

## **2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT**

# Student Voting Rates for Montana 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](mailto:NSLVE@tufts.edu).

Warm regards,

IDHE Team



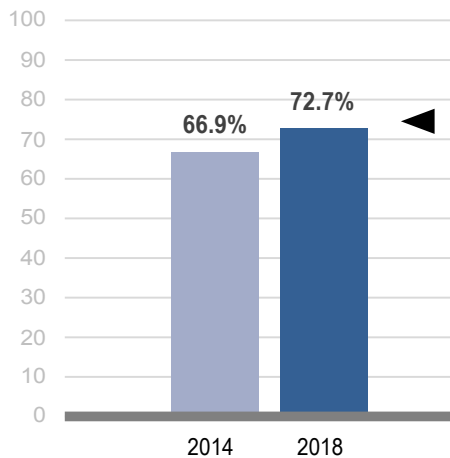
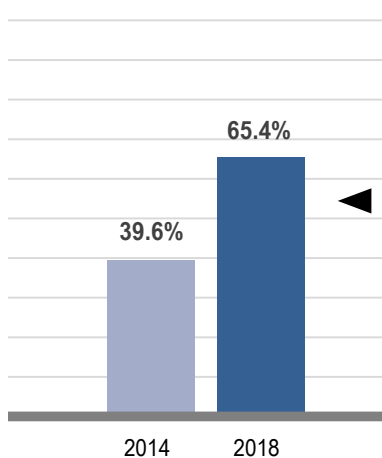
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## Voting and Registration Rates

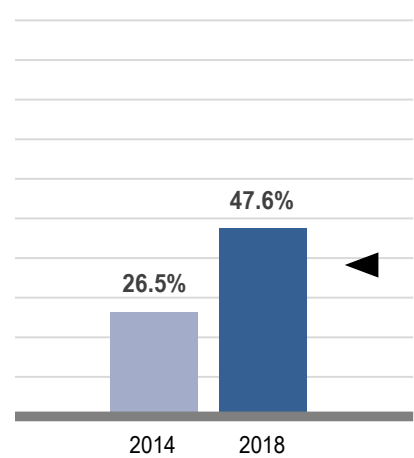
2018 Voting Rate

**47.6%**CHANGE  
FROM 2014**+21.1**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	15,476	16,748	↑ 1,272
Age under 18/Unknown	(120)	(206)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(676)	(644)	
FERPA records blocked	(19)	(17)	
Total eligible voters	14,661	15,881	↑ 1,220
Number of students who registered	9,803	11,551	↑ 1,748
Number of students who voted	3,882	7,556	↑ 3,674
Registration rate	66.9%	72.7%	↑ 5.9
Voting rate of registered students	39.6%	65.4%	↑ 25.8
Voting rate	26.5%	47.6%	↑ 21.1
Difference from all institutions	+6.8	+8.5	

## 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

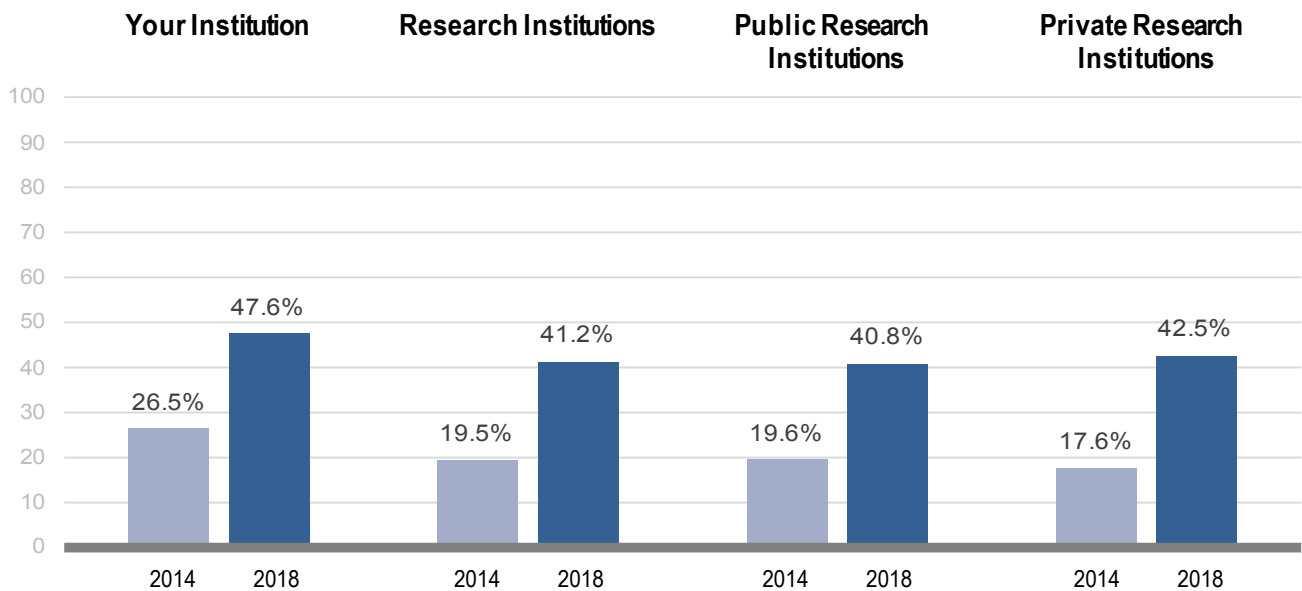
**39.1%**

HIGH  
64.1%

LOW  
11.5%

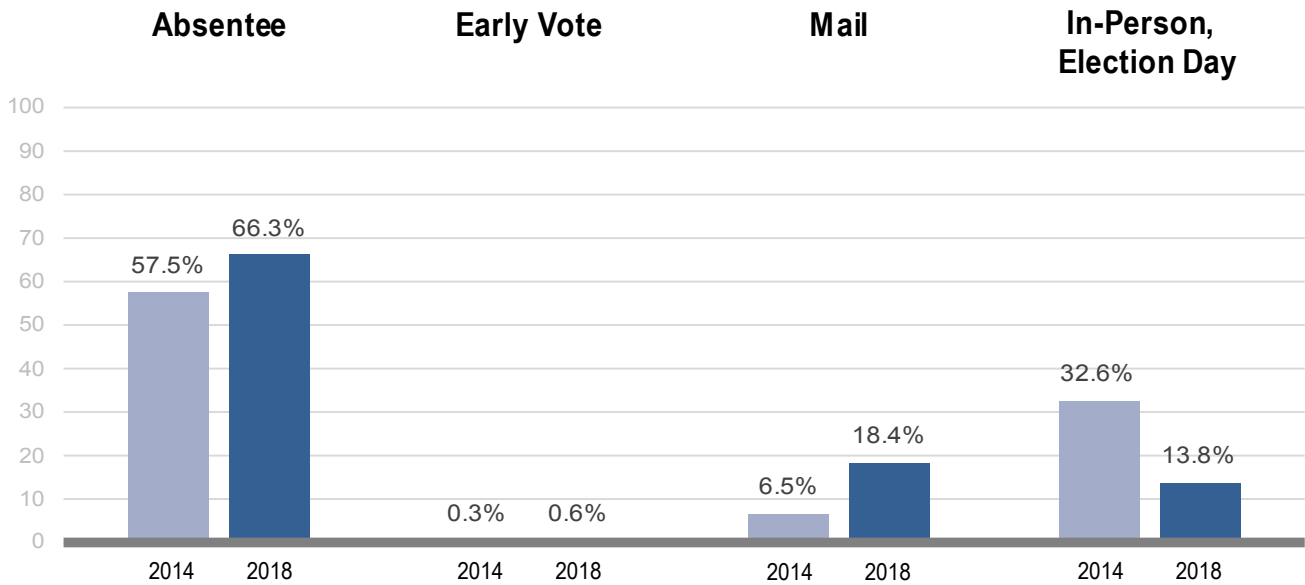
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# By Voting Method\*

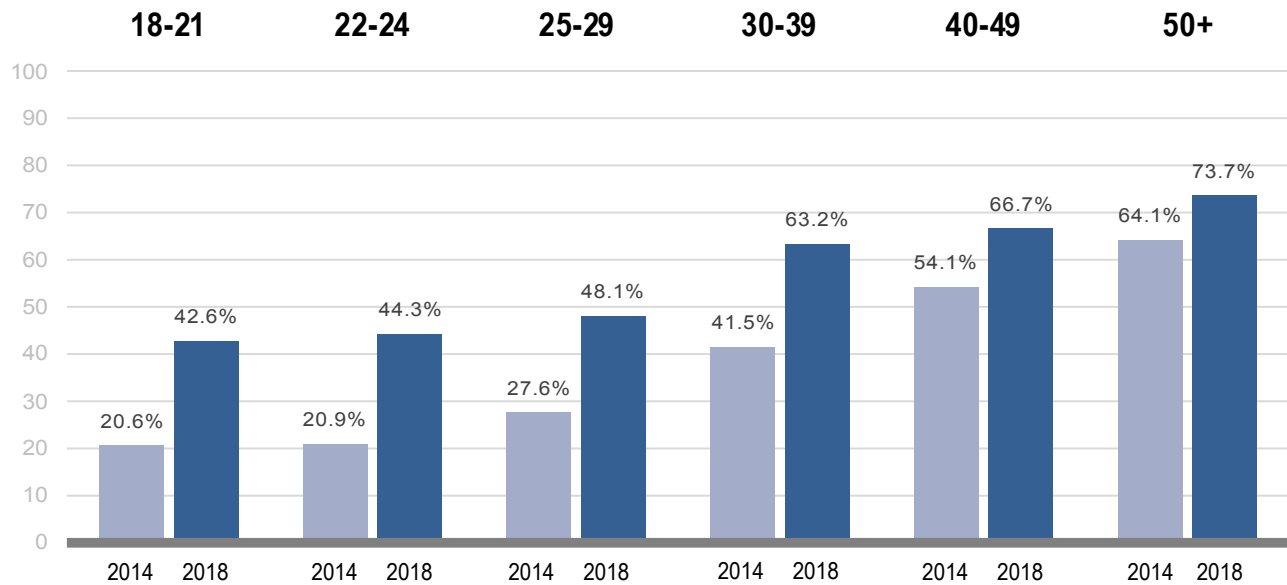


	2014		2018			
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	Change	
Absentee	2,233	57.5%	5,007	66.3%	↑	8.7
Early Vote	12	0.3%	44	0.6%	↑	0.3
Mail	253	6.5%	1,387	18.4%	↑	11.8
In-Person, Election Day	1,265	32.6%	1,043	13.8%	↓	-18.8
Unknown	119	3.1%	75	1.0%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,882</b>		<b>7,556</b>			

\* 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\*

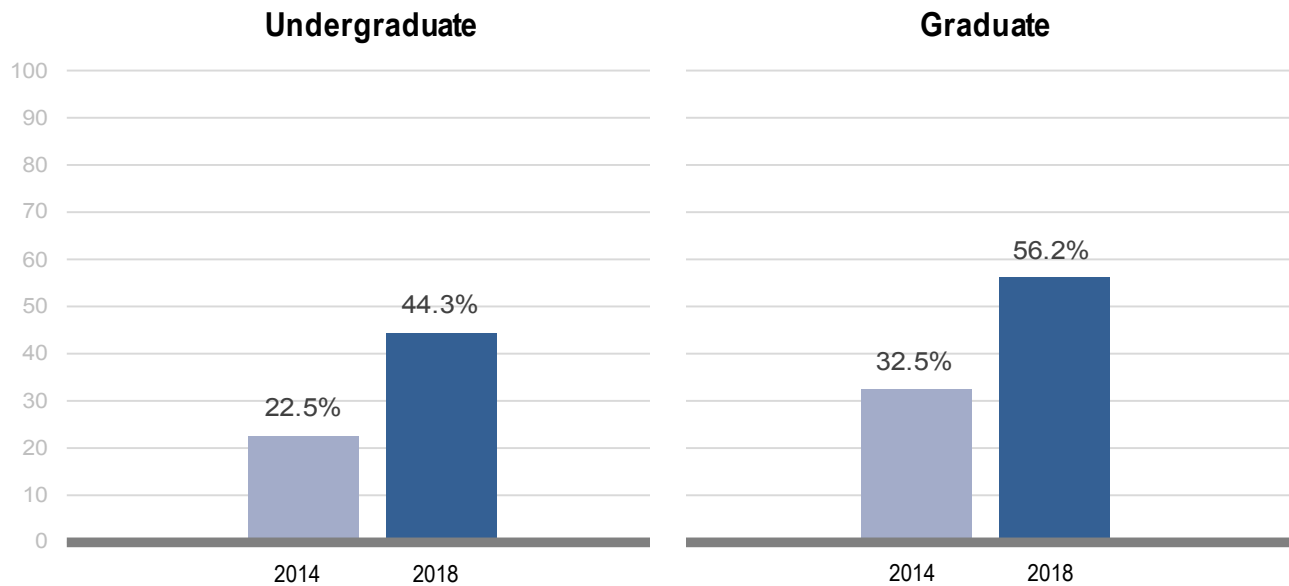


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	8,216	1,695	20.6%	9,923	4,229	42.6%	↑	22.0
22-24	3,163	660	20.9%	3,277	1,451	44.3%	↑	23.4
25-29	1,836	507	27.6%	1,723	829	48.1%	↑	20.5
30-39	1,298	539	41.5%	1,040	657	63.2%	↑	21.6
40-49	473	256	54.1%	345	230	66.7%	↑	12.6
50+	351	225	64.1%	217	160	73.7%	↑	9.6
Unknown	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\*

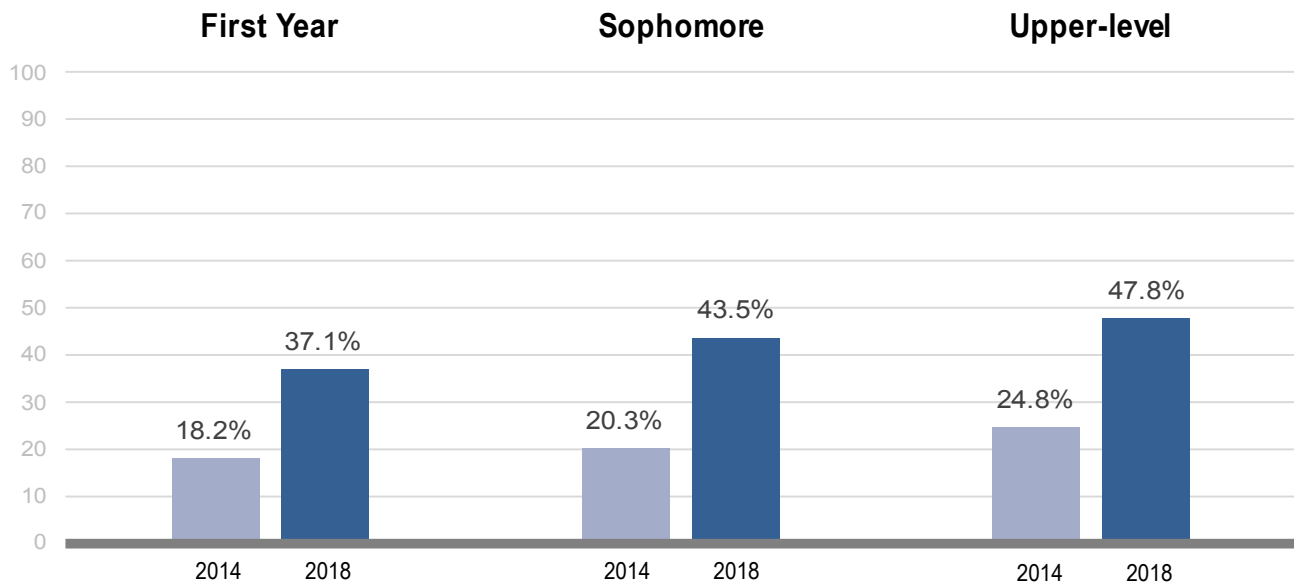


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	12,836	2,891	22.5%	14,429	6,398	44.3%	↑	21.8
Graduate	567	184	32.5%	1,752	984	56.2%	↑	23.7
Unknown	1,934			344				

\* 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.

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# By Undergraduate Class Year\*



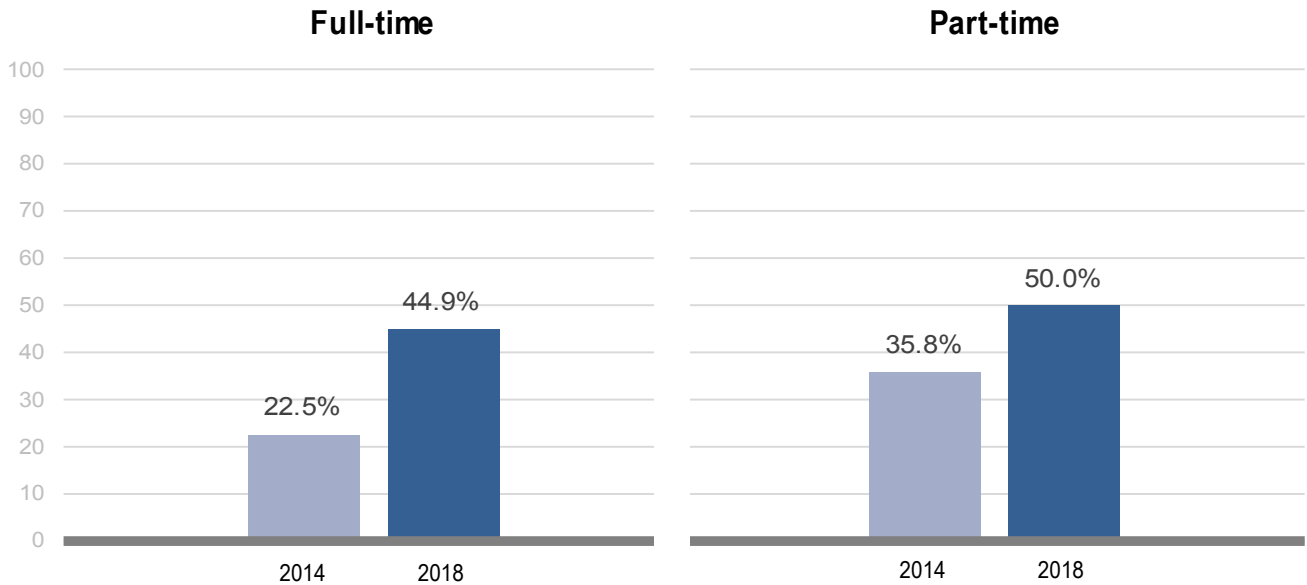
	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	4,180	762	18.2%	4,302	1,594	37.1%	↑	18.8
Sophomore	2,741	555	20.3%	3,137	1,364	43.5%	↑	23.2
Upper-level	5,542	1,374	24.8%	6,689	3,196	47.8%	↑	23.0

\* 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.



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## By Enrollment Status\*

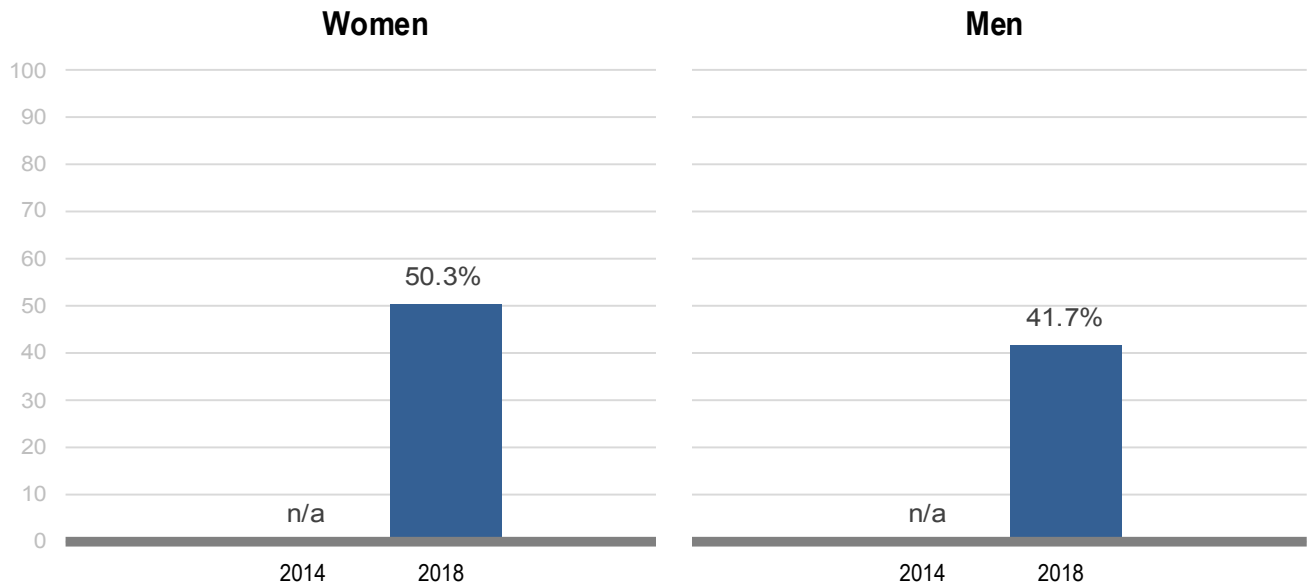


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	12,079	2,716	22.5%	13,706	6,148	44.9%	↑	22.4
Part-time	3,258	1,166	35.8%	2,819	1,408	50.0%	↑	14.2
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

\* 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 Gender\*

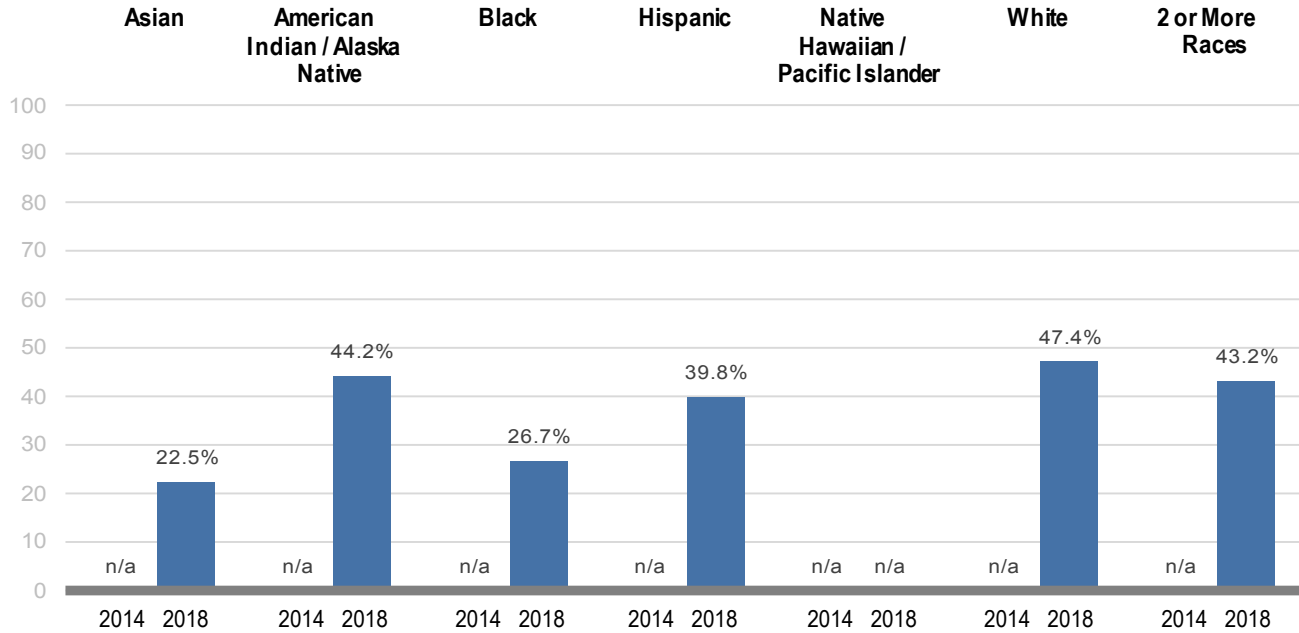


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	0	0	n/a	7,708	3,876	50.3%	n/a
Men	0	0	n/a	8,764	3,653	41.7%	n/a
Unknown	15,337			53			

\* 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	0	0	n/a	334	75	22.5%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	251	111	44.2%	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	116	31	26.7%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	713	284	39.8%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	20	*	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	13,801	6,536	47.4%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	967	418	43.2%	n/a
Unknown	15,337			323			

\* 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.

## YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

## 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	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	539	127	23.6%	615	256	41.6% ↑	18.1
Architecture	322	55	17.1%	325	143	44.0% ↑	26.9
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	26	13	50.0%	45	33	73.3% ↑	23.3
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,010	259	25.6%	1,203	545	45.3% ↑	19.7
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,351	273	20.2%	1,652	659	39.9% ↑	19.7
Computer and Information Sciences	361	79	21.9%	569	257	45.2% ↑	23.3
Education	1,374	558	40.6%	1,071	637	59.5% ↑	18.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,891	608	21.0%	3,222	1,296	40.2% ↑	19.2
English Language and Literature	258	71	27.5%	255	142	55.7% ↑	28.2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	943	190	20.2%	848	383	45.2% ↑	25.0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	70	19	27.1%	48	37	77.1% ↑	49.9
Health Professions	1,428	426	29.8%	1,615	844	52.3% ↑	22.4
Health-Related Knowledge and Skills	0	0	n/a	29	26	89.7%	n/a
History	186	56	30.1%	160	82	51.3% ↑	21.1
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,150	236	20.5%	1,393	604	43.4% ↑	22.8
Mathematics and Statistics	207	51	24.6%	238	121	50.8% ↑	26.2
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	71	32	45.1%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	329	104	31.6%	363	169	46.6% ↑	15.0
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	23	10	43.5%	n/a
Personal and Culinary Services	0	0	n/a	21	13	61.9%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	31	*	n/a	30	10	33.3%	n/a
Physical Sciences	606	147	24.3%	673	268	39.8% ↑	15.6

Precision Production	34	11	32.4%	41	13	31.7% ↓	-0.6
Psychology	371	72	19.4%	435	215	49.4% ↑	30.0
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	19	14	73.7%	19	15	79.0% ↑	5.3
Social Sciences	520	136	26.2%	623	311	49.9% ↑	23.8
Transportation and Materials Moving	53	15	28.3%	86	35	40.7% ↑	12.4
Visual and Performing Arts	822	223	27.1%	825	385	46.7% ↑	19.5
Other	343	94	27.4%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	93	36	38.7%	19	13	68.4% ↑	29.7

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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