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Student Voting Rates for Auburn 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. For the first time ever, this report contains *four* years of relevant topline data: the midterm elections of 2014, 2018, and 2022, along with contextual data from the 2020 presidential election year. As we build the NSLVE data over time, the additional years of data may help your institution to begin to understand longer-term trends and considerations for practice.

This month, we are also looking forward to the release of Democracy Counts 2022, our national report on our most recent midterm elections. The results from 2022 were mixed – some encouraging trends and some signs of more work to do. We are excited to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

You've heard this from us before: we urge you to share this report widely and strategically across your campus community. NSLVE data is an important resource for not only understanding your institution but also building a culture of political learning in higher education. We also invite you to invite you to <u>lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series</u>, which provides data-backed practical recommendations for centering civic and political learning and participation.

Other resources that you might find helpful in your work include our forthcoming national report (<u>keep an eye on our homepage</u>!) , <u>our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports</u>, and <u>our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus</u>.

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email <u>NSLVE@tufts.edu</u> to get in touch with our team, and as always, watch your inbox (or sign up!) for <u>our periodic newsletter</u>, announcements about upcoming releases, and new resources.

Remember, student political learning is a constant effort, requiring year-round strategic building. Elections may be episodic, but student engagement in democracy should not be.

All the Best,
Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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, 2020, and 2022,when available. The change column represents difference between comparable 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.
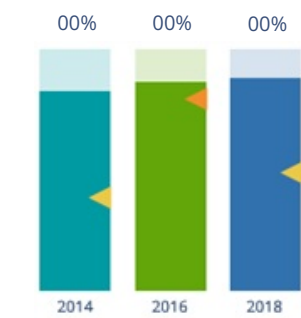
Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in Democracy Counts, our national report series.
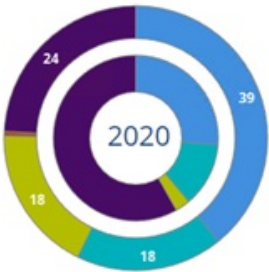
Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 9), with the inner ring showing your campus's method utilization and the outer ring showing the national level utilization. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

16.3%
2022 Voting Rate

-8.6
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

62.5%	82.5%	90.8%	82.1%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

13.8%	30.2%	74.0%	19.8%
2014	2018	2020	2022
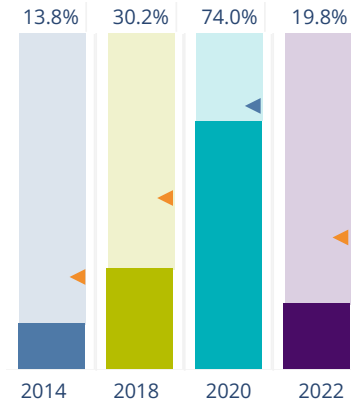
The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

8.6%	24.9%	67.2%	16.3%
2014	2018	2020	2022
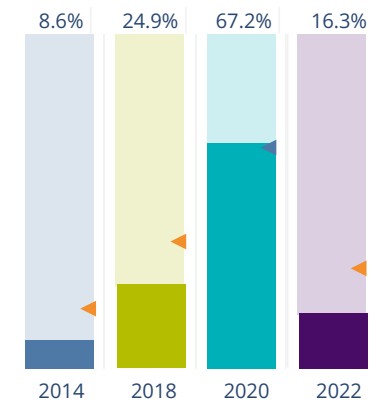
The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change
Total Student Enrollment	25,083	29,970	30,440	31,349	⬆ 1,379
Age under 18/Unknown	48	63	141	470	⬆ 407
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,351	2,885	2,434	1,898	⬇ -986
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	261	74	71	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	228	101	172	-	-
Total eligible voters	23,194	26,846	27,621	28,980	⬆ 2,133
Number of students who registered	14,494	22,145	25,076	23,804	⬆ 1,659
Number of students who voted	2,000	6,681	18,548	4,713	⬇ -1,968
Registration Rate %	62	82	90	82	➡ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	13	30	73	19	⬇ -10
Voting Rate %	8	24	67	16	⬇ -8

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

2018 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 79%
39.1%	LOW 7%

2022 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 68%
30.6%	LOW 4%

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.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

- 2014: 9%
- 2018: 25%
- 2020: 67%
- 2022: 16%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 42%
- 2020: 69%
- 2022: 33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 43%
- 2020: 71%
- 2022: 34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 20%
- 2018: 41%
- 2020: 68%
- 2022: 32%

By Race / Ethnicity

2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022	2014 2018 2020 2022
ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	TWO OR MORE RACES	WHITE

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

Looking Closer

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			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	24,533	2,000	8	29,722	6,681	22	30,042	18,548	61	30,879	4,713	15	⬇ -7

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

Donut charts for 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022 showing voting method utilization.
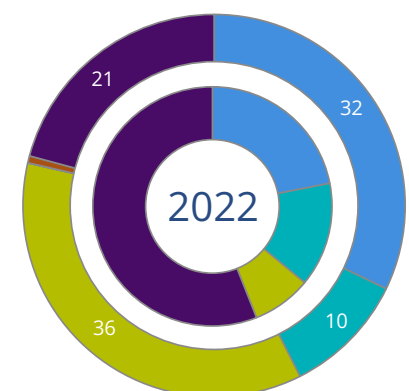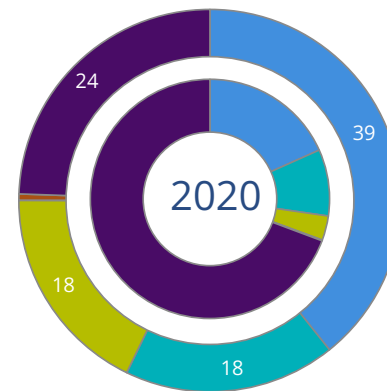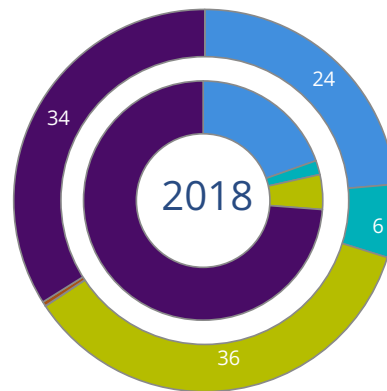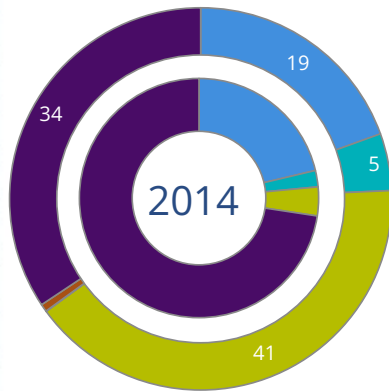
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	44	2	130	1	1,667	9	664	14	⬆ 12
In-Person	77	3	315	4	610	3	379	8	⬆ 3
Not-In-Person	426	21	1,309	19	3,399	18	1,032	21	⬆ 2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	13	0	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	1,452	72	4,927	73	12,856	69	2,636	56	⬇ -17

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	2022
18-21	5%	18%	65%	11%
22-24	8%	23%	57%	14%
25-29	10%	28%	50%	20%
30-39	20%	37%	53%	28%
40-49	39%	53%	70%	49%
50+	54%	67%	76%	57%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will often 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. Our 2020 data showed a surge among the youngest voters on college campuses, yet 2022 saw a return to past trends, with older students voting at higher rates than their younger counterparts. This change underscores the importance of continued need for institutionalized learning -- working with students to help them understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.

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			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	15,409	905	5	18,704	3,520	18	18,517	12,070	65	19,577	2,302	11	⬇ -7
22-24	5,391	433	8	6,343	1,522	23	6,443	3,706	57	5,961	879	14	⬇ -9
25-29	2,146	218	10	2,644	749	28	2,786	1,405	50	2,658	547	20	⬇ -7
30-39	1,074	217	20	1,394	522	37	1,587	854	53	1,762	509	28	⬇ -8
40-49	347	136	39	443	238	53	464	325	70	632	311	49	⬇ -4
50+	166	91	54	194	130	67	245	188	76	289	165	57	⬇ -9

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	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			2022			2018-2022 Rate Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	19,961	1,289	6	23,725	4,906	20	23,927	15,146	63	24,417	3,065	12	⬇ -8
Graduate	4,568	711	15	5,450	1,763	32	5,921	3,362	56	6,124	1,568	25	⬇ -6
Class Unknown	-	-	-	547	12	2	194	40	20	338	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	20,944	1,415	6	26,219	5,343	20	26,183	16,024	61	26,669	3,352	12	⬇ -7
Part-time	3,589	585	16	3,503	1,338	38	3,859	2,524	65	4,210	1,361	32	⬇ -5

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (under-graduate/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			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Agriculture	1,135	83	7	1,285	268	20	1,225	734	59	1,793	249	13	⬇ -6
Architecture	437	30	6	564	133	23	585	341	58	596	77	12	⬇ -10
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,149	65	5	2,598	543	20	2,546	1,667	65	2,923	325	11	⬇ -9
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,521	396	8	5,888	1,209	20	6,369	3,819	59	7,068	1,193	16	⬇ -3
Communication and Journalism	1,025	87	8	1,102	265	24	994	676	68	870	134	15	⬇ -8
Transportation	-	-	-	306	72	23	579	394	68	694	103	14	⬇ -8

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			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Computer and Information Sciences	235	17	7	685	158	23	984	528	53	933	162	17	⬇ -5
Education	2,428	328	13	1,845	657	35	1,809	1,304	72	1,686	452	26	⬇ -8
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	5,312	357	6	6,094	1,181	19	5,976	3,377	56	5,826	731	12	⬇ -6
English Language and Literature	253	25	9	226	86	38	173	107	61	168	22	13	⬇ -24
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	586	36	6	749	193	25	759	504	66	730	107	14	⬇ -11
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	82	-	-	98	33	33	95	56	58	78	12	15	⬇ -18
Health Professions	2,486	190	7	2,637	607	23	2,758	1,873	67	2,307	364	15	⬇ -7
History	191	31	16	153	72	47	148	96	64	138	33	23	⬇ -23
Transportation	-	-	-	306	72	23	579	394	68	694	103	14	⬇ -8

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Legal Professions and Studies	-	-	-	48	-	-	172	116	67	265	40	15	-
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,083	53	4	629	98	15	422	271	64	234	18	7	⬇ -7
Mathematics and Statistics	217	-	-	289	42	14	229	103	44	206	25	12	⬇ -2
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	346	28	8	580	126	21	564	335	59	568	68	11	⬇ -9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	29	-	-	27	11	40	28	20	71	16	-	-	-
Social Sciences	571	75	13	586	205	34	632	407	64	610	123	20	⬇ -14
Visual and Performing Arts	715	37	5	860	195	22	843	542	64	847	96	11	⬇ -11
Unknown	36	-	-	557	13	2	205	46	22	199	19	9	⬆ 7

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 representing an average of well over 10 million students for each election year, that serves as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE, "en-solve") is a service offered to colleges and universities that provides a tailored report on their students' voting rates and other metrics. Launched in 2013 at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, NSLVE represents more than 1,200 campuses in all 50 states + D.C. and now serves as a widely impactful resource for the work of understanding and fostering student political learning.

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, 2020, and 2022 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.

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://nslve.tufts.edu.

References: NSLVE 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: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2024). 2022 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

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