

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT** 

Student Voting Rates for University of Mississippi

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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-questio

#### **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,

**IDHE Team** 



## Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate

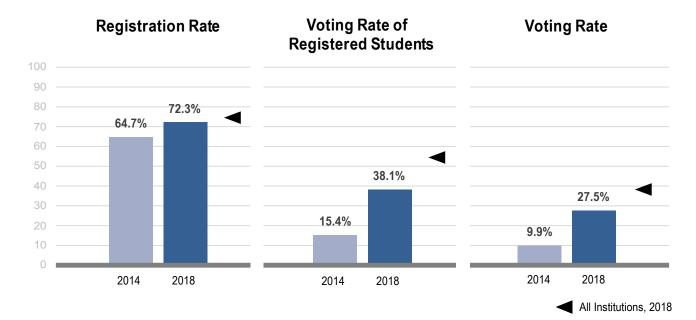
27.5%

CHANGE FROM 2014

+17.6

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	22,174	22,273	99
Age under 18/Unknown IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens FERPA records blocked	(45) (779) *	(37) (790) (43)	
Total eligible voters	21,348	21,403	55
Number of students who registered	13,812	15,464 👚	1,652
Number of students who voted	2,120	5,895	3,775
Registration rate	64.7%	72.3%	7.6
Voting rate of registered students	15.4%	38.1% 👚	22.8
Voting rate	9.9%	27.5%	17.6
Difference from all institutions	-9.8	-11.6	

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#### **HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

## By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

HIGH 54.0%

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

HIGH 64.1%

19.7%

LOW 1.5%

39.1%

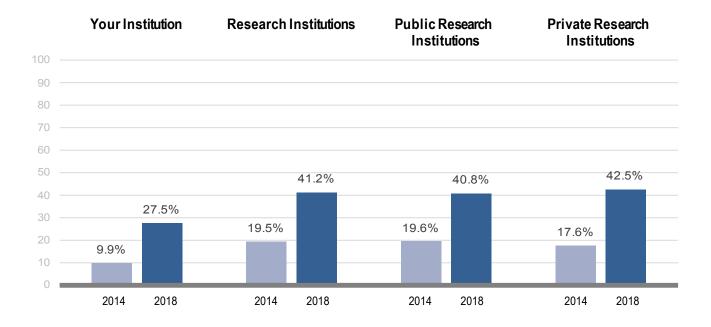
LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions

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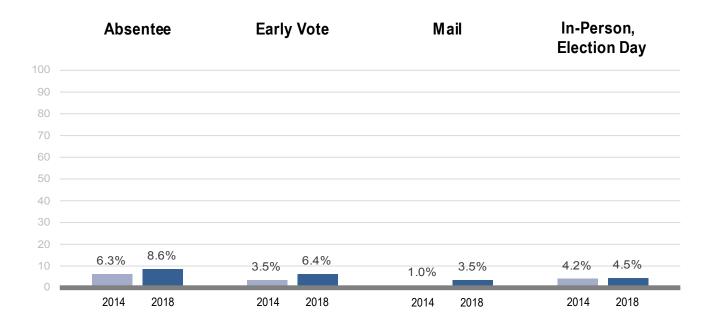
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# By Voting Method\*

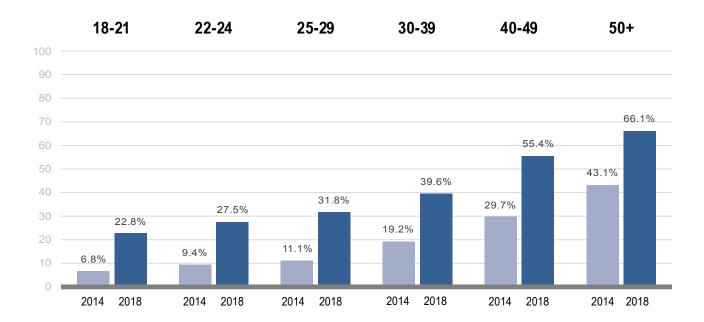


	2014		20	2018		
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate		Change
Absentee	134	6.3%	508	8.6%	•	2.3
Early Vote	75	3.5%	375	6.4%	⇧	2.8
Mail	22	1.0%	206	3.5%	•	2.5
In-Person, Election Day	89	4.2%	264	4.5%	•	0.3
Unknown	1,800	84.9%	4,542	77.1%		
Total	2,120		5,895			

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### By Age Group\*

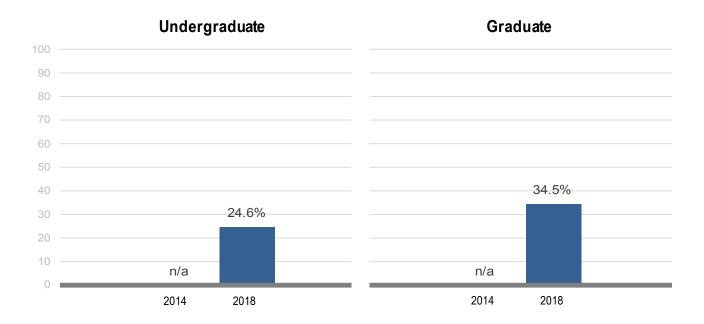


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
18-21	12,680	859	6.8%	13,310	3,035	22.8%	•	16.0
22-24	4,950	464	9.4%	5,170	1,424	27.5%	•	18.2
25-29	2,291	255	11.1%	1,954	621	31.8%	•	20.7
30-39	1,401	269	19.2%	1,138	451	39.6%	•	20.4
40-49	552	164	29.7%	435	241	55.4%	•	25.7
50+	253	109	43.1%	186	123	66.1%	•	23.1
Unknown	0			0				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Education Level\*

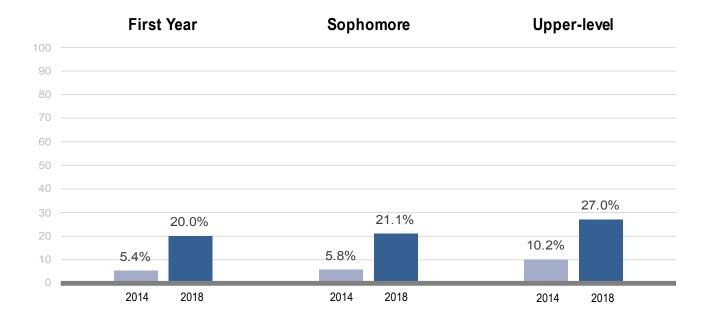


		2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change		
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	17,814	4,384	24.6%	n/a		
Graduate	0	0	n/a	4,361	1,503	34.5%	n/a		
Unknown	22,127			18					

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

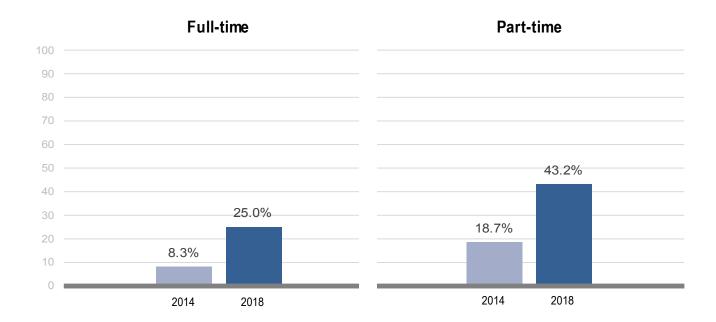


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
First Year	3,720	199	5.4%	4,085	818	20.0%	•	14.7
Sophomore	3,249	189	5.8%	3,524	745	21.1%	•	15.3
Upper-level	9,374	951	10.2%	9,313	2,512	27.0%	•	16.8

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Enrollment Status\*

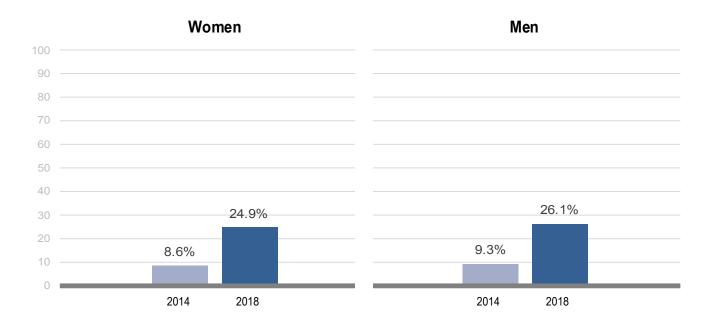


		2014			2018			
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Full-time	19,301	1,593	8.3%	20,304	5,079	25.0%	1	16.8
Part-time	2,826	527	18.7%	1,889	816	43.2%	•	24.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		

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<sup>\*</sup> 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\*

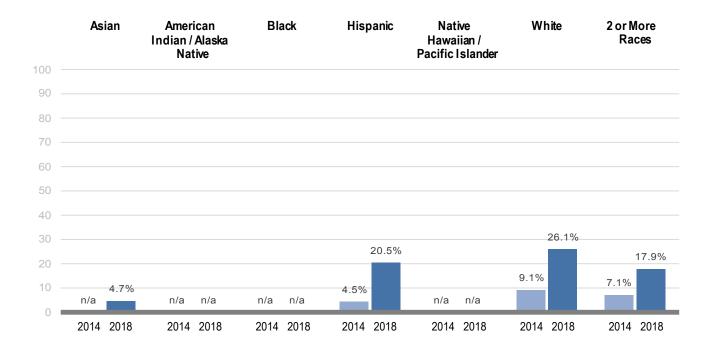


	2014			2018				
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
Women	10,835	935	8.6%	11,121	2,764	24.9%	1	16.2
Men	8,970	835	9.3%	8,935	2,336	26.1%	1	16.8
Unknown	2,322			2,137				

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# By Race/Ethnicity\*



2014				2018			
Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Change
731	*	n/a	900	42	4.7%		n/a
53	*	n/a	57	*	n/a		n/a
0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a		n/a
666	30	4.5%	753	154	20.5%	<b>1</b>	16.0
31	*	n/a	26	*	n/a	,	n/a
15,100	1,378	9.1%	15,338	3,995	26.1%	企	16.9
366	26	7.1%	465	83	17.9%	1	10.8
5,180			4,654	,			
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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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### By Field of Study\*

<sup>\*</sup> 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		
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	39	*	n/a	23	13	56.5%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,030	70	6.8%	1,394	340	24.4% 🁚	17.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,999	318	8.0%	4,989	1,179	23.6% 👚	15.7
Communication and Journalism	1,174	92	7.8%	1,624	346	21.3% 👚	13.5
Computer and Information Sciences	210	18	8.6%	346	68	19.7% 👚	11.1
Education	1,687	260	15.4%	1,471	546	37.1% 🁚	21.7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	1,282	100	7.8%	1,286	267	20.8% 👚	13.0
English Language and Literature	362	29	8.0%	268	88	32.8% 🎓	24.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	34	*	n/a	22	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	194	20	10.3%	185	51	27.6% 👚	17.3
Health Professions	1,796	135	7.5%	3,898	1,181	30.3% 👚	22.8
History	240	36	15.0%	205	85	41.5% 👚	26.5
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	617	68	11.0%	542	167	30.8% 🁚	19.8
Legal Professions and Studies	447	58	13.0%	436	141	32.3% 👚	19.4
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	556	100	18.0%	1,613	375	23.3% 🎓	5.3
Mathematics and Statistics	94	*	n/a	94	20	21.3%	n/a
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	2,564	376	14.7%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	732	41	5.6%	878	204	23.2% 👚	17.6
Philosophy and Religious Studies	43	*	n/a	40	15	37.5%	n/a
Physical Sciences	403	23	5.7%	460	79	17.2% 👚	11.5
Psychology	738	40	5.4%	765	176	23.0% 👚	17.6
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	498	78	15.7%	430	195	45.4% 👚	29.7
Social Sciences	736	82	11.1%	795	226	28.4% 👚	17.3

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Visual and Performing Arts	385	28	7.3%	411	119	29.0% 👚	21.7
Other	1,928	114	5.9%	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	339	21	6.2%	18	*	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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