NSLVE
NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Macalester College

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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 this 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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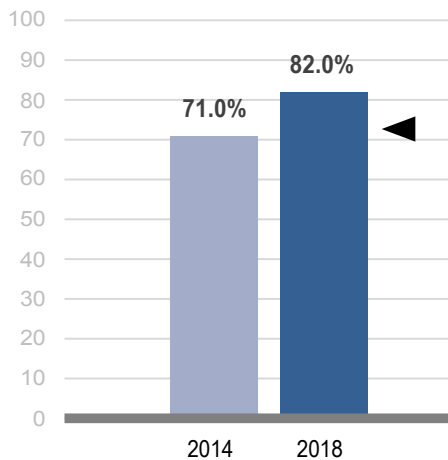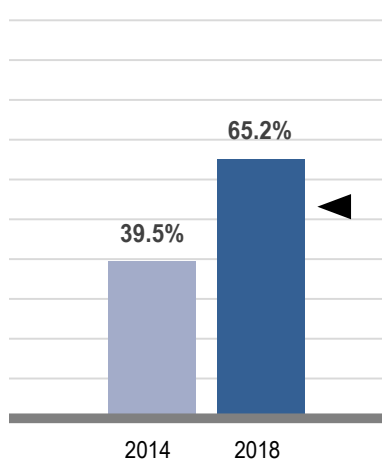
Warm regards,

IDHE Team

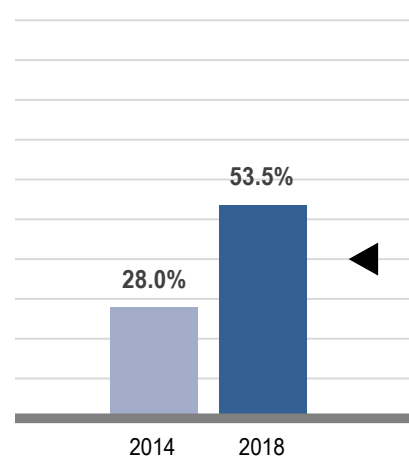**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

53.5%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+25.4

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

	2014	2018
	71.0%	82.0%

Voting Rate of Registered Students

	2014	2018
	39.5%	65.2%

Voting Rate

	2014	2018
	28.0%	53.5%

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	2,051	2,140	⬆	89
Age under 18/Unknown	(10)	(12)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(276)	(330)		
FERPA records blocked	*	*		
Total eligible voters	1,762	1,793	⬆	31
Number of students who registered	1,250	1,471	⬆	221
Number of students who voted	494	959	⬆	465
Registration rate	71.0%	82.0%	⬆	11.1
Voting rate of registered students	39.5%	65.2%	⬆	25.7
Voting rate	28.0%	53.5%	⬆	25.4
Difference from all institutions	+8.3	+14.4		

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 **+8.3**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+14.4**
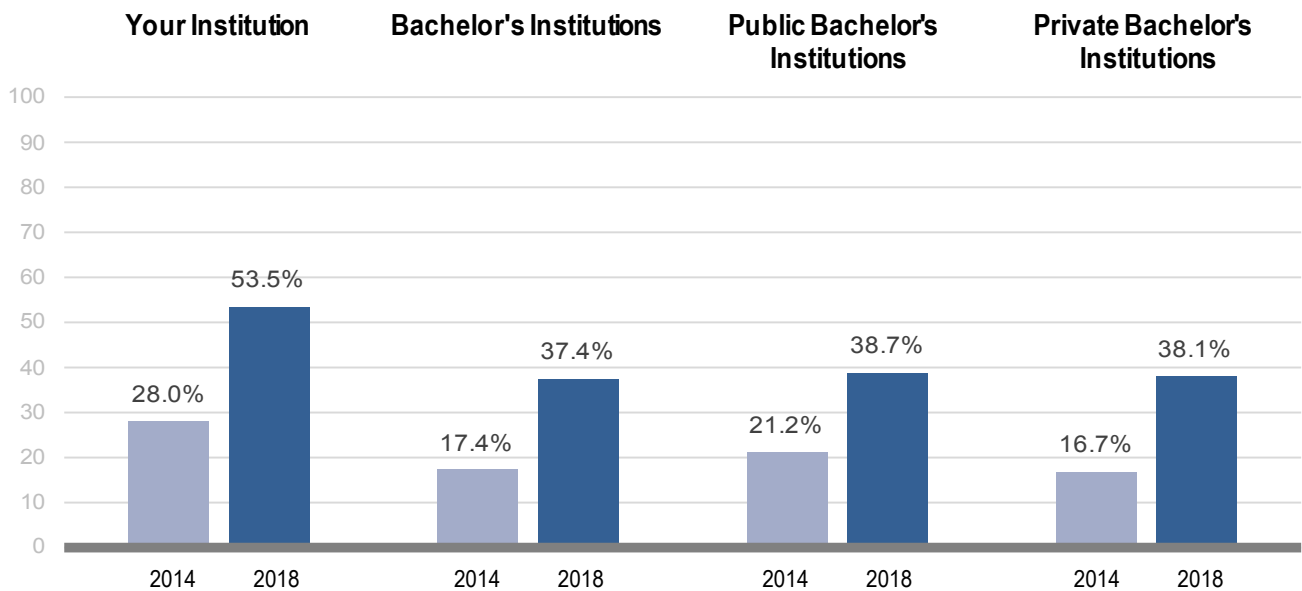
	Your Institution	Bachelor's Institutions	Public Bachelor's Institutions	Private Bachelor's Institutions
2014	28.0%	17.4%	21.2%	16.7%
2018	53.5%	37.4%	38.7%	38.1%

By Voting Method*

	Absentee	Early Vote	Mail	In-Person, Election Day
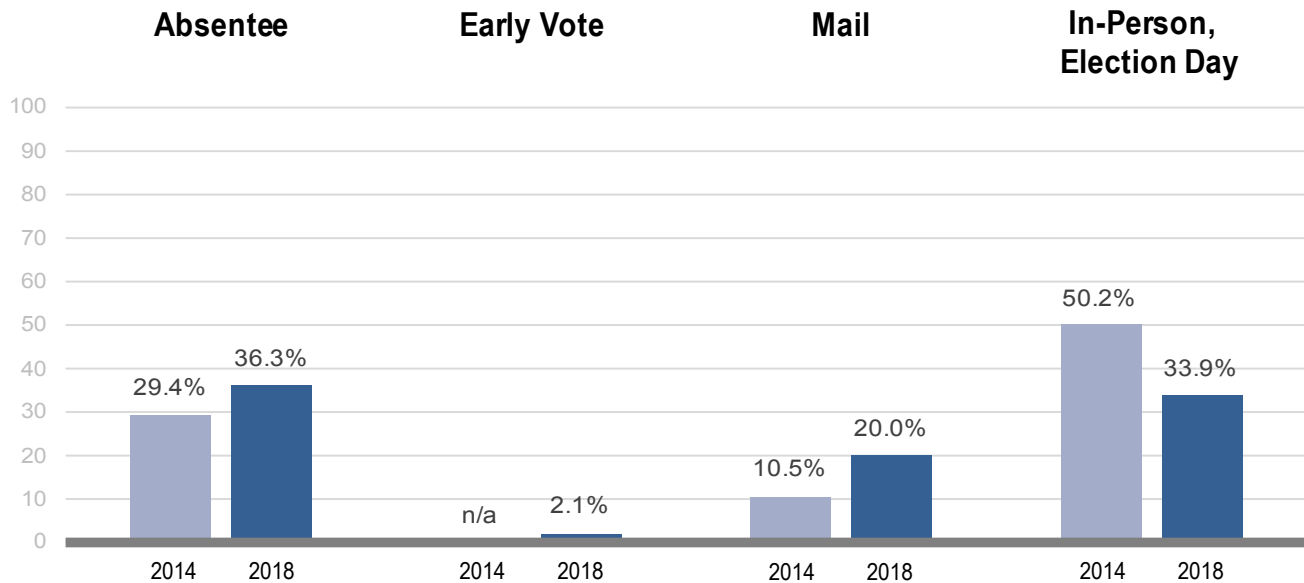
	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	145	**29.4%**	348	**36.3%**	⬆	**6.9**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**	20	**2.1%**		**n/a**
Mail	52	**10.5%**	192	**20.0%**	⬆	**9.5**
In-Person, Election Day	248	**50.2%**	325	**33.9%**	⬇	**-16.3**
Unknown	43	**8.7%**	74	**7.7%**		
Total	**494**		**959**			

* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Age Group*
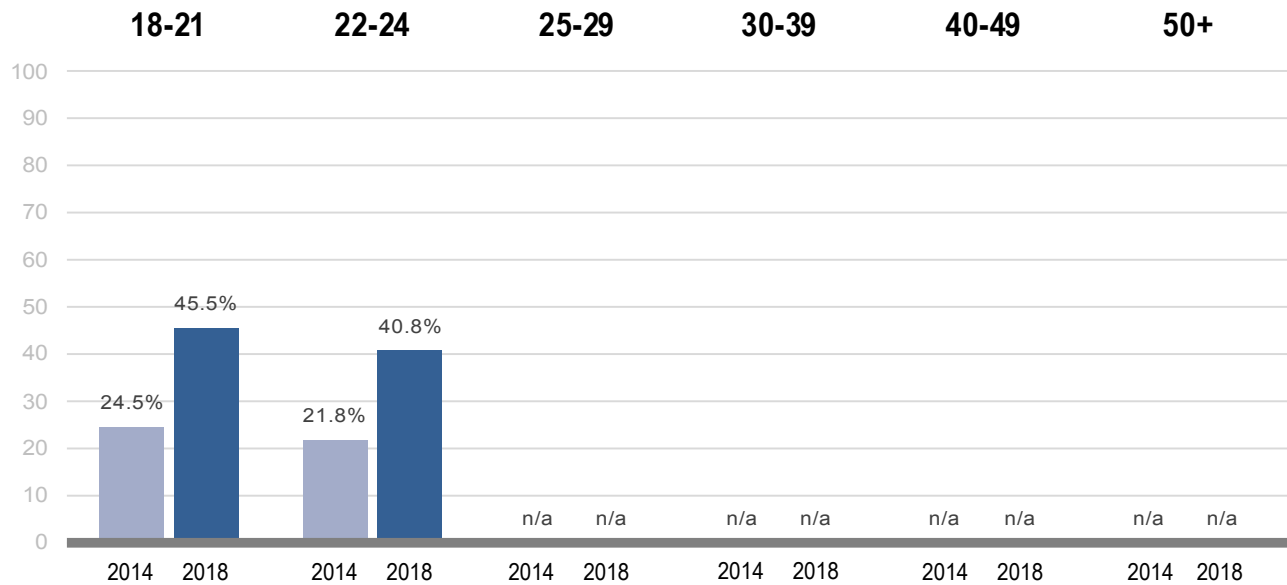
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	1,865	457	**24.5%**		1,935	881	**45.5%**	⬆	**21.0**
22-24	170	37	**21.8%**		184	75	**40.8%**	⬆	**19.0**
25-29	*	0	**n/a**		*	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
30-39	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
40-49	0	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
50+	*	0	**n/a**		0	0	**n/a**		**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.

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

By Education Level*

Undergraduate
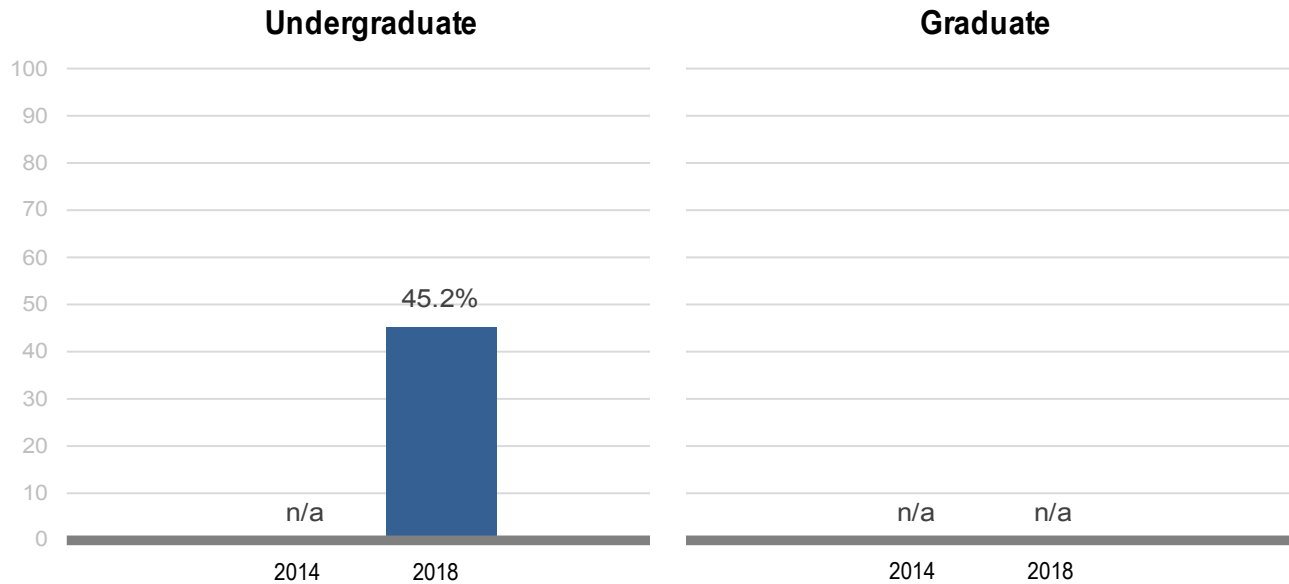
Graduate

	2014			**2018**			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Undergraduate	0	0	**n/a**	2,123	959	**45.2%**	**n/a**
Graduate	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**	**n/a**
Unknown	2,038			0			

* 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*
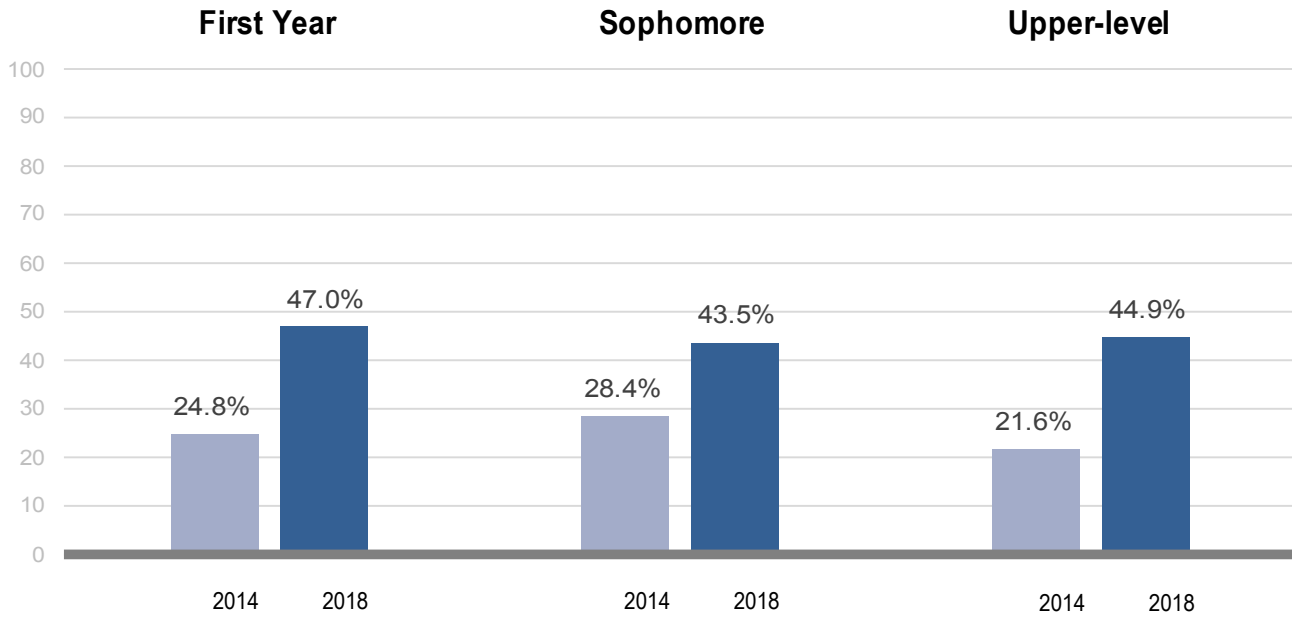
	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	545	135	**24.8%**	632	297	**47.0%**	⬆	22.2
Sophomore	549	156	**28.4%**	508	221	**43.5%**	⬆	15.1
Upper-level	940	203	**21.6%**	983	441	**44.9%**	⬆	23.3

* 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.

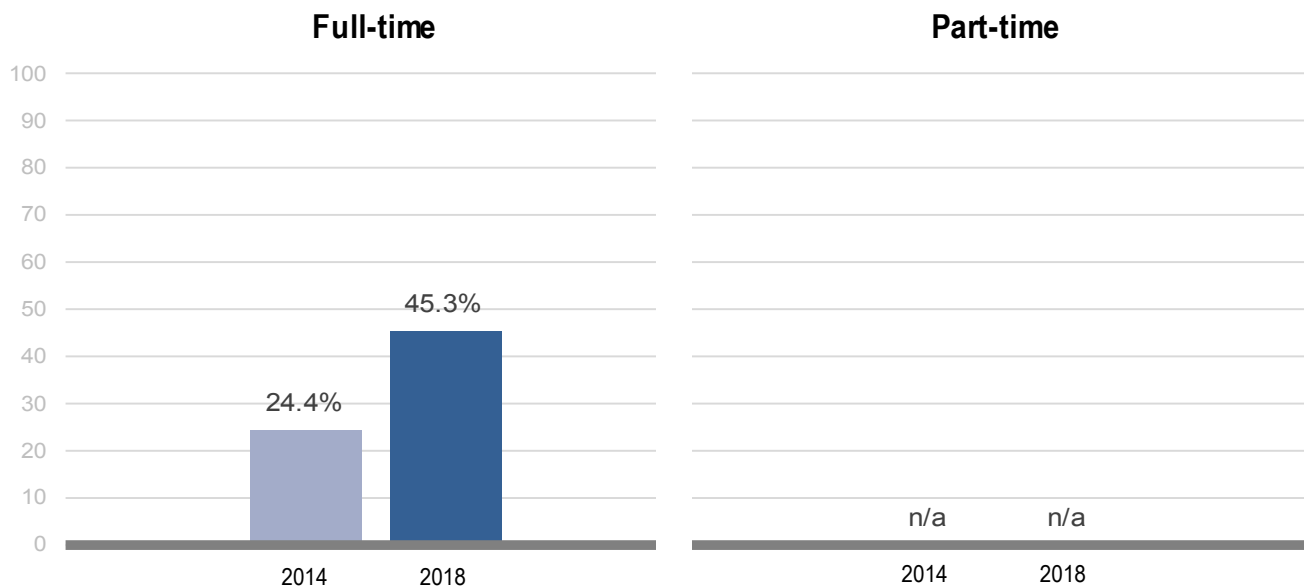**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	2,023	493	**24.4%**	2,101	951	**45.3%**	⬆	**20.9**
Part-time	15	*	**n/a**	22	*	**n/a**		**n/a**
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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
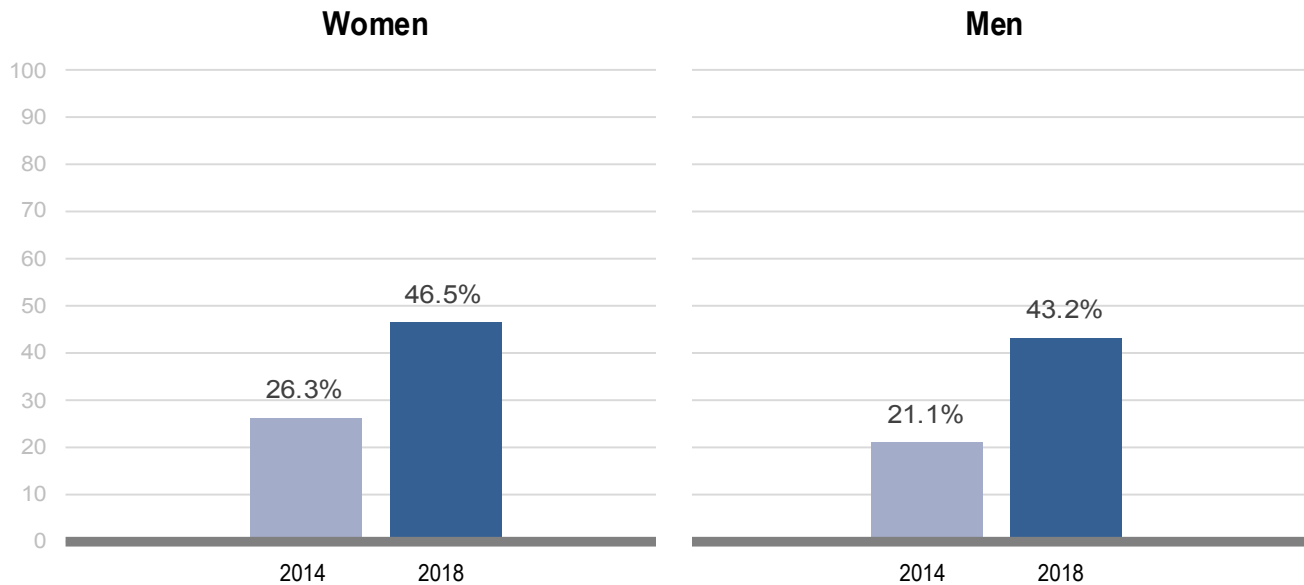
	2014				**2018**				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	1,229	323	**26.3%**		1,270	591	**46.5%**	⬆	**20.3**
Men	809	171	**21.1%**		852	368	**43.2%**	⬆	**22.1**
Unknown	0				*				

* 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.

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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	
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	21	*	n/a		10	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	193	56	29.0%		181	82	45.3% ⬆	16.3
Communication and Journalism	32	*	n/a		30	14	46.7%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	41	*	n/a		107	42	39.3%	n/a
English Language and Literature	80	12	15.0%		68	31	45.6% ⬆	30.6
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	113	31	27.4%		84	38	45.2% ⬆	17.8
History	29	*	n/a		38	21	55.3%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	635	162	25.5%		675	306	45.3% ⬆	19.8
Mathematics and Statistics	62	10	16.1%		83	30	36.1% ⬆	20.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	118	26	22.0%		103	45	43.7% ⬆	21.7
Natural Resources and Conservation	34	10	29.4%		49	28	57.1% ⬆	27.7
Philosophy and Religious Studies	45	*	n/a		51	25	49.0%	n/a
Physical Sciences	117	28	23.9%		114	56	49.1% ⬆	25.2
Psychology	108	29	26.9%		103	45	43.7% ⬆	16.8
Social Sciences	356	81	22.8%		352	152	43.2% ⬆	20.4
Visual and Performing Arts	43	11	25.6%		65	36	55.4% ⬆	29.8
Unknown	11	*	n/a		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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