Student Voting Rates for Florida Gulf Coast 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 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,
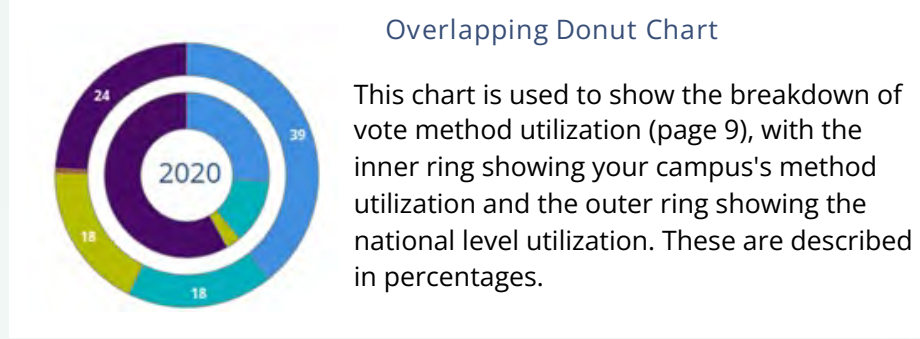Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

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
25.9%
2022 Voting Rate
-15.5
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS
30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

74.6%	83.0%	88.9%	81.1%

2014 2018 2020 2022
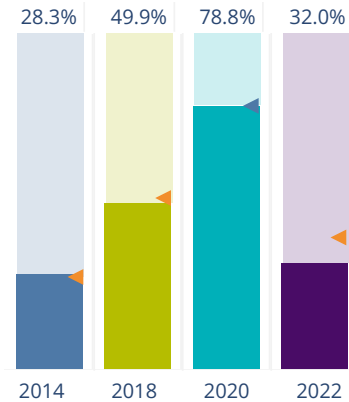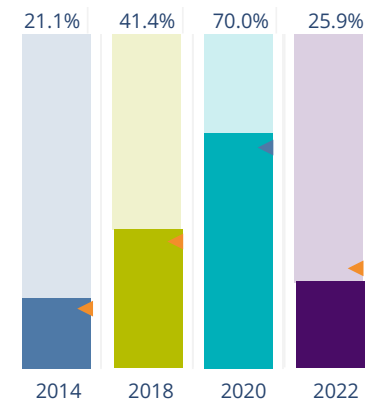
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

28.3%	49.9%	78.8%	32.0%

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

21.1%	41.4%	70.0%	25.9%

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	14,045	14,637	14,853	15,441	⬆ 803
Age under 18/Unknown	183	174	282	270	⬆ 96
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	220	290	275	344	⬆ 54
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	22	14	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-	-
Total eligible voters	13,619	14,158	14,287	14,826	⬆ 667
Number of students who registered	10,156	11,745	12,705	12,018	⬆ 273
Number of students who voted	2,875	5,862	10,008	3,845	⬇ -2,017
Registration Rate %	74	82	88	81	⬇ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	28	49	78	31	⬇ -17
Voting Rate %	21	41	70	25	⬇ -15

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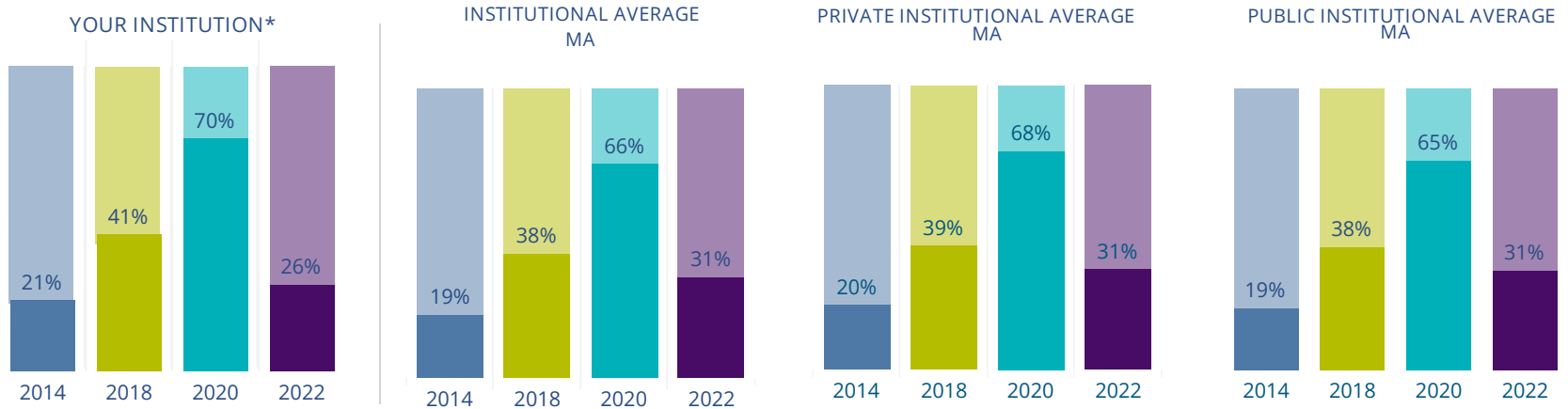
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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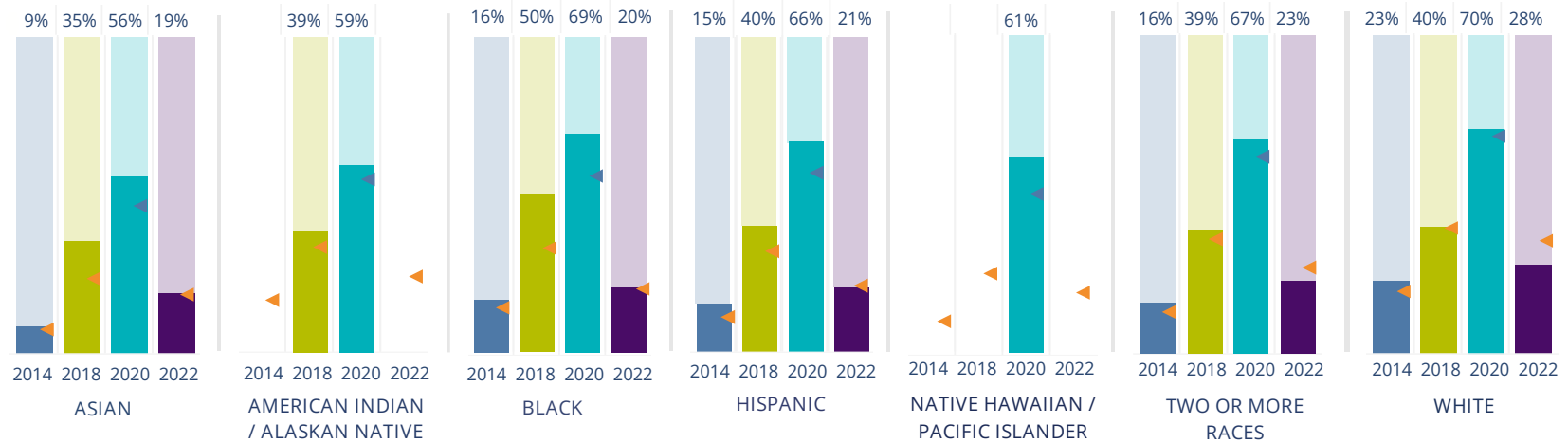
By Institution Types

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
21%	41%	70%	26%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	38%	66%	31%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	39%	68%	31%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE MA

2014	2018	2020	2022
19%	38%	65%	31%

By Race / Ethnicity

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. Horizontal axis labels: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022 for each group.

ASIAN: 9% 35% 56% 19%
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE: 39% 59%
BLACK: 16% 50% 69% 20%
HISPANIC: 15% 40% 66% 21%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER: 61%
TWO OR MORE RACES: 16% 39% 67% 23%
WHITE: 23% 40% 70% 28%

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
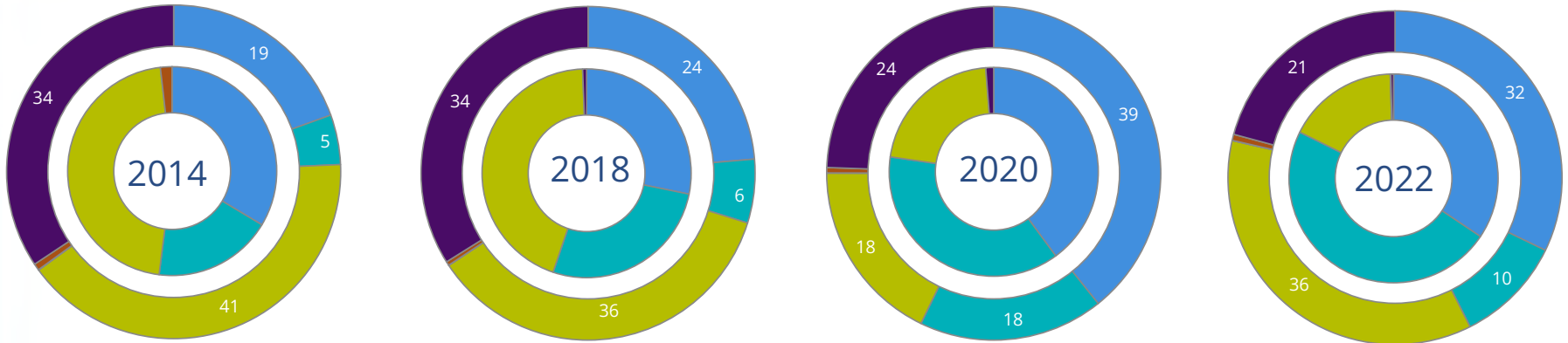
Looking Closer

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	231	20	8	264	93	35	278	155	55	315	60	19	↓16
American Indian/ Alaska Native	26	-	-	36	14	38	32	19	59	34	-	-	-
Black	1,024	167	16	1,032	514	49	1,020	703	68	970	198	20	↓29
Hispanic	2,561	395	15	3,105	1,241	39	3,457	2,294	66	3,709	765	20	↓19
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	17	-	-	19	-	-	18	11	61	13	-	-	-
2 or More Races	365	57	15	466	180	38	528	352	66	519	119	22	↓15
White	9,285	2,138	23	9,242	3,669	39	8,989	6,301	70	9,226	2,550	27	↓12
Race Unknown	331	88	26	285	147	51	241	173	71	385	142	36	↓14

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	528	18	1,585	27	3,747	37	1,843	47	⬆ 20
In-Person	1,328	46	2,593	44	2,153	21	660	17	⬇ -27
Not-In-Person	965	33	1,656	28	3,995	39	1,322	34	⬆ 6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	53	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	28	0	111	1	18	0	➡ 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	15%	36%	67%	21%
22-24	23%	41%	69%	26%
25-29	27%	47%	68%	28%
30-39	40%	57%	75%	40%
40-49	53%	64%	79%	54%
50+	65%	83%	86%	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	8,688	1,338	15	9,102	3,358	36	9,256	6,230	67	9,694	2,117	21	⬇ -15
22-24	2,778	650	23	3,157	1,309	41	2,981	2,085	69	3,044	803	26	⬇ -15
25-29	1,178	323	27	1,200	573	47	1,266	867	68	1,248	352	28	⬇ -19
30-39	740	299	40	616	354	57	678	512	75	718	292	40	⬇ -16
40-49	284	153	53	231	148	64	238	189	79	295	160	54	⬇ -9
50+	172	112	65	143	120	83	144	125	86	172	121	70	⬇ -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	7,797	1,579	20	8,190	3,514	42	8,418	5,954	70	8,765	2,304	26	⬇ -16
Male	6,041	1,296	21	6,258	2,347	37	6,145	4,054	65	6,389	1,536	24	⬇ -13

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	12,697	2,422	19	13,279	5,176	38	13,082	8,839	67	13,469	3,113	23	⬇-15
Graduate	1,141	453	39	1,170	686	58	1,480	1,168	78	1,702	732	43	⬇-15
Class Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,753	440	11	3,252	1,076	33	2,799	1,725	61	3,163	539	17	⬇-16
Sophomore	2,612	416	15	2,639	950	35	2,806	1,874	66	2,936	621	21	⬇-14
Upperclassman	6,331	1,566	24	7,399	3,158	42	7,479	5,242	70	7,375	1,956	26	⬇-16
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	9,017	1,636	18	11,118	4,279	38	11,150	7,664	68	11,553	2,680	23	⬇-15
Part-time	4,823	1,239	25	3,331	1,583	47	3,413	2,344	68	3,618	1,165	32	⬇-15

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
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	894	152	17	987	386	39	976	667	68	874	218	24	⬇ -14
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,497	716	20	3,503	1,245	35	3,231	2,182	67	3,832	912	23	⬇ -11
Communication and Journalism	869	180	20	772	323	41	620	445	71	573	147	25	⬇ -16

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	266	59	22	-	-	-	25	15	60	66	16	24	-
Education	1,185	286	24	1,020	478	46	1,093	824	75	1,103	404	36	⬇10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	545	102	18	954	363	38	964	627	65	1,068	218	20	⬇17
English Language and Literature	204	45	22	190	102	53	162	122	75	158	38	24	⬇29
Health Professions	1,664	316	18	1,932	781	40	1,907	1,322	69	1,912	423	22	⬇18
History	123	34	27	114	65	57	101	86	85	117	55	47	⬇10
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	881	154	17	833	312	37	880	581	66	858	205	23	⬇13
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	443	45	10	344	109	31	330	200	60	341	63	18	⬇13

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	272	73	26	233	115	49	200	138	69	234	73	31	-18
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	-	-	-	608	269	44	560	377	67	413	137	33	-11
Mathematics and Statistics	82	21	25	92	38	41	64	40	62	73	20	27	-13
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	643	224	34	925	620	67	612	157	25	-9
Philosophy and Religious Studies	40	14	35	37	22	59	40	34	85	43	13	30	-29
Social Sciences	394	106	26	367	199	54	364	264	72	377	133	35	-18
Visual and Performing Arts	217	48	22	238	120	50	355	249	70	539	142	26	-24
Unknown	712	145	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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