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# Student Voting Rates for Harvard University

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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

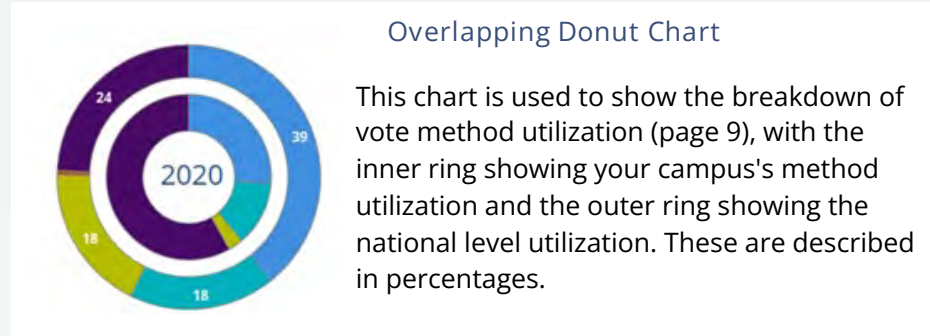
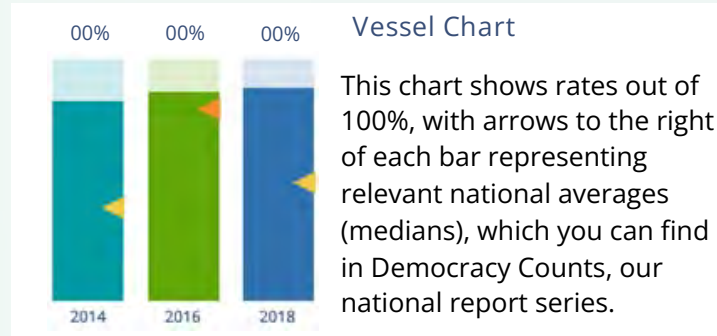
# In This Report

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

36.3%

2022 Voting Rate

-14.1

Change From 2018

## ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

### REGISTRATION RATE



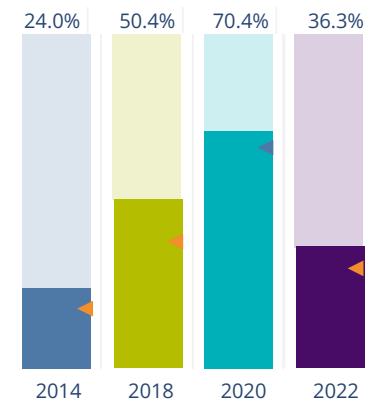
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### 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	26,888	30,782	30,017	30,626	↓ -155
Age under 18/Unknown	261	332	339	258	↓ -74
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	4,323	6,853	6,638	7,635	↑ 781
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	55	35	282	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	492	546	342	-	-
Total eligible voters	21,756	23,015	22,415	22,732	↓ -282
Number of students who registered	14,976	18,307	18,621	18,065	↓ -242
Number of students who voted	5,218	11,607	15,779	8,258	↓ -3,349
Registration Rate %	68	79	83	79	→ 0
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	34	63	84	45	↓ -17
Voting Rate %	23	50	70	36	↓ -14

**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.

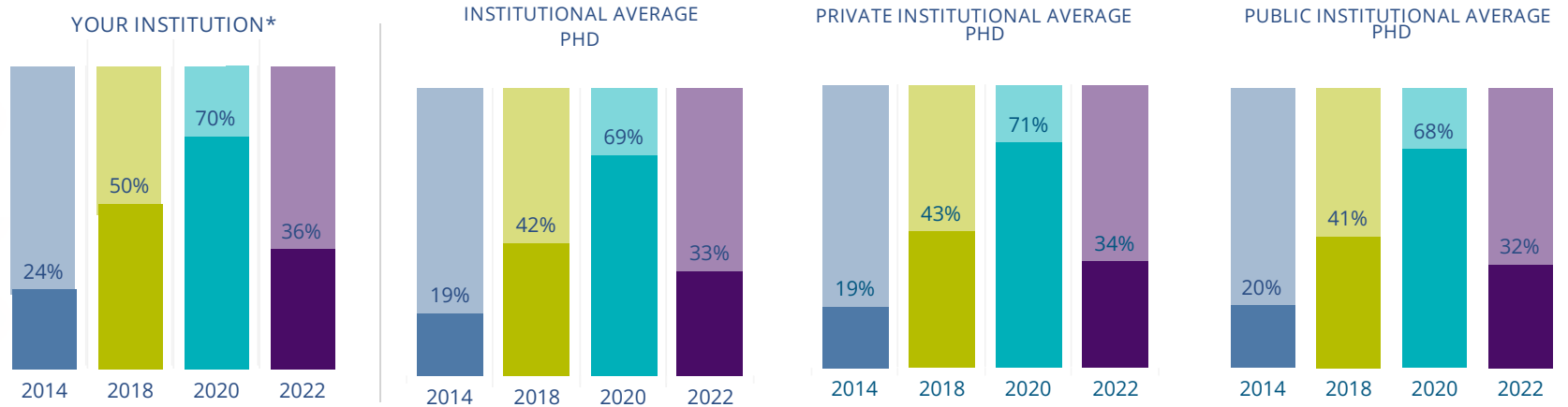
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

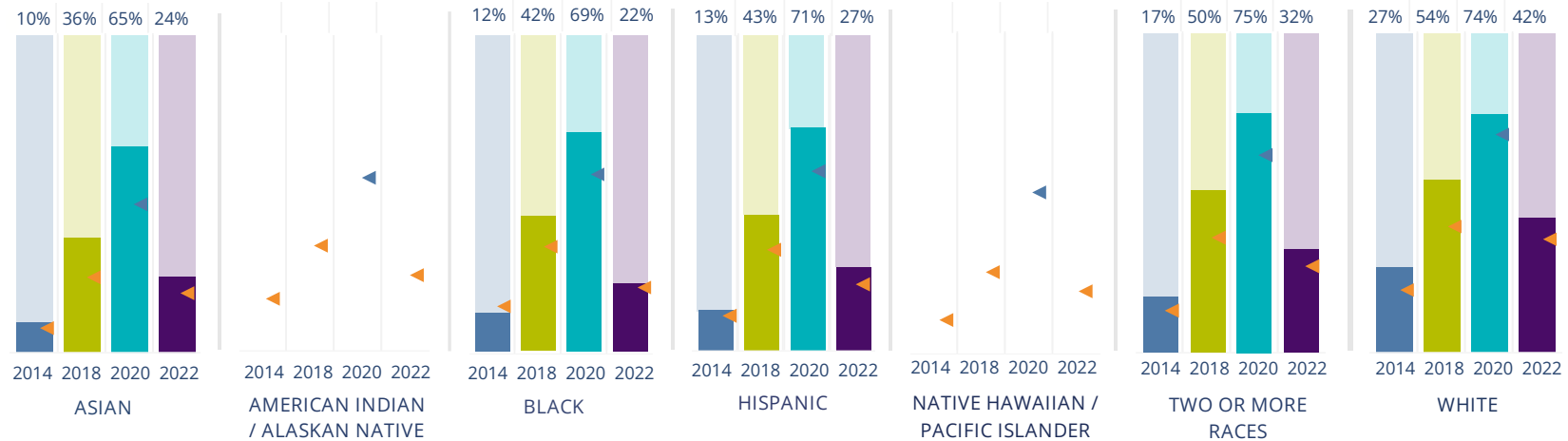
## By Institution Types



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

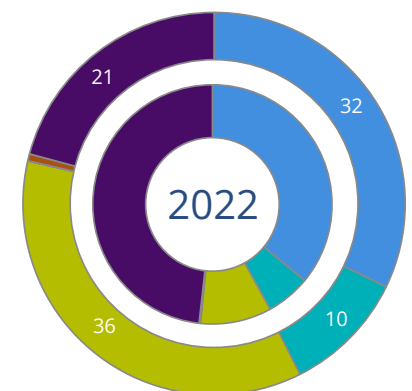
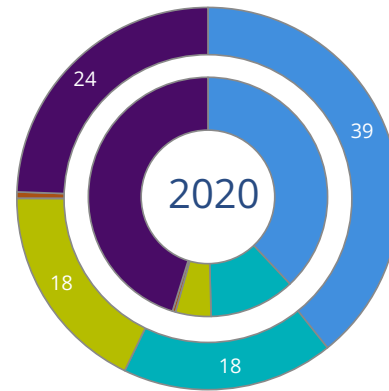
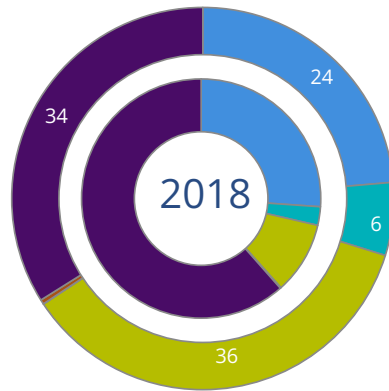
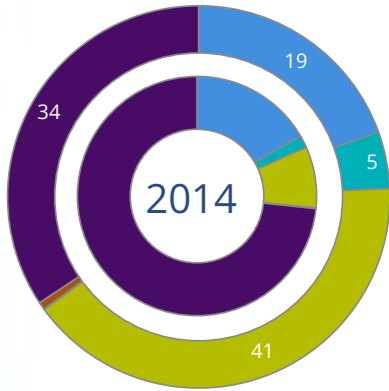
**This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates.** We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years. If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your 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	2,810	272	9	1,335	476	35	1,054	681	64	1,130	268	23	↓11
American Indian/ Alaska Native	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black	1,007	122	12	501	212	42	495	341	68	495	107	21	↓20
Hispanic	399	51	12	1,560	671	43	1,665	1,174	70	2,022	537	26	↓16
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	1,752	305	17	7,328	3,693	50	7,392	5,514	74	9,234	2,992	32	↓17
White	8,059	2,138	26	3,516	1,904	54	2,841	2,110	74	2,599	1,091	41	↓12
Race Unknown	11,942	2,326	19	15,498	4,650	30	15,522	5,954	38	14,883	3,260	21	↓8



# 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	87	1	291	2	1,838	11	497	6	↑	3
In-Person	432	8	1,132	9	764	4	794	9	→	0
Not-In-Person	866	16	3,029	26	5,994	38	2,976	36	↑	9
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	65	0	17	0	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	3,827	73	7,148	61	7,116	45	3,974	48	↓	-13

**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	16%	36%	53%	22%
25-29	18%	39%	51%	26%
30-39	22%	36%	46%	26%
40-49	35%	47%	55%	40%
50+	56%	62%	69%	56%

**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	6,357	970	15	6,175	2,265	36	5,037	3,408	67	6,266	1,344	21	↓ -15
22-24	4,578	736	16	4,610	1,671	36	4,569	2,433	53	4,856	1,085	22	↓ -13
25-29	8,451	1,578	18	9,675	3,784	39	9,252	4,748	51	9,280	2,454	26	↓ -12
30-39	4,540	1,042	22	6,162	2,242	36	6,622	3,073	46	6,309	1,681	26	↓ -9
40-49	1,314	467	35	2,022	953	47	2,212	1,227	55	2,257	907	40	↓ -6
50+	758	425	56	1,099	692	62	1,284	890	69	1,400	787	56	↓ -6

# Looking Closer

## By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	12,641	2,582	20	14,757	6,195	41	15,044	8,510	56	16,238	4,635	28	↓ -13
Male	13,357	2,636	19	14,971	5,408	36	13,862	7,234	52	14,074	3,608	25	↓ -10

**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	7,031	1,107	15	7,238	2,661	36	5,938	3,914	65	7,795	1,787	22	↓-13
Graduate	13,218	2,479	18	15,505	5,913	38	16,001	8,045	50	17,618	4,688	26	↓-11
Class Unknown	5,749	1,632	28	7,000	3,033	43	7,037	3,820	54	4,955	1,783	35	↓-7
<b>CLASS YEAR</b>													
Freshman	1,656	234	14	1,490	501	33	1,370	934	68	1,611	357	22	↓-11
Sophomore	1,757	220	12	1,745	607	34	1,417	938	66	2,061	385	18	↓-16
Upperclassman	3,642	655	17	3,838	1,494	38	3,060	1,982	64	4,104	1,029	25	↓-13
<b>ENROLLMENT STATUS</b>													
Full-time	18,653	3,003	16	19,816	7,248	36	18,246	9,896	54	21,665	5,032	23	↓-13
Part-time	7,345	2,215	30	9,927	4,359	43	10,726	5,882	54	8,701	3,226	37	↓-6

**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
Architecture	799	64	8	567	139	24	539	202	37	459	55	11	↓ -12
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	424	76	17	436	168	38	424	196	46	446	81	18	↓ -20
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	2,074	390	18	2,197	920	41	2,439	1,396	57	2,692	735	27	↓ -14
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,294	241	10	2,767	774	27	2,619	1,129	43	3,059	619	20	↓ -7
Communication and Journalism	33	14	42	56	28	50	71	41	57	84	35	41	↓ -8
Theology	331	74	22	275	129	46	294	186	63	343	92	26	↓ -20

**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	646	124	19	783	291	37	672	361	53	906	162	17	↓19
Education	815	171	20	901	394	43	1,170	682	58	913	260	28	↓15
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	579	83	14	884	251	28	900	417	46	1,084	203	18	↓9
English Language and Literature	278	60	21	197	95	48	132	88	66	147	49	33	↓14
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	338	50	14	322	115	35	288	134	46	281	61	21	↓14
Health Professions	992	157	15	1,728	684	39	1,444	838	58	1,804	451	25	↓14
History	600	140	23	545	243	44	433	273	63	546	156	28	↓16
Theology	331	74	22	275	129	46	294	186	63	343	92	26	↓20

## 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	1,993	445	22	1,925	886	46	1,790	1,134	63	1,965	711	36	↓ -9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,705	264	15	2,296	883	38	2,461	1,557	63	3,108	887	28	↓ -9
Mathematics and Statistics	678	69	10	803	249	31	666	360	54	940	157	16	↓ -14
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	178	47	26	279	134	48	425	219	51	1,022	358	35	↓ -12
Philosophy and Religious Studies	170	36	21	231	92	39	215	128	59	238	63	26	↓ -13
Social Sciences	2,277	462	20	2,355	908	38	2,169	1,202	55	2,685	665	24	↓ -13
Visual and Performing Arts	282	41	14	450	183	40	392	190	48	399	100	25	↓ -15
Unknown	5,775	1,644	28	7,046	3,059	43	7,103	3,861	54	4,727	1,763	37	↓ -6
Leisure and Recreational Activities	-	-	-	26	13	50	12	-	-	-	-	-	-



## 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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