

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of Massachusetts-Boston

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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

44.9%

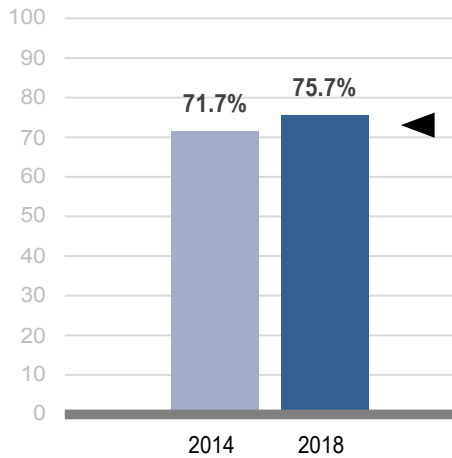
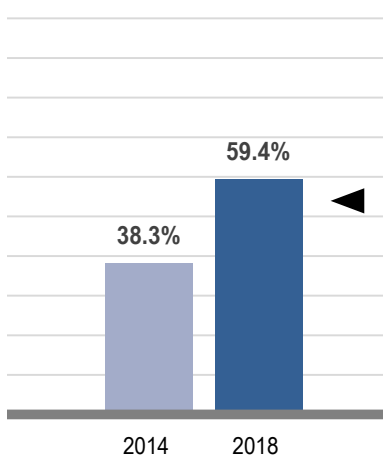
CHANGE
FROM 2014

+17.5

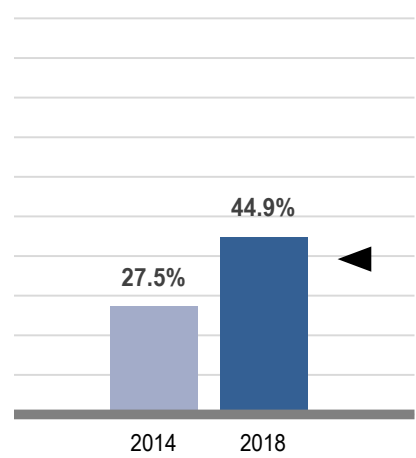
2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

Registration Rate


Voting Rate of
Registered Students


Voting Rate



All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	15,578	15,547	↓ -31
Age under 18/Unknown	(89)	(158)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,772)	(1,906)	
FERPA records blocked	*	(89)	
Total eligible voters	13,716	13,394	↓ -322
Number of students who registered	9,833	10,133	↑ 300
Number of students who voted	3,766	6,015	↑ 2,249
Registration rate	71.7%	75.7%	↑ 4.0
Voting rate of registered students	38.3%	59.4%	↑ 21.1
Voting rate	27.5%	44.9%	↑ 17.5
Difference from all institutions	+7.8	+5.8	

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

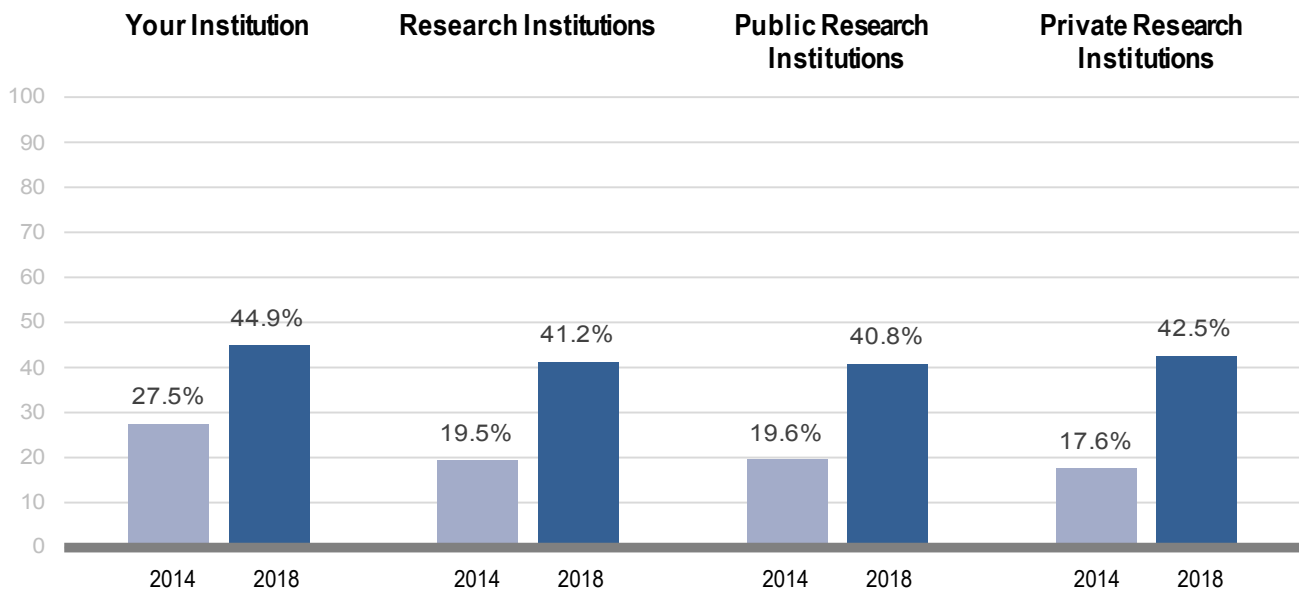
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

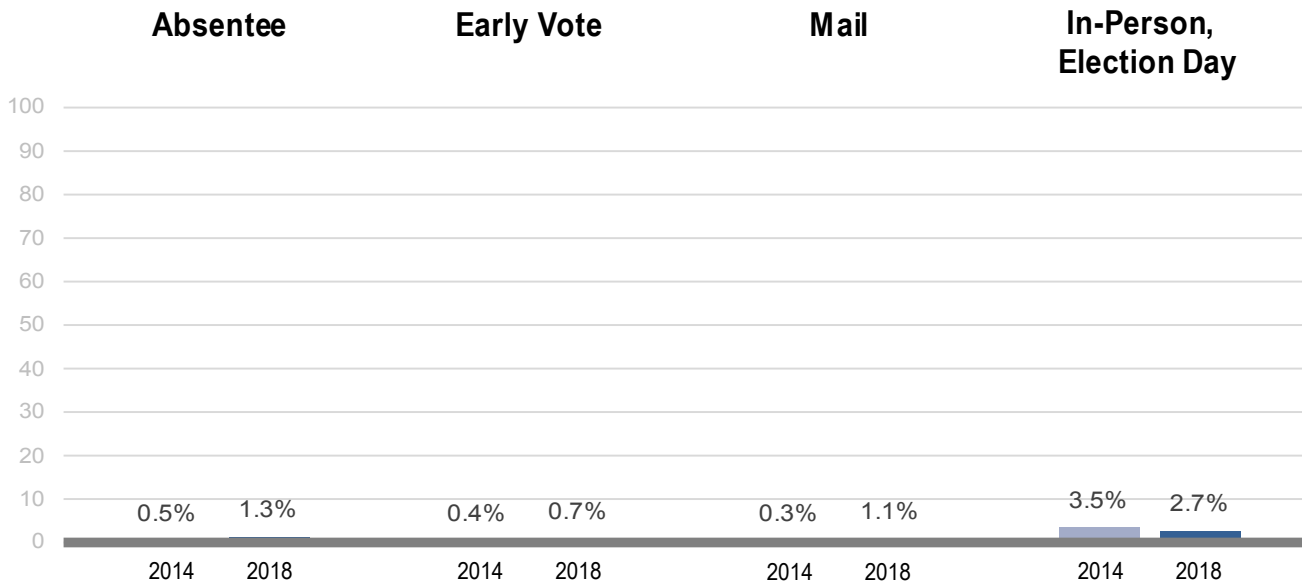
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YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

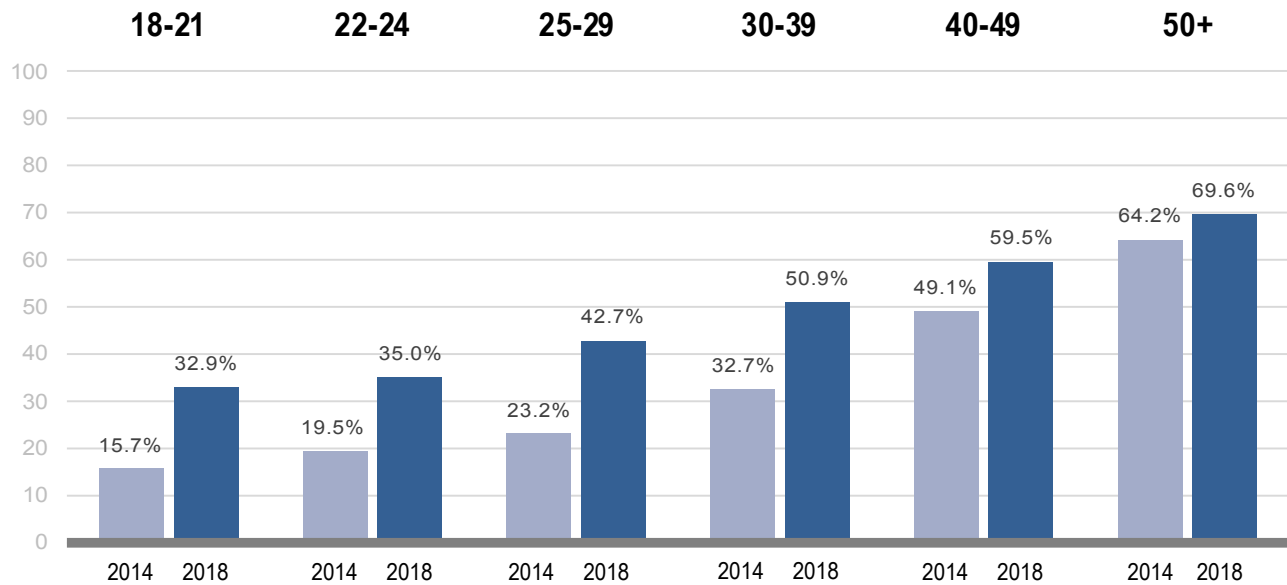


	2014		2018		Change	
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		
Absentee	17	0.5%	79	1.3%	↑	0.9
Early Vote	13	0.4%	42	0.7%	↑	0.4
Mail	12	0.3%	65	1.1%	↑	0.8
In-Person, Election Day	133	3.5%	164	2.7%	↓	-0.8
Unknown	3,591	95.4%	5,665	94.2%		
Total	3,766		6,015			

* 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*

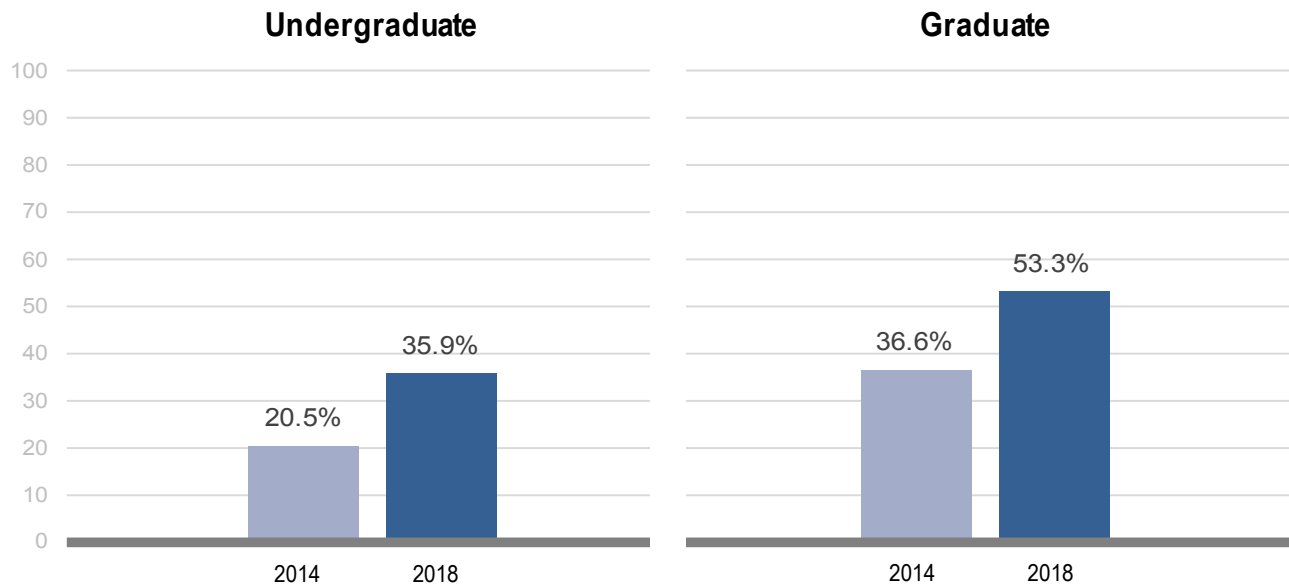


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	5,306	833	15.7%	6,675	2,194	32.9%	↑	17.2
22-24	3,628	707	19.5%	3,137	1,099	35.0%	↑	15.5
25-29	2,895	671	23.2%	2,495	1,064	42.7%	↑	19.5
30-39	2,079	679	32.7%	1,902	968	50.9%	↑	18.2
40-49	918	451	49.1%	687	409	59.5%	↑	10.4
50+	662	425	64.2%	404	281	69.6%	↑	5.3
Unknown	*			*				

* 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*

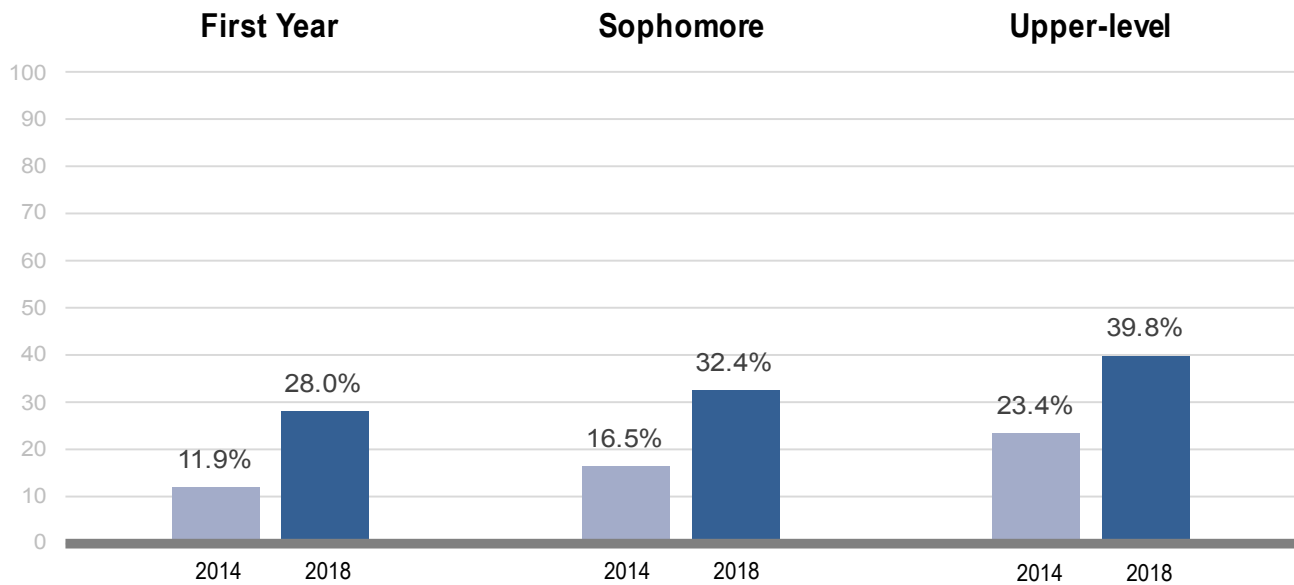


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	11,778	2,410	20.5%	11,929	4,283	35.9%	↑	15.4
Graduate	2,617	957	36.6%	2,688	1,432	53.3%	↑	16.7
Unknown	1,093			683				

* 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*

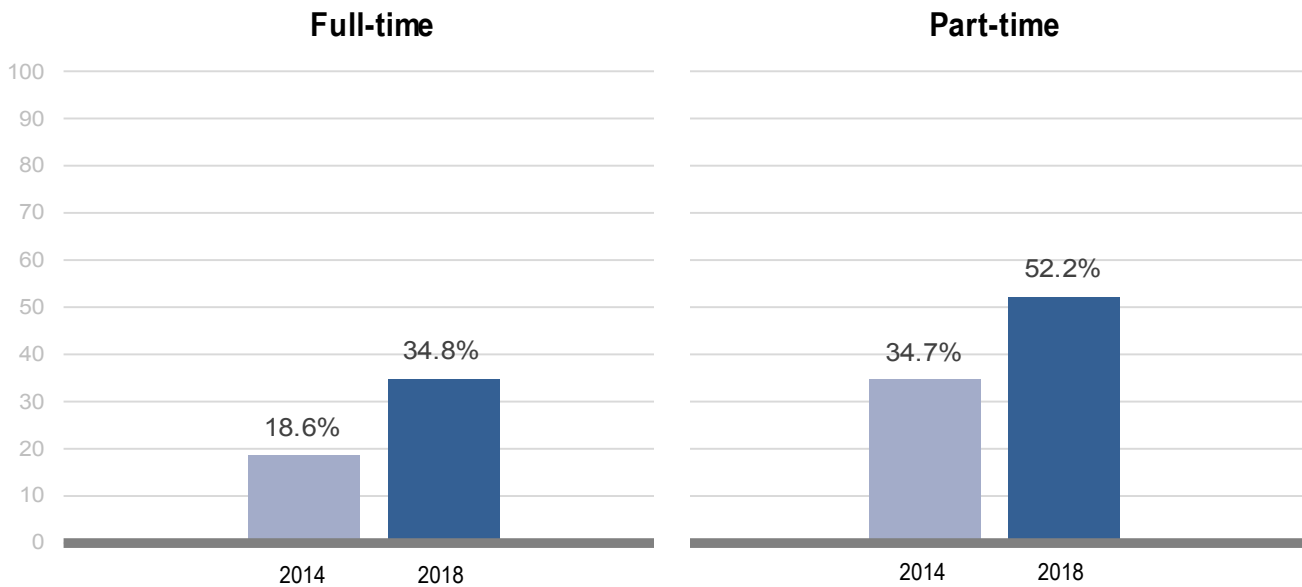


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
First Year	1,611	192	11.9%	2,796	783	28.0%	↑	16.1
Sophomore	1,452	239	16.5%	2,050	665	32.4%	↑	16.0
Upper-level	7,406	1,735	23.4%	6,979	2,776	39.8%	↑	16.4

* 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*

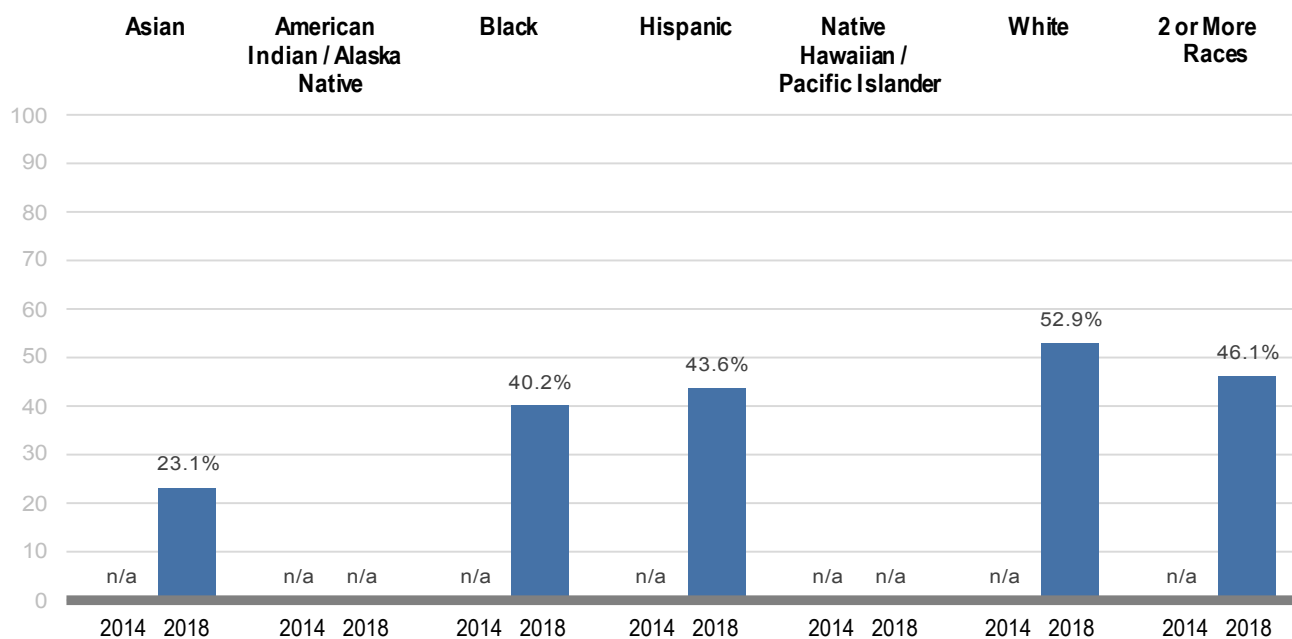


	2014			2018			Change	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	10,018	1,867	18.6%	11,318	3,937	34.8%	↑	16.2
Part-time	5,470	1,899	34.7%	3,982	2,078	52.2%	↑	17.5
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

* 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	1,822	421	23.1%	n/a
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
Black	0	0	n/a	2,334	937	40.2%	n/a
Hispanic	0	0	n/a	2,225	970	43.6%	n/a
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
White	0	0	n/a	5,801	3,066	52.9%	n/a
2 or More Races	0	0	n/a	445	205	46.1%	n/a
Unknown	15,488			2,654			

* 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	
Architecture	0	0	n/a	23	16	69.6%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	0	0	n/a	150	78	52.0%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,561	541	34.7%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	2,130	562	26.4%	n/a
Communication and Journalism	0	0	n/a	368	165	44.8%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,273	321	25.2%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	996	566	56.8%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	221	62	28.1%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	373	193	51.7%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	274	139	50.7%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	1,434	785	54.7%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	182	109	59.9%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	554	230	41.5%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	694	206	29.7%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	126	34	27.0%	n/a
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	15,487	3,766	24.3%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	195	99	50.8%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	245	113	46.1%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	0	0	n/a	634	215	33.9%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	72	35	48.6%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	471	134	28.5%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	1,003	420	41.9%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	245	125	51.0%	n/a

Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,098	445	40.5%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	279	115	41.2%	n/a
Unknown	*	0	n/a	694	305	44.0%	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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