

Student Voting Rates for Beloit College NSLVE Campus Report

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June 2024 **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 All the Best, to dive into the results with you and share what we see as the major takeaways in the Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria 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.

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.

		2014			2018		2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Chang (p.p
Asian	-	-	-	1.14	-	-	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	÷	-	-	-	-	
Black		1	-	-		-	
Hispanic	-	4	-	1	-	-	

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 **REGISTRATION RATE** 72.5% 80.2% 84.5% 79.4% 40.4% 2022 Voting Rate -12.6 Change From 2018 2014 2018 2020 2022 ALL INSTITUTIONS The Registration Rate is the percent of your voting-eligible 30.6% students who registered to vote. 2022 Voting Rate



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.



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	1,274	1,251	963	951	4 -300
Age under 18/Unknown	38	30	36	24	4 -6
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	122	208	144	142	4 -66
Datasource	NSC	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	1,114	1,012	782	785	↓ -227
Number of students who registered	808	812	661	623	🖊 -189
Number of students who voted	377	536	566	317	↓ -219
Registration Rate %	72	80	84	79	⇒ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	46	66	85	50	↓ -15
Voting Rate %	33	52	72	40	↓ -12

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.



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

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	32			46	26	56	31	21	67	30	14	46	4 -9
	American Indian/ Alaska Native	-			-	-	-	-		-				-
	Black	58	17	29	84	38	45	84	47	55	85	13	15	4 29
s i)	Hispanic	104	29) 27	140	65	46	158	107	67	152	45	5 29	↓ 16
	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-			-	-	-	-	. <u>-</u>	-	-			-
2	2 or More Races	22			43	18	41	31	22	70	34	15	44	1 2
	White	866	316	36	636	362	56	453	354	78	456	220	48	- 8
	Race Unknown	27			63	27	42	25	15	60	28	-		-

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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. <u>https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports</u>. The inner ring in these charts show your campus's method utilization and the outer ring show the national level utilization.

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By Age Group

	2014	2018	2020	2022	
18-21	32%	52%	72%	39%	
22-24	40%	52%	70%	42%	 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 -
25-29	-	-	-	_	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
30-39	-	-	-	_	 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
40-49	_	-	-	_	understand their political voice and power as they arrive on campus.
50+	-	-	-	_	

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 I	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
18-21	978	321	32	880	464	52	700	507	72	655	259	39	↓ -13
22-24	127	52	40	120	63	52	78	55	70	118	50	42	- 10
25-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014				2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Female	632	236	37	561	326	58	435	335	77	417	190	45	- 12
Male	482	141	29	451	210	46	347	231	66	368	127	34	- 12

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

	Enrolled	2014 Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	2018 Voted Ra	ate (%)	Enrolled	2020 Voted Ra	ate (%)	Enrolled	2022 Voted F		2018-2022 Rate Change
EDUCATION LEVEL													
Undergraduate	1,099	36	9 33	997	530	53	767	556	72	770	311	40	4 -12
Graduate	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Class Unknown	15			15	-	-	15	-	-	15	-		-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	277	7	1 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sophomore	267	9	2 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-

Sophomore	267	92	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upperclassman	555	206	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	1,098	369	33	997	527	52	771	559	72	776	313	40	4 -12
Part-time	16	-	-	15	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (fulltime/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 (%)	Change									
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	54	13	24	45	21	46	36	28	77	58	23	39	↓ -7
Business, Management, and Marketing	26	-	-	24	15	62	25	15	60	29		-	-
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	20	12	60	-

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.

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

By Field of Study

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Computer and Information Sciences	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Education	45	16	35	27	14	51	21	15	71	27	-	-	-
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
English Language and Literature	53	20	37	35	22	62	15	12	80	29	12	41	4 21
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	36	13	36	31	19	61	14	11	78	27	12	44	4 16
History	29	11	37	24	11	45	15	12	80	16	-	-	-

By Field of Study

FIELDS		2014			2018			2020			2022		2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change									
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	434	124	28	406	195	48	371	258	69	309	106	34	4 -13
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	34	11	32	31	18	58	-	-	-	21	12	57	🧼 0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	30	12	40	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Sciences	130	62	47	139	76	54	84	64	76	89	45	50	4-4
Visual and Performing Arts	48	19	39	43	30	69	22	19	86	23	14	60	-8
Unknown	42	15	35	30	18	60	54	39	72	26	11	42	4 -17

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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