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Student Voting Rates for Illinois State 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

31.6%
2022 Voting Rate

+3.4
Change From 2018

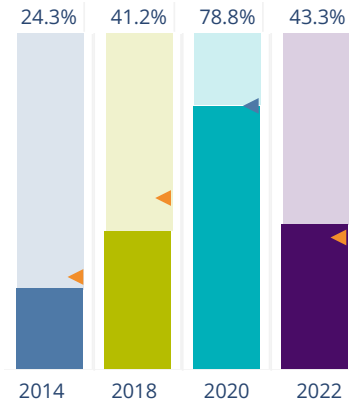| ALL INSTITUTIONS |
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30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

| 55.2%	68.4%	82.2%	72.9%

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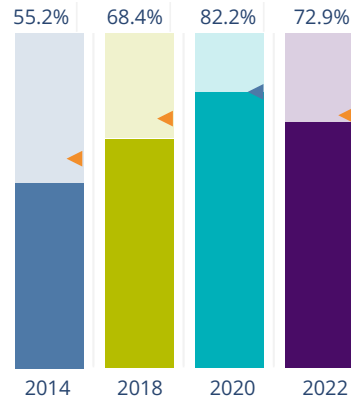
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

24.3%	41.2%	78.8%	43.3%

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

13.4%	28.2%	64.8%	31.6%
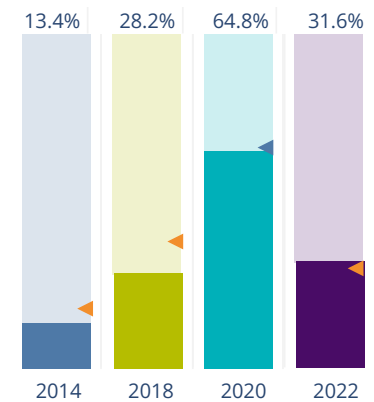
2014	2018	2020	2022

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	20,458	20,427	20,518	20,429	⬆	2
Age under 18/Unknown	29	20	39	28	⬆	8
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	416	505	538	725	⬆	220
Datasource	NSC	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS		-
FERPA records blocked	-	138	70	-		-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	-	-		-
Total eligible voters	20,007	19,763	19,870	19,675	⬇	-88
Number of students who registered	11,038	13,520	16,329	14,336	⬆	816
Number of students who voted	2,681	5,577	12,867	6,209	⬆	632
Registration Rate %	55	68	82	72	⬆	4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	24	41	78	43	⬆	2
Voting Rate %	13	28	64	31	⬆	3

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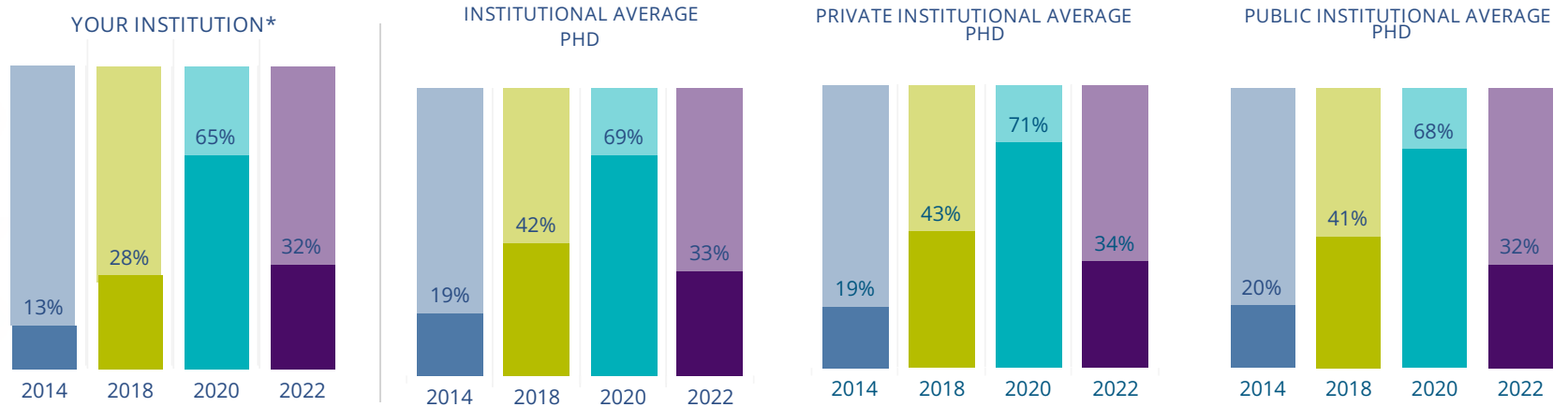
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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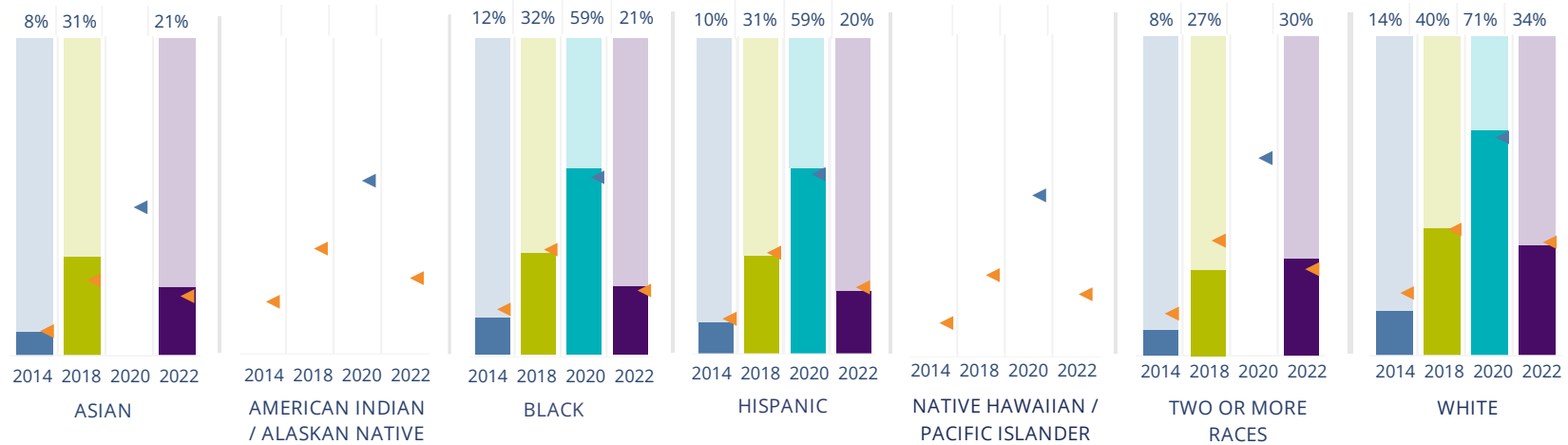
By Institution Types

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 13%, 2018 28%, 2020 65%, 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. 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	428	32	7	39	12	30	-	-	-	515	109	21	⬇ -9
American Indian/ Alaska Native	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
Black	1,439	169	11	199	64	32	46	27	58	1,959	418	21	⬇ -10
Hispanic	1,691	172	10	154	48	31	29	17	58	705	142	20	⬇ -11
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	474	37	7	41	11	26	-	-	-	2,807	841	29	⬆ 3
White	15,832	2,239	14	1,226	484	39	393	277	70	13,513	4,654	34	⬇ -5
Race Unknown	101	28	27	18,610	4,958	26	19,924	12,534	62	873	35	4	⬇ -22

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown
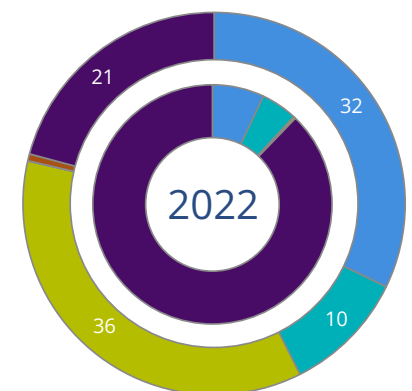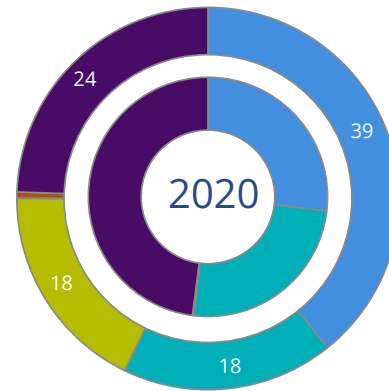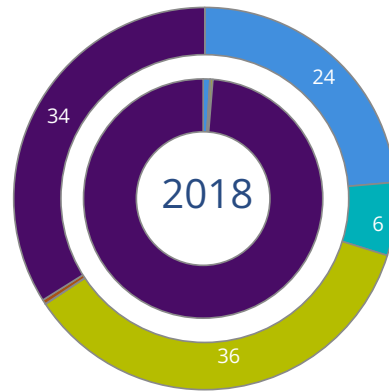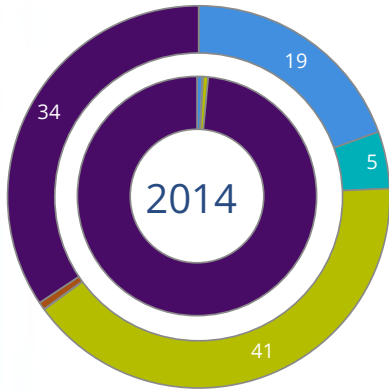
	2014		2018		2020		2022		2018-2022
	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Early Vote	-	-	-	-	3,221	25	304	4	-
In-Person	18	0	19	0	25	0	21	0	⇨ 0
Not-In-Person	20	0	49	0	3,460	26	437	7	⬆ 6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	2,640	98	5,501	98	6,161	47	5,447	87	⬇ -10

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%	23%	64%	28%
22-24	12%	28%	57%	27%
25-29	25%	35%	52%	32%
30-39	41%	52%	66%	46%
40-49	55%	66%	81%	63%
50+	65%	67%	83%	68%

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	13,287	1,185	8	13,654	3,255	23	13,745	8,868	64	13,985	4,016	28	⬆ 4
22-24	4,145	528	12	4,150	1,179	28	4,058	2,353	57	3,942	1,103	27	➡ 0
25-29	1,217	308	25	1,247	439	35	1,228	643	52	1,167	381	32	⬇ -2
30-39	808	339	41	750	392	52	823	549	66	760	354	46	⬇ -5
40-49	379	209	55	322	213	66	395	320	81	380	240	63	⬇ -2
50+	171	112	65	146	99	67	160	134	83	167	115	68	⬆ 1

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	11,242	1,564	13	972	394	40	317	218	68	11,685	4,010	34	⬇ -6
Male	8,765	1,117	12	716	233	32	181	118	65	8,522	2,108	24	⬇ -7

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	16,277	1,774	10	17,602	4,451	25	17,349	11,004	63	17,793	5,179	29	⬆ 3
Graduate	1,841	630	34	2,194	931	42	2,370	1,414	59	2,305	883	38	⬇ -4
Class Unknown	1,889	238	12	473	195	41	690	449	65	303	147	48	⬆ 7
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	3,429	273	7	4,683	908	19	3,133	2,014	64	3,668	823	22	⬆ 3
Sophomore	3,223	242	7	3,382	833	24	3,775	2,399	63	3,401	948	27	⬆ 3
Upperclassman	10,994	1,337	12	9,709	2,767	28	10,771	6,800	63	10,720	3,406	31	⬆ 3
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	17,411	1,875	10	18,155	4,619	25	18,024	11,271	62	18,290	5,235	28	⬆ 3
Part-time	2,596	806	31	2,114	958	45	2,385	1,596	66	2,111	974	46	➡ 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
Agriculture	581	106	18	560	154	27	412	261	63	421	160	38	⬆ 10
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	759	74	9	788	188	23	775	475	61	706	213	30	⬆ 6
Business, Management, and Marketing	3,715	368	9	4,068	806	19	3,830	2,114	55	3,970	825	20	➡ 0
Communication and Journalism	995	118	11	1,005	307	30	980	624	63	798	265	33	⬆ 2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	62	-	-	44	11	25	66	40	60	46	16	34	⬆ 9

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
Communications Technologies/Technicians	62	-	-	44	11	25	66	40	60	46	16	34	⬆ 9
Computer and Information Sciences	578	66	11	592	126	21	592	296	50	1,286	288	22	⬆ 1
Education	3,364	598	17	3,544	1,097	30	3,787	2,697	71	3,656	1,418	38	⬆ 7
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	293	49	16	295	75	25	302	136	45	274	54	19	⬇ -5
English Language and Literature	566	91	16	508	217	42	514	372	72	480	193	40	⬇ -2
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	588	50	8	354	92	25	350	214	61	303	70	23	⬇ -2
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	142	19	13	118	39	33	121	70	57	103	41	39	⬆ 6
Health Professions	1,545	178	11	1,630	460	28	1,556	1,113	71	1,636	548	33	⬆ 5
History	400	98	24	477	209	43	492	350	71	491	237	48	⬆ 4
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	483	68	14	507	116	22	577	326	56	589	141	23	⬆ 1
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	596	52	8	732	118	16	792	467	58	757	174	22	⬆ 6

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	14	-	-	31	15	48	37	28	75	57	22	38	⬇ -9
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	82	-	-	948	188	19	885	470	53	850	178	20	⬆ 1
Mathematics and Statistics	396	56	14	374	96	25	402	246	61	317	108	34	⬆ 8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	51	-	-	51	13	25	42	25	59	23	-	-	-
Social Sciences	944	196	20	834	312	37	780	523	67	789	281	35	⬇ -1
Visual and Performing Arts	898	98	10	1,085	362	33	1,088	722	66	1,057	377	35	⬆ 2
Unknown	1,740	226	12	468	193	41	696	452	64	304	148	48	⬆ 7

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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