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2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for University of St Thomas

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

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,

IDHE Team

Voting and Registration Rates
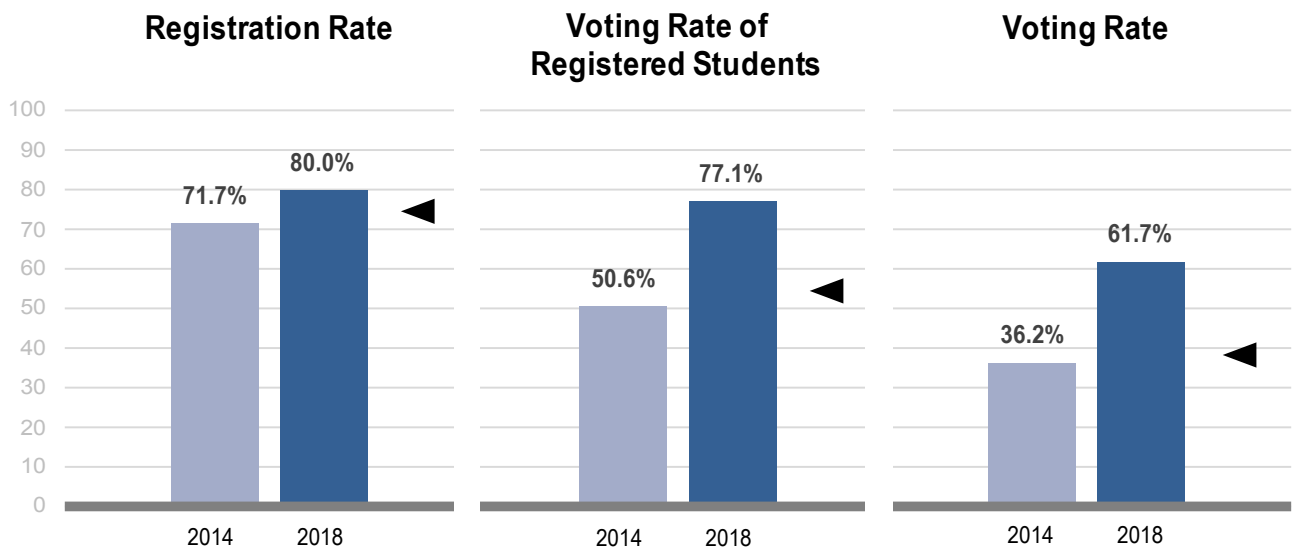
2018 Voting Rate
61.7%

CHANGE
FROM 2014
+25.4

2018 VOTING RATE
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%

Registration Rate

Voting Rate of Registered Students

Voting Rate

71.7% / 80.0% (2014 / 2018)

50.6% / 77.1% (2014 / 2018)

36.2% / 61.7% (2014 / 2018)

◀ All Institutions, 2018

	2014	2018		Change
Total student enrollment	10,431	9,797	⬇	-634
Age under 18/Unknown	*	(16)		
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(520)	(579)		
FERPA records blocked	(36)	*		
Total eligible voters	9,868	9,197	⬇	-671
Number of students who registered	7,074	7,356	⬆	282
Number of students who voted	3,576	5,670	⬆	2,094
Registration rate	71.7%	80.0%	⬆	8.3
Voting rate of registered students	50.6%	77.1%	⬆	26.5
Voting rate	36.2%	61.7%	⬆	25.4
Difference from all institutions	+16.5	+22.6		

By Carnegie Classification

2014 Voting Rate for All Institutions

19.7%

HIGH 54.0%

LOW 1.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+16.5**

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions

39.1%

HIGH 64.1%

LOW 11.5%

Difference from All Institutions **+22.6**

	Your Institution	Research Institutions	Public Research Institutions	Private Research Institutions
2014	36.2%	19.5%	19.6%	17.6%
2018	61.7%	41.2%	40.8%	42.5%
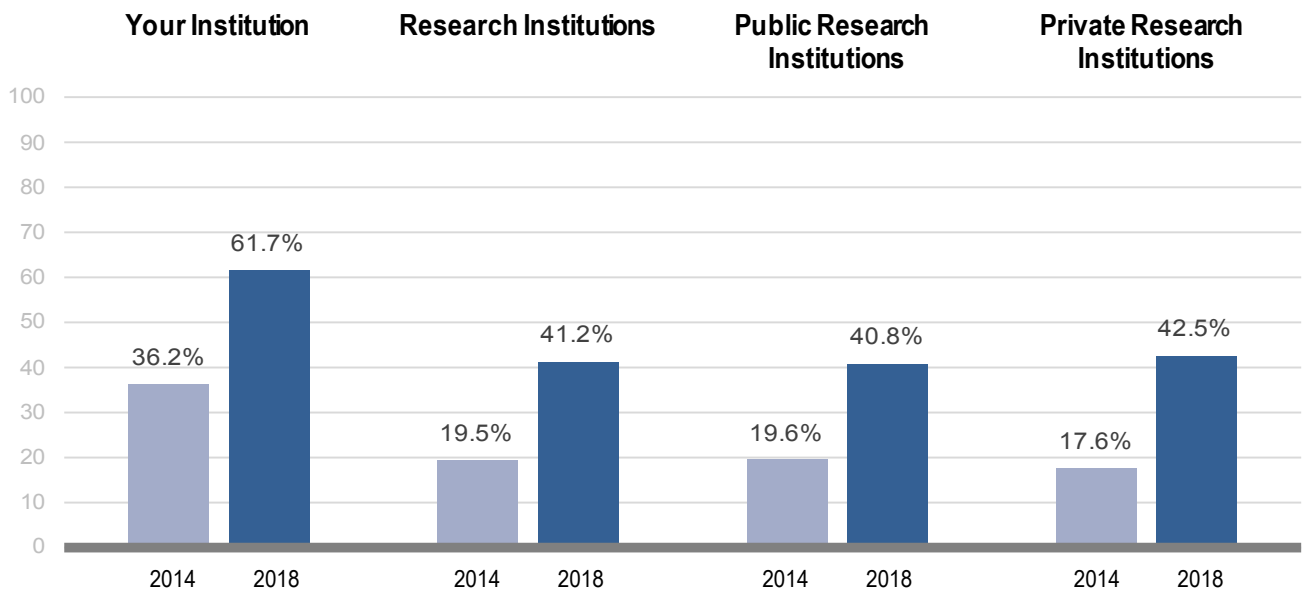
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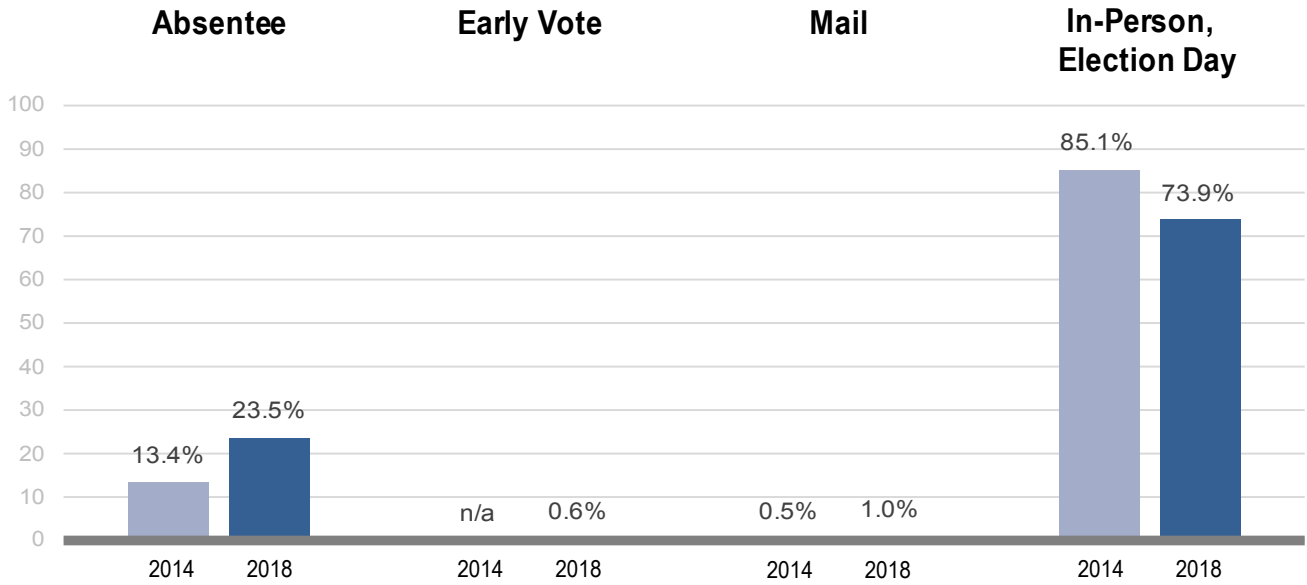
	2014			2018			Change
	Voted	Rate		Voted	Rate		
Absentee	480	**13.4%**		1,334	**23.5%**	⬆	**10.1**
Early Vote	*	**n/a**		32	**0.6%**		**n/a**
Mail	16	**0.5%**		58	**1.0%**	⬆	**0.6**
In-Person, Election Day	3,043	**85.1%**		4,189	**73.9%**	⬇	**-11.2**
Unknown	35	**1.0%**		57	**1.0%**		
Total	**3,576**			**5,670**			

* 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.

**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Age Group*
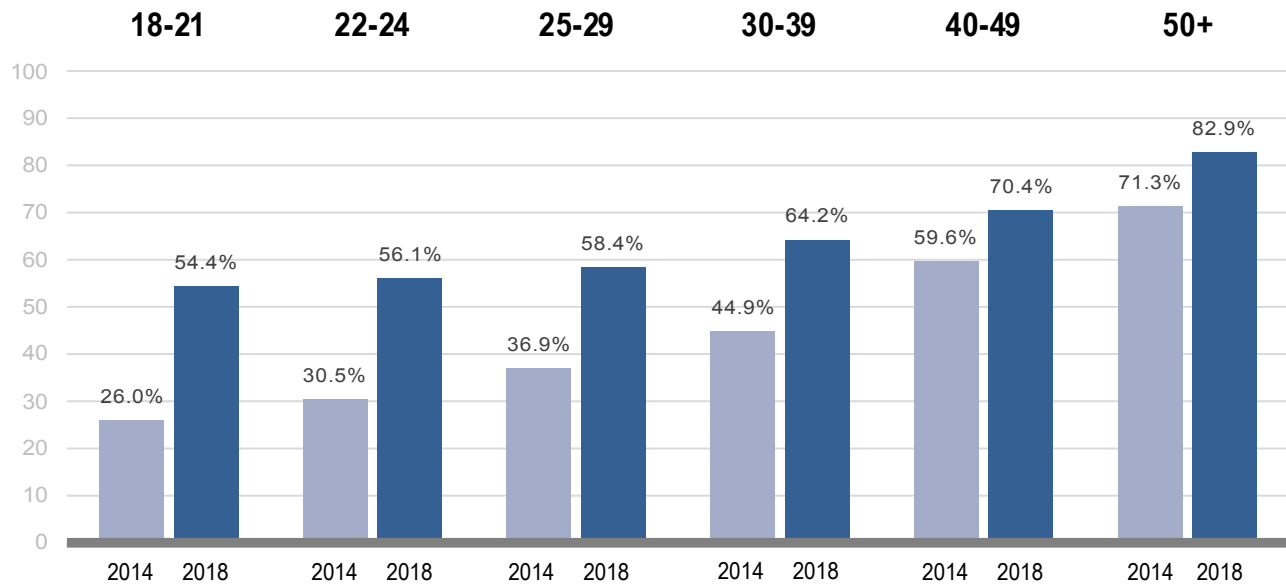
	2014				2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
18-21	4,953	1,289	**26.0%**		5,068	2,757	**54.4%**	⬆	**28.4**
22-24	1,502	458	**30.5%**		1,347	756	**56.1%**	⬆	**25.6**
25-29	1,520	561	**36.9%**		1,436	838	**58.4%**	⬆	**21.5**
30-39	1,442	648	**44.9%**		1,145	735	**64.2%**	⬆	**19.3**
40-49	619	369	**59.6%**		500	352	**70.4%**	⬆	**10.8**
50+	352	251	**71.3%**		280	232	**82.9%**	⬆	**11.6**
Unknown	0				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.

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By Education Level*

Undergraduate
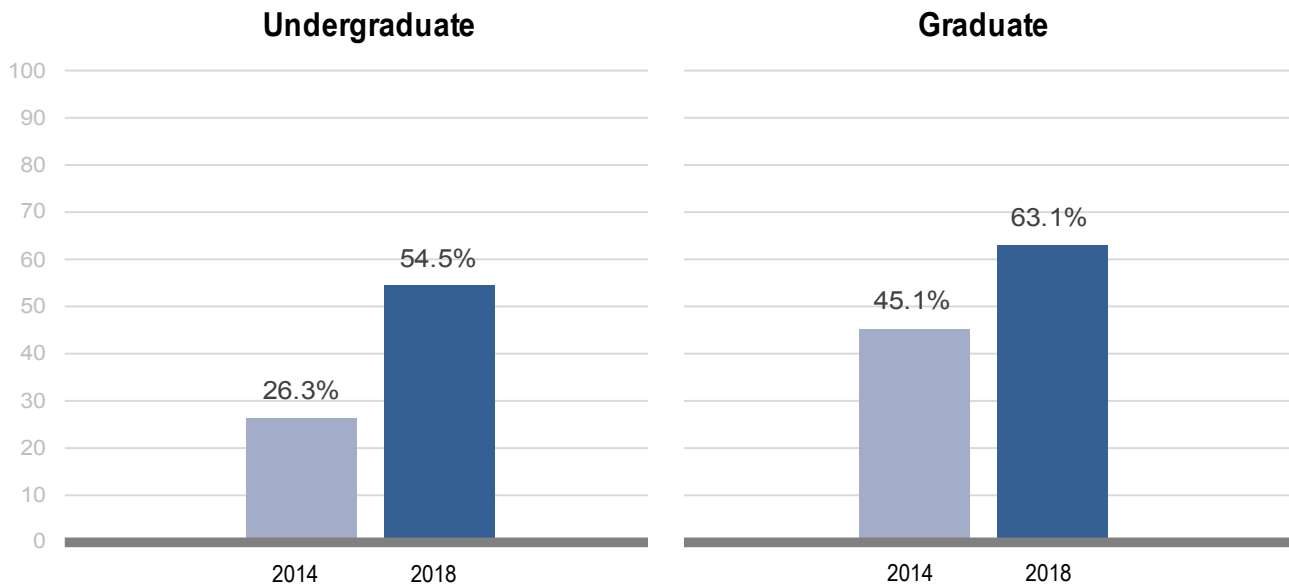
Graduate

	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Undergraduate	6,110	1,609	**26.3%**		6,014	3,275	**54.5%**	⬆	**28.1**
Graduate	3,884	1,753	**45.1%**		3,515	2,217	**63.1%**	⬆	**17.9**
Unknown	394				247				

* 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*
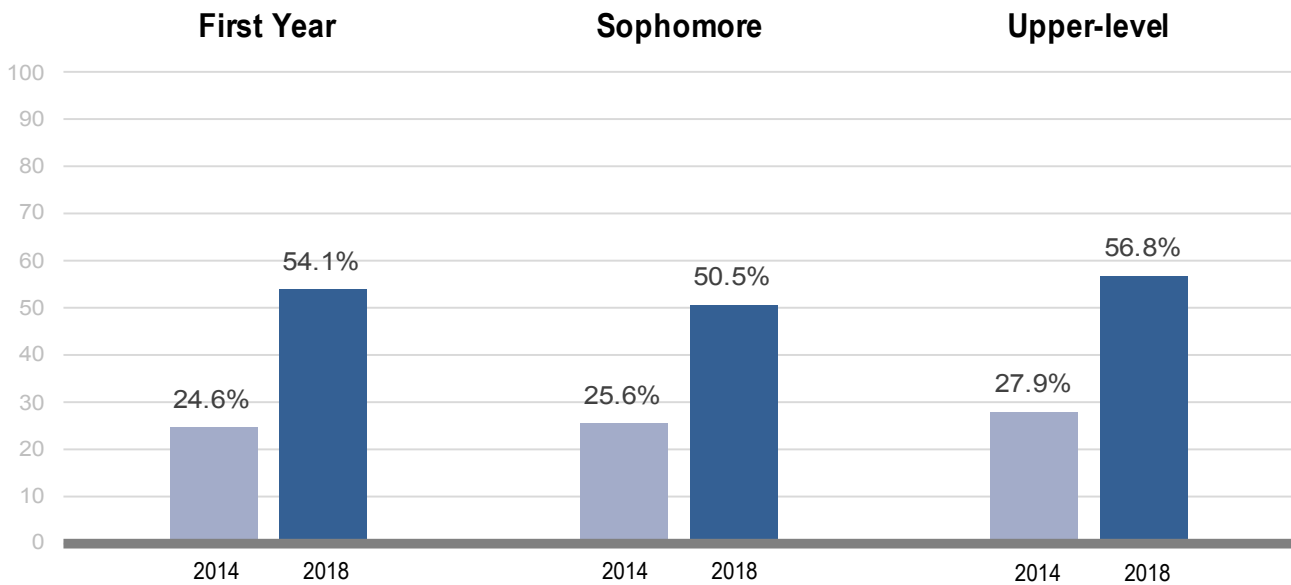
	2014				**2018**					
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate			Change
First Year	1,467	361	**24.6%**		1,693	915	**54.1%**	⬆		**29.4**
Sophomore	1,440	368	**25.6%**		1,415	715	**50.5%**	⬆		**25.0**
Upper-level	3,314	926	**27.9%**		3,001	1,703	**56.8%**	⬆		**28.8**

* 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.

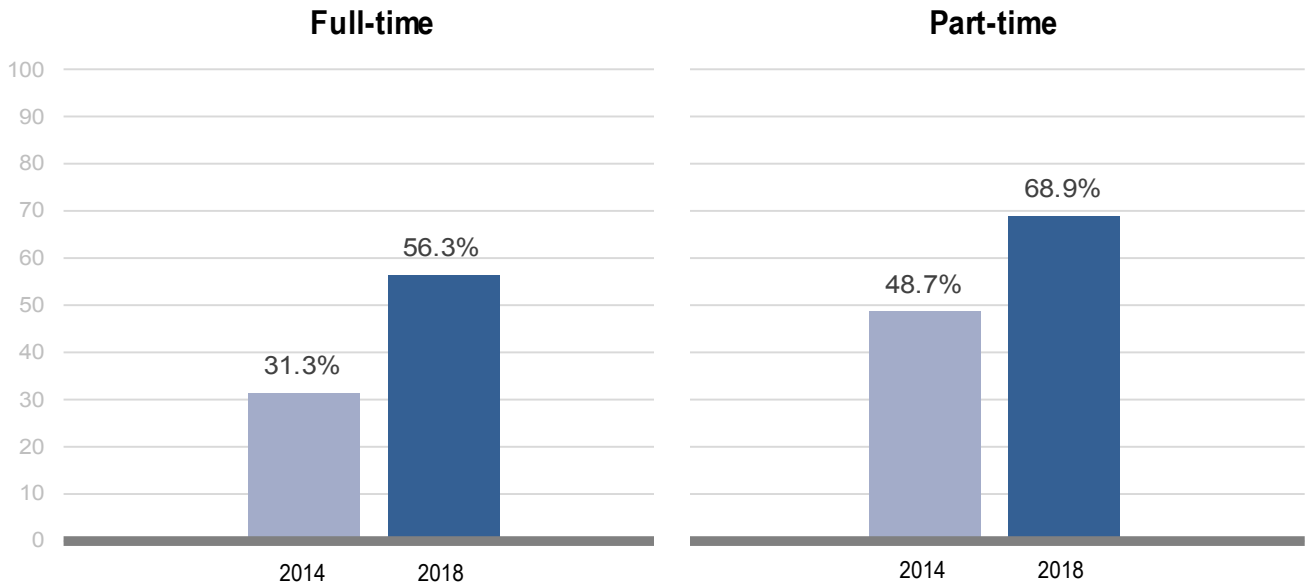**YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

By Enrollment Status*

Full-time

Part-time

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Full-time	8,506	2,660	**31.3%**	8,429	4,742	**56.3%**	⬆	**25.0**
Part-time	1,882	916	**48.7%**	1,347	928	**68.9%**	⬆	**20.2**
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.

By Gender*

Women

Men
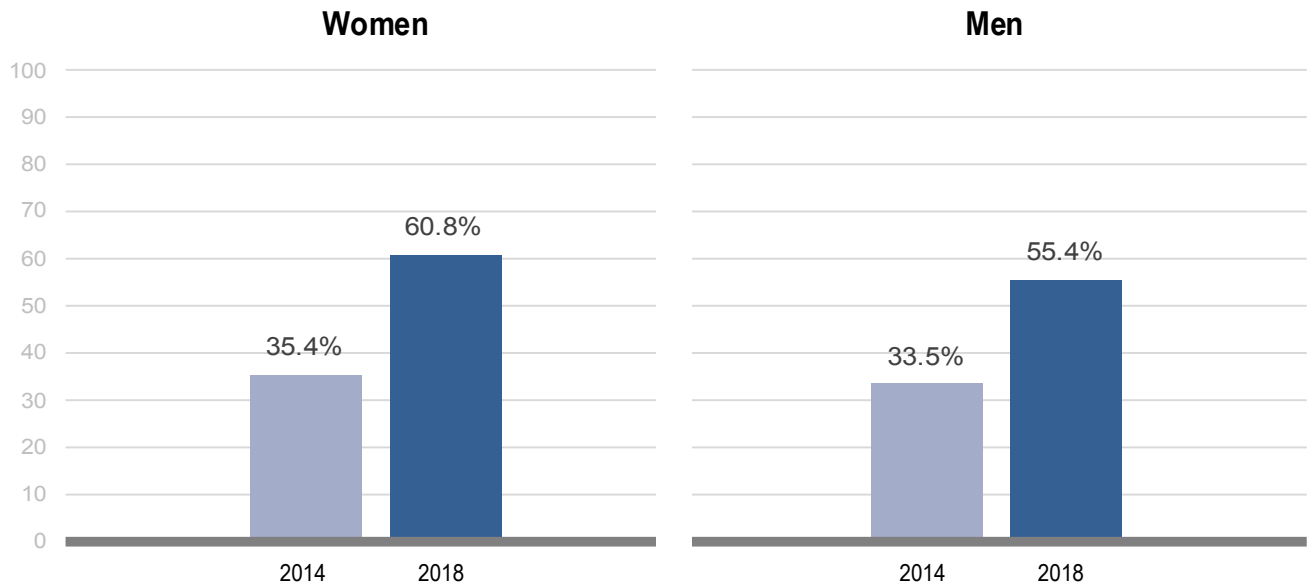
	2014				**2018**				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Women	5,115	1,809	**35.4%**		4,732	2,875	**60.8%**	⬆	25.4
Men	5,269	1,766	**33.5%**		5,039	2,791	**55.4%**	⬆	21.9
Unknown		*				*			

* 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.
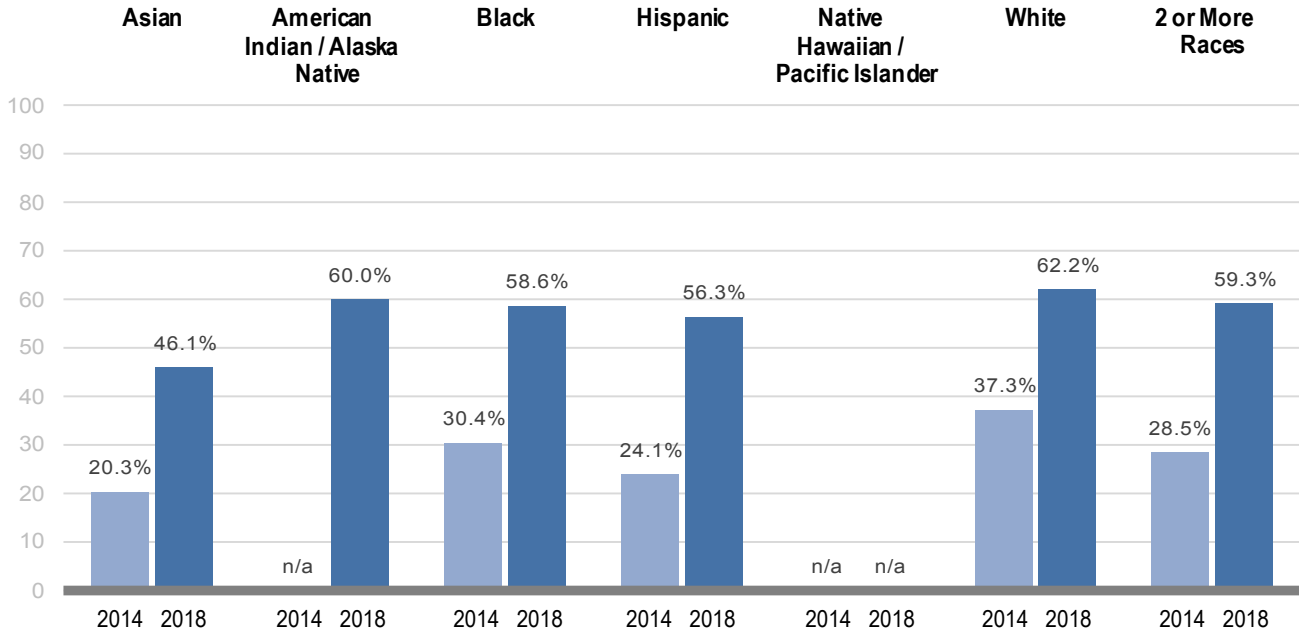
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By Race/Ethnicity*

	2014			2018				Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate		
Asian	449	91	**20.3%**	544	251	**46.1%**	⬆	**25.9**
American Indian/ Alaska Native	16	*	**n/a**	30	18	**60.0%**		**n/a**
Black	388	118	**30.4%**	435	255	**58.6%**	⬆	**28.2**
Hispanic	399	96	**24.1%**	446	251	**56.3%**	⬆	**32.2**
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0	**n/a**	0	0	**n/a**		**n/a**
White	8,204	3,059	**37.3%**	6,915	4,298	**62.2%**	⬆	**24.9**
2 or More Races	291	83	**28.5%**	231	137	**59.3%**	⬆	**30.8**
Unknown	641			1,175				

* 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*

* 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	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	542	141	26.0%	585	301	51.5% ⬆	25.4
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,579	1,086	30.3%	3,204	1,812	56.6% ⬆	26.2
Communication and Journalism	266	73	27.4%	205	129	62.9% ⬆	35.5
Computer and Information Sciences	547	175	32.0%	767	355	46.3% ⬆	14.3
Education	1,240	610	49.2%	757	523	69.1% ⬆	19.9
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	724	210	29.0%	889	463	52.1% ⬆	23.1
English Language and Literature	119	42	35.3%	109	72	66.1% ⬆	30.8
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	11	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	42	14	33.3%	28	18	64.3% ⬆	31.0
Health Professions	299	61	20.4%	288	145	50.4% ⬆	30.0
History	40	15	37.5%	43	24	55.8% ⬆	18.3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	61	38	62.3%	21	19	90.5% ⬆	28.2
Legal Professions and Studies	450	191	42.4%	518	306	59.1% ⬆	16.6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	417	144	34.5%	451	260	57.7% ⬆	23.1
Mathematics and Statistics	52	25	48.1%	74	44	59.5% ⬆	11.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	86	26	30.2%	63	40	63.5% ⬆	33.3
Natural Resources and Conservation	36	12	33.3%	48	26	54.2% ⬆	20.8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	280	96	34.3%	190	109	57.4% ⬆	23.1
Physical Sciences	110	37	33.6%	99	61	61.6% ⬆	28.0
Psychology	438	123	28.1%	388	249	64.2% ⬆	36.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	482	243	50.4%	379	293	77.3% ⬆	26.9
Social Sciences	281	97	34.5%	310	193	62.3% ⬆	27.7

Theology and Religious Vocations	155	68	**43.9%**	173	104	**60.1%** ⬆	**16.3**
Visual and Performing Arts	75	27	**36.0%**	66	46	**69.7%** ⬆	**33.7**
Unknown	50	19	**38.0%**	114	72	**63.2%** ⬆	**25.2**

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