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Student Voting Rates for Lake Superior College

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

38.9%
2022 Voting Rate

-6.3
Change From 2018

ALL INSTITUTIONS

30.6%
2022 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

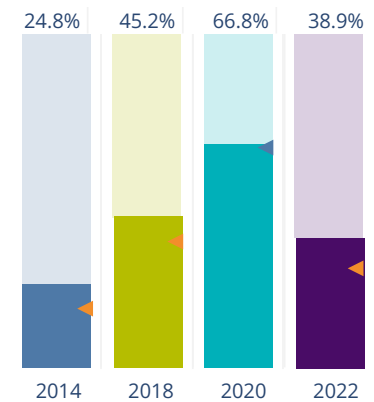| 59.2%	69.4%	79.9%	73.4%
2014	2018	2020	2022

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

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

41.9%	65.2%	83.6%	53.0%
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

24.8%	45.2%	66.8%	38.9%
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	4,729	4,736	4,367	3,561	⬇ -1,175
Age under 18/Unknown	665	1,123	1,214	971	⬇ -152
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	16	45	26	19	⬇ -26
Datasource	NSC	NSC	NSC	NSC	-
FERPA records blocked	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Degree Seeking Students	-	-	234	-	-
Total eligible voters	4,045	3,567	2,892	2,571	⬇ -996
Number of students who registered	2,396	2,474	2,312	1,888	⬇ -586
Number of students who voted	1,004	1,614	1,933	1,001	⬇ -613
Registration Rate %	59	69	79	73	⬆ 4
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	41	65	83	53	⬇ -12
Voting Rate %	24	45	66	38	⬇ -6

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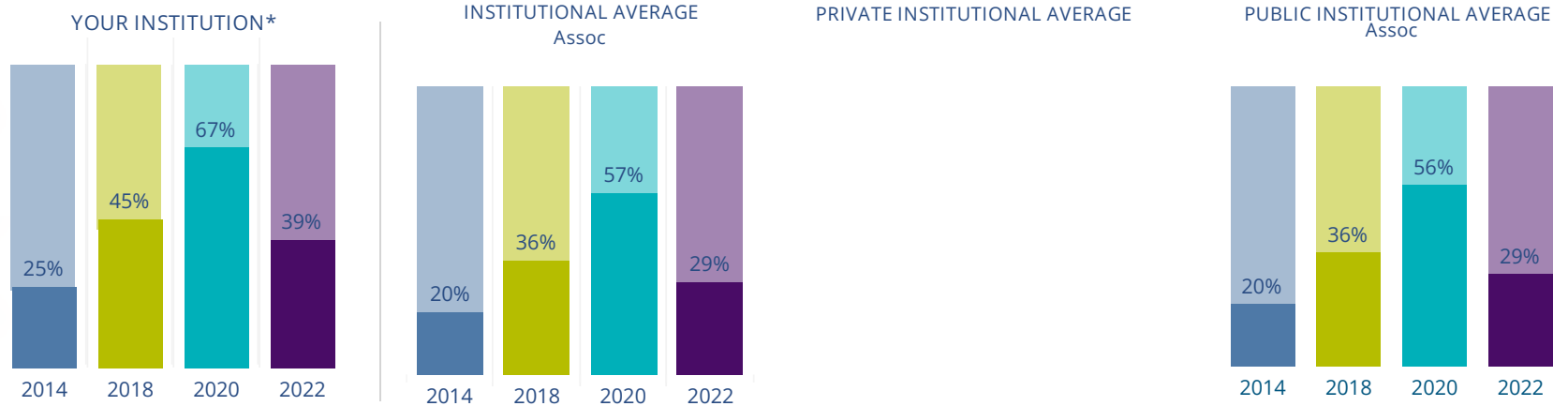
When we have removed non-resident aliens (international students), it is based on your institution's enrollment submission to the NSC. This is indicated by NSC for non-resident aliens data source. We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to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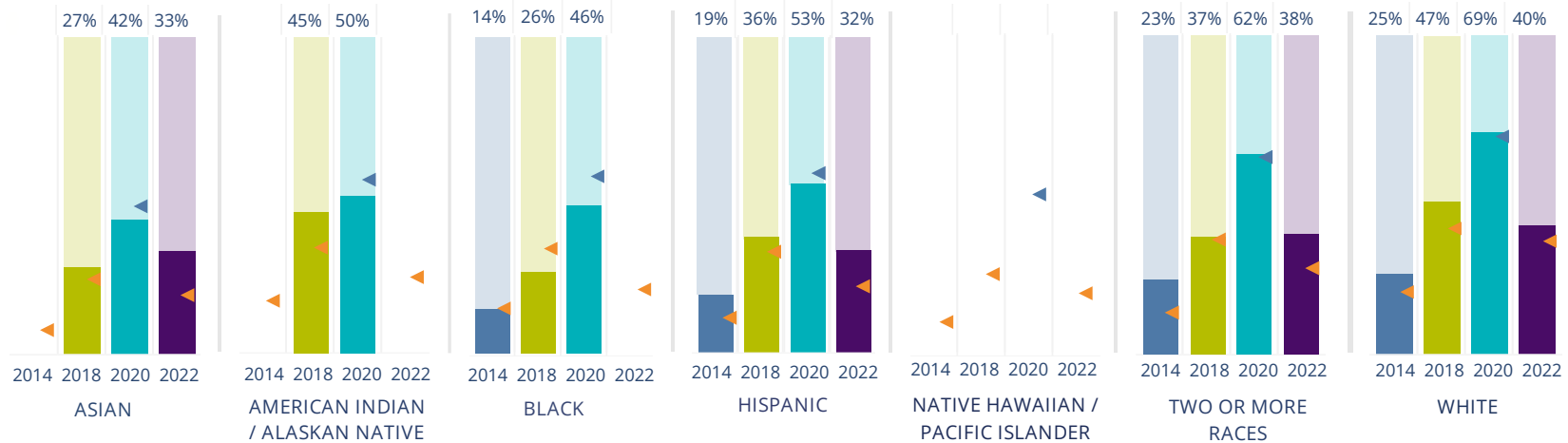
By Institution Types

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
25%	45%	67%	39%

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	57%	29%

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE
Assoc

2014	2018	2020	2022
20%	36%	56%	29%

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN: 2014, 2018 27%, 2020 42%, 2022 33%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE: 2014, 2018 45%, 2020 50%, 2022

BLACK: 2014 14%, 2018 26%, 2020 46%, 2022

HISPANIC: 2014 19%, 2018 36%, 2020 53%, 2022 32%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022

TWO OR MORE RACES: 2014 23%, 2018 37%, 2020 62%, 2022 38%

WHITE: 2014 25%, 2018 47%, 2020 69%, 2022 40%

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
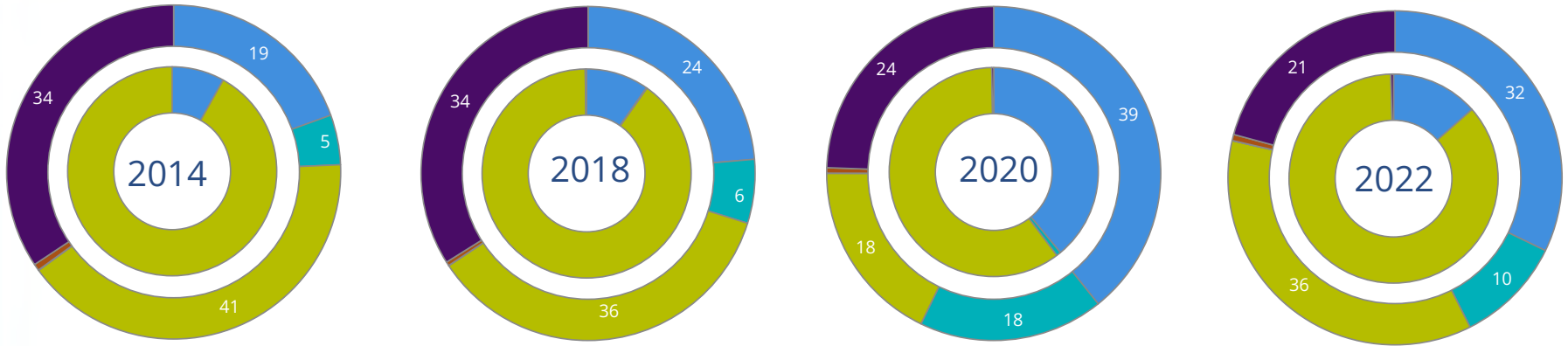
Looking Closer

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	52	-	-	55	15	27	33	14	42	40	13	32	⬆ 5
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46	-	-	47	21	44	32	16	50	28	-	-	-
Black	152	21	13	129	33	25	84	39	46	59	-	-	-
Hispanic	86	16	18	102	37	36	118	63	53	102	33	32	⬇ -3
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 or More Races	154	36	23	148	54	36	141	88	62	104	39	37	⬆ 1
White	3,380	858	25	2,947	1,398	47	2,415	1,676	69	2,176	874	40	⬇ -7
Race Unknown	169	53	31	139	56	40	64	36	56	62	26	41	⬆ 1

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	-	-	-	-	13	0	-	-	-
In-Person	923	91	1,452	90	1,159	60	862	86	⬇ -3
Not-In-Person	81	8	157	9	754	39	135	13	⬆ 3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voting Method Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	22%	45%	68%	39%
22-24	17%	39%	60%	31%
25-29	22%	41%	63%	32%
30-39	31%	47%	68%	42%
40-49	38%	60%	70%	53%
50+	50%	62%	76%	53%

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	1,621	359	22	1,702	773	45	1,419	975	68	1,373	548	39	⬇ -5
22-24	700	122	17	570	223	39	484	293	60	393	122	31	⬇ -8
25-29	726	166	22	531	220	41	402	257	63	319	105	32	⬇ -8
30-39	608	191	31	491	231	47	407	279	68	322	138	42	⬇ -4
40-49	255	98	38	192	116	60	134	94	70	125	67	53	⬇ -6
50+	135	68	50	81	51	62	46	35	76	39	21	53	⬇ -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	2,229	578	25	1,901	864	45	1,693	1,169	69	1,375	530	38	⬇ -6
Male	1,713	394	23	1,604	725	45	1,171	750	64	1,173	461	39	⬇ -5

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	3,195	751	23	2,846	1,278	44	2,565	1,756	68	2,127	838	39	⬇ -5
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class Unknown	850	253	29	721	336	46	327	177	54	444	163	36	⬇ -9
CLASS YEAR													
Freshman	1,677	335	19	1,283	483	37	853	547	64	1,077	383	35	⬇ -2
Sophomore	1,699	420	24	1,630	783	48	1,517	1,057	69	1,127	429	38	⬇ -9
Upperclassman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENROLLMENT STATUS													
Full-time	1,631	387	23	1,631	743	45	1,244	877	70	1,202	454	37	⬇ -7
Part-time	2,414	617	25	1,936	871	44	1,648	1,056	64	1,369	547	39	⬇ -5

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	18	75	14	-	-	-
Business, Management, and Marketing	250	66	26	217	104	47	125	89	71	102	51	50	⬆ 2
Communications Technologies/Technicians	22	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	48	13	27	47	22	46	60	38	63	41	18	43	⬇ -2

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	22	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer and Information Sciences	123	33	26	116	62	53	94	72	76	104	39	37	⬇ -15
Construction Trades	97	23	23	136	46	33	93	55	59	134	49	36	⬆ 2
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	142	40	28	102	50	49	79	55	69	72	24	33	⬇ -15
Health Professions	1,479	357	24	1,072	429	40	992	675	68	911	302	33	⬇ -6
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protective Services	49	11	22	59	25	42	36	21	58	51	20	39	⬇ -3
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	48	13	27	47	22	46	60	38	63	41	18	43	⬇ -2

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	51	15	29	34	15	44	25	19	76	32	20	62	⬆ 18
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	1,497	383	25	1,103	527	47	896	613	68	667	305	45	⬇ -2
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	116	24	20	87	33	37	67	48	71	94	29	30	⬇ -7
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precision Production	120	20	16	84	39	46	25	17	68	78	27	34	⬇ -11
Visual and Performing Arts	37	11	29	21	14	66	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	14	-	-	467	234	50	341	187	54	242	102	42	⬇ -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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