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# Student Voting Rates for California State University-Los Angeles

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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](mailto: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

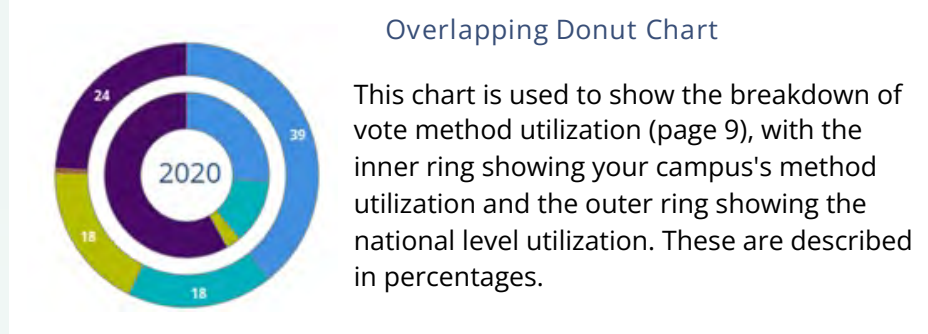
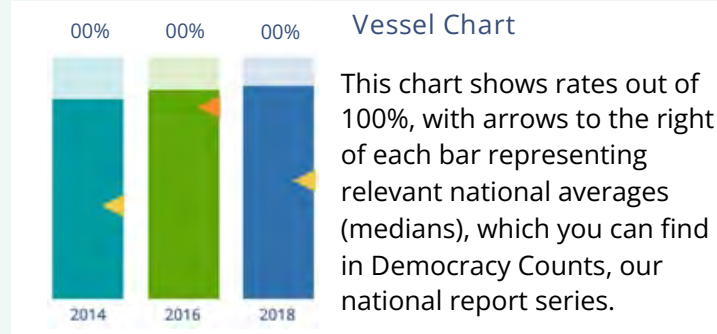
# In This Report

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

25.5%

2022 Voting Rate

-19.4

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

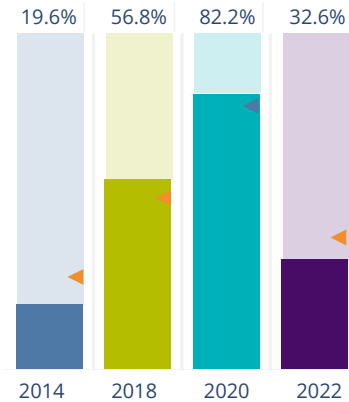
2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



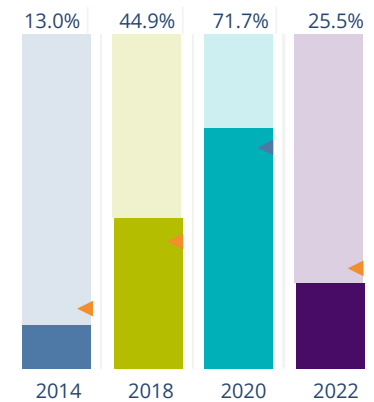
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	22,940	27,329	25,853	25,518	↓ -1,811
Age under 18/Unknown	294	309	353	336	↑ 27
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,845	1,950	1,506	560	↓ -1,389
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	13	32	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	959	862	-	-
Total eligible voters	20,796	24,097	23,099	24,621	↑ 523
Number of students who registered	13,784	19,051	20,142	19,262	↑ 211
Number of students who voted	2,704	10,821	16,551	6,274	↓ -4,547
Registration Rate %	66	79	87	78	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	19	56	82	32	↓ -24
Voting Rate %	13	44	71	25	↓ -19

**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.

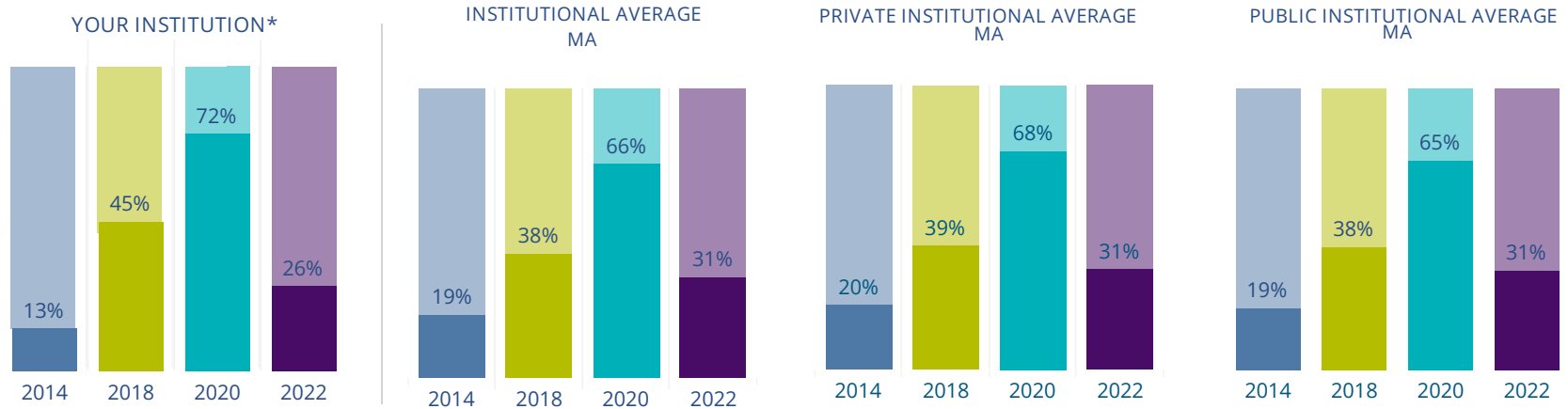
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

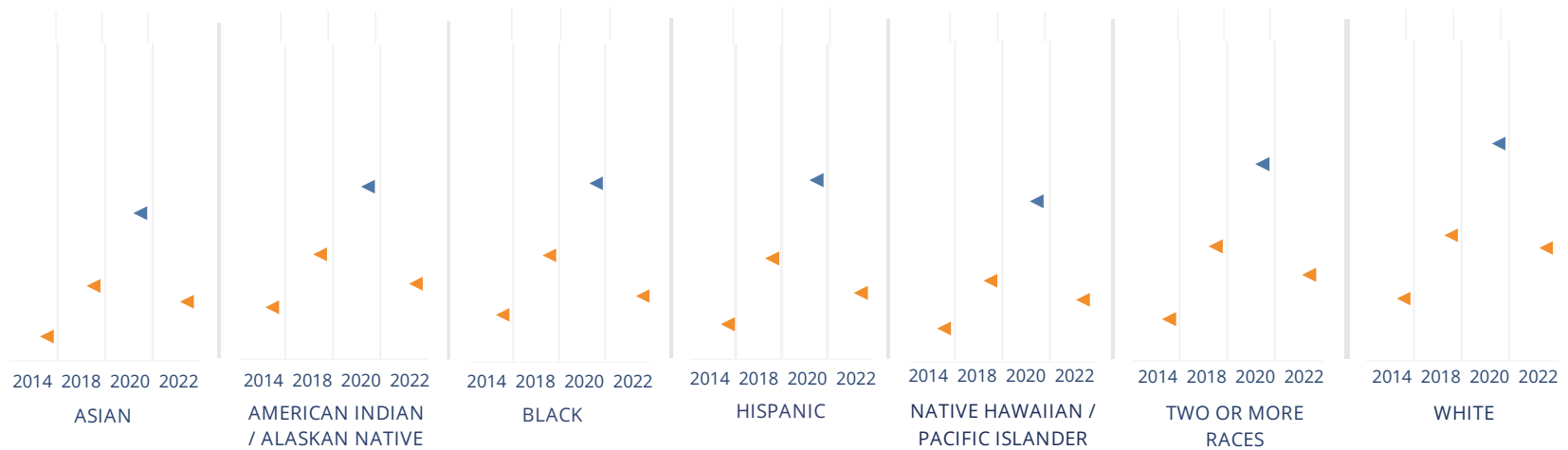
## By Institution Types



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

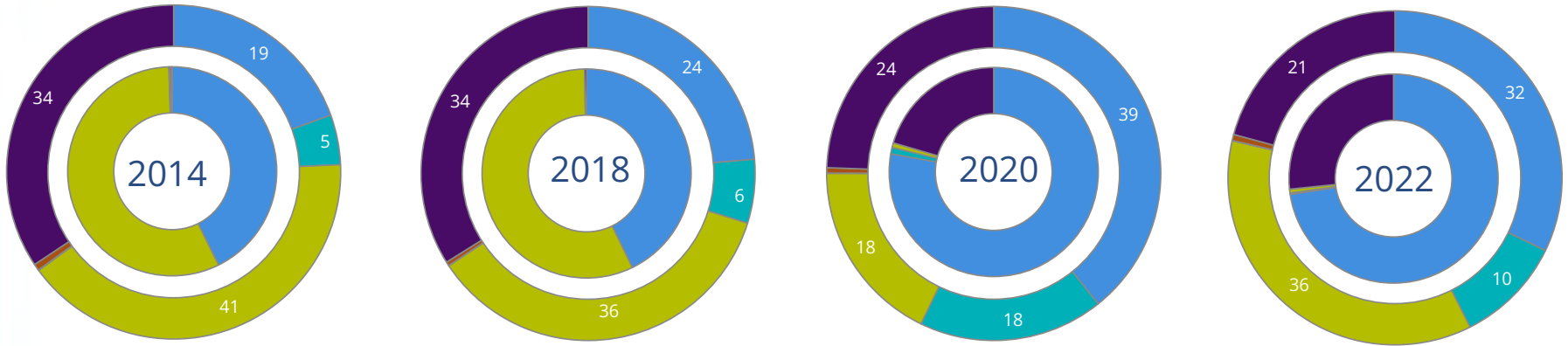
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Unknown	22,642	2,704	11	25,976	10,821	41	24,553	16,551	67	25,182	6,274	24	↓16



# 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	-	-	-	-	162	1	-	-	-	-
In-Person	1,536	56	6,156	56	120	0	37	0	↓	-56
Not-In-Person	1,154	42	4,636	42	12,881	77	4,554	72	↑	29
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	25	0	3,388	20	1,673	26	↑	26

**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	8%	38%	66%	18%
22-24	11%	40%	67%	25%
25-29	13%	44%	67%	27%
30-39	17%	49%	68%	35%
40-49	27%	52%	70%	44%
50+	42%	64%	75%	59%

**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 Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	
18-21	9,276	774	8	11,522	4,384	38	11,550	7,686	66	11,565	2,186	18	↓ -19
22-24	5,854	673	11	6,224	2,535	40	5,536	3,733	67	5,396	1,367	25	↓ -15
25-29	4,279	564	13	4,813	2,156	44	4,080	2,766	67	4,167	1,145	27	↓ -17
30-39	2,283	392	17	2,469	1,217	49	2,475	1,707	68	2,984	1,054	35	↓ -13
40-49	670	183	27	656	342	52	640	454	70	758	336	44	↓ -7
50+	280	118	42	292	187	64	272	205	75	312	186	59	↓ -4

# 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(%)	
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>													
Undergraduate	18,928	1,977	10	23,000	9,252	40	21,549	14,371	66	21,564	4,857	22	↓-17
Graduate	2,591	513	19	2,969	1,568	52	2,990	2,169	72	2,898	1,124	38	↓-14
Class Unknown	1,123	54	4	-	-	-	14	11	78	720	-	-	-
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	4,807	290	6	3,463	1,112	32	3,497	2,135	61	3,656	465	12	↓-19
Sophomore	2,464	232	9	3,576	1,324	37	2,856	1,904	66	2,964	528	17	↓-19
Upperclassman	11,924	1,474	12	15,866	6,760	42	15,191	10,327	67	14,940	3,863	25	↓-16
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	18,477	2,062	11	22,242	9,177	41	20,576	13,909	67	20,126	4,859	24	↓-17
Part-time	4,165	642	15	3,734	1,644	44	3,977	2,642	66	5,056	1,415	27	↓-16

**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	-	-	-	44	19	43	34	22	64	26	-	-	-
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	156	79	50	159	121	76	159	69	43	↓ -7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	1,303	503	38	1,207	787	65	1,215	259	21	↓ -17
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	3,479	1,182	33	3,113	1,836	58	3,678	691	18	↓ -15
Communication and Journalism	-	-	-	668	355	53	609	442	72	760	254	33	↓ -19
Communications Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	52	18	34	61	40	65	32	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	89	25	28	87	51	58	90	25	27	→ 0






**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/Technicians	-	-	-	52	18	34	61	40	65	32	-	-	-
Computer and Information Sciences	-	-	-	1,208	367	30	1,099	618	56	1,298	255	19	↓-10
Education	-	-	-	2,428	1,211	49	2,310	1,688	73	2,632	812	30	↓-19
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	1,986	654	32	1,808	1,076	59	1,757	349	19	↓-13
English Language and Literature	-	-	-	1,018	514	50	907	660	72	851	254	29	↓-20
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	152	63	41	148	93	62	120	22	18	↓-23
Health Professions	-	-	-	2,597	1,098	42	2,257	1,566	69	2,082	550	26	↓-15
History	-	-	-	273	152	55	266	197	74	245	111	45	↓-10
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	1,437	589	40	1,632	1,117	68	1,625	335	20	↓-20
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	1,298	465	35	1,169	798	68	1,029	183	17	↓-18
Transportation	-	-	-	89	25	28	87	51	58	90	25	27	→ 0

## By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	1,190	438	36	956	632	66	1,033	215	20	 -15
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	314	122	38	267	172	64	203	53	26	 -12
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	530	234	44	519	357	68	509	121	23	 -20
Philosophy and Religious Studies	-	-	-	81	40	49	70	53	75	61	23	37	 -11
Social Sciences	-	-	-	2,043	970	47	1,833	1,323	72	1,571	513	32	 -14
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	1,030	454	44	1,197	859	71	1,211	344	28	 -15
Unknown	22,642	2,704	11	12	-	-	18	14	77	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 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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