



September 2022

Student Voting Rates for Ohio University

NSLVE Campus Report

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for several recent election cycles. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2014, 2018, and 2020. In addition to sharing the change between 2014 and 2018 voting rates, we also disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation. Although you have likely seen these numbers before, we find that many report recipients appreciate a refresher heading into another national election.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. In 2020, it jumped to 66%. In the last midterm, the student voting rate more than doubled, from roughly 19% in 2014 to around 40% in 2018. These encouraging data points signal that 2022 can be yet another banner year for student participation if we all work together to ensure that lasting, long-term interventions turn this into a *trend* across the nation.

As always, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also encourage you to review our recommendations for leveraging election seasons to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation, year around: Election Imperatives 2.0 and the more recent Election Imperatives 2020: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action, a report with recommendations for institutional leaders, faculty, and voter coalitions.

Since political dialogue across campus and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on how campuses use their NSLVE reports.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email IDHE@Tufts.edu for more information, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for our periodic newsletter, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
The Team at IDHE

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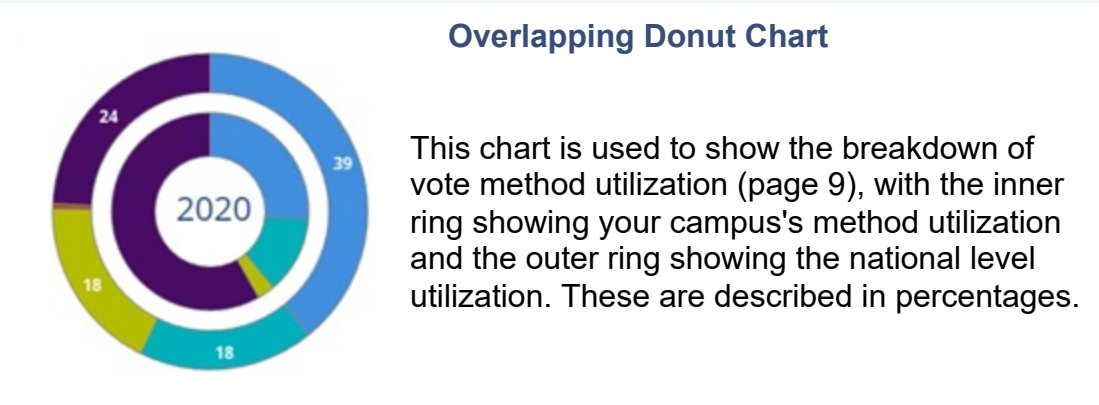
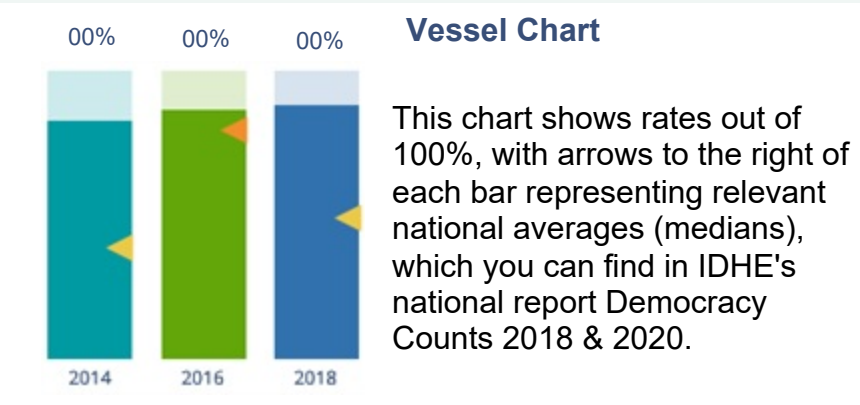
In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show the numbers of students and the rates from 2014, 2018, and 2020. The change column represents difference between counts and rates. The change in rates are in terms of percentage points. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

	2014			2018			2014-2018 Change (p.p.)
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

39.4%

2018 Voting Rate

+23.6

Change From 2014

ALL INSTITUTIONS

39.1%

2018 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

Year	Rate
2014	68.0%
2018	79.9%
2020	86.6%

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

Year	Rate
2014	23.2%
2018	49.3%
2020	81.5%

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the “yield” rate.

VOTING RATE

Year	Rate
2014	15.8%
2018	39.4%
2020	70.6%

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2014-2018 Change	
Total student enrollment per NSC	34,181	34,224	30,268	↑ 43	
(Age under 18/Unknown)	507	662	852	↑ 155	
(Non-resident aliens)	1,628	1,181	822	↓ -448	
Non-resident aliens data source	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS		
(FERPA records blocked)	45	54	89	↑ 9	
(Non-degree seeking students)	—	—	—	—	
Total eligible voters	32,001	32,327	28,505	↑ 327	
Number of students who registered	21,755	25,838	24,689	↑ 4,083	
Number of students who voted	5,049	12,740	20,131	↑ 7,691	
Registration Rate %	68	80	87	↑ 12	
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	23	49	82	↑ 26	
Voting Rate %	16	39	71	↑ 24	

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

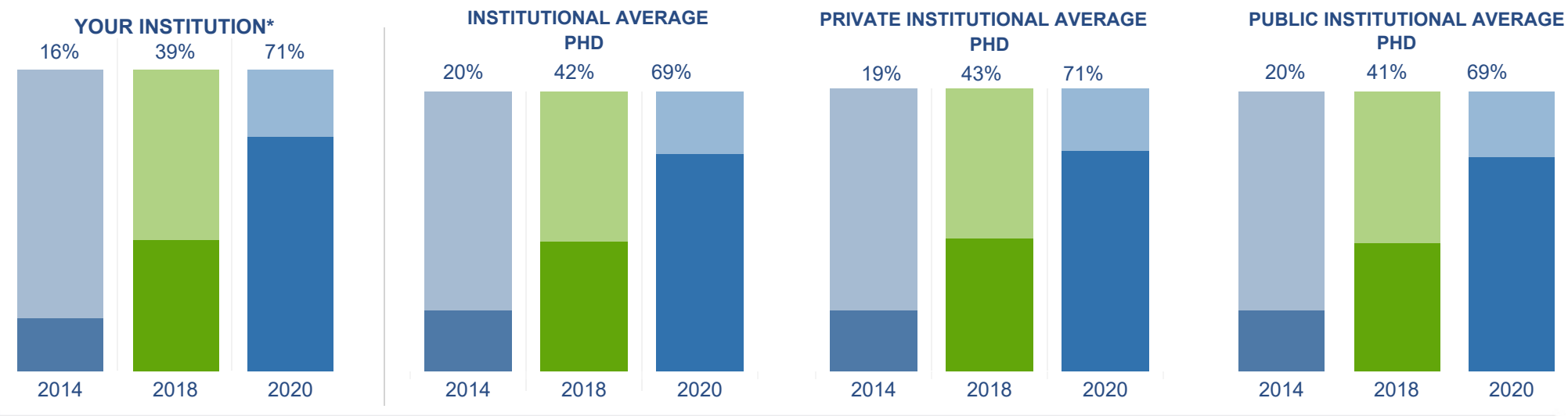
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This is indicated by IPEDS in the data source.

In the following pages with tables, **Enrolled** represents the eligible voters when we have used NSC as the data source. When we have used IPEDS as the data source, **Enrolled** includes non-resident aliens who are ineligible to vote, and for whom we are unable to account due to the lack of data from your institution.

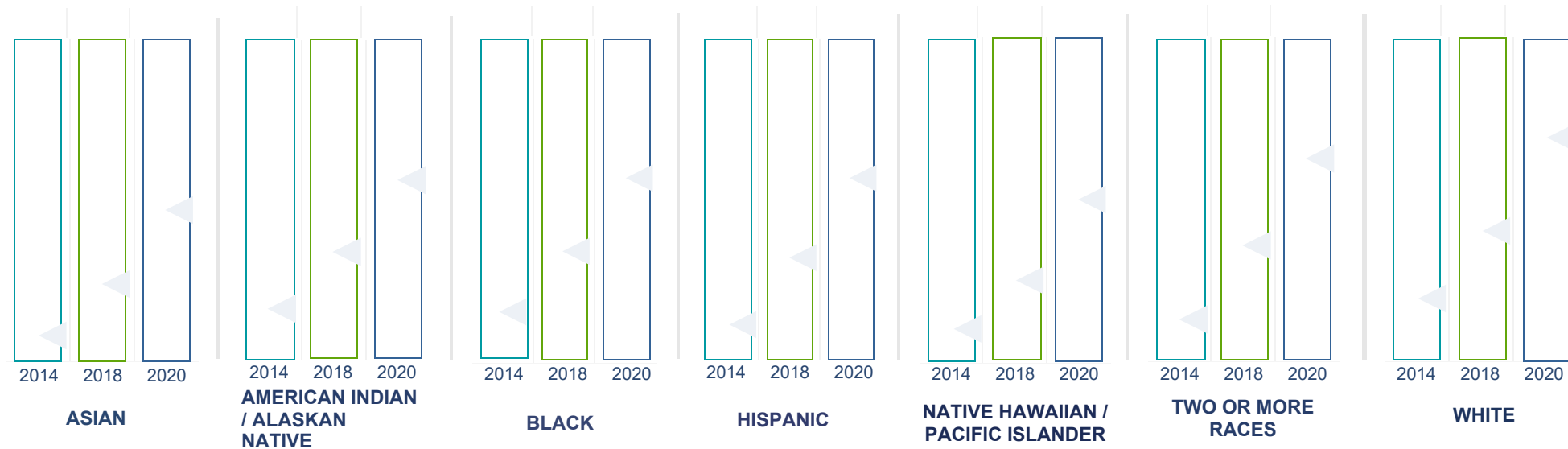
By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. For Associate institutions, we only share public associate institutional averages due to sample size. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



By Race / Ethnicity



These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail : <https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes>

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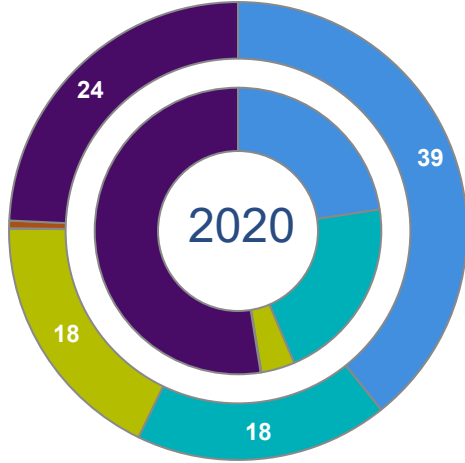
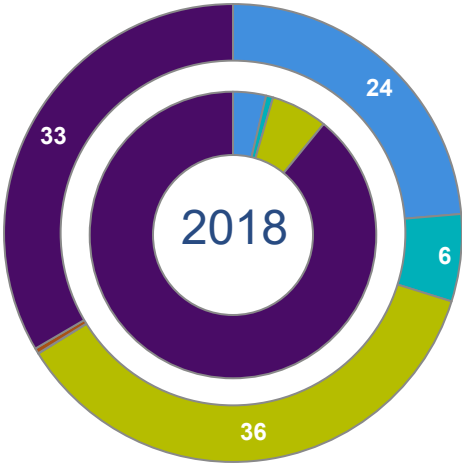
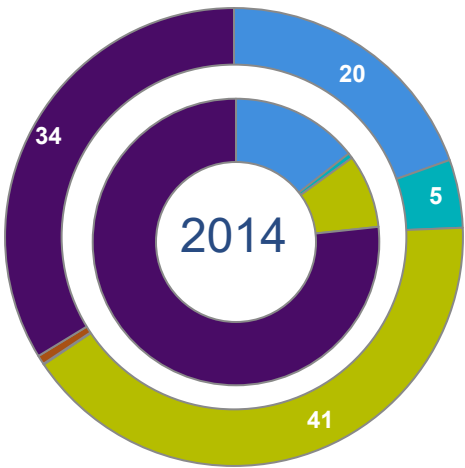
By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data or reports this data as unknown; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Asian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 or More Races	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

By Voting Method

Not-In-Person Early Vote In-Person Other Provisional Unknown



	2014		2018		2020		2014-2018	
	Voted	Rate(%)	Voted	Rate(%)	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change	
Early Vote	28	1	105	1	4,218	21	→	0
In-Person	419	8	813	6	768	4	↓	-2
Not-In-Person	726	14	469	4	4,540	23	↓	-11
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Provisional	—	—	—	—	21	0	—	—
Voting Method Unknown	3,875	77	11,351	89	10,584	53	↑	12

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified “Voting Method Unknown.” For a list of these states, see our FAQ. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020
18-21	9%	34%	70%
22-24	12%	37%	69%
25-29	15%	38%	62%
30-39	22%	43%	64%
40-49	33%	56%	73%
50+	46%	65%	81%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, elected officials and public opinion polls solicit opinions from people they can locate - people in the voter files. In 2020, the youngest students on campuses voted at the highest rates, giving them increasing voice and power. Government officials should take note of this data point, as the viewpoints of young voters may prove influential in future elections. Candidates should be cautious about remaining distant and unresponsive to the perspectives of young voters.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student’s age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change	
18-21	16,650	1,543	9	16,555	5,548	34	14,300	10,067	70	↑	24
22-24	5,051	597	12	5,566	2,048	37	5,027	3,463	69	↑	25
25-29	3,834	575	15	4,170	1,586	38	3,835	2,368	62	↑	23
30-39	4,482	997	22	4,309	1,859	43	3,782	2,435	64	↑	21
40-49	2,524	837	33	2,075	1,155	56	1,733	1,272	73	↑	23
50+	1,088	500	46	833	544	65	650	526	81	↑	19

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Female	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Male	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as “Male” or “Female” only.*

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*<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11>

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

2014			2018			2020			2014-2018	
Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Rate Change	

EDUCATION LEVEL

Undergraduate	28,695	3,905	14	27,045	9,773	36	22,648	15,568	69	↑ 23
Graduate	4,540	1,005	22	6,042	2,772	46	6,263	4,256	68	↑ 24
Class Unknown	394	139	35	421	195	46	416	307	74	↑ 11

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	—	—	—	5,699	1,653	29	4,412	3,012	68	—
Sophomore	—	—	—	4,708	1,561	33	4,093	2,870	70	—
Upperclassman	—	—	—	15,572	6,219	40	13,439	9,286	69	—

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	22,558	2,459	11	24,226	8,501	35	20,890	14,312	69	↑ 24
Part-time	11,071	2,590	23	9,281	4,239	46	8,435	5,817	69	↑ 22

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

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By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Agriculture	–	–	–	24	–	–	11	–	–	–
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	–	–	–	69	23	33	58	33	57	–
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	–	–	–	1,851	614	33	1,577	1,105	70	–
Business, Management, and Marketing	–	–	–	3,884	1,256	32	3,522	2,374	67	–
Communication and Journalism	–	–	–	2,195	1,034	47	1,677	1,264	75	–
Communications Technologies/Technicians	–	–	–	48	20	42	24	12	50	–
Computer and Information Sciences	–	–	–	546	210	38	432	285	66	–


These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*<https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq>

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Education	—	—	—	2,115	876	41	2,245	1,579	70	—
Engineering and Engineering Techno..	—	—	—	2,214	668	30	1,814	1,113	61	—
English Language and Literature	—	—	—	310	171	55	304	233	77	—
Family and Consumer/Human Scienc..	—	—	—	739	235	32	368	266	72	—
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and ..	—	—	—	146	81	55	115	84	73	—
Health Professions	—	—	—	9,627	3,929	41	8,798	6,036	69	—
History	—	—	—	242	136	56	206	153	74	—
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and P..	—	—	—	66	25	38	69	46	67	—
Legal Professions and Studies	—	—	—	16	—	—	33	25	76	—
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Huma..	—	—	—	3,126	903	29	1,709	1,041	61	—
Mathematics and Statistics	—	—	—	117	29	25	101	51	50	—
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	—	—	—	31	12	39	186	121	65	—
Natural Resources and Conservation	—	—	—	42	30	71	47	40	85	—

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate(%)	Rate Change
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	—	—	—	962	325	34	687	469	68	—
Philosophy and Religious Studies	—	—	—	36	15	42	37	24	65	—
Physical Sciences	—	—	—	645	191	30	675	440	65	—
Psychology	—	—	—	828	327	39	953	670	70	—
Public Administration and Social Service Profe..	—	—	—	638	323	51	758	532	70	—
Social Sciences	—	—	—	1,387	606	44	1,106	800	72	—
Visual and Performing Arts	—	—	—	999	437	44	1,186	885	75	—
Unknown	33,629	5,049	15	454	212	47	466	340	73	 32

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

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. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, 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 actually voted in the 2014, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Ohio University

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>.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2022). 2014, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.



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