Student Voting Rates for Community College of Allegheny County

NSLVE Campus Report

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 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

	2014			2018			2014-2018
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change (p.p.)
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.

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
42.0%
2022 Voting Rate
+0.5
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS
30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

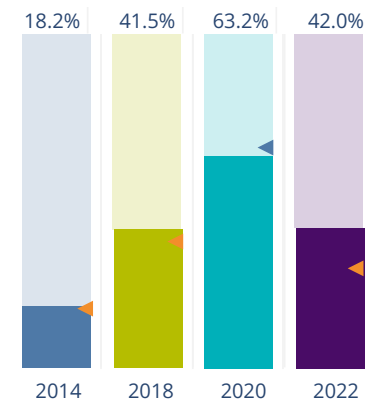| 2014	2018	2020	2022
58.2%	67.3%	76.7%	71.1%

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

2014	2018	2020	2022
31.3%	61.7%	82.4%	59.1%

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

2014	2018	2020	2022
18.2%	41.5%	63.2%	42.0%

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	16,580	15,637	12,898	10,100	⬇ -5,537
Age under 18/Unknown	270	601	808	512	⬇ -89
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	-	-	-	-	-
Datasource	IPEDS	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	36	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	16,267	15,030	12,087	9,588	⬇ -5,442
Number of students who registered	9,470	10,114	9,272	6,813	⬇ -3,301
Number of students who voted	2,962	6,241	7,641	4,029	⬇ -2,212
Registration Rate %	58	67	76	71	⬆ 3
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	31	61	82	59	⬇ -2
Voting Rate %	18	41	63	42	➡ 0

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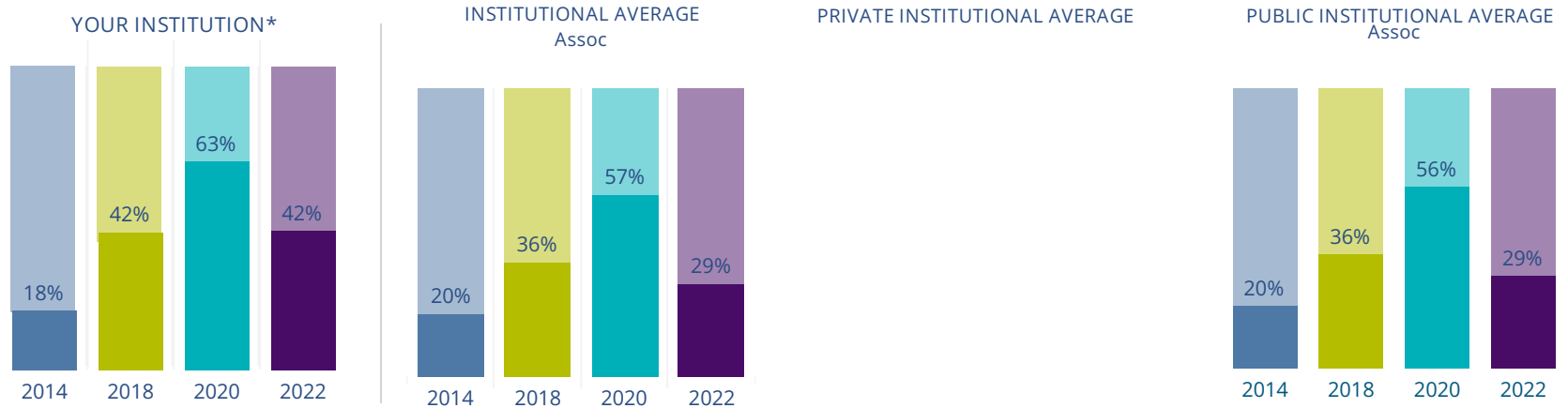
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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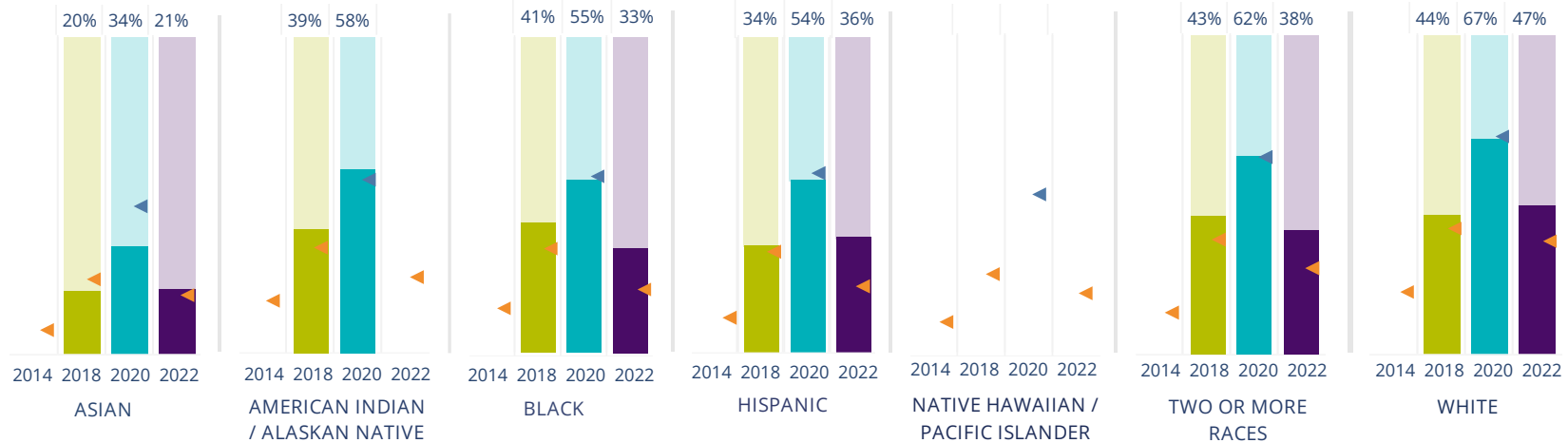
By Institution Types

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	2018	2020	2022
18%	42%	63%	42%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	57%	29%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	56%	29%

By Race / Ethnicity

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups across years 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022 for the following groups: ASIAN (20%, 34%, 21%), AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE (39%, 58%), BLACK (41%, 55%, 33%), HISPANIC (34%, 54%, 36%), NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER, TWO OR MORE RACES (43%, 62%, 38%), WHITE (44%, 67%, 47%)

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
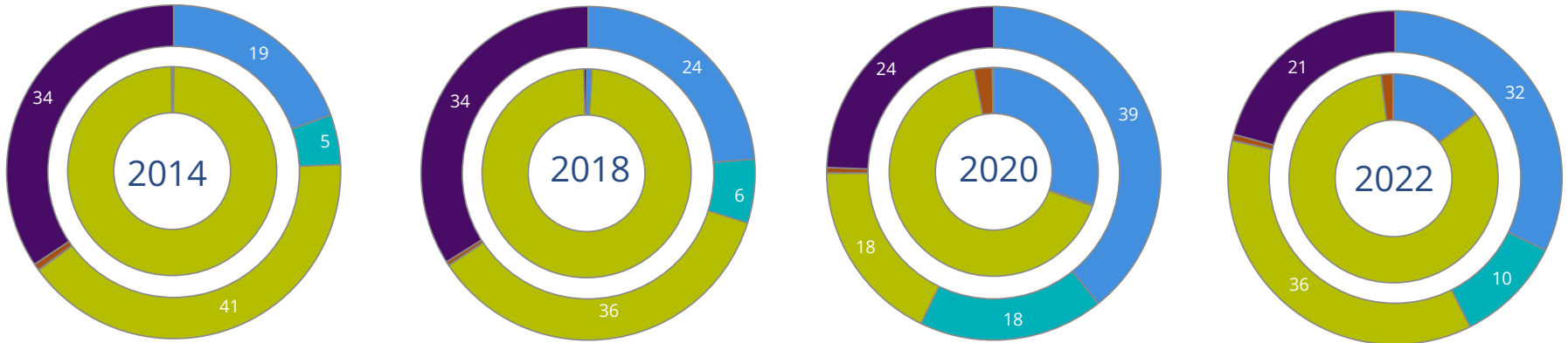
Looking Closer

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	-	-	-	452	90	19	450	153	34	422	87	20	0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	69	27	39	36	21	58	29	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	2,532	1,033	40	1,729	946	54	1,449	478	32	-7
Hispanic	-	-	-	523	177	33	432	235	54	364	132	36	2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	537	232	43	571	353	61	490	188	38	-4
White	-	-	-	8,996	3,930	43	7,416	4,990	67	5,809	2,705	46	2
Race Unknown	16,274	2,962	18	1,909	750	39	1,447	940	64	1,020	429	42	2

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ 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	-	-	-	-	14	0	-	-	-
In-Person	2,950	99	6,167	98	5,093	66	3,374	83	⬇ -15
Not-In-Person	-	-	52	0	2,302	30	578	14	⬆ 13
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	211	2	71	1	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	22	0	21	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	12%	35%	60%	38%
22-24	14%	39%	63%	40%
25-29	16%	41%	61%	38%
30-39	23%	46%	65%	43%
40-49	31%	52%	70%	55%
50+	49%	68%	78%	70%

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	6,185	755	12	5,865	2,095	35	4,696	2,839	60	3,904	1,516	38	⬆ 3
22-24	2,844	408	14	2,439	962	39	1,939	1,222	63	1,579	637	40	➡ 0
25-29	2,770	448	16	2,711	1,118	41	2,199	1,358	61	1,509	582	38	⬇ -2
30-39	2,521	596	23	2,460	1,154	46	2,104	1,379	65	1,637	707	43	⬇ -3
40-49	1,192	381	31	944	493	52	741	521	70	588	325	55	⬆ 3
50+	762	374	49	611	419	68	408	322	78	371	262	70	⬆ 2

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022	
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change	
Female	-	-	-	8,144	3,365	41	6,706	4,175	62	5,121	2,123	41	⇨	0
Male	-	-	-	6,880	2,871	41	5,225	3,368	64	4,414	1,890	42	⬆	1

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	13,644	2,366	17	12,452	5,145	41	9,873	6,175	62	8,044	3,334	41	➡ 0
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	2,630	374	14	2,578	682	26	2,214	956	43	1,544	448	29	⬆ 2
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	-	-	-	8,824	3,329	37	7,065	4,246	60	5,869	2,292	39	⬆ 1
Sophomore	-	-	-	6,206	2,912	46	5,022	3,395	67	3,719	1,737	46	➡ 0
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	-	-	-	5,667	2,167	38	4,470	2,751	61	3,541	1,367	38	➡ 0
Part-time	-	-	-	9,363	4,074	43	7,617	4,890	64	6,047	2,662	44	➡ 0

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
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	-	-	-	240	119	49	209	121	57	123	56	45	🔻 -4
Business, Management, and Marketing	-	-	-	1,708	675	39	1,326	825	62	1,044	403	38	➡ 0
Transportation	-	-	-	34	21	61	44	29	65	27	16	59	🔻 -2

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	-	-	-	696	341	48	697	410	58	636	281	44	🔻 -4
Construction Trades	-	-	-	1,118	435	38	871	590	67	900	398	44	🔼 5
Education	-	-	-	77	39	50	76	53	69	90	49	54	🔼 3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	-	-	-	553	222	40	317	203	64	260	104	40	➡ 0
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	-	-	-	314	137	43	278	154	55	229	102	44	➡ 0
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	-	-	-	52	29	55	42	29	69	39	19	48	🔻 -7
Health Professions	-	-	-	1,655	726	43	1,599	1,069	66	1,297	551	42	🔻 -1
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	426	162	38	330	184	55	192	69	35	🔻 -2
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	31	-	-	19	-	-	19	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	34	21	61	44	29	65	27	16	59	🔻 -2

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	-	-	-	146	71	48	155	116	74	143	79	55	⬆ 6
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	6,208	2,532	40	3,730	2,285	61	2,611	1,046	40	➡ 0
Mathematics and Statistics	-	-	-	104	49	47	67	47	70	43	26	60	⬆ 13
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	-	-	-	153	41	26	129	84	65	124	34	27	➡ 0
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	710	459	64	448	217	48	-
Personal and Culinary Services	-	-	-	51	14	27	51	26	50	67	22	32	⬆ 5
Precision Production	-	-	-	314	122	38	341	227	66	323	120	37	⬇ -1
Social Sciences	-	-	-	53	27	50	64	46	71	48	28	58	⬆ 7
Visual and Performing Arts	-	-	-	466	203	43	358	241	67	301	135	44	⬆ 1
Unknown	16,274	2,962	18	79	35	44	51	34	66	52	25	48	⬆ 3

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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