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Student Voting Rates for Iowa State 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 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

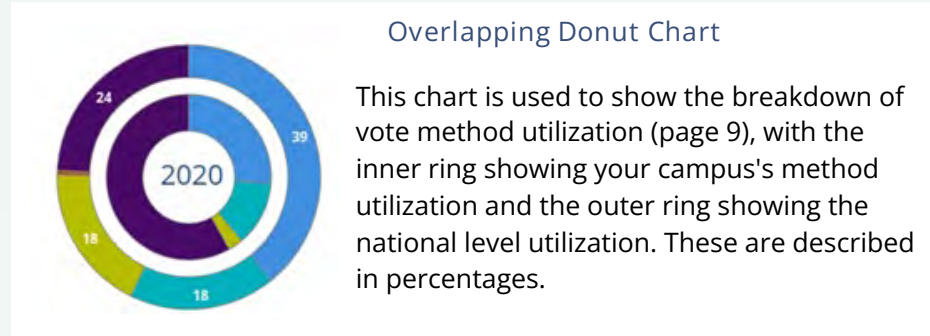
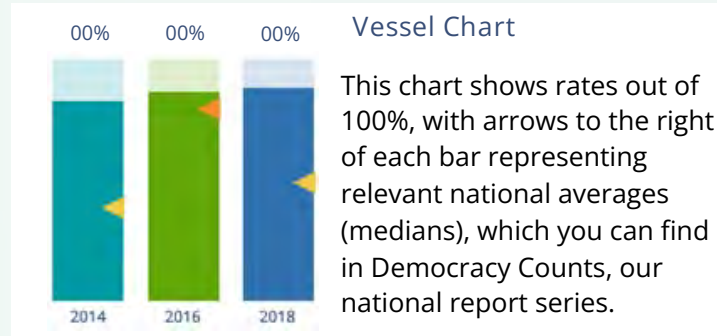
In This Report

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

30.6%

2022 Voting Rate

-12.4

Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%

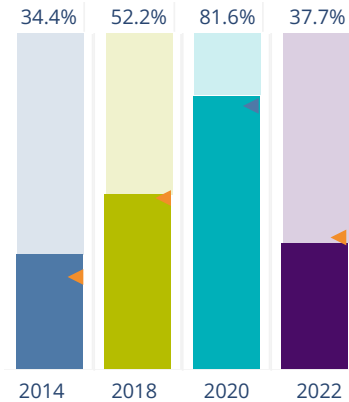
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE



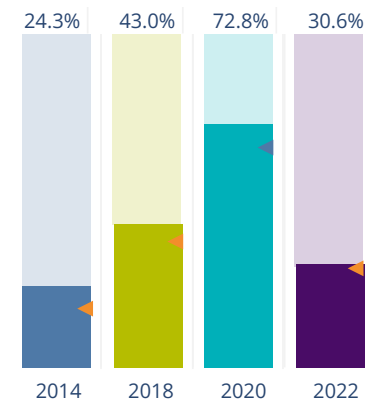
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

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	33,308	34,609	31,341	29,503	↓ -5,105
Age under 18/Unknown	176	143	122	103	↓ -40
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	3,829	3,518	2,484	2,396	↓ -1,121
Datasource	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	IPEDS	-
FERPA records blocked	-	174	137	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	675	536	-	-
Total eligible voters	29,301	30,098	28,061	27,003	↓ -3,095
Number of students who registered	20,649	24,801	25,021	21,909	↓ -2,892
Number of students who voted	7,106	12,945	20,424	8,256	↓ -4,689
Registration Rate %	70	82	89	81	↓ -1
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	34	52	81	37	↓ -14
Voting Rate %	24	43	72	30	↓ -12

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.

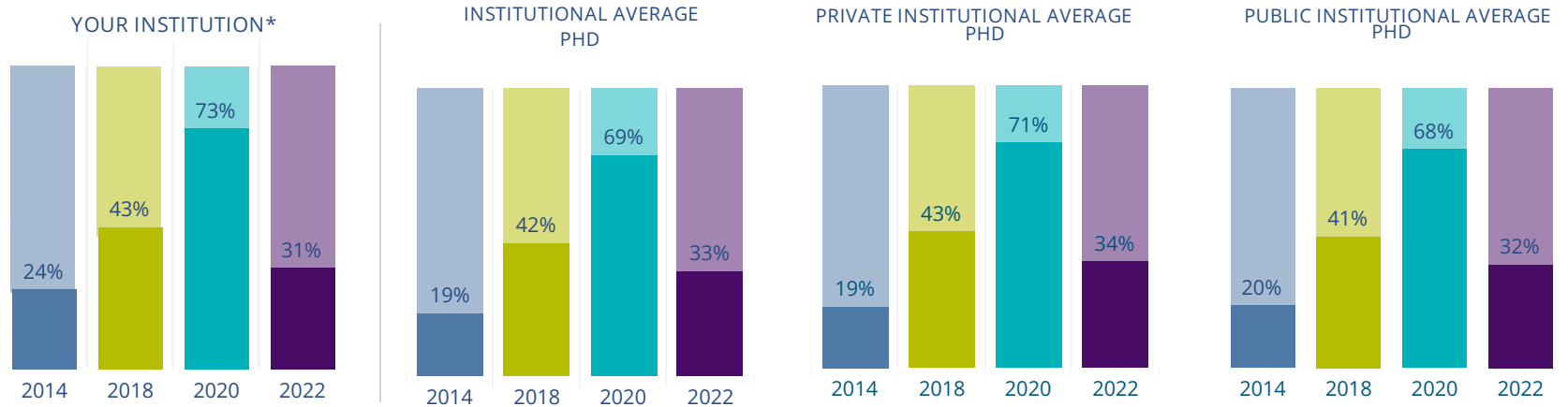
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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

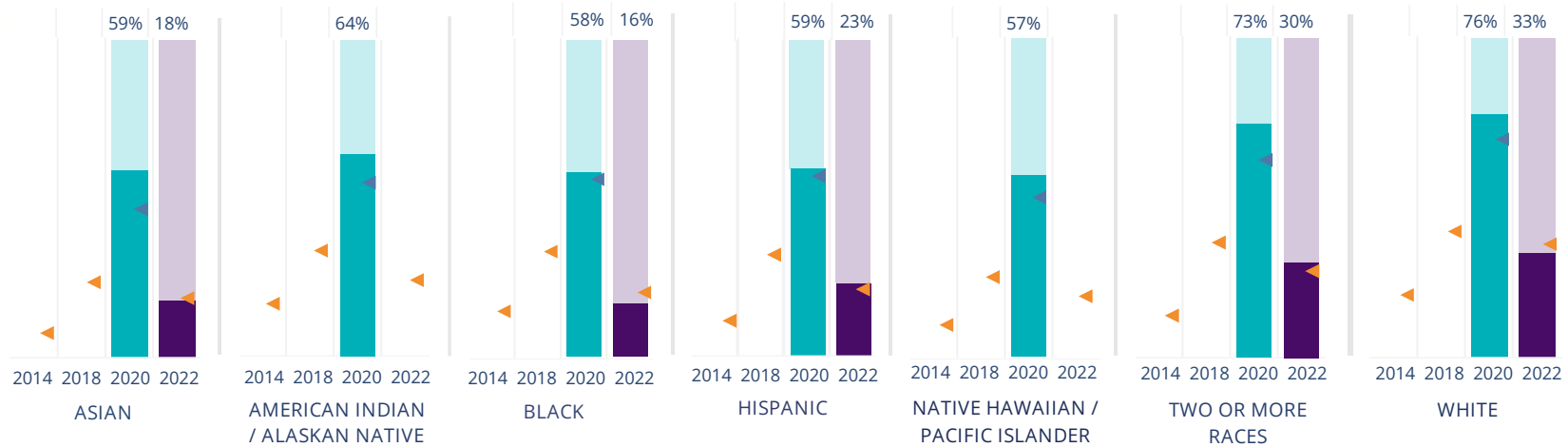
By Institution Types



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

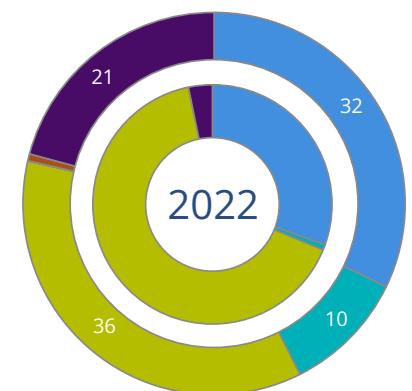
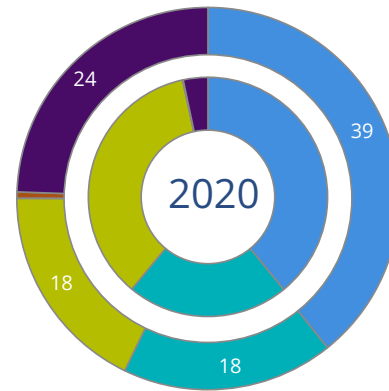
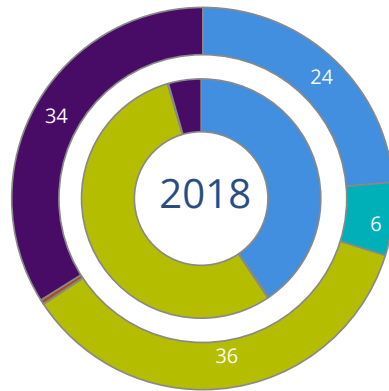
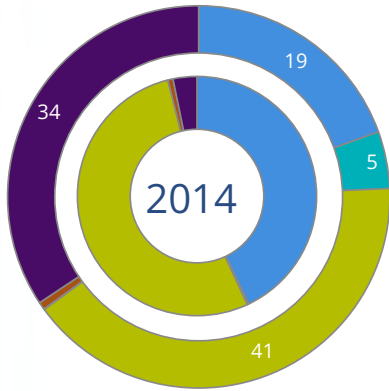
By Race/Ethnicity

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,126	659	58	1,202	215	17	-
American Indian/ Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	32	64	45	-	-	-
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	799	465	58	755	124	16	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,873	1,108	59	1,934	443	22	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	13	56	19	-	-	-
2 or More Races	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	584	73	792	236	29	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,294	16,824	75	21,263	6,953	32	-
Race Unknown	33,131	7,106	21	33,539	12,945	38	3,532	739	20	3,390	273	8	↓30

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	13	0	19	0	4,465	21	55	0	→	0
In-Person	3,769	53	7,106	54	7,267	35	5,413	65	↑	10
Not-In-Person	3,045	42	5,240	40	7,993	39	2,519	30	↓	-10
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	47	0	14	0	25	0	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	232	3	565	4	674	3	269	3	↓	-1

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	18%	38%	71%	27%
22-24	20%	38%	64%	29%
25-29	24%	34%	47%	25%
30-39	37%	38%	45%	29%
40-49	49%	61%	69%	52%
50+	70%	73%	78%	64%

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	21,055	3,987	18	21,993	8,470	38	20,207	14,414	71	19,571	5,354	27	↓ -11
22-24	6,682	1,375	20	6,750	2,627	38	6,055	3,930	64	5,551	1,623	29	↓ -9
25-29	3,107	762	24	2,904	999	34	2,502	1,184	47	2,425	626	25	↓ -8
30-39	1,661	628	37	1,422	544	38	1,315	595	45	1,420	412	29	↓ -9
40-49	419	209	49	341	210	61	316	221	69	307	160	52	↓ -9
50+	207	145	70	129	95	73	102	80	78	126	81	64	↓ -9

Looking Closer

By Sex

	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Female	14,604	3,204	21	14,345	6,184	43	13,485	9,769	72	13,278	4,206	31	 -11
Male	18,527	3,902	21	19,194	6,761	35	17,012	10,655	62	16,122	4,050	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 (%)	

EDUCATION LEVEL

Undergraduate	26,407	5,311	20	28,586	11,147	38	26,010	18,160	69	24,569	6,847	27	↓-11
Graduate	5,335	1,540	28	4,953	1,798	36	4,484	2,262	50	4,407	1,239	28	↓-8
Class Unknown	1,389	255	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	424	127	29	-

CLASS YEAR

Freshman	6,259	988	15	5,882	1,925	32	4,941	3,327	67	5,472	1,130	20	↓-12
Sophomore	6,061	1,103	18	5,930	2,129	35	5,373	3,770	70	5,174	1,308	25	↓-10
Upperclassman	15,054	3,401	22	16,757	7,085	42	15,801	11,144	70	14,055	4,456	31	↓-10

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Full-time	30,682	6,178	20	31,634	12,012	37	28,614	19,299	67	27,579	7,481	27	↓-10
Part-time	2,449	928	37	1,905	933	48	1,883	1,125	59	1,821	775	42	↓-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
Agriculture	3,439	921	26	3,123	1,222	39	2,719	1,929	70	3,414	1,027	30	↓ -9
Architecture	801	131	16	794	288	36	766	501	65	639	193	30	↓ -6
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	12	-	-	-	-	-	21	20	95	23	15	65	-
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1,902	417	21	1,981	842	42	1,816	1,235	68	1,702	527	30	↓ -11
Business, Management, and Marketing	4,596	891	19	5,047	1,730	34	4,554	3,102	68	4,459	1,134	25	↓ -8
Communication and Journalism	1,054	258	24	897	438	48	771	577	74	644	227	35	↓ -13






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-nsive-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	591	87	14	1,223	372	30	1,282	655	51	1,545	332	21	↓ -8
Education	1,590	529	33	1,416	719	50	1,239	958	77	1,236	425	34	↓ -16
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	8,721	1,528	17	9,765	3,348	34	8,422	5,266	62	7,594	1,841	24	↓ -10
English Language and Literature	433	145	33	395	224	56	344	250	72	332	129	38	↓ -17
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	1,325	279	21	1,023	465	45	826	604	73	716	230	32	↓ -13
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	154	37	24	155	76	49	146	126	86	93	43	46	↓ -2
Health Professions	1,260	259	20	1,095	428	39	1,097	763	69	341	94	27	↓ -11
History	302	125	41	240	154	64	213	177	83	242	115	47	↓ -16
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	-	-	-	370	126	34	400	262	65	369	96	26	↓ -8
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	1,265	181	14	1,105	391	35	1,038	733	70	1,042	255	24	↓ -10

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2014			2018			2020			2022			2018-2022
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	Change
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,062	259	24	675	274	40	591	385	65	529	147	27	 -12
Mathematics and Statistics	445	114	25	525	182	34	460	243	52	384	109	28	 -6
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	511	119	23	172	78	45	199	139	69	346	101	29	 -16
Philosophy and Religious Studies	58	17	29	34	20	58	29	20	68	21	-	-	-
Social Sciences	612	225	36	586	314	53	545	374	68	488	203	41	 -11
Visual and Performing Arts	1,174	184	15	1,151	455	39	1,125	812	72	1,175	341	29	 -10
Unknown	19	-	-	24	-	-	17	-	-	35	-	-	-

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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