

2014 & 2018 CAMPUS REPORT

Student Voting Rates for
Gettysburg College

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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,

IDHE Team



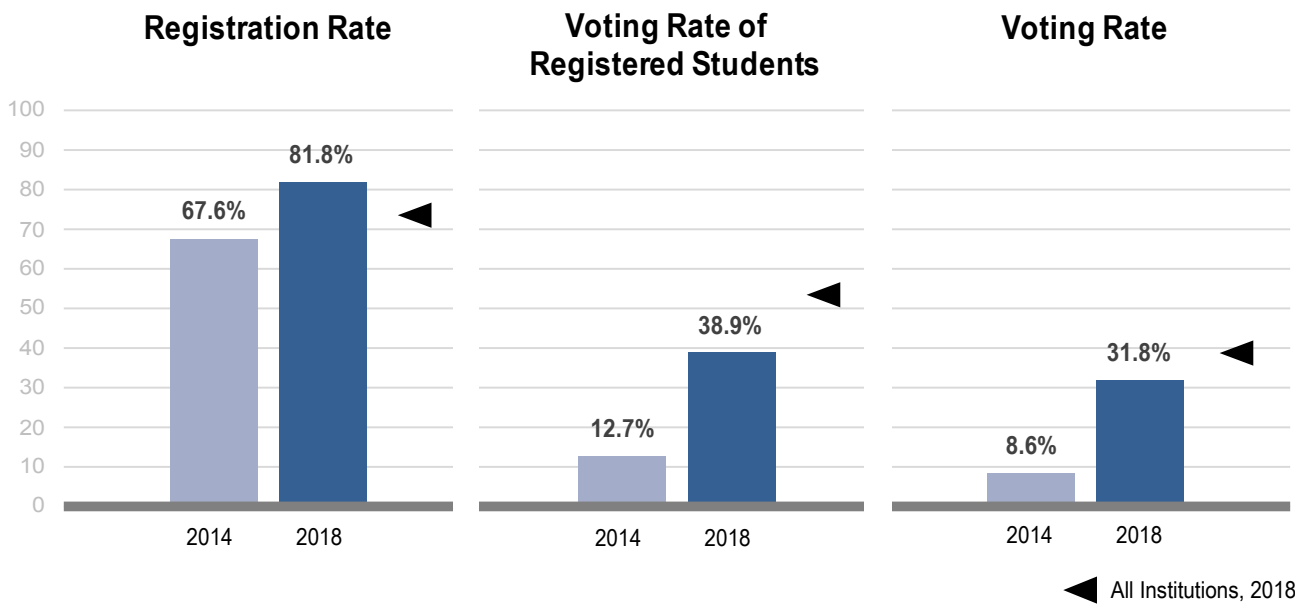
YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Voting and Registration Rates

2018 Voting Rate
31.8%

CHANGE FROM 2014
+23.3

2018 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS
39.1%



	2014	2018	Change
Total student enrollment	2,568	2,557	↓ -11
Age under 18/Unknown	(20)	(16)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(96)	(174)	
FERPA records blocked	*	(10)	
Total eligible voters	2,449	2,357	↓ -92
Number of students who registered	1,656	1,927	↑ 271
Number of students who voted	210	750	↑ 540
Registration rate	67.6%	81.8%	↑ 14.2
Voting rate of registered students	12.7%	38.9%	↑ 26.2
Voting rate	8.6%	31.8%	↑ 23.3
Difference from all institutions	-11.1	-7.3	

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

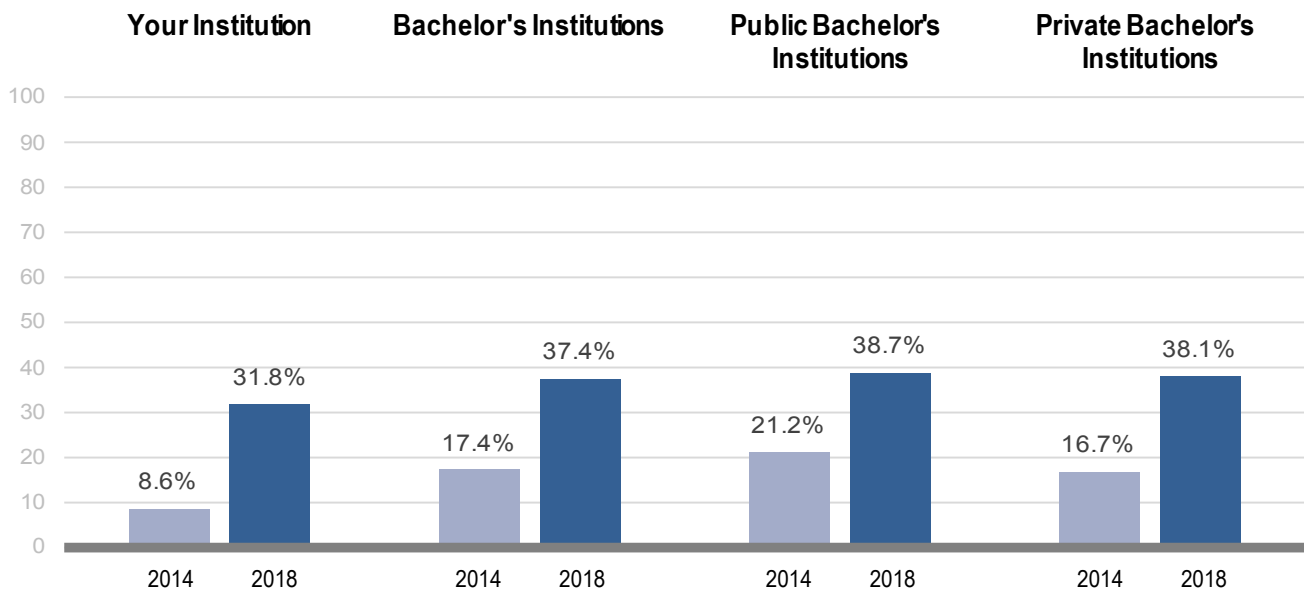
39.1%

HIGH
64.1%

LOW
11.5%

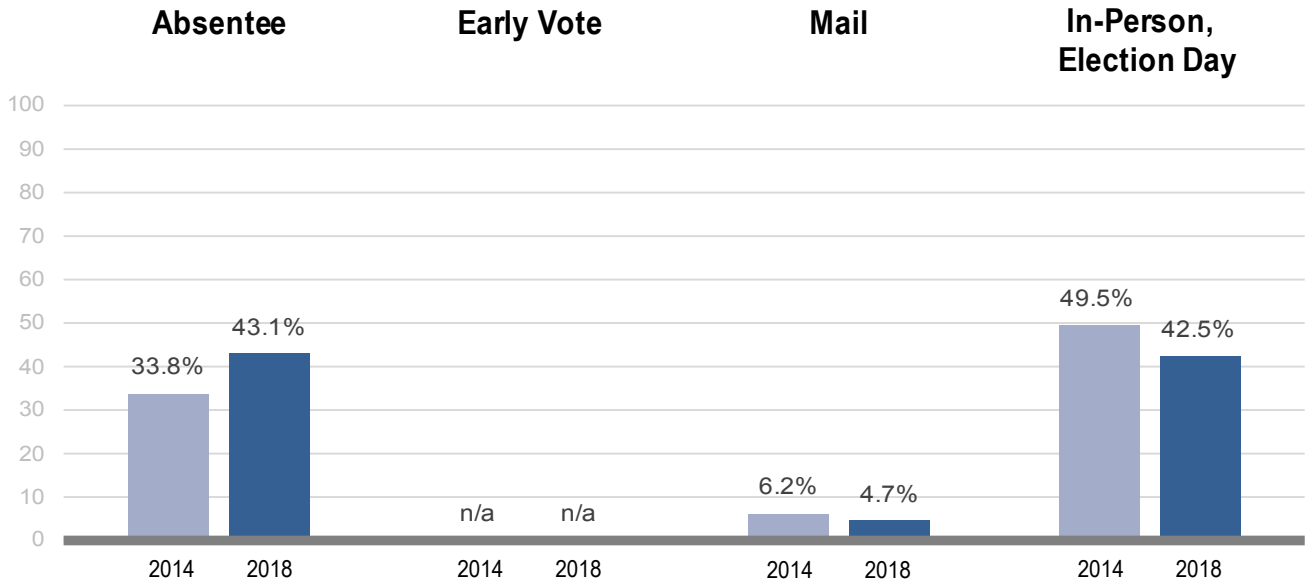
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By Voting Method*

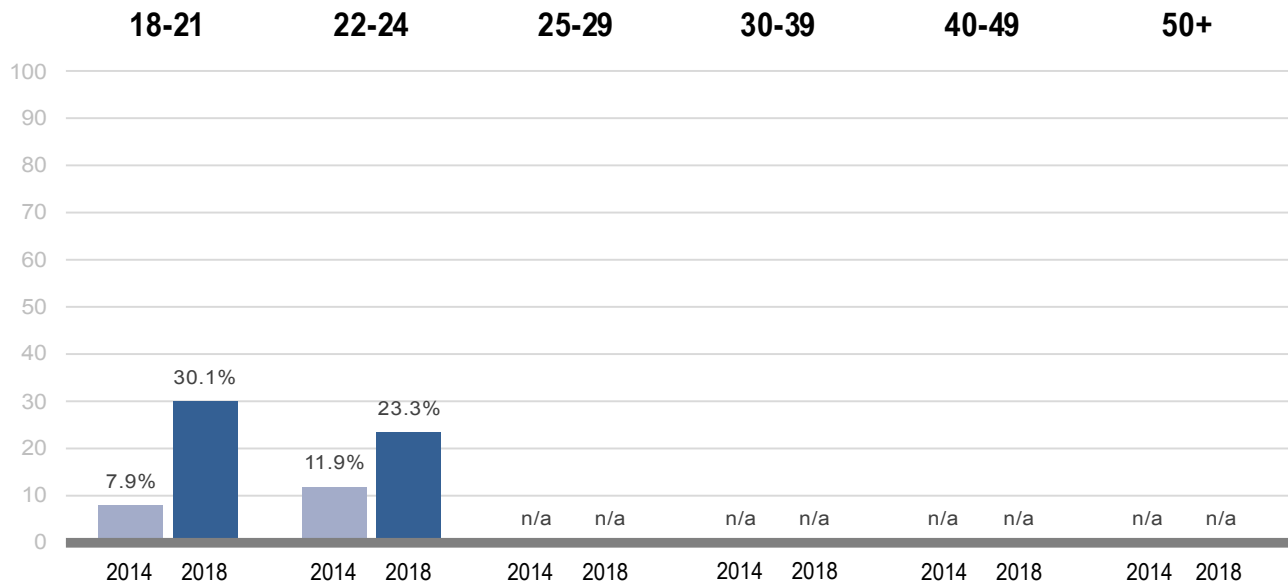


	2014		2018		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	71	33.8%	323	43.1%	↑ 9.3
Early Vote	*	n/a	*	n/a	n/a
Mail	13	6.2%	35	4.7%	↓ -1.5
In-Person, Election Day	104	49.5%	319	42.5%	↓ -7.0
Unknown	21	10.0%	69	9.2%	
Total	210		750		

* 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*

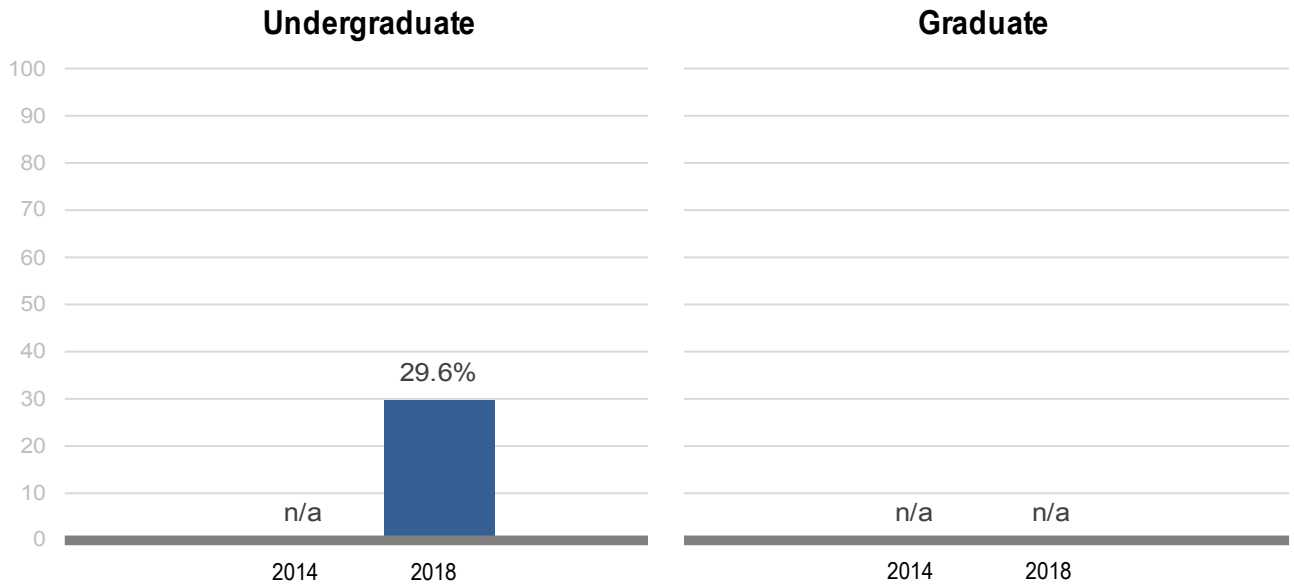


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	2,377	188	7.9%	2,348	707	30.1%	↑ 22.2
22-24	160	19	11.9%	180	42	23.3%	↑ 11.5
25-29	*	0	n/a	*	0	n/a	n/a
30-39	*	*	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
40-49	*	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
50+	*	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
Unknown	0			0			

* 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.

YOUR STUDENTS' VOTING DATA | MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By Education Level*

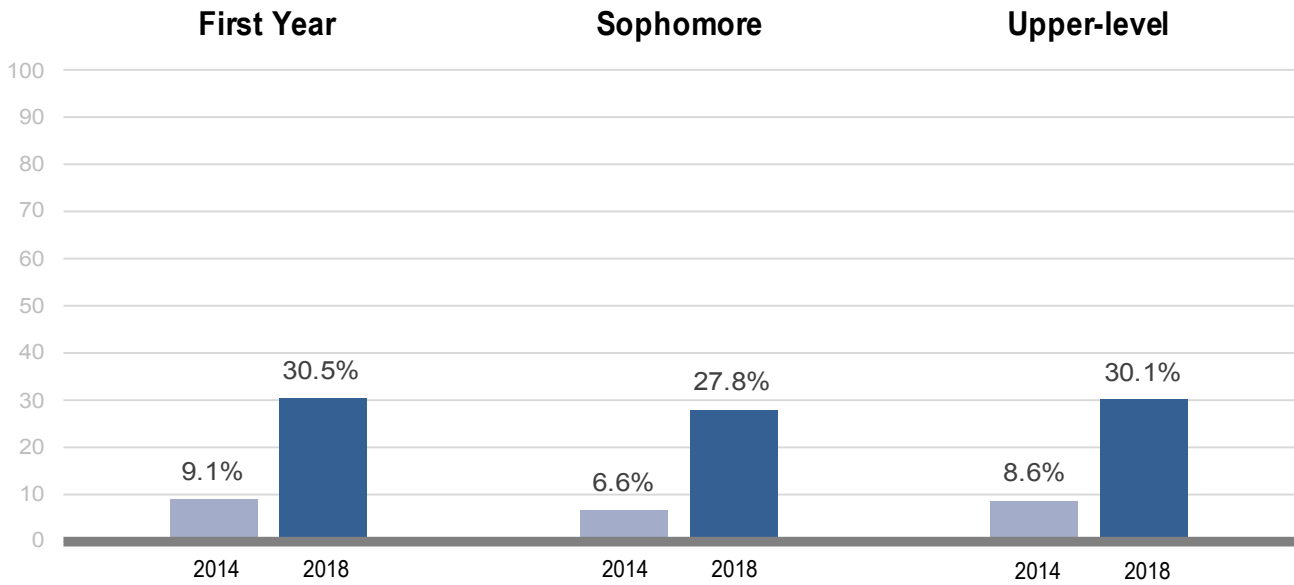


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	0	0	n/a	2,531	750	29.6%	n/a
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	2,545			0			

* 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*

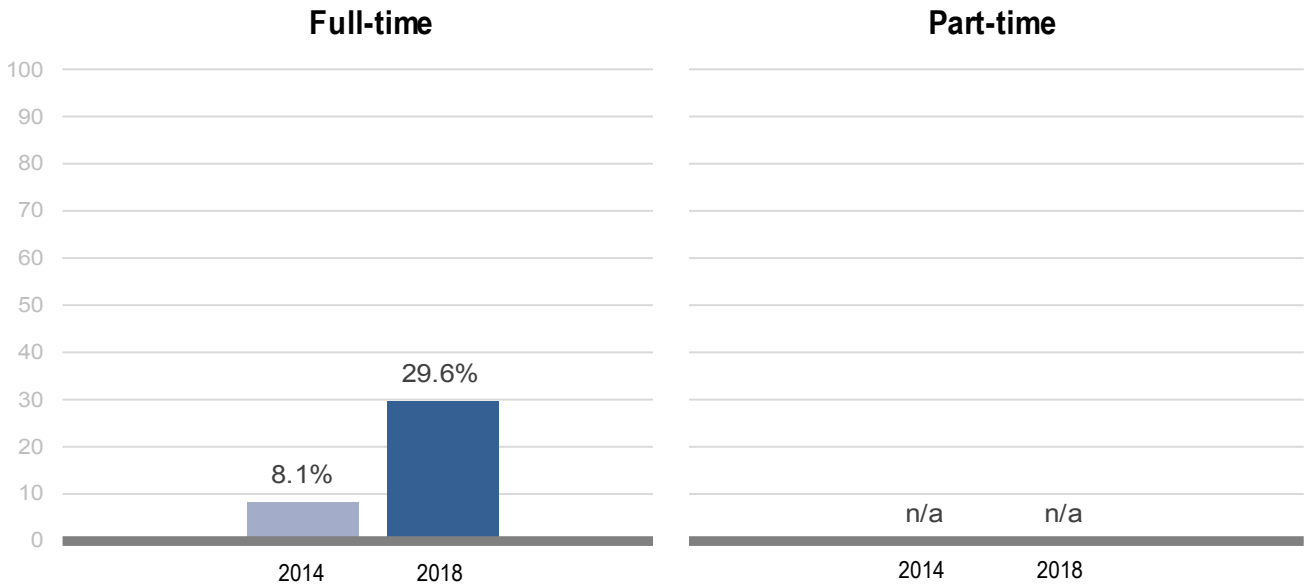


	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	647	59	9.1%	636	194	30.5%	↑ 21.4
Sophomore	633	42	6.6%	690	192	27.8%	↑ 21.2
Upper-level	1,259	108	8.6%	1,202	362	30.1%	↑ 21.5

* 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*



	2014			2018			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	2,529	205	8.1%	2,524	747	29.6%	↑ 21.5
Part-time	16	*	n/a	*	*	n/a	n/a
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	29	*	n/a	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	0	0	n/a	305	92	30.2%	n/a
Business, Management, and Marketing	0	0	n/a	142	29	20.4%	n/a
Computer and Information Sciences	0	0	n/a	55	*	n/a	n/a
Education	0	0	n/a	19	*	n/a	n/a
English Language and Literature	0	0	n/a	106	28	26.4%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	0	0	n/a	38	15	39.5%	n/a
History	0	0	n/a	98	35	35.7%	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	868	248	28.6%	n/a
Mathematics and Statistics	0	0	n/a	31	*	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0	n/a	24	*	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	0	0	n/a	84	27	32.1%	n/a
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	47	17	36.2%	n/a
Physical Sciences	0	0	n/a	54	14	25.9%	n/a
Psychology	0	0	n/a	125	34	27.2%	n/a
Social Sciences	0	0	n/a	405	135	33.3%	n/a
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	88	31	35.2%	n/a
Unknown	2,545	210	8.3%	13	*	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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