Student Voting Rates for Florida State University

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 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,
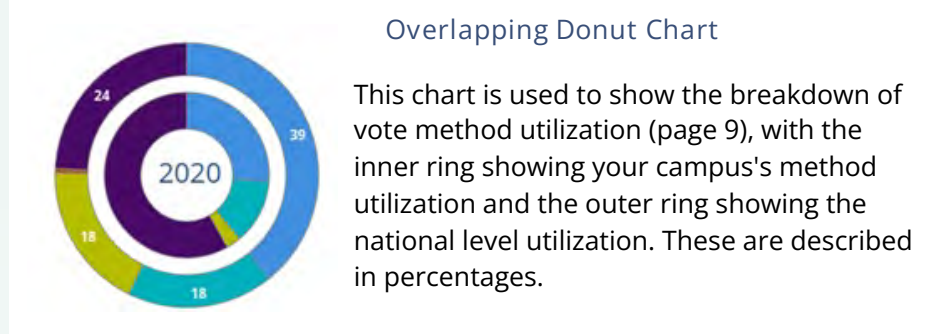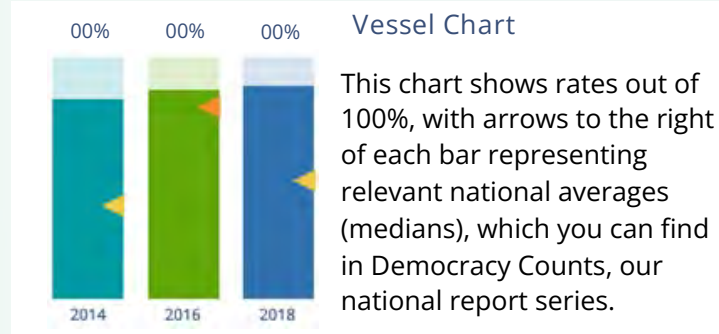Adam, Duy, Mari, and Victoria
The NSLVE Team

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

32.2%
2022 Voting Rate

-17.4
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

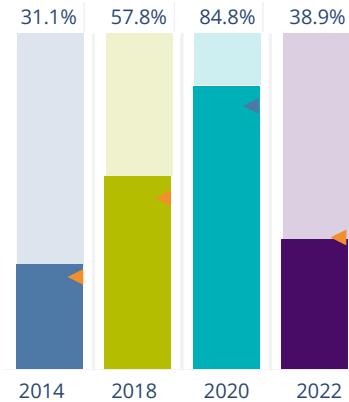|	79.9%	85.8%	90.3%	82.8%
	2014	2018	2020	2022
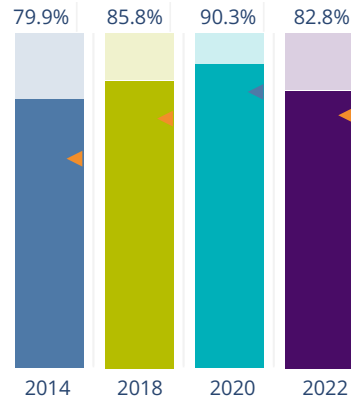
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

	31.1%	57.8%	84.8%	38.9%
	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

	24.9%	49.6%	76.6%	32.2%
	2014	2018	2020	2022
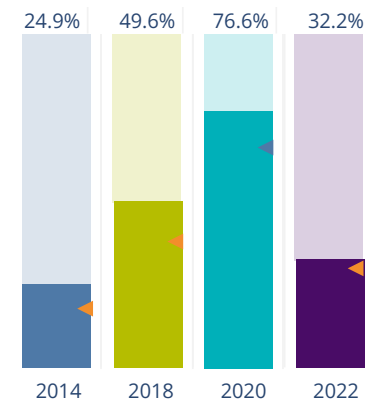
The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

	2014	2018	2020	2022	2018-2022 Change	
Total Student Enrollment	40,522	41,330	43,450	42,099	⬆	768
Age under 18/Unknown	103	108	96	96	⬇	-12
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	1,805	1,854	1,658	1,971	⬆	117
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS		-
FERPA records blocked	128	60	975	-		-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	561	760	367	-		-
Total eligible voters	37,924	38,547	40,353	40,031	⬆	1,483
Number of students who registered	30,317	33,063	36,453	33,140	⬆	77
Number of students who voted	9,427	19,110	30,927	12,888	⬇	-6,222
Registration Rate %	79	85	90	82	⬇	-2
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	31	57	84	38	⬇	-18
Voting Rate %	24	49	76	32	⬇	-17

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.
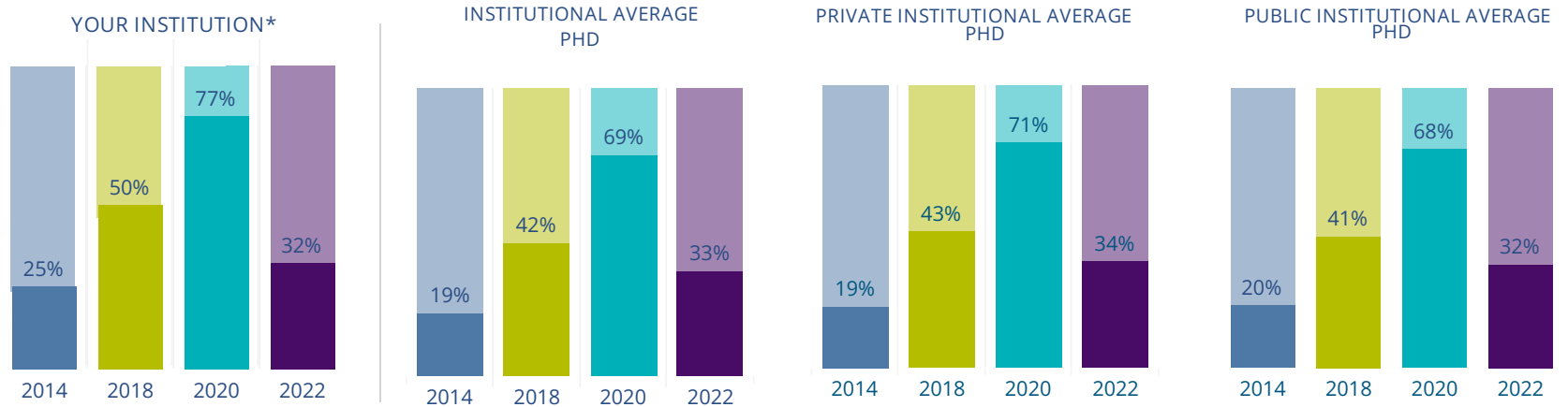
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to 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: 25%
- 2018: 50%
- 2020: 77%
- 2022: 32%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 42%
- 2020: 69%
- 2022: 33%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 19%
- 2018: 43%
- 2020: 71%
- 2022: 34%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

- 2014: 20%
- 2018: 41%
- 2020: 68%
- 2022: 32%

By Race / Ethnicity

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups by year (2014, 2018, 2020, 2022):

- **ASIAN:** 10%, 26%, 50%
- **AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE:** 36%
- **BLACK:** 33%, 73%, 74%, 62%
- **HISPANIC:** 21%, 58%, 66%
- **NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER:** (no data)
- **TWO OR MORE RACES:** (no data)
- **WHITE:** 31%, 59%, 84%, 59%

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

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*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	924	93	10	144	38	26	58	29	50	26	-	-	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	67	24	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	1,602	520	32	309	224	72	83	61	73	39	24	61	⬇-10
Hispanic	1,269	262	20	158	92	58	41	27	65	20	-	-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	12,982	3,961	30	1,943	1,152	59	481	403	83	139	82	58	➡0
Race Unknown	22,835	4,561	19	37,807	17,599	46	41,326	30,403	73	41,779	12,764	30	⬇-15

By Voting Method

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

2014 — 19, 5, 41, 34
2018 — 24, 6, 36, 34
2020 — 39, 18, 18, 24
2022 — 32, 10, 36, 21
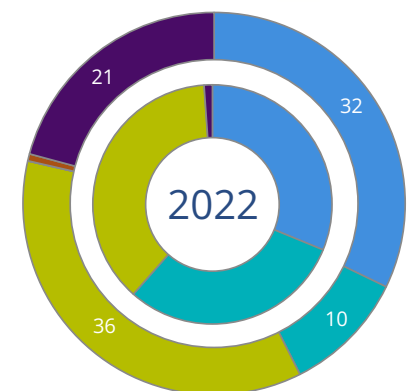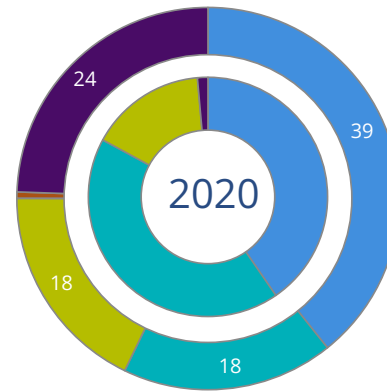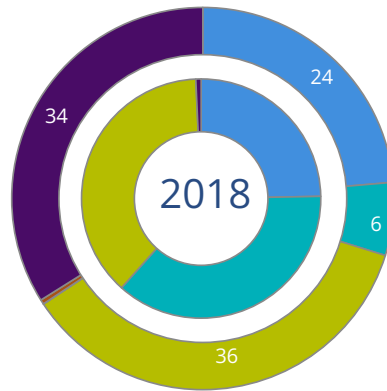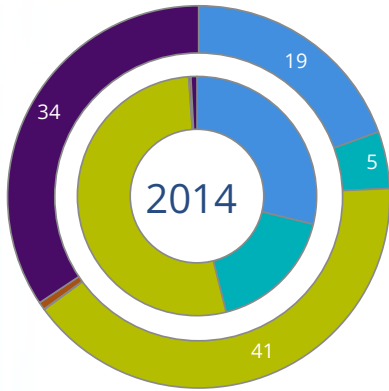
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	1,635	17	7,047	36	13,130	42	3,908	30	⬇ -6
In-Person	4,975	52	7,196	37	4,854	15	4,826	37	➡ 0
Not-In-Person	2,717	28	4,725	24	12,482	40	4,025	31	⬆ 6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	27	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	73	0	140	0	452	1	127	1	➡ 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	19%	44%	74%	25%
22-24	26%	50%	73%	33%
25-29	31%	52%	68%	39%
30-39	40%	54%	67%	44%
40-49	49%	64%	78%	60%
50+	73%	76%	83%	72%

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	25,013	4,775	19	26,210	11,586	44	26,331	19,694	74	26,932	6,823	25	⬇ -18
22-24	7,929	2,111	26	7,120	3,593	50	7,503	5,493	73	6,887	2,284	33	⬇ -17
25-29	3,791	1,207	31	3,625	1,919	52	3,895	2,669	68	3,697	1,456	39	⬇ -13
30-39	2,119	848	40	2,360	1,294	54	2,820	1,917	67	2,783	1,235	44	⬇ -10
40-49	591	294	49	747	484	64	1,026	801	78	1,182	713	60	⬇ -4
50+	261	192	73	305	234	76	422	353	83	522	377	72	⬇ -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	21,740	5,129	23	22,821	11,576	50	24,095	18,550	76	24,418	7,992	32	⬇ -17
Male	17,964	4,298	23	17,546	7,534	42	17,902	12,377	69	17,585	4,896	27	⬇ -15

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	32,325	6,914	21	32,159	14,547	45	31,506	23,459	74	31,312	8,316	26	⬇-18
Graduate	7,362	2,509	34	7,848	4,401	56	10,040	7,275	72	9,731	4,287	44	⬇-12
Class Unknown	17	-	-	360	162	45	451	193	42	960	192	20	⬇-25
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	5,318	717	13	4,823	1,850	38	2,349	1,643	69	3,881	718	18	⬇-19
Sophomore	6,756	1,044	15	7,194	2,823	39	6,051	4,410	72	7,656	1,687	22	⬇-17
Upperclassman	20,301	5,165	25	20,072	9,831	48	23,092	17,394	75	19,772	5,911	29	⬇-19
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	30,293	6,470	21	32,052	14,799	46	31,042	23,283	75	30,093	8,085	26	⬇-19
Part-time	9,409	2,957	31	8,311	4,307	51	10,953	7,642	69	11,907	4,802	40	⬇-11

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
Architecture	74	42	56	76	53	69	86	66	76	80	41	51	⬇ -18
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	84	28	33	63	41	65	39	26	66	29	11	37	⬇ -27
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	4,146	728	17	3,244	1,419	43	3,632	2,687	73	3,814	965	25	⬇ -18
Business, Management, and Marketing	6,312	1,206	19	7,226	2,760	38	7,878	5,660	71	7,732	2,003	25	⬇ -12
Communication and Journalism	1,288	317	24	1,151	628	54	1,205	990	82	1,198	419	34	⬇ -19

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	1,391	334	24	1,839	904	49	1,917	1,331	69	2,230	689	30	⬇-18
Education	1,688	468	27	1,373	749	54	1,562	1,209	77	1,793	754	42	⬇-12
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,117	393	18	1,997	708	35	2,102	1,364	64	2,242	496	22	⬇-13
English Language and Literature	1,569	443	28	1,249	730	58	1,066	853	80	914	356	38	⬇-19
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,102	194	17	1,190	531	44	987	756	76	690	188	27	⬇-17
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	346	93	26	278	159	57	262	201	76	219	86	39	⬇-17
Health Professions	1,807	430	23	3,835	1,959	51	4,470	3,461	77	4,440	1,520	34	⬇-16
History	444	179	40	349	220	63	315	256	81	293	141	48	⬇-14
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	2,052	499	24	2,174	1,036	47	2,360	1,729	73	2,184	641	29	⬇-18
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	564	96	17	595	207	34	688	477	69	767	172	22	⬇-12

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	659	268	40	702	504	71	954	809	84	1,090	601	55	⬇ -16
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,654	246	14	1,450	564	38	1,145	791	69	1,250	263	21	⬇ -17
Mathematics and Statistics	538	98	18	557	189	33	554	264	47	517	89	17	⬇ -16
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	53	14	26	80	34	42	70	41	58	89	20	22	⬇ -20
Philosophy and Religious Studies	276	109	39	238	151	63	226	167	73	195	78	40	⬇ -23
Social Sciences	4,500	1,351	30	4,345	2,333	53	3,930	2,961	75	3,603	1,339	37	⬇ -16
Visual and Performing Arts	2,106	504	23	1,950	1,068	54	1,891	1,520	80	1,715	569	33	⬇ -21
Unknown	42	19	45	380	171	45	482	214	44	620	115	18	⬇ -26

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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