

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for Rochester Institute of Technology

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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,

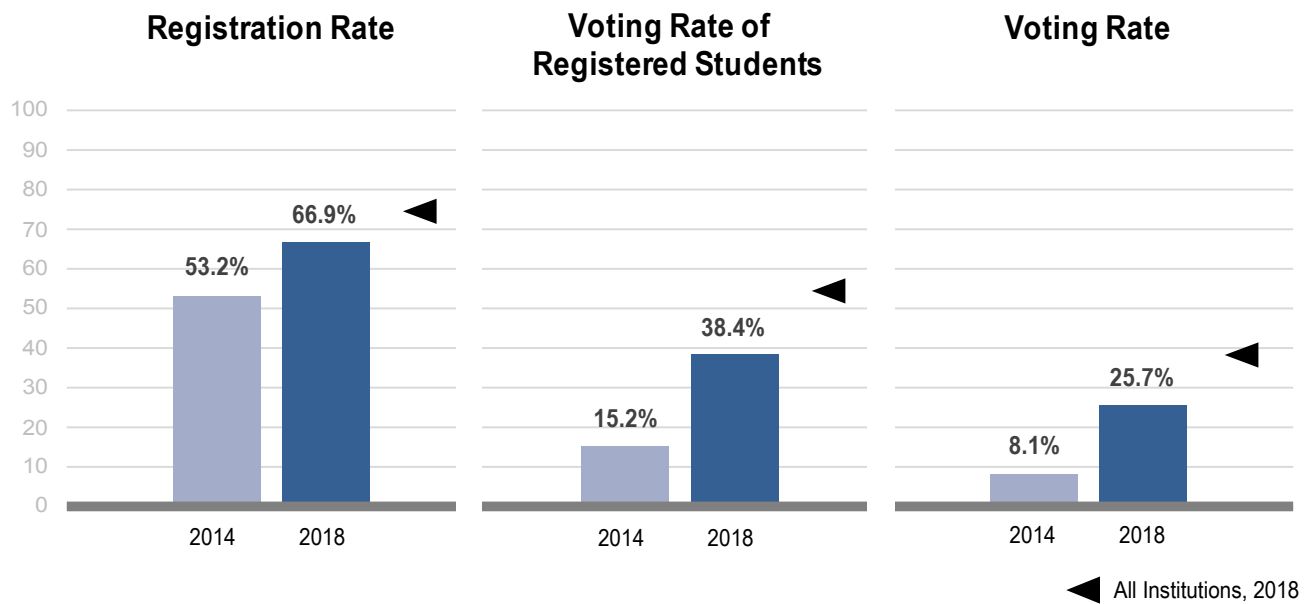
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

25.7%CHANGE
FROM 2014**+17.6**2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS**39.1%**

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	20,065	20,293	↑ 228
Age under 18/Unknown	(3,269)	(2,325)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(2,539)	(2,859)	
FERPA records blocked	(57)	(42)	
Total eligible voters	14,200	15,067	↑ 867
Number of students who registered	7,555	10,076	↑ 2,521
Number of students who voted	1,149	3,867	↑ 2,718
Registration rate	53.2%	66.9%	↑ 13.7
Voting rate of registered students	15.2%	38.4%	↑ 23.2
Voting rate	8.1%	25.7%	↑ 17.6
Difference from all institutions	-11.6	-13.4	

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

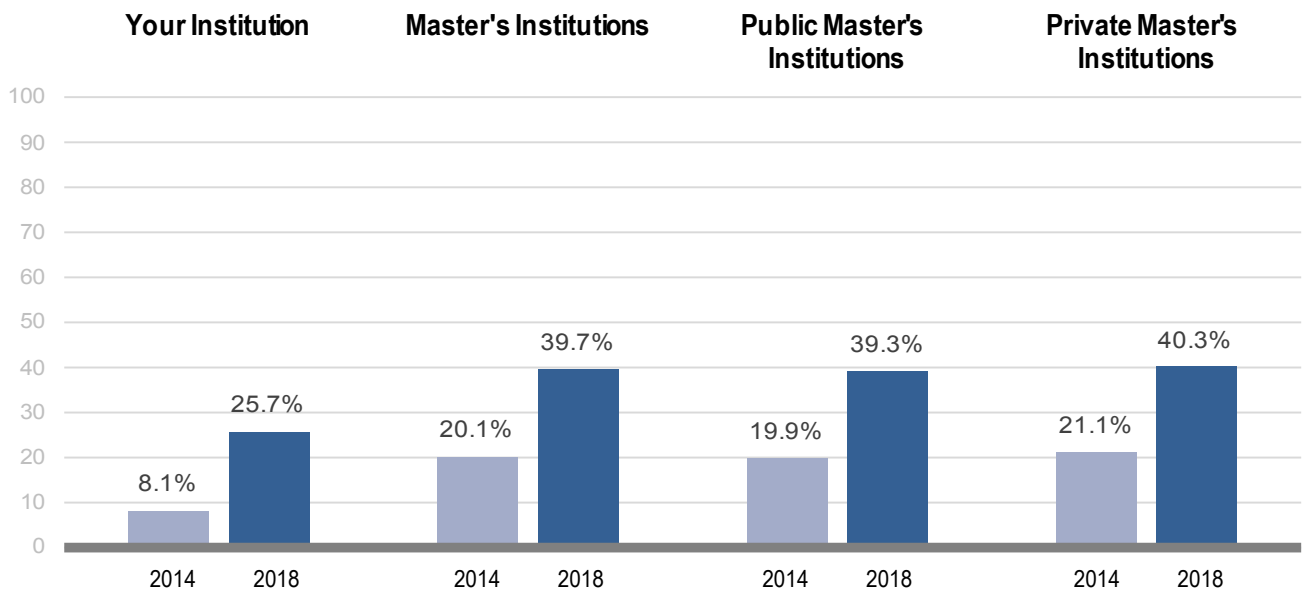
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

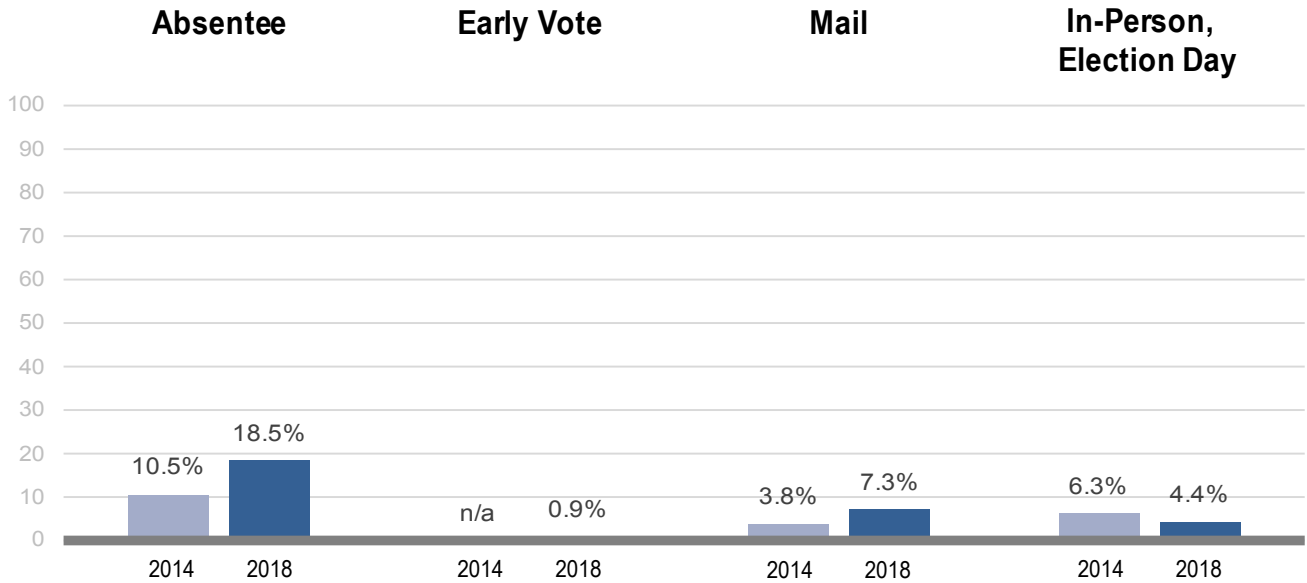
Difference from All Institutions **-11.6**

Difference from All Institutions **-13.4**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

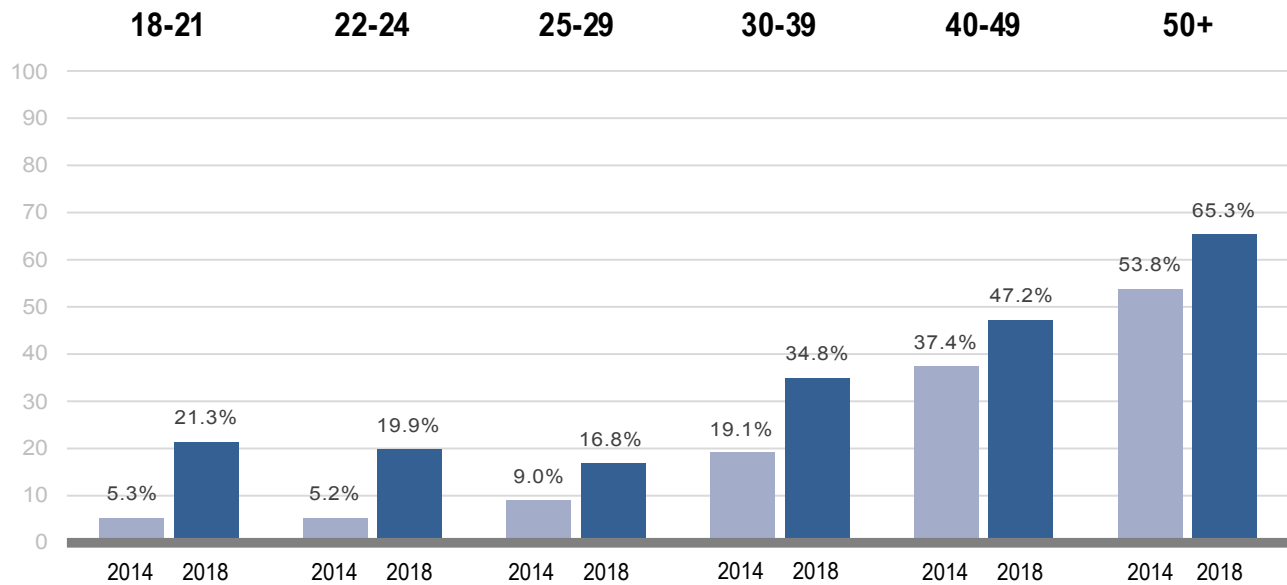


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	121	10.5%	716	18.5%	↑	8.0
Early Vote	*	n/a	33	0.9%		n/a
Mail	44	3.8%	284	7.3%	↑	3.5
In-Person, Election Day	72	6.3%	169	4.4%	↓	-1.9
Unknown	905	78.8%	2,665	68.9%		
Total	1,149		3,867			

* 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*

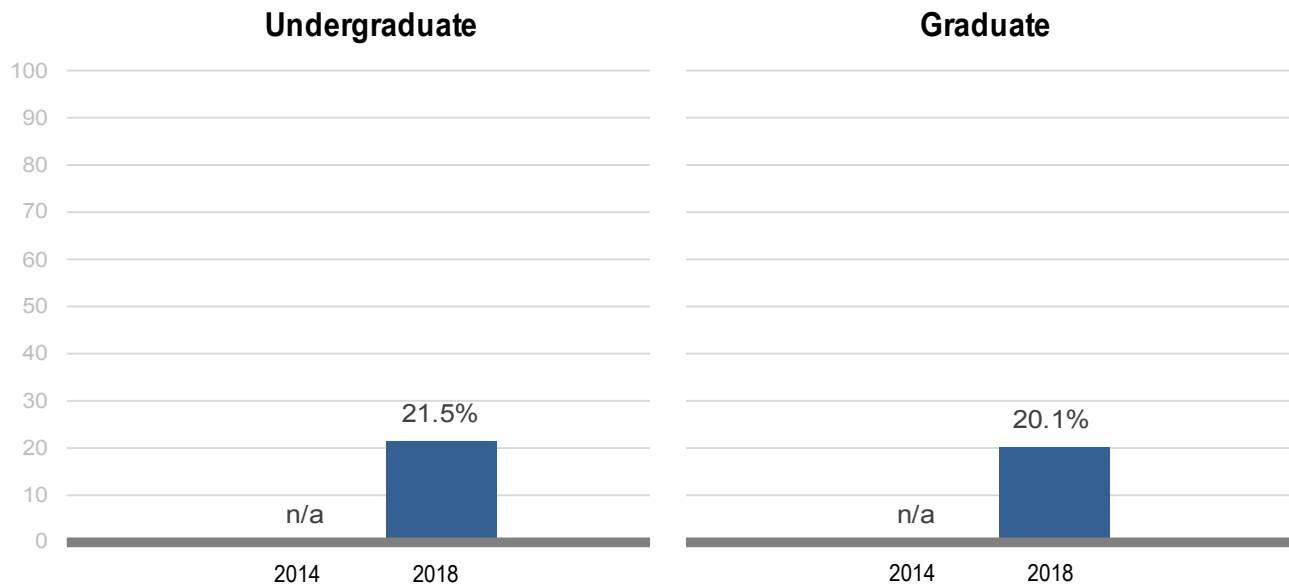


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	10,459	550	5.3%	11,318	2,408	21.3%	↑ 16.0
22-24	3,795	198	5.2%	4,147	826	19.9%	↑ 14.7
25-29	1,515	137	9.0%	1,546	260	16.8%	↑ 7.8
30-39	634	121	19.1%	618	215	34.8%	↑ 15.7
40-49	230	86	37.4%	199	94	47.2%	↑ 9.9
50+	106	57	53.8%	98	64	65.3%	↑ 11.5
Unknown	49			*			

* 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*

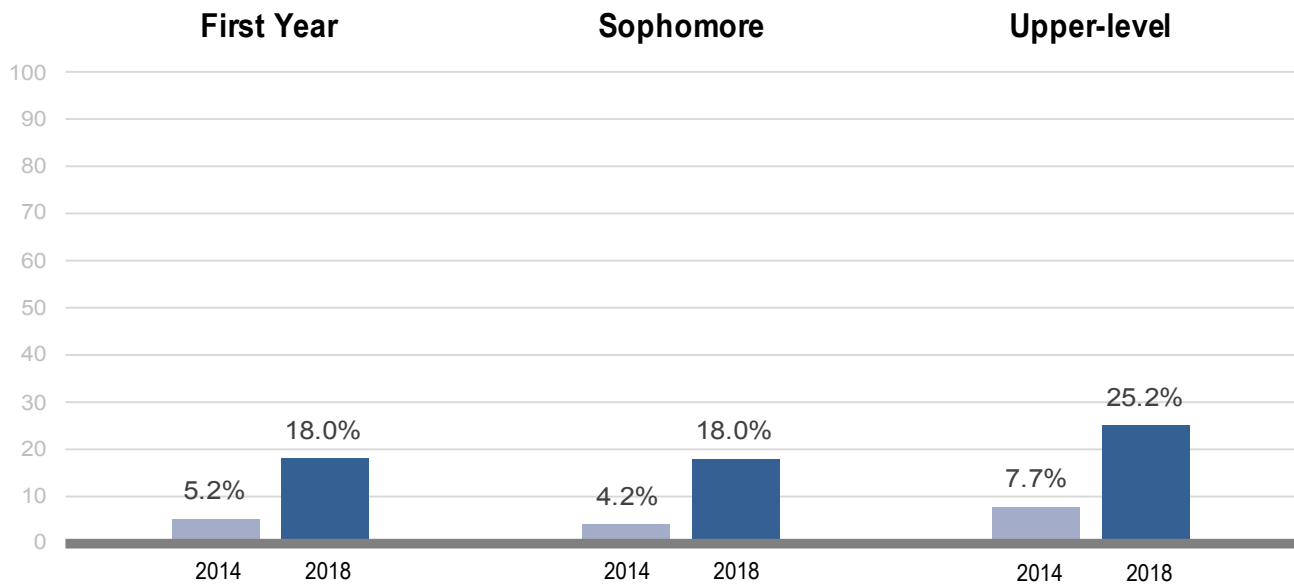


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	14,663	3,145	21.5%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	3,005	605	20.1%	n/a
Unknown	16,739			258			

* 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*

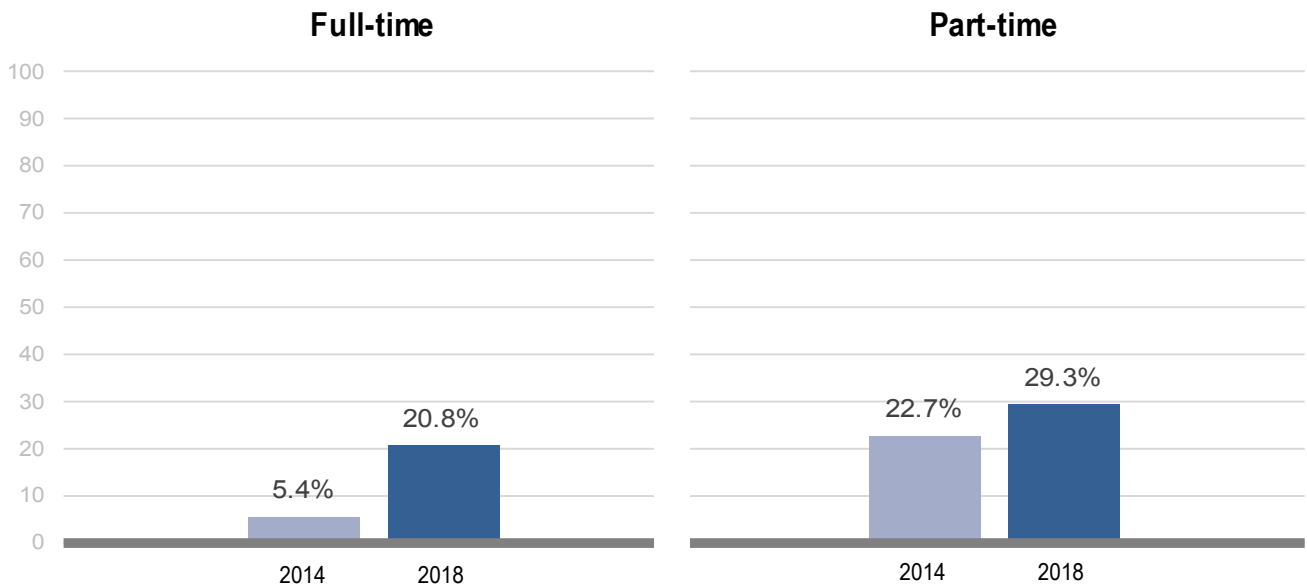


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	3,514	183	5.2%	3,620	653	18.0%	↑	12.8
Sophomore	3,011	125	4.2%	3,236	583	18.0%	↑	13.9
Upper-level	7,404	573	7.7%	8,118	2,042	25.2%	↑	17.4

* 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*

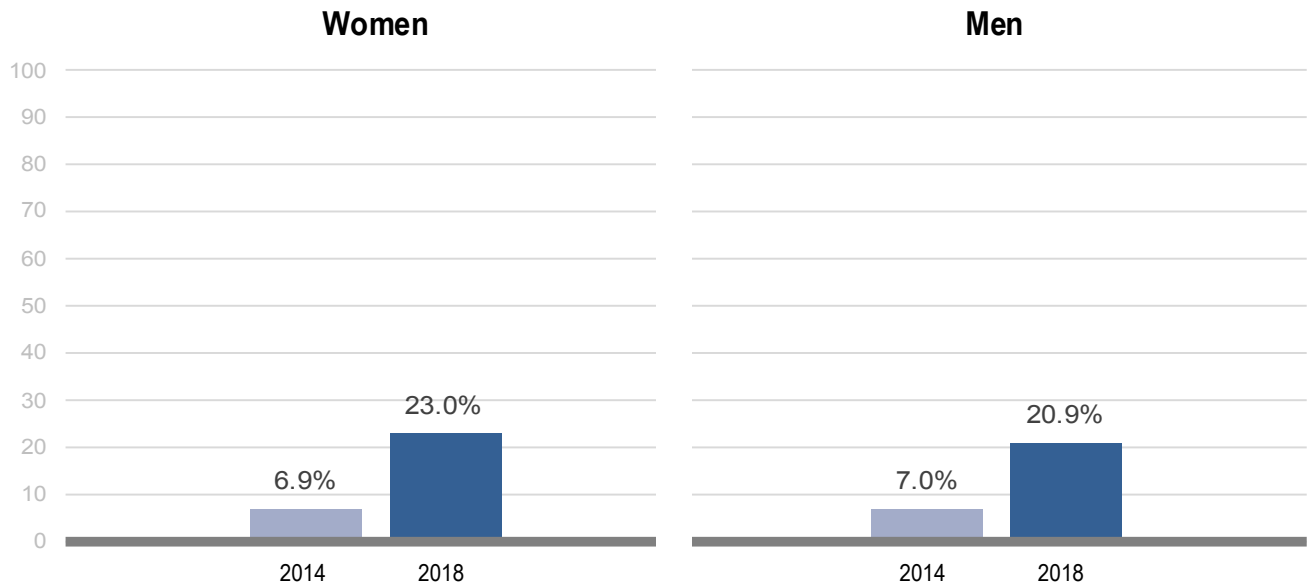


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	15,276	817	5.4%	16,262	3,379	20.8%	↑	15.4
Part-time	1,463	332	22.7%	1,664	488	29.3%	↑	6.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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*

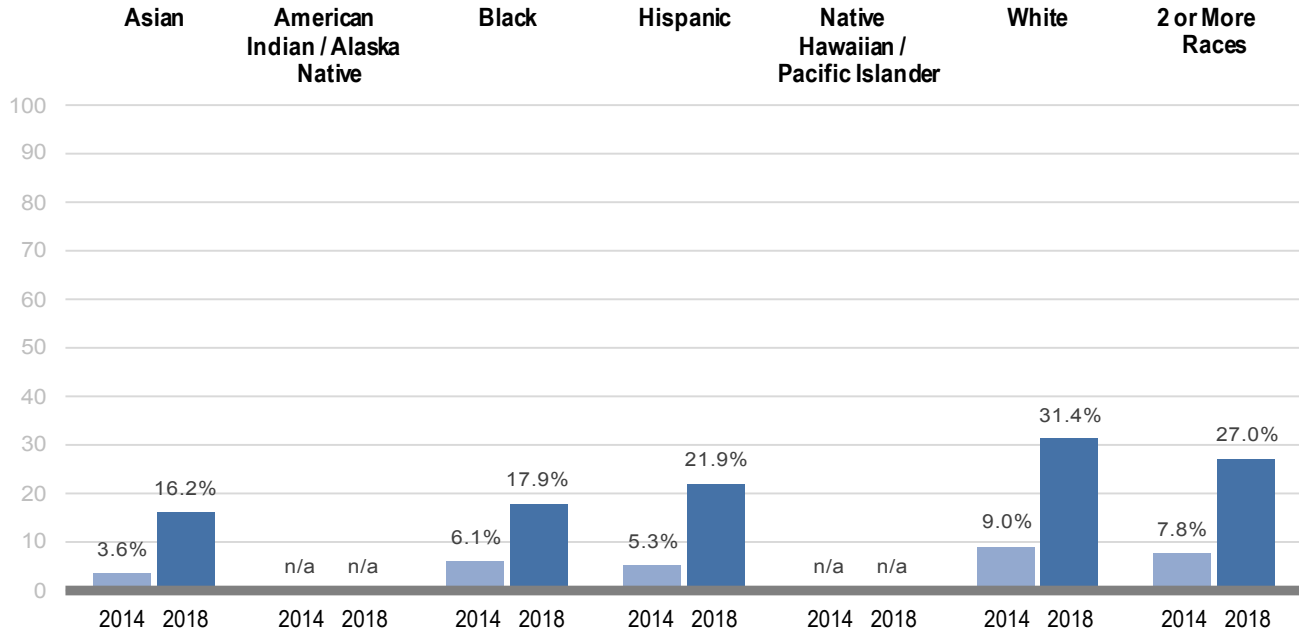


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	5,532	381	6.9%	6,145	1,410	23.0%	↑	16.1
Men	10,931	762	7.0%	11,709	2,445	20.9%	↑	13.9
Unknown	276			72				

* 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	890	32	3.6%	1,317	213	16.2%	↑	12.6
American Indian/ Alaska Native	31	*	n/a	16	*	n/a		n/a
Black	645	39	6.1%	588	105	17.9%	↑	11.8
Hispanic	875	46	5.3%	1,042	228	21.9%	↑	16.6
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
White	8,705	785	9.0%	9,120	2,862	31.4%	↑	22.4
2 or More Races	361	28	7.8%	529	143	27.0%	↑	19.3
Unknown	5,232			5,314				

* 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	
Architecture	48	*	n/a	41	11	26.8%	n/a
Basic Skills and Developmental Education	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	593	30	5.1%	537	128	23.8% ↑	18.8
Business, Management, and Marketing	1,889	112	5.9%	2,402	308	12.8% ↑	6.9
Communication and Journalism	149	14	9.4%	366	107	29.2% ↑	19.8
Communications Technologies/Technicians	281	19	6.8%	181	44	24.3% ↑	17.6
Computer and Information Sciences	3,069	156	5.1%	3,829	761	19.9% ↑	14.8
Education	43	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,653	386	6.8%	5,883	1,255	21.3% ↑	14.5
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	72	*	n/a	26	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	141	15	10.6%	149	56	37.6% ↑	26.9
Health Professions	394	40	10.2%	378	105	27.8% ↑	17.6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	107	12	11.2%	97	28	28.9% ↑	17.7
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,052	67	6.4%	937	164	17.5% ↑	11.1
Mathematics and Statistics	229	19	8.3%	267	75	28.1% ↑	19.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	152	25	16.5%	218	63	28.9% ↑	12.5
Natural Resources and Conservation	63	*	n/a	67	26	38.8%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	447	36	8.1%	498	137	27.5% ↑	19.5
Precision Production	65	*	n/a	41	*	n/a	n/a
Psychology	165	12	7.3%	146	47	32.2% ↑	24.9
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	11	*	n/a	20	11	55.0%	n/a

Science Technologies/Technicians	61	*	n/a	45	*	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	74	11	14.9%	101	40	39.6% ↑	24.7
Visual and Performing Arts	1,633	77	4.7%	1,383	350	25.3% ↑	20.6
Unknown	334	92	27.5%	273	123	45.1% ↑	17.5

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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