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Student Voting Rates for Austin Community College District

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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 [lean on our team's resources, including our Election Imperatives report series](#), 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 ([keep an eye on our homepage!](#)), [our report on how institutions use NSLVE reports](#), and [our discussion guide on how to talk about your NSLVE reports on campus](#).

Finally, we always encourage you to reach out to us for support and with any questions that you may have. Email NSLVE@tufts.edu to get in touch with our team, 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 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

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

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.



Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

37.8%

2022 Voting Rate

-8.8

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

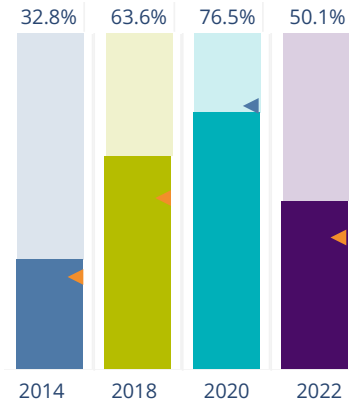
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



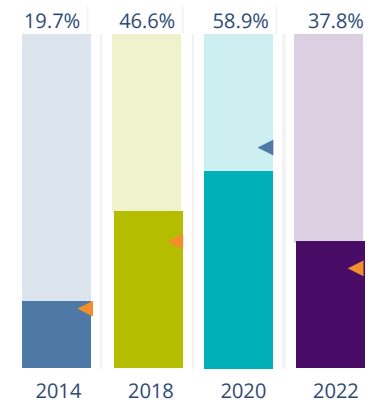
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



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



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	38,919	38,900	38,481	32,832	↓ -6,067
Age under 18/Unknown	4,159	6,475	7,605	6,395	↓ -80
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,105	431	326	298	↓ -132
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	22	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	33,632	31,988	30,541	26,138	↓ -5,850
Number of students who registered	20,246	23,433	23,508	19,720	↓ -3,713
Number of students who voted	6,635	14,895	17,980	9,888	↓ -5,007
Registration Rate %	60	73	76	75	↑ 2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	32	63	76	50	↓ -13
Voting Rate %	19	46	58	37	↓ -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.

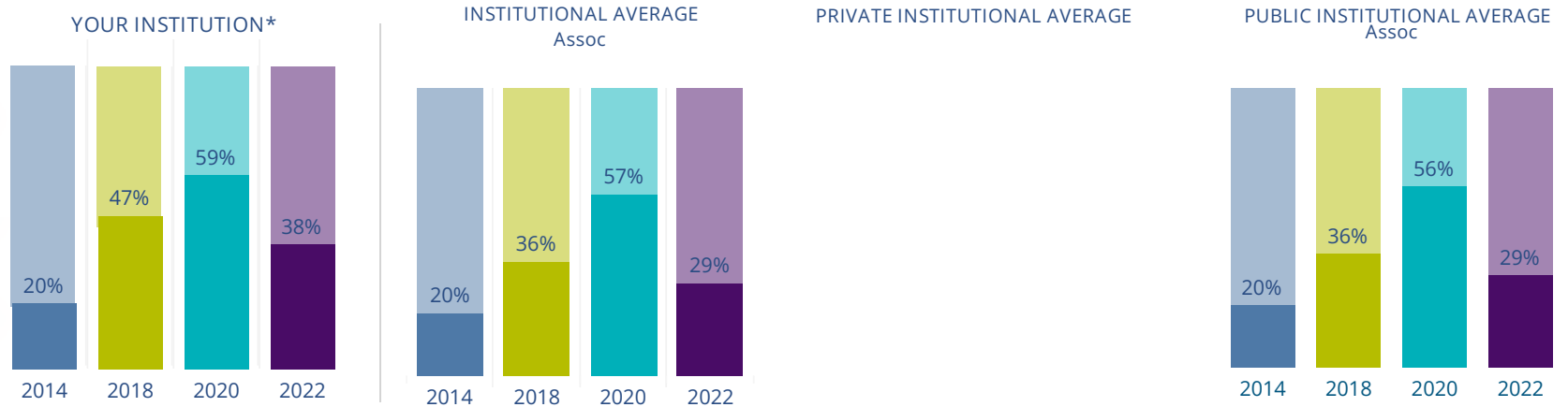
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

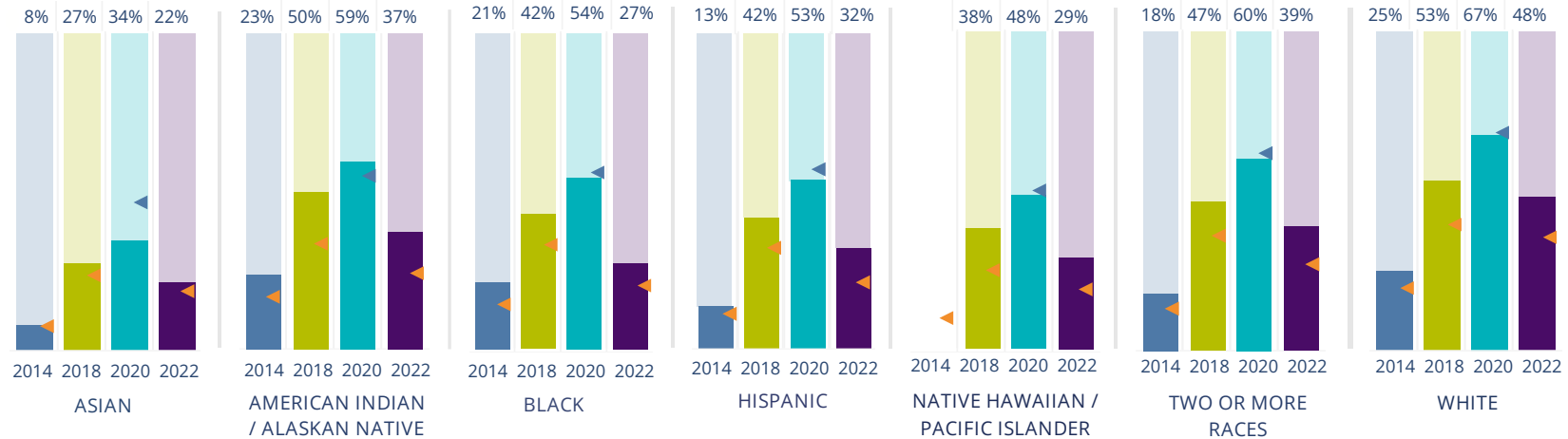
By Institution Types



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-nsive-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

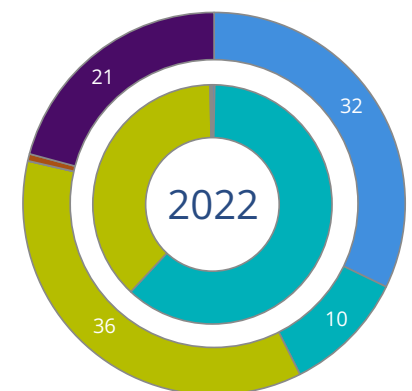
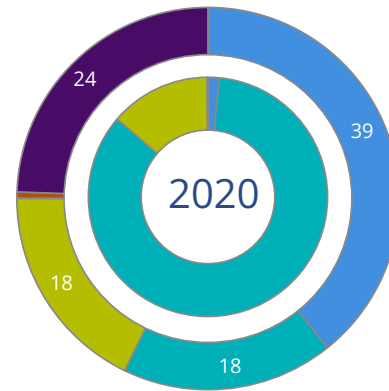
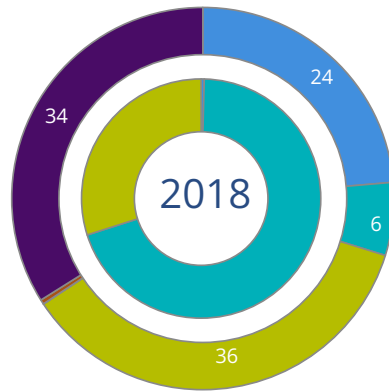
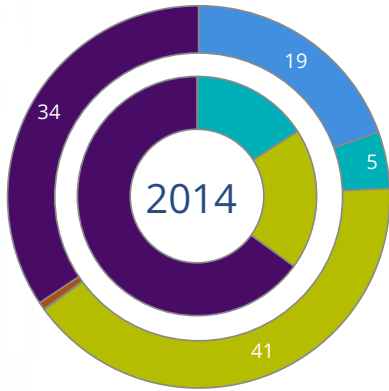
By Race/Ethnicity

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	2,028	162	7	2,024	553	27	1,961	674	34	1,802	387	21	↓ -5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	282	66	23	221	110	49	137	81	59	91	34	37	↓ -12
Black	2,684	565	21	2,475	1,047	42	2,503	1,349	53	2,295	624	27	↓ -15
Hispanic	11,190	1,502	13	12,161	5,043	41	11,938	6,364	53	10,858	3,484	32	↓ -9
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	65	-	-	58	22	37	64	31	48	62	18	29	↓ -8
2 or More Races	859	154	17	1,156	537	46	1,165	698	59	843	327	38	↓ -7
White	15,665	3,898	24	14,033	7,448	53	12,868	8,638	67	10,324	4,954	47	↓ -5
Race Unknown	1,965	281	14	292	135	46	232	145	62	162	60	37	↓ -9

By Voting Method

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



	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022	
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
Early Vote	1,046	15	10,387	69	15,256	84	6,106	61	↓	-7
In-Person	1,270	19	4,447	29	2,440	13	3,735	37	↑	7
Not-In-Person	-	-	53	0	271	1	32	0	→	0
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	0	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	4,308	65	-	-	13	0	-	-	-	-

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	13%	43%	56%	34%
22-24	14%	39%	53%	32%
25-29	18%	43%	56%	32%
30-39	25%	50%	62%	43%
40-49	35%	60%	68%	53%
50+	56%	77%	78%	63%

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	14,017	1,826	13	14,269	6,138	43	13,114	7,434	56	11,553	4,007	34	↓ -8
22-24	5,686	797	14	5,173	2,052	39	5,150	2,730	53	4,377	1,443	32	↓ -6
25-29	5,901	1,101	18	5,248	2,287	43	5,030	2,829	56	4,069	1,322	32	↓ -11
30-39	5,665	1,436	25	4,657	2,349	50	4,887	3,064	62	4,028	1,733	43	↓ -7
40-49	2,278	807	35	1,876	1,138	60	1,854	1,269	68	1,536	824	53	↓ -7
50+	1,191	668	56	1,197	931	77	833	654	78	874	559	63	↓ -13

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	19,202	3,698	19	18,004	8,656	48	18,502	10,916	58	15,154	5,796	38	 -9
Male	15,536	2,937	18	14,415	6,239	43	12,366	7,064	57	11,283	4,092	36	 -7

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	31,440	5,910	18	30,807	14,133	45	29,305	17,037	58	24,891	9,283	37	↓ -8
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	3,298	669	20	1,613	716	44	1,563	927	59	1,546	588	38	↓ -6
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	19,378	2,968	15	17,118	7,239	42	15,055	8,272	54	-	-	-	-
Sophomore	10,707	2,273	21	10,203	4,894	47	11,837	7,045	59	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	7,130	1,272	17	9,116	4,034	44	9,007	4,966	55	7,693	2,747	35	↓ -8
Part-time	27,608	5,363	19	23,304	10,861	46	21,861	13,014	59	18,744	7,141	38	↓ -8

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			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	14	58	83	31	37	-
Architecture	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	103	31	30	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	917	174	18	813	397	48	715	439	61	523	216	41	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,582	792	17	4,309	1,774	41	4,064	2,233	54	3,673	1,193	32	↓ -8
Communication and Journalism	599	137	22	527	287	54	396	273	68	514	243	47	↓ -7
Communications Technologies/Technicians	324	59	18	227	128	56	133	87	65	172	83	48	↓ -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-nsive-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
Communications Technologies/Tec..	324	59	18	227	128	56	133	87	65	172	83	48	↓ -8
Computer and Information Sciences	1,977	440	22	2,382	1,052	44	2,492	1,331	53	2,549	959	37	↓ -6
Construction Trades	178	30	16	225	89	39	181	87	48	54	19	35	↓ -4
Education	2,112	311	14	878	414	47	898	538	59	652	231	35	↓ -11
Engineering and Engineering Techn..	2,196	374	17	2,021	794	39	1,705	913	53	1,457	509	34	↓ -4
English Language and Literature	846	193	22	691	386	55	643	430	66	401	198	49	↓ -6
Family and Consumer/Human Scien..	340	57	16	197	92	46	132	71	53	127	38	29	↓ -16
Foreign Languages, Literatures, an..	511	155	30	435	254	58	399	269	67	382	210	54	↓ -3
Health Professions	4,163	702	16	2,425	1,088	44	2,125	1,272	59	1,847	638	34	↓ -10
History	305	79	25	234	142	60	217	161	74	182	104	57	↓ -3
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and ..	1,111	190	17	837	333	39	700	377	53	436	154	35	↓ -4
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitn..	87	15	17	499	208	41	229	126	55	202	68	33	↓ -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	231	74	32	186	115	61	218	140	64	169	75	44	↓ -17
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	8,223	1,559	18	10,199	4,585	44	10,354	5,936	57	7,776	2,662	34	↓ -10
Mathematics and Statistics	193	54	27	198	103	52	158	97	61	146	66	45	↓ -6
Mechanic and Repair Technologi..	400	49	12	349	122	34	282	146	51	274	52	18	↓ -15
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	19	-	-	40	31	77	46	21	45	-
Personal and Culinary Services	218	33	15	143	70	48	121	80	66	129	66	51	↑ 2
Philosophy and Religious Studies	62	19	30	61	34	55	71	42	59	69	26	37	↓ -18
Precision Production	298	78	26	256	101	39	200	114	57	255	111	43	↑ 4
Science Technologies/Technicians	136	34	25	65	27	41	47	23	48	63	27	42	↑ 1
Social Sciences	737	189	25	647	388	59	586	389	66	560	286	51	↓ -8
Visual and Performing Arts	1,987	431	21	1,828	1,009	55	1,869	1,230	65	1,951	885	45	↓ -9
Unknown	27	12	44	16	-	-	30	11	36	24	11	45	-

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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