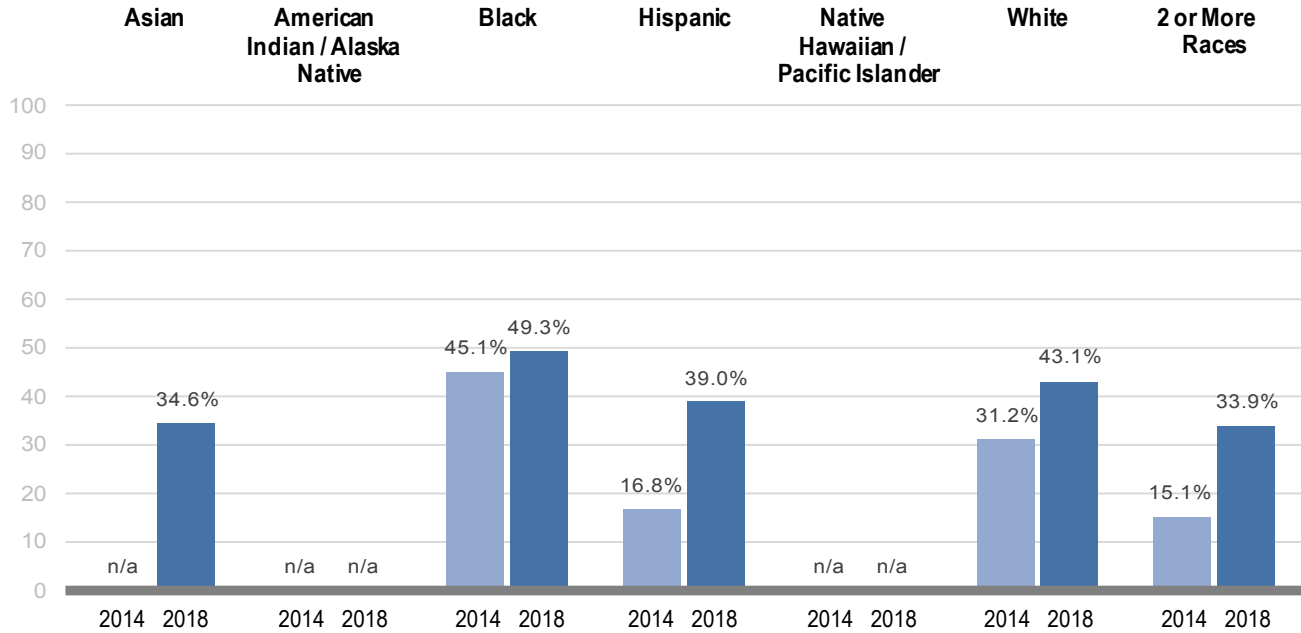**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	64	*	n/a		81	28	**34.6%**		n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	*	*	n/a		*	*	n/a		n/a
Black	182	82	**45.1%**		201	99	**49.3%**	⬆	**4.2**
Hispanic	95	16	**16.8%**		118	46	**39.0%**	⬆	**22.1**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a		0	0	n/a		n/a
White	2,888	901	**31.2%**		2,596	1,118	**43.1%**	⬆	**11.9**
2 or More Races	93	14	**15.1%**		118	40	**33.9%**	⬆	**18.9**
Unknown	156				152				

* 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. 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 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.

	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	201	39	19.4%	244	89	36.5% ⬆	17.1
Business, Management, and Marketing	501	159	31.7%	472	194	41.1% ⬆	9.4
Communication and Journalism	173	51	29.5%	189	87	46.0% ⬆	16.6
Computer and Information Sciences	35	11	31.4%	40	11	27.5% ⬇	-3.9
Education	372	176	47.3%	369	216	58.5% ⬆	11.2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	16	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	51	12	23.5%	45	25	55.6% ⬆	32.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Health Professions	828	207	25.0%	837	283	33.8% ⬆	8.8
History	30	14	46.7%	30	14	46.7% ⮕	0.0
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	51	*	n/a	54	16	29.6%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	135	32	23.7%	142	58	40.9% ⬆	17.2
Mathematics and Statistics	14	*	n/a	11	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	22	*	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	34	13	38.2%	39	23	59.0% ⬆	20.7
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	205	35	17.1%	218	72	33.0% ⬆	16.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	14	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	52	15	28.9%	28	13	46.4% ⬆	17.6
Psychology	222	43	19.4%	193	88	45.6% ⬆	26.2
Social Sciences	86	19	22.1%	103	59	57.3% ⬆	35.2
Theology and Religious Vocations	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	107	25	23.4%	97	43	44.3% ⬆	21.0
Other	321	192	59.8%	0	0	n/a	n/a

Unknown	*	*	n/a	106	73	**68.9%**	**n/a**

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