

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
University of
Massachusetts-Lowell

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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 providing 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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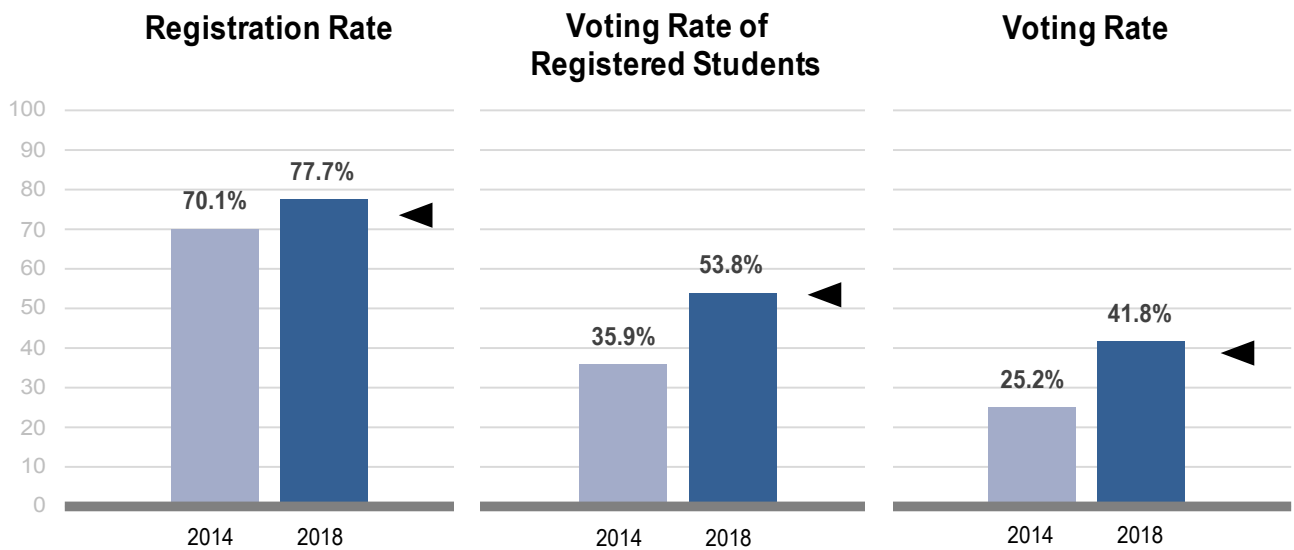
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
41.8%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+16.6

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	17,818	17,837	↑ 19
Age under 18/Unknown	(116)	(86)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(1,258)	(1,341)	
FERPA records blocked	(163)	(40)	
Total eligible voters	16,281	16,370	↑ 89
Number of students who registered	11,417	12,712	↑ 1,295
Number of students who voted	4,099	6,837	↑ 2,738
Registration rate	70.1%	77.7%	↑ 7.5
Voting rate of registered students	35.9%	53.8%	↑ 17.9
Voting rate	25.2%	41.8%	↑ 16.6
Difference from all institutions	+5.5	+2.7	

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

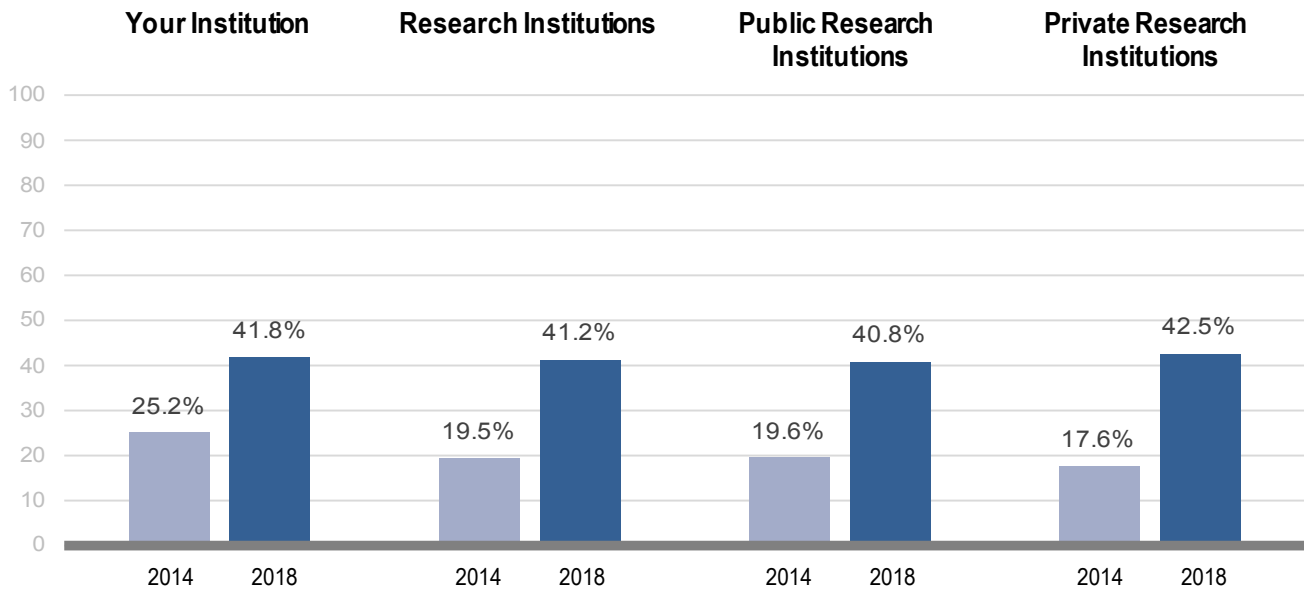
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

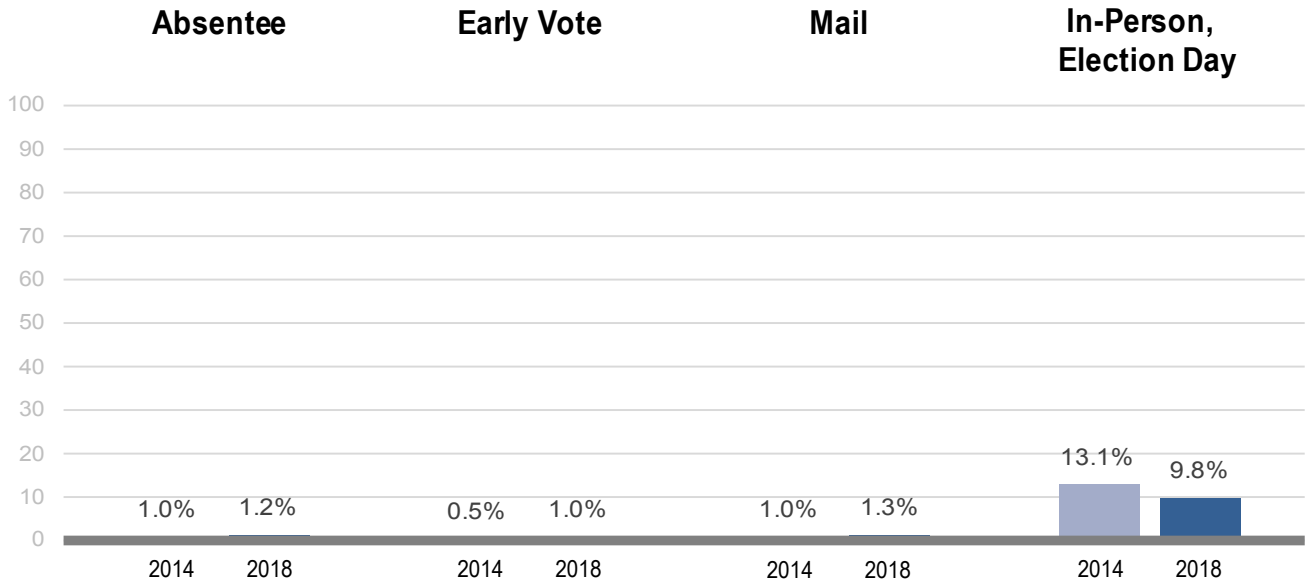
Difference from All Institutions **+5.5**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.7**



YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Voting Method*

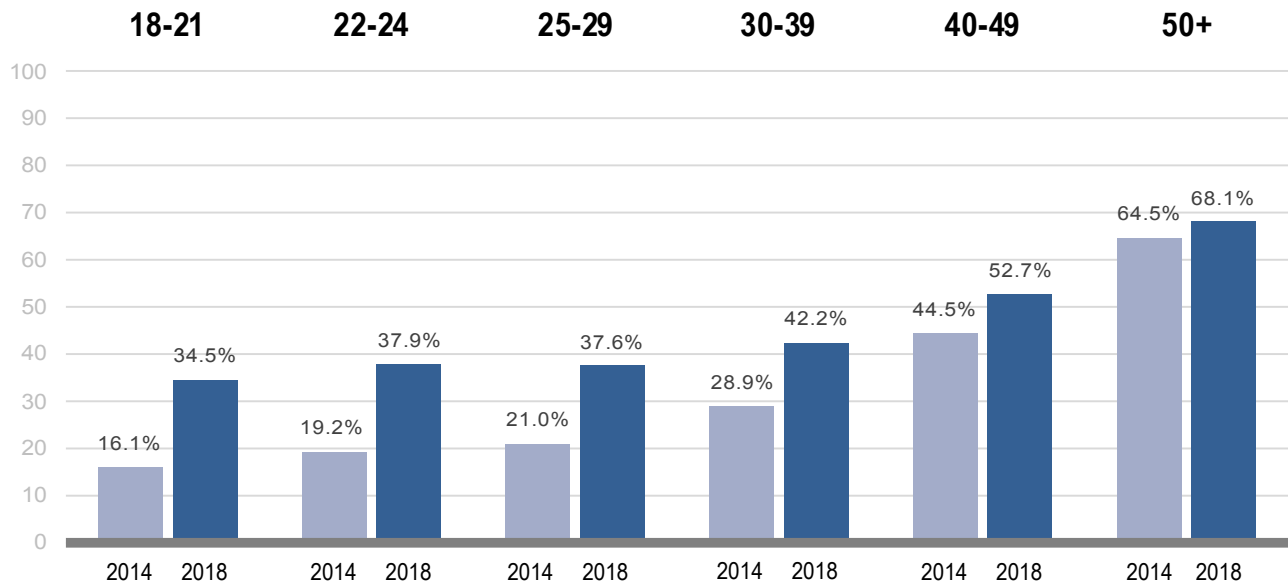


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	40	1.0%	84	1.2%	↑ 0.3
Early Vote	21	0.5%	71	1.0%	↑ 0.5
Mail	42	1.0%	90	1.3%	↑ 0.3
In-Person, Election Day	535	13.1%	671	9.8%	↓ -3.2
Unknown	3,461	84.4%	5,921	86.6%	
Total	4,099		6,837		

* 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*

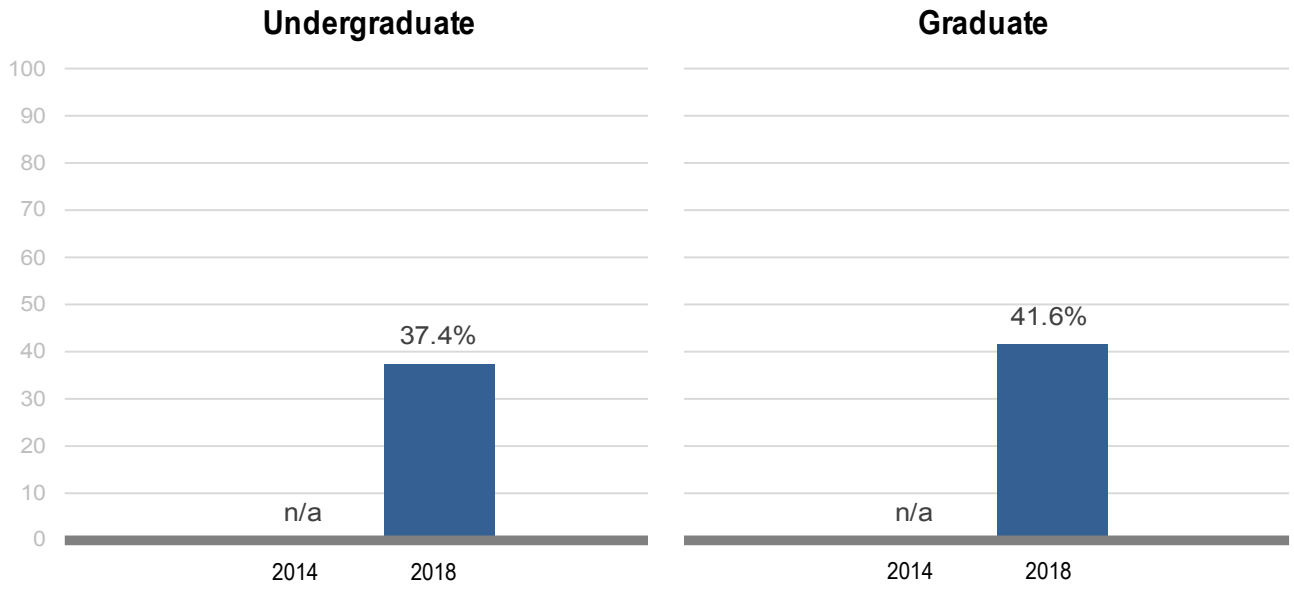


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	6,583	1,059	16.1%	7,742	2,670	34.5%	↑ 18.4
22-24	3,536	678	19.2%	3,703	1,402	37.9%	↑ 18.7
25-29	2,867	601	21.0%	2,485	934	37.6%	↑ 16.6
30-39	2,585	748	28.9%	2,266	957	42.2%	↑ 13.3
40-49	1,283	571	44.5%	1,020	537	52.7%	↑ 8.1
50+	685	442	64.5%	495	337	68.1%	↑ 3.6
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*

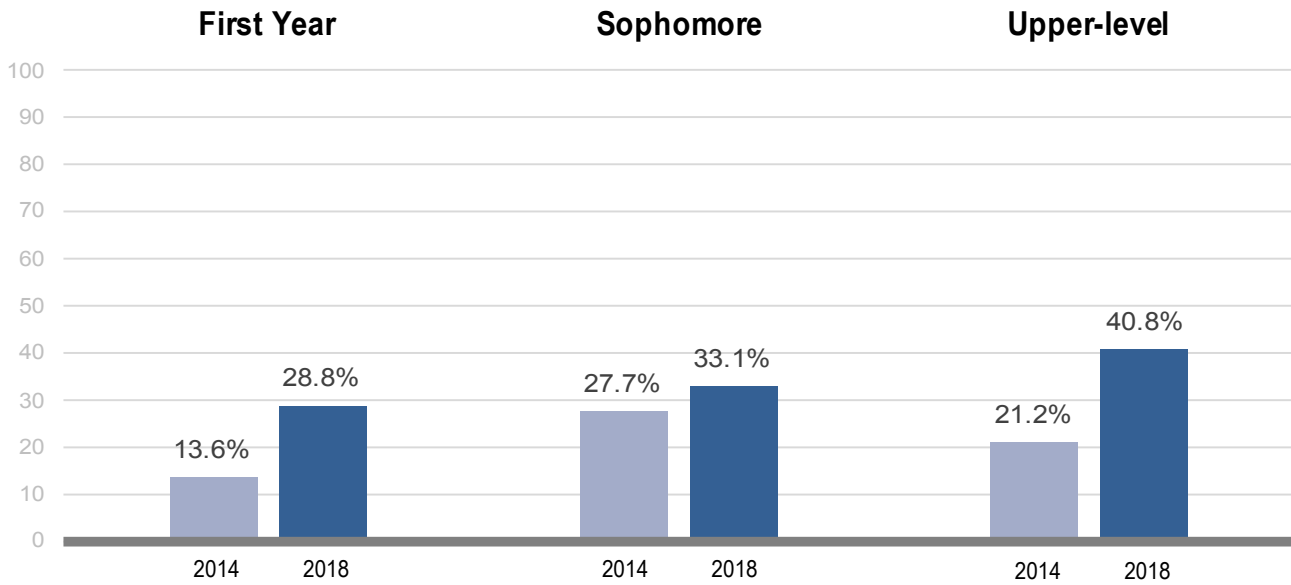


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	13,224	4,947	37.4%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	3,677	1,531	41.6%	n/a
Unknown	17,539			810			

* 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*

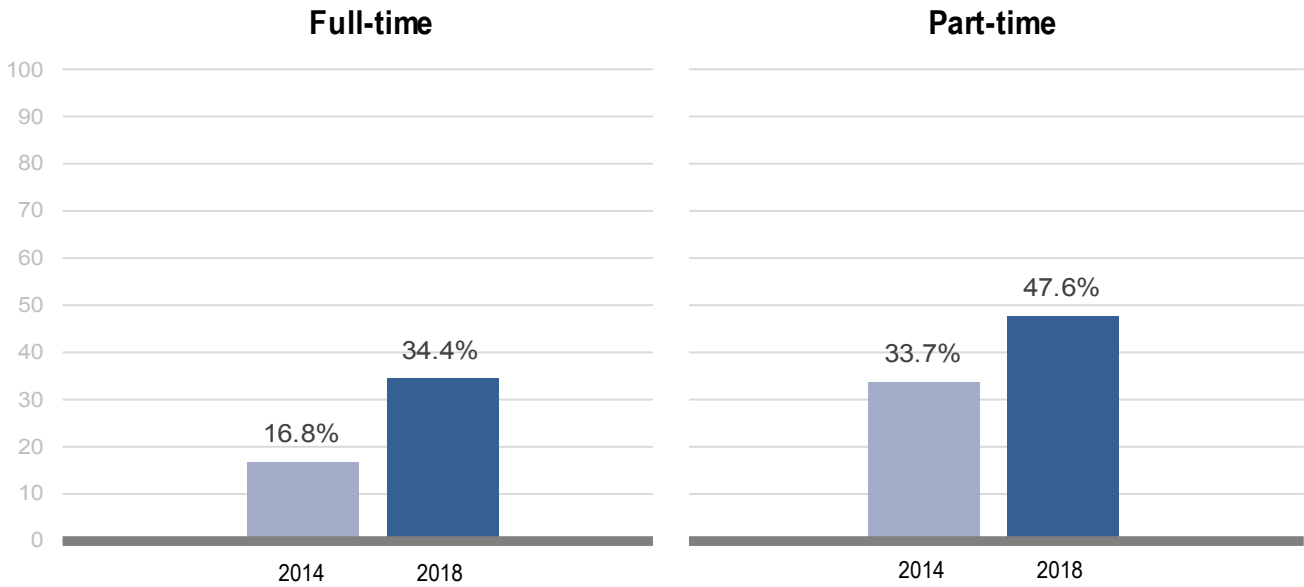


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	1,639	223	13.6%	2,304	663	28.8%	↑ 15.2
Sophomore	184	51	27.7%	2,686	888	33.1%	↑ 5.3
Upper-level	9,265	1,963	21.2%	7,879	3,217	40.8%	↑ 19.6

* 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	10,683	1,791	16.8%	12,089	4,161	34.4%	↑ 17.7
Part-time	6,856	2,308	33.7%	5,622	2,676	47.6%	↑ 13.9
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 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	0	0	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	719	244	33.9%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	3,447	1,129	32.8%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	1,732	690	39.8%	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	430	268	62.3%	n/a
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	0	0	n/a	3,929	1,263	32.2%	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	304	143	47.0%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	26	11	42.3%	n/a
Health Professions	0	0	n/a	1,754	732	41.7%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	118	74	62.7%	n/a
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	0	0	n/a	1,016	456	44.9%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	604	249	41.2%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	273	116	42.5%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	130	51	39.2%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	132	56	42.4%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	32	13	40.6%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	352	111	31.5%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	958	391	40.8%	n/a
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	0	0	n/a	28	22	78.6%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	407	217	53.3%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	492	231	47.0%	n/a
Unknown	17,539	4,099	23.4%	821	365	44.5% ↑	21.1

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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