

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Bridgewater State 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.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website:

<https://idhe.tufts.edu/>.

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We appreciate hearing from you! Please email us at NSLVE@tufts.edu.

Warm regards,

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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

42.1%

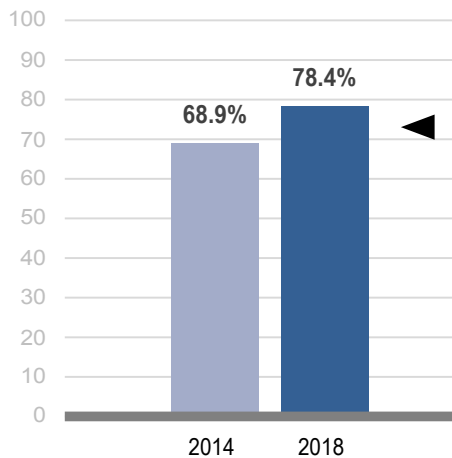
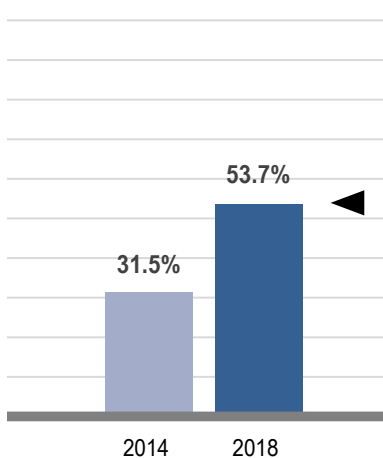
CHANGE
FROM 2014

+20.4

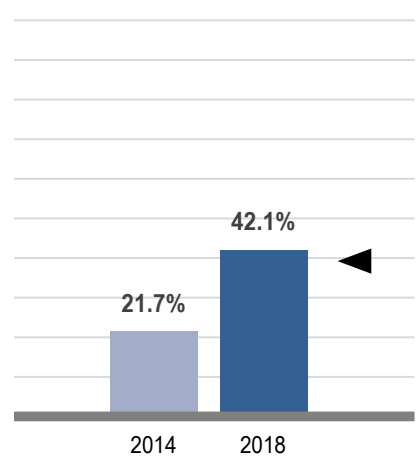
2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	10,964	10,851	↓ -113
Age under 18/Unknown	(30)	(17)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(84)	(83)	
FERPA records blocked	*	*	
Total eligible voters	10,843	10,744	↓ -99
Number of students who registered	7,474	8,423	↑ 949
Number of students who voted	2,351	4,524	↑ 2,173
Registration rate	68.9%	78.4%	↑ 9.5
Voting rate of registered students	31.5%	53.7%	↑ 22.3
Voting rate	21.7%	42.1%	↑ 20.4
Difference from all institutions	+2.0	+3.0	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH
54.0%

LOW
1.5%

2018 Voting Rate
for All Institutions

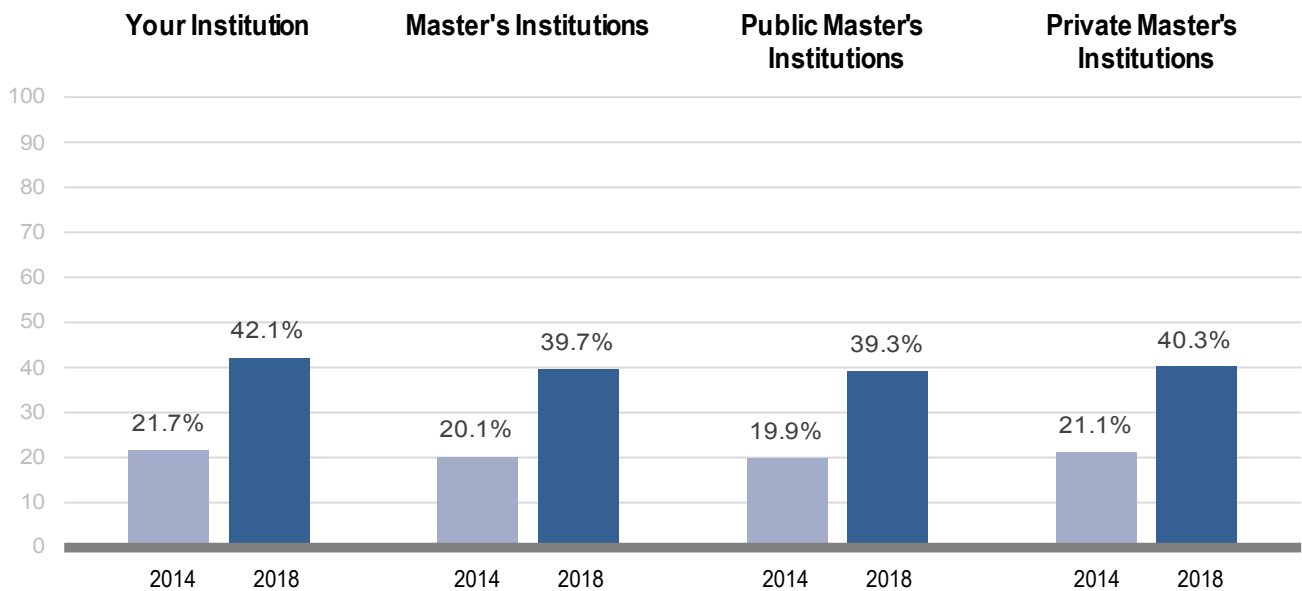
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

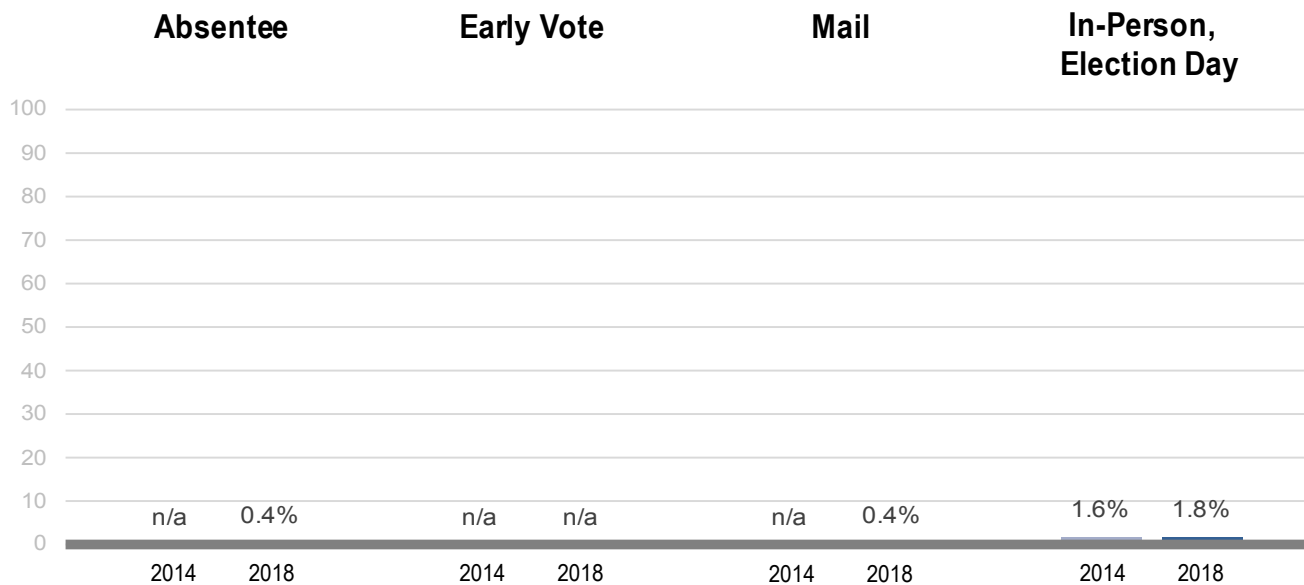
Difference from All Institutions **+2.0**

Difference from All Institutions **+3.0**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

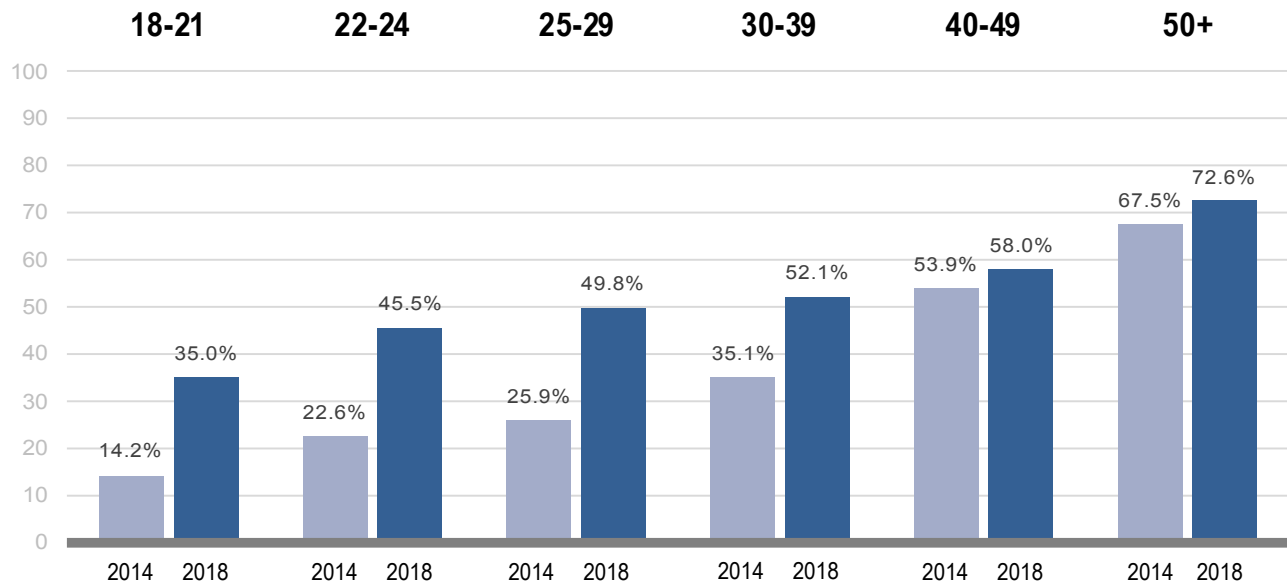


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	*	n/a	19	0.4%	n/a
Early Vote	0	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	*	n/a	17	0.4%	n/a
In-Person, Election Day	38	1.6%	79	1.8% ↑	0.1
Unknown	2,306	98.1%	4,401	97.3%	
Total	2,351		4,524		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*

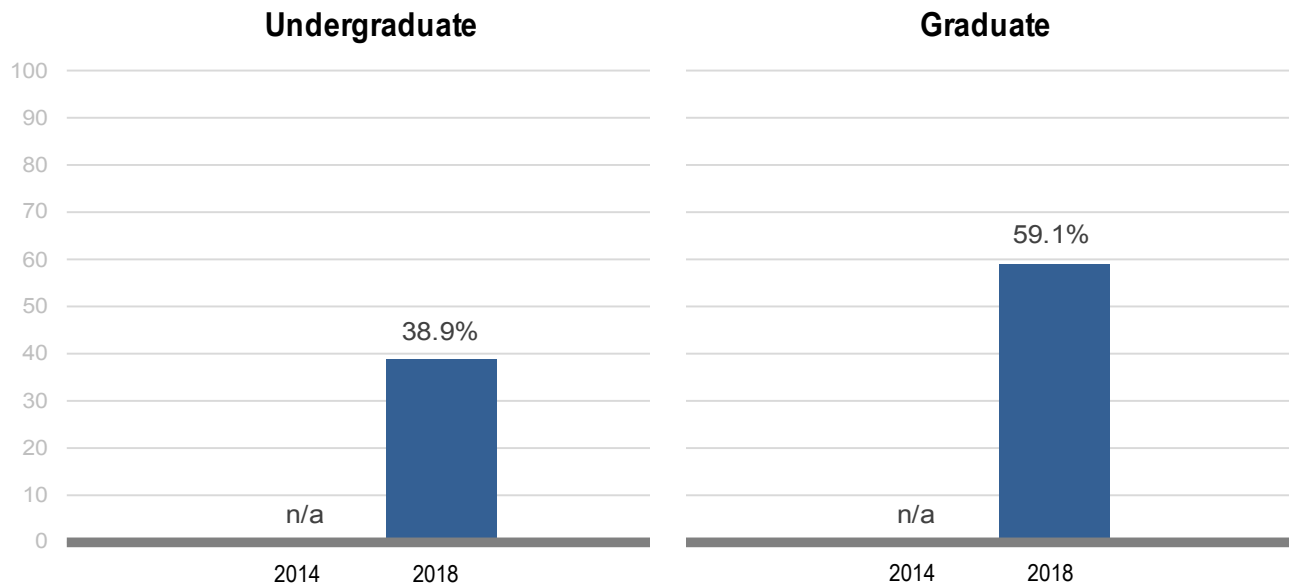


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,794	823	14.2%	5,735	2,008	35.0%	↑	20.8
22-24	2,499	564	22.6%	2,590	1,179	45.5%	↑	23.0
25-29	1,225	317	25.9%	1,214	604	49.8%	↑	23.9
30-39	769	270	35.1%	754	393	52.1%	↑	17.0
40-49	406	219	53.9%	326	189	58.0%	↑	4.0
50+	234	158	67.5%	208	151	72.6%	↑	5.1
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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

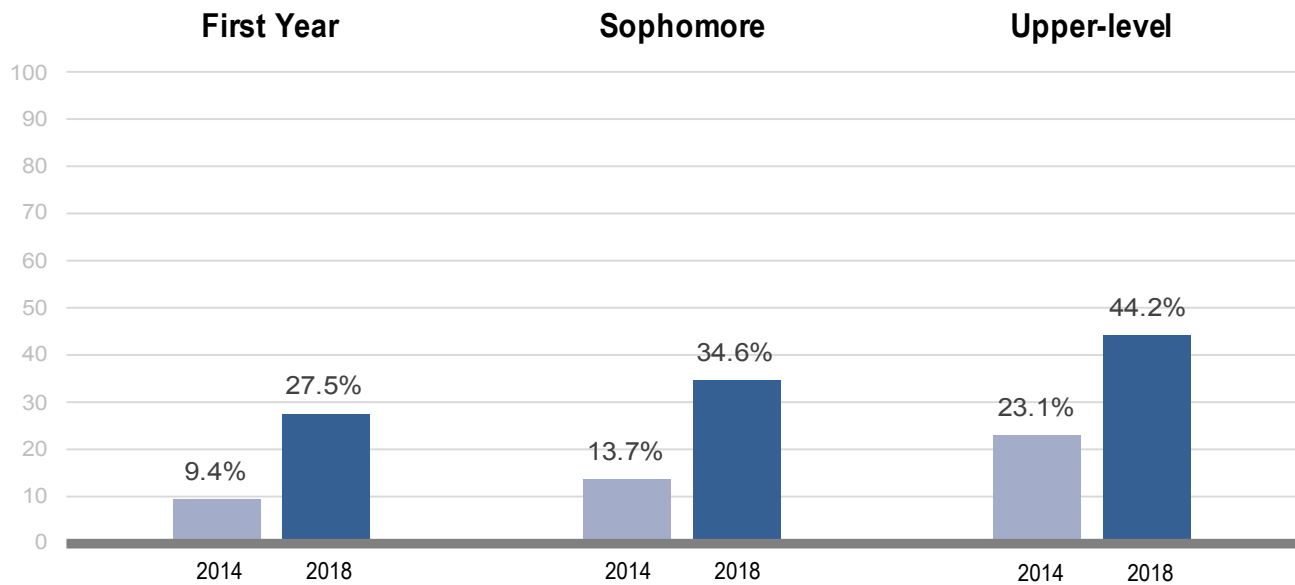


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	9,231	3,589	38.9%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	1,292	763	59.1%	n/a
Unknown	10,927			304			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Undergraduate Class Year*

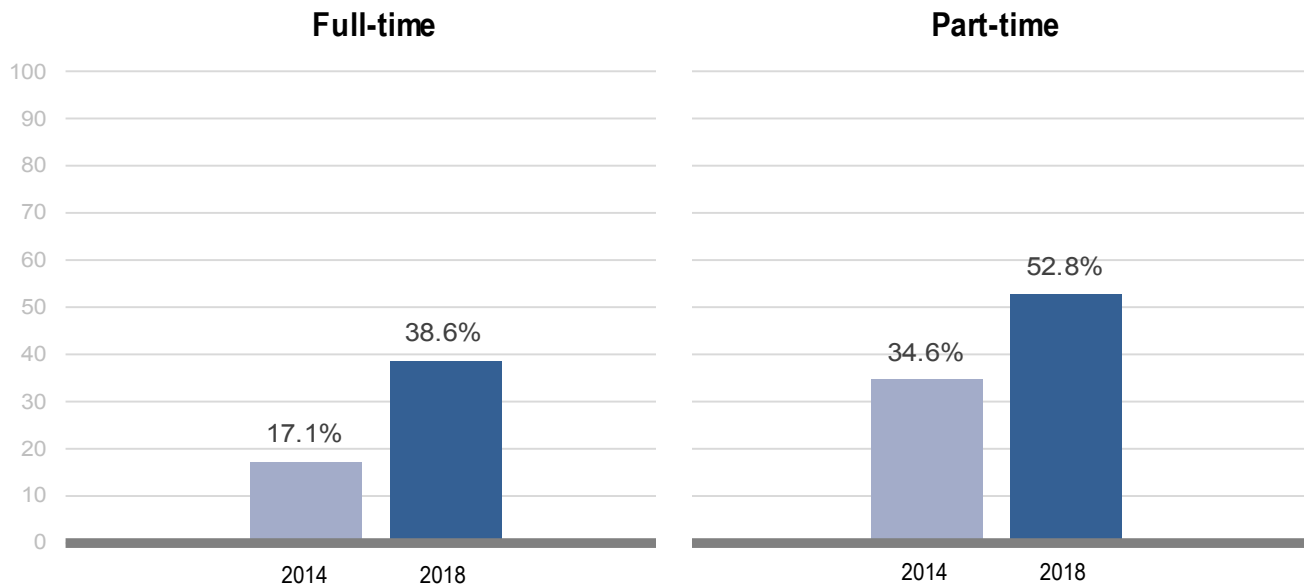


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,740	164	9.4%	1,840	505	27.5%	↑	18.0
Sophomore	1,996	274	13.7%	1,961	679	34.6%	↑	20.9
Upper-level	5,570	1,288	23.1%	5,402	2,387	44.2%	↑	21.1

* 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*

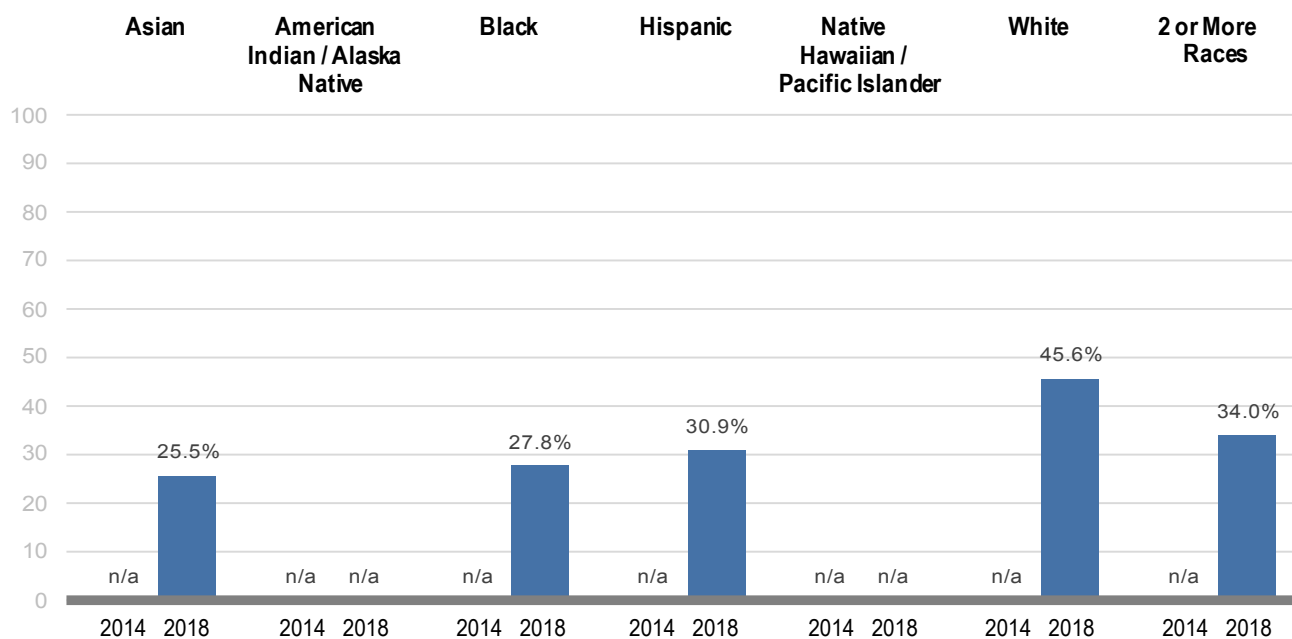


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	8,182	1,400	17.1%	8,396	3,240	38.6%	↑	21.5
Part-time	2,745	951	34.6%	2,431	1,284	52.8%	↑	18.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Race/Ethnicity*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Asian	0	0	n/a	239	61	25.5%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	16	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	1,207	335	27.8%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	709	219	30.9%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	8,109	3,700	45.6%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	380	129	34.0%	n/a
Unknown	10,927			158			

* 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.

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	465	79	17.0%	407	134	32.9% ↑	15.9
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,480	308	20.8%	1,564	535	34.2% ↑	13.4
Communication and Journalism	528	101	19.1%	549	233	42.4% ↑	23.3
Computer and Information Sciences	202	49	24.3%	283	80	28.3% ↑	4.0
Education	2,936	635	21.6%	2,143	1,014	47.3% ↑	25.7
English Language and Literature	419	108	25.8%	445	212	47.6% ↑	21.9
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	29	*	n/a	33	17	51.5%	n/a
Health Professions	149	13	8.7%	269	119	44.2% ↑	35.5
History	354	111	31.4%	254	143	56.3% ↑	24.9
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	957	185	19.3%	891	327	36.7% ↑	17.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	759	204	26.9%	451	153	33.9% ↑	7.0
Mathematics and Statistics	219	34	15.5%	206	83	40.3% ↑	24.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	17	*	n/a	21	*	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	210	32	15.2%	192	74	38.5% ↑	23.3
Psychology	798	151	18.9%	1,219	481	39.5% ↑	20.5
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	484	136	28.1%	529	268	50.7% ↑	22.6
Social Sciences	412	107	26.0%	529	267	50.5% ↑	24.5
Transportation and Materials Moving	193	29	15.0%	202	66	32.7% ↑	17.6
Visual and Performing Arts	299	52	17.4%	355	148	41.7% ↑	24.3
Unknown	17	10	58.8%	285	162	56.8% ↓	-2.0

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: <https://idhe.tufts.edu>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2019). *2014 and 2018 report for _____ [name of institution]*. Medford, MA.

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